

Week ending Sat 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

A small number of our members set their alarm clocks to rise above their New Year's Fog and braved the heat to start 2022 by teeing up for Saturday's Stableford event.

The year started well for Lawrie Casey who shrugged off his perennial bride's maid status with a round of 38 points to take home the winner's trophy in a count back from Des Pentreath.

After being around the mark in the ball comp recently John Burrows also had a good start to 2022 taking home a ball in the ball comp with 37 points as did an in-form Jeff "Cobba" Carnie with 36 points.

Pooch McHale won the Nearest the Pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ed McQuienn picked up the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Earlier in the week Mick Gallivan, playing off a handicap of 13, finished 2021 in style with a super round of 41 points with the highlight of his round being a superb chip from beside the 7<sup>th</sup> green that found the cup for a birdie three.

Mick took home the A grade winner's trophy from a seemingly ageless Graeme Harrison with 40 points.

Harro's form has improved markedly since he made a conscious decision to shift his focus from fashion to his on-course form around twelve months ago.

Des Cornwall won B grade on the day with 35 points from Craig Larcombe with 34 points.

Ball comp winners were Peter Mangan, Kevin Humbert and Ash Kuiper all with 38 points while David Collins also, somehow, found himself with a ball with 34 points.

Harro rounded out a good day taking home the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> while Shane Bourke and Ray Brereton won the Nearest the Pin balls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole.

The event next Saturday will be the first Monthly Medal for 2022 with assembly/tee times being 8am for 830am and 1130am for 1215pm (weather permitting).

The second round of the Summer Cup will be played on the following week (15<sup>th</sup> January).

Week ending Sat 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022

They say good things come to those wait and for John McHale it has been a long and excruciating wait for a monthly medal.

After missing out on two medals (and wins in any number of other of other events) in count backs last year, 2022 has brought a change of luck for Pooch who took home the January Medal with a round of 82-11-71 on Saturday.

It was another close thing though as Pooch had only a one-shot buffer from the trio of B Graders in Alan Curnow with 93-21-72, Geoff Strachan (92-20-72) and John Neale with 94-22-72.

The highlight of Pooch's round was a birdie three on the par four 4<sup>th</sup> hole that was perilously close to being an eagle with his second shot hovering over the edge of the cup refusing to drop.

It was a good day for the Pooch who also took home the A Grade Nearest the Pin ball and the Best Gross score ball.

Kevin Humbert was the A Grade runner up with 86-12-74 while Alan Curnow took out B Grade in a countback from Strachannie (runner up) and Nails who settled for a ball in the ball comp.

Jenni Bauerle was day's the ladies' winner with 87-13-74 by four shots from Sharon Harrison 100-22-78. Jenni's round of 87 was also the best gross score for the ladies.

Ball comp winners aside from Nails were Fred McMahon with Nett 73, Ian Rathjen (73), Jack Hammond (73), Kelly Cheong (74) and Paul Kuiper (74).

Ian Rathjen won the B Grade gross score ball with a round of 92 in a count back from Alan Curnow and Geoff Strachan.

David Collins won the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Kelly Cheong the A Grade Nearest the Pin on the 12<sup>th</sup>, while Barry Graham (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Barry Scott (12<sup>th</sup>) took home the B Grade NTP balls.

A good field turned out for the first Tuesday comp of 2022 with Gordon MacKay (A Grade) and John Burrows (B Grade) the first winners of the year both with 39 points.

Nobby was the A Grade runner up with 36 points in a count back from Daryl Harrison and Geoff Strachan took out the B Grade runner's up trophy.

Ball winners were Daryl, Bud Thorsen (36 points) and Kevin Humbert (35). Ash Kuiper picked up the A Grade NTP ball and the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> was won by Shane Bourke.

Week ending Sat 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Two excellent rounds provide the headlines from the second round of the Summer Cup on Saturday.

Daryl Harrison, playing of a handicap of 11, posted an excellent round of 39 points to take out A Grade by five shots from (uncle) Graeme Harrison with 34 points.

Young Harro set up his round with birdies on the second, fifth and 15<sup>th</sup> holes with 19 points on the front nine and 20 on the back although his front nine was far from perfect as he didn't score on the sixth or ninth holes.

He also picked up the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> on his way to his birdie.

In B grade Rory Kerr was the big mover on the Summer Cup board with the day's best score of 41 points and he also had a five-shot buffer with Ron Dixon the runner up with 36 points.

Rory made good use of his playing handicap of 22, with his pars on the second and 16<sup>th</sup> (the two hardest holes on the course) adding four points each to his score card.

Ron and Rory have a made a break from the rest of the Summer Cup field with Ron on 77 points after two rounds (after a first round of 41 points) while Rory's score added to the 34 points he recorded in December.

Sharon Harrison took out the ladies' event with 31 points from Jan McHale with 25 points.

Jeffie Carnie headed the list of ball winners with 34 points while Ray Brereton, Des Pentreath, Ian Scurrah and Mick Gallivan also won balls with 33 points.

Peter Blackmore (A grade) and Geoff Strachan (B) won the Nearest the Pin balls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> while David Collins won the NTP ball on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole.

Blackers also won the NAGA trophy and clearly was still traumatised from the unrelenting sledging that he copped on Tuesday from his playing partners in Pooch and Kevin Bauerle that (to quote the 12<sup>th</sup> man) forced him to retire, very, very, hurt indeed.

An early departure that allowed KB to win with 32 points from Ian Scurrah with 31 while Jeff Carnie won a ball though I don't have his score.

Pooch McHale (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Kevin Humbert (15<sup>th</sup>) won the Nearest the Pin trophies.

Week ending Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

The consistent Dylan Gallivan put his stamp on Saturday's Par event with the day's best round of 3 up.

Dylan began his round with par, par and birdie as he blitzed the front nine with 39 off the stick (1 up) before ensuring his win in A Grade with a back nine of 2 up.

Dylan's round also catapulted him into the Greenham A Grade match play final after he defeated Graeme Harrison in the qualifier three up with two to play.

Paul Kuiper finished one shot behind Dylan with a rock-solid round of +2 and he finished the day as the A Grade runner up via a count back from brother Ash and Rushworth's Kelly Cheong.

Pooch McHale has branded our contingent of Lockington – Bamawm members as Vikings as they have looted and pillaged, taking all before them in recent weeks.

That was evident on Saturday with Ian Scurrah (winner), Ron Dixon (runner up) and Ray Brereton (ball comp) fighting out a three-way count back for honours in B Grade each with the score of 1 up.

Tracey Wade won the ladies' comp with a round of even par and took the honours in a count back from Vonnie Morris.

Ball winners on the day were the aforementioned Ray Brereton, Ash Kuiper and Kelly Cheong, along with Bud Thorsen, Peter Blackmore and Daryl Harrison who had scores of +1.

Pooch won the A Grade Nearest the Pin Ball, Gavon Armstrong the B Grade NTP and Nobby won the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> before casually rolling in his birdie putt from about six feet.

The Vikings also dominated Tuesday's events with Kevin Humbert winning A Grade with 37 points from Pooch. A popular win no doubt.

Kevin also added the Nearest the Pin voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> to his haul, not a bad day's work.

Ray Brereton was the B Grade winner with the day's best round of 38 points and Jeff "Cobba" Carnie took the runner's up trophy with 36 points in a count back from Barry Graham.

Barry might have missed out on the runner's up trophy but won the B Grade Nearest the Pin.

Other ball comp winners were Jack Hammond with 34 points and Peter Blackmore with 33 points.

Our Pennant team began its summer campaign against Nagambie at Nagambie on Sunday.

In a very tight contest that went down to the last hole of the day the team lost to the hosts 3 matches to two.

Barry Scott and Paul Dickens got the side off to a good start with a 2 up win and things looked even more promising when Dom Cerrone and David Collins notched up a 6 & 4 win.

But 3&2 losses by the pairings of Peter Blackmore & Lawrie Casey and Mick & Dylan Gallivan had the match evenly poised at two all.

That left the pressure on Ash and Paul Kuiper who took their match to the last hole before losing 1 down.

With the Pennant season cut short from five to three rounds due to the uncertainty caused by Covid, Sunday's loss leaves the side with little or no wriggle room for the remaining matches.

An omission from yours truly last week as I forgot to mention the Stableford event on Australia Day, so if any of our members read this early enough on Wednesday the assembly time is 9am for a 930am tee off.

Week ending Sat 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022

John McHale's new found luck with countbacks in 2022 continued at the weekend with *The Curmudgeon* taking out Saturday's A grade stableford event with 37 points off a handicap of ten from the luckless Peter Blackmore who also carded a round of 37 points.

It was a big week for Pooch as he also won Tuesday's A Grade comp with 38 points albeit without the need for a countback.

Back to Saturday's results and John Neale was the B Grade winner with 34 points from Jeff Carnie with 32 while Helen Emery was a one-shot winner in the ladies' comp with 35 from Marlene Topp with 34.

Helen had a very good day as she also took out the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> with an excellent tee shot but alas, I'm pretty sure I heard her say she missed her birdie putt.

Ball comp winners were Peter Noble with 36, Rod Breen (36), Graeme Harrison (34), Robin Quinn (34), Dylan Gallivan (33) and Kelly Cheong (33).

Nearest the Pin winners on the Par three holes were Robin Quinn (3<sup>rd</sup> / A Grade), Lawrie Casey (12<sup>th</sup> / A Grade), Geoff Strachan (3<sup>rd</sup> / B Grade) and Ray Brereton who won the B grade NTP trophy on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole.

Returning to Tuesday and Mick McAuliffe took away the A grade runner's up trophy with 35 points in a count back from Bud Thorsen who did all right nonetheless with a ball in the ball comp and the voucher for nearest the pin on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mick also won the A grade nearest the pin ball.

John Burrows was the B grade winner with an excellent round of 36 points which included the nearest the pin trophy on the third.

Des Cornwall was the B grade runner up with 35 points while Nobby, Ian Scurrah, and Jeff Carnie all picked up balls in the ball comp, each with 34 points.

On Sunday our pennant team completed a 5 – 0 victory over Hill Top at Merrigum with the winning scores being: Mick and Dylan Gallivan 5 & 4, Barry Scott and Paul Dickens 2 up, David Collins and Dom Cerrone 2 up, Ash and Paul Kuiper 2 up before Peter Blackmore and Ed McQuienn completed the job with a 3 & 1 victory.

Just a note from Saturday's duty team advising that C grade result published in Sunday's paper was fake news designed to overcome a processing error when submitting the scores.

Word has it that, while Larco was happy to accept the C grade winner's voucher, as bad as he has been playing, he was none too pleased about having a handicap of 25 alongside his name in the Sunday papers.

Week ending Sat 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Two excellent rounds stood out in Saturday's Monthly Medal event with Daryl Harrison adding the February 2022 medal to the one he won in the same month two years ago.

Daryl posted the excellent score of 78-10-68 to hold out veteran Kevin Bauerle who finished just one shot back with 83-14-69, a round that would have won KB the medal in **nine** of the last 11 months.

Rod Breen was just further shot back with a round of Nett 70 while reigning B grade champion, Johnny Heywood, took out B grade with a very good round of 93-22-71.

Johnny finished one shot clear of Rory Kerr (93-21-72) and John Neale (92-23-72) with Rory taking out the countback for B grade runner up.

The scoring was not quite as good in the ladies' event although Jan McHale was a clear winner with the score of 92-17-75 from Leonie McMaster-Smith with 113-34-79.

Ball comp winners were the aforementioned Rob Breen and John Neale as well as Pooch McHale, David Collins, Dylan Gallivan (Nett 72's), Jeff Carnie (73), Miles Gould (74) and Robin Quinn (74).

Our three winners also took home the respective best gross score balls while Nearest the Pin trophy winners were Kevin Humbert (A grade 3<sup>rd</sup>), Miles Gould (A Grade 12<sup>th</sup>), Trevor Whithall (B Grade 3<sup>rd</sup>), Bev Lyon (ladies' 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Dylan Gallivan won the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Humbert was Tuesday's A grade winner with 38 points from Daryl Harrison who warmed up for the medal round with 36 point taking home the runner's up trophy.

Brendan Cornwall won B grade with 36 points in a count back from Jack Hammond who also won the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ball comp winners were Des Cornwall with 35 points along with Peter Mangan, Dylan Gallivan and Peter Blackmore who all posted scores of 33 points.

Kevin Humbert (A grade) and Gary Jury won the Nearest the Pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole.

Another strong performance from our Pennant team should see it contest next week's semi-finals.

The side was too good for a combined Rushworth – Merrigum team scoring a 4-1 win at Valley View on Sunday.

Barry Scott and Mick Gallivan got the team off to an excellent start with a 5&4 win, Peter Blackmore and Peter Mangan won 3&2, Daryl Harrison and Ed McQuienn won 4&2 while the Kuiper boys brought home the last match 5&4.

The only match lost was by the pairing of Dom Cerrone and David Collins who went down 4&2.

While the final tables are to be confirmed Pennant skipper David Collins was fairly confident on Sunday afternoon that the team's two strong wins and narrow loss in round one would be sufficient to get it into the semis.

Week ending Sat 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Countbacks were the order of the day in Saturday's Par event being required to decide the runner-up in each grade.

B grade's Geoff Strachan posted the day's best score of +3 and that was good enough for him to get across the line with John Burrows and Ron Dixon one shot back with scores of +2 each before John won the count back for runner up.

It was a similar story in A grade with Pooch McHale finishing square off a handicap of nine and one shot ahead of Daryl Harrison (also playing off nine), Mick Coyne and David Collins who all finished with 1 down; the count back for runner up going Daryl's way and he also added the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> to his runner's up trophy.

Tracey Wade also won the ladies' comp with a score of even with the card before the duty team went back to the abacus for another count back to find a runner up from Leonie McMaster-Smith, Marlene Topp and Julie Neale who all scored -2 with Leonie getting the nod.

Ball comp winners were Ron Dixon (+2), Barry Scott (+1), Paul Dickens (-1), Mick Coyne (-1), David Collins (-1) and Alan Curnow (-1).

Nearest the Pin trophy winners were:

A grade: Mick Gallivan (3<sup>rd</sup>) Peter Mangan (12<sup>th</sup>)

B grade: Paul Dickens (12<sup>th</sup>)

Ladies: Sharon Harrison (12<sup>th</sup>)

Jack Hammond was the headline act for the second Tuesday running following last week's score of 39 points with another excellent round of 43 points. He lost a shot after last week's round and I'm guessing he will be missing a few more shots on his handicap next week also.

That score gave Jack a comfortable win in B grade with Ron Dixon next best with 36 points.

Gordon Mackay won A grade with 36 points while Pooch McHale's new found luck in count backs saw him hold off Kevin Bauerle for the runner's up trophy with 35 points a result that would have provided vastly contrasting emotions depending on which participant in the count back you were.

Daryl Harrison won the first of his two nearest the pin vouchers for the week on the 15<sup>th</sup> and balls went to KB with his 35 points, Lawrie Casey (34), Mick McAuliffe (34), Gordon Mackay (A grade nearest the pin) and John Burrows (B grade nearest the pin).



Week ending Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

In a week where the world lost a couple of it's larger than life sporting stars the Valley View Monthly Medal for March has been won by a quieter old school type.

Jeff "Cobber" Carnie completed the Lockington-Bamawm takeover taking home his first Valley View Monthly Medal with a round of 92-20-72.

"Cobber" set up his medal win with an excellent front nine of 44 and while his back nine of 48 was not quite as spectacular he had done enough finishing two shots ahead of Dylan Gallivan (82-8-74), Lawrie Casey (83-9-74), Daryl Harrison (83-9-74) and Les Hall (97-23-74).

Jeff's round saw him take the honours in B grade ahead of Hally and his round was also the best gross score in B grade for the day.

For those that don't know the quietly spoken "Cobber all that well", he was once an opening bowler for Lockington-Bamawm with an outswinger that Terry Alderman would have been proud of. Certainly, he could find the edge of my bat any time that it suited him.

Parkland's Brad Edwards as the A grade winner with 90-17-73; a decent effort after starting the day with a 12 on his first hole.

Dylan Gallivan won the three-way count-back from Lawrie and Daryl for A grade runner-up and his gross score of 82 was the best off the bat score for the day.

Jan McHale won the ladies comp with 96-17-79 from Marlene Topp with 111-31-80 while Tracey Wade claimed the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole with an excellent tee shot on the way to a par on that hole.

Ball comp winners were the aforementioned Lawrie Casey and Daryl Harrison along with Nobby with Nett 75, Geoff Squires (76) and David Armstrong (77).

Kelly Cheong (A grade) and Paul Dickens won the nearest the pin balls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> while David Armstrong and Dicko won the NTP balls on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday's comp was washed out mid round.

Some information on coming events with next week's round being the final instalment of the Summer Cup.

There will be a Stableford event on the Labour Day public holiday with assembly at 9am for a 930am tee off.

Looking a little further ahead our Opening Day is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March with the traditional mixed Pinehurst Medley event.

Week ending Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022

A lacklustre day of scoring meant that no surprises emerged from Saturday's final round of the Summer Cup with Ron Dixon holding on to his lead to take out the Summer Cup trophy with his three best rounds (out of four) totalling 109 points.

Ron finished the event four points in front of Mick Gallivan who finished with 105 points while Rory Kerr was the only other player to crack the hundred-point mark with 104 points.

To Saturday's results and Gavon Armstrong posted the men's best score of the day taking out B grade with 36 points and he finished four shots of clear of the triumvirate of John Heywood, Paul Dickens and Craig Larcombe with Johnny taking home the runner's up trophy with a much better back nine than Paul and Larco could manage.

Gordon Mackay has been making his mark on the Tuesday events and on Saturday he was the A grade winner with 35 points from Miles Gould with 34.

Wanda Hacon bucked the low scoring trend with the day's best score of 38 point to secure a three shot win in the ladies' event from Gill Thorsen with 35.

Ball comp winners on the day were Pooch McHale with 34 points, Sharon Harrison (33), Lawrie Casey (33), Kelly Cheong (33), Rod Breen (32), Peter Noble (32) along with Larco and Dicko.

Pooch had a good day pitching in for an eagle two on the par four 6<sup>th</sup> which allowed him to clean out the eagle's nest.

Nearest the Pin winners on the par threes were Kevin Bauerle (A grade – 3<sup>rd</sup>), Gavon Armstrong (B grade – 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Craig Larcombe (B grade on the 12<sup>th</sup>).

The numbers were not much better on Tuesday with Peter Blackmore the winner with 35 points from John Neale with 34 and balls going to Robin Quinn, Peter Mangan and Geoff Strachan all with 32 points and Ross Bully won the nearest the pin ball on the third.

Just a reminder about upcoming events with next week's Par event to be followed on the 26<sup>th</sup> with our Opening Day Pinehurst Medley event.

Week ending Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

With the majority of our Match & Handicap duty team on its annual sojourn to Bright at the weekend Peter Mangan wasted no time in making use of his powers as acting Captain to change the scheduled Par event to Stableford.

While most of our members and several visitors from Rich River applauded the decision it did not help with the scoring which again was on the moderate side.

Only Paul Dickens was able to better his handicap with a very good round of 38 points and he was a very comfortable winner in B grade by five shots from Rich River's Andrew Maher with 33 points.

President Biden McAuliffe was the A grade winner with 35 points outpointing Wayne Cowley in a countback. Mick almost scored two hole-in-ones on the day with excellent tees shots on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> so the rest of his round couldn't have been too crash hot. (Is that enough "sprinkle" Mick?).

It was a good day for the bar custodians with Marlene Topp the ladies' winner 32 points from Wanda Hacon with 31.

Playing with the ladies in the morning session Kevin Bauerle lead the ball comp with 34 points with other ball winners being Rich River's Greasi Wallace with 34 points, John Heywood (32), Peter Blackmore (32), Steve Hammond (31), Kerry Kreeck (31) and another Rich River visitor in Kenneth Aitkens also with 31 points.

Nearest the Pin ball winners were Steve Hammond on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Pooch McHale who took home the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The scoring was much better earlier in the week with Ron Dixon continuing his recent good form with 41 points in Tuesday's comp to record a one-point win from Ash Kuiper who posted a score of 40 points from a handicap of four. That equates to round of even par and saw his handicap cut to three by the time he teed off on Saturday.

Ash's brother Paul won the Nearest the Pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> while Gordon Mackay (38 points) and the Pres (36 points) picked up balls in the ball comp.

As mentioned earlier most of the M&H duty team was absent on Saturday with Peter Mangan, Alan Curnow and former Captain Craig Larcombe filling in.

All was going just fine for the B team until halfway through entering the field the printer simply stopped printing cards for no apparent reason. Try as they might the guys could not get the cards to resume printing even after resorting to the IT standard "go to" of switching the printer on and off again.

With Peter Mango unashamedly admitting to being a computer novice, and Alan on his office debut, responsibility for restoring the situation fell to Larco who was playing IT guru without much success.

Much to his embarrassment the situation quickly resolved itself upon the return of Helen Emery to the office following her round. Helen took one look at the printer and simply said "there is your problem, the toner light is on" leaving Larco (who has claims to being a full time admin guru during the week) somewhat stunned as he protested "but the toner light flashes when we are out of toner at work"!!

Don't forget next weeks' Opening Day Pinehurst Medley event. The comp is essentially a mixed affair though there will be a men's event for those chaps left on the shelf.

The day kicks off with a BBQ lunch at 11am followed by the usual assembly from 1130am for 1215pm tee off.



Week ending Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Saturday's Repco Stableford event yielded some interesting anecdotes which is a good thing because the golf, for the most part, failed to match the quality of the excellent array of trophies on offer.

The one exception was the A grade winner in Robin Quinn who provided his playing group with a free lesson in short iron play hitting green after green with his pitching and sand wedges. That after some excellent work off the tee with the driver.

After burning up the front nine with 21 points, Robin finished the job with 17 on the back nine to register 38 points from a handicap of twelve.

That gave him a two shot win from Lawrie Casey who played to his 10 handicap with a round of 36 points to take out the runner's up trophy.

In B grade John Burrows shrugged off a nasty dog bite (and the resultant rabies shot) from earlier in the morning to post a score of 32 points which gave him a one shot win from Craig Larcombe (in a count back from John Neale) with 31 points.

The run in with the puppy wasn't JB's only encounter with the creatures of nature with his excellent tee shot onto the par three 3rd being nabbed by a crow, never to be seen again.

With help from his playing partners JB's replacement ball was appropriately marked on the green and maintained it's location as the B grade nearest the pin winner.

Vonnie Morris posted the third best score of the day to claim victory in the ladies' event with 33 points from Bev Lyon who won the runner's up trophy in a count back from Leonie McMaster-Smith after they both scored 31 points.

Other ball comp winners on the day were Gordon MacKay with 33 points, David Collins (32), John Neale (31), Ash Kuiper (31), Leonie McMaster – Smith (31) and Alan Hausler, Peter Noble and Peter Blackmore all with 30 points on a low scoring afternoon.

Nobby and Janice took out the A grade and ladies nearest the pin trophies.

A big thanks to the day's sponsor Tim Nelson and the team from Repco Echuca who provided a seriously generous range of trophies for the day.

To those "interesting events" referred to earlier and I'm not sure where to start but maybe we'll go with the latest trend in golf shoes as sported by our resident Godfather, the only person at the club that could get away with purchasing a pair of golf shoes – each of a different (let's say) shade of colour.

Then there was the spectacle of one of our trophy winners on the 6<sup>th</sup> tee (struggling with his game at that point) using his driver to much better effect killing imaginary snakes. I know they were imaginary as there is no way Larco would be getting within driver's length of the real thing.

And finally, there was the sight of Lawrie Casey riding shotgun from the 14<sup>th</sup> tee at the rear of Pete Blackmore's cart having given up his passenger seat to Squizzy Squires left behind by his driver, Les Hall, who had motored down the fairway - as ruthless as ever with fare evaders.

I think it was John Lennon who sang "*Nobody told me there 'd be days like these*".

Back to some sort of normality now with Tuesday's results which saw Peter Blackmore the winner in A grade with 37 points from Robin Quinn with 35.

Our passenger free Uber driver in Hally won B grade with 34 points from Summer Cup champ Ron Dixon with 33 points.

Darryl Harrison (34 points, Graham Willis (33) and Frank Severino (32) won balls while Peter Blackmore and Ron Dixon took home the nearest the pin trophies.

## **SCOOP**

Week ending Sat 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

His recent and well publicised golf shoe problems resolved (a correctly matching pair on deck) Dom Cerrone refocused his attention on Saturday on his gold with good effect claiming the April Monthly medal shirt with a round of 90-18-72.

The win gave him his first monthly medal shirt since September 2017.

Dom claimed the medal, in what the duty team tell me was a very tight countback, from Lawrie Casey who is never far away from the leader board action come medal round.

Lawrie posted the day's best gross score of 82 for a nett round of 72 as he settled for the A grade runner's up trophy.

It was a much more clear-cut victory in B grade with Paul Dickens an easy winner with 93-19-74 as he finished five shots clear of Craig Larcombe (99-20-79) who chipped in for par on his last hole to win another very tight countback for runner up from Les Hall who had a round of 103-24-79.

Dicko's round of 93 off the stick was the best B grade gross score and more importantly was also good enough for him to claim the B grade Greenham Matchplay title.

Paul defeated Alan Curnow 4&3 in a final that began with a flurry of pars from both players.

Helen Emery was the ladies' winner with 95-16-79 from Vonnie Morris with 111-31-80.

Helen's round was also the best gross score for the ladies.

On a slow track after 12mm of rain, scoring was again a little underwhelming with balls going to Pete Blackmore (Nett 73), Robin Quinn (73), Pooch McHale (75) and Nobby (77).

Robin Quinn took home the A grade nearest the pin trophy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (the B grade and ladies' NTP balls staying with the club) while Lawrie Casey won the A grade nearest the pin ball on the 12<sup>th</sup> with the B graders and ladies again failing to find the target.

Apologies also to Lawrie for omitting his Nearest the Pin trophy on the 15<sup>th</sup> last week. This week Dom Cerrone took home the voucher.

Tuesday's winner was Pooch McHale with 36 points from Gordon MacKay with 35 while Nobby and Geoff Strachan won balls with 34 points.

Pooch (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Nobby (15<sup>th</sup>) also took home the nearest the pin trophies.

Next week's round will be Stableford and there will be a comp on Easter Monday with a 930am assembly for a 10am tee off.

Week Ending Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022

A perfect autumn's day greeted the Easter Bunny and golfing bunnies alike, the latter joined by visitors from Queensland along with a couple of past members in Roy Gill and Peter Costello who renewed their acquaintance with Valley View in Saturday's Stableford event.

John McHale and Geoff Squires are no golfing bunnies though and they both posted the best score of the day in 36 points to win their respective grades.

Pooch won A grade from Mick McAuliffe with 34 points while Squizzy had one shot to spare from the B grade runner up in Geoff Strachan.

Pooch's group would (at least should) have been well refreshed as he also added the bar voucher for Nearest the Pin on the 15<sup>th</sup> to his winner's trophy.

In the ladies' comp Wanda Hacon posted a round of 32 points and she also was a one-shot winner with Helen Emery the runner up with 31 points.

Peter Blackmore (12<sup>th</sup>) and Graeme Harrison (3<sup>rd</sup>) were the A grade Nearest the Pin trophy winners however the B grade and Ladies NTP trophies went into unclaimed monies.

Ball comp winners were Paul Kuiper (33 points), Robin Quinn (32), Gavon Armstrong (32), one of our Qld visitors in Diane Gees (30) and John Burrows with 29 in a count back from a host of others.

A surprise prior to presentation with President Mick McAuliffe unveiling the Topp Bar re-named in recognition of the service of our long-time bartender in Marlene Topp.

Topypy recently relinquished the roll after years of service keeping our thirsty members refreshed.

Speaking of refreshments, Paul Kuiper picked up the first Post Topypy *round on the house* for a birdie on the 9<sup>th</sup> after chipping in from the edge of the green on Saturday.

I've noticed over recent months that for some reason that scoring seems to be a lot easier on a Tuesday than the weekend and so it was last week with Peter Blackmore scoring 39 points and a one-shot win from Kevin Bauerle with 38 points.

Ian Scurrah with 35 points and Daryl Harrison with 33 (in a count back from Nobby) won balls in the ball comp while Blackers won the Nearest the Pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nobby took away the NTP voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole.

A reminder about the Ern Healey Memorial Day on Sunday. At the time of writing there were still spots available in the 4BBB Stableford field with the day kicking off at 11am with a BBQ lunch. If you wish to book one of the remaining spots, please phone Daryl Harrison on 0408 369 705.

It's a busy week at Valley View with the traditional Gargarre RSL 4BBB Stableford and Callaway (for non handicapped golfers) on ANZAC day with assembly @ 11am. Inquiries for this event to Peter Noble on 0438 521 775.

**SCOOP**



Week ending Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

With a much appreciated 46mm of rain earlier in the week, the recent trend of low scoring continued in Saturday's Stableford event with the day's best score of 36 point coming from Wanda Hacon.

Wanda was a comfortable five shot winner in the ladies' comp from Helen Emery with 31 points.

The best of the men was (the resplendently attired – as usual) Graeme Harrison who took out A grade with 35 points from Alan Hausler with 34 points.

Geoff Strachan was the B Grade winner with 31 points in a countback from Les Hall which made for an interesting moment at presentation with Hally (one of a number of our male members that rather enjoy a public word or two hundred) thoughtfully saving Strachannie the trouble of making his winner's speech!

Balls in the ball comp went to Peter Mangan (back from a debilitating back injury) with 33 points, Kevin Bauerle, Gordon MacKay, David Collins and Daryl Harrison all with 32 points.

Gordon picked up the A grade nearest the pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> while Mango won the A grade NTP on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jan McHale also found the 12<sup>th</sup> green (the very edge of the front of it actually) to take the ladies' NTP ball on that hole.

However, with none of the ladies or B grade contingent able to make a mark on the 3<sup>rd</sup> green, those NTP balls stayed with the club.

It's a short report this week because with the rain tumbling down Tuesday's golf was washed away.

So, to quote Porky Pig "that's all folks"!

Week ending Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Ed McQuienn has dominated the revived Valley View Annual Tournament at the weekend while Mick Coyne provided a moment of brilliance of his own on Saturday.

With visitors from Rich River, Lockington, Parkland, Nathalia and Shepparton joining a good field of members on Friday for a 4BBB Stableford event, Ed combined very successfully with Daryl Harrison to notch up the 4BBB score of 42 points.

Actually, I may be using the word "combined" a little loosely with unconfirmed reports that Ed put his score on the card on sixteen of the eighteen holes.

Never the less that score gave Ed and Daryl a three-shot win from Lockington's Mark Lyon and Kevin Humbert who took home the runner's up trophy in a three way count back from Robin Quinn & Peter Mangan and Rich River's Richard Caiolfa & Colin Johnson.

Marilyn West and Bev Lyon took out the ladies' comp with 39 points while Vonnie Morris & Jan McHale got the better of Helen Armstrong & Alison Keogh in the count back for runner up with 37 points.

Other trophy winners on the day were Grant Humbert who took the A grade Nearest the Pin trophies on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Alison Keogh the ladies NTP on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Kerry Kreeck who picked the up the Nearest the Pin trophy on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ed followed up Friday's round with another blinder on Saturday and a score of 79-10-69 (the best score of the day be it gross or nett) to record a two-shot win from playing partner Mick Coyne who had a round of 84-13-71 on what was a tough day to score well.

Mick was on fire on the par three holes with a hole in one on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, firing his eight iron to a few inches past the flag before watching his ball spin obligingly back into the cup for a rare ace. He backed that up by taking the Nearest the Pin trophy for A grade on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

In B grade Craig Larcombe made it back-to-back wins posting a score of 98-21-77 thanks to a red-hot putter that was only required on 27 occasions in a rare three putt free round for The Great White Larks.

Gavon Armstrong was just a further shot back and took home the runner's up trophy with a score 97-19-78 as well as the B grade best gross score ball.

It was a good day for the Armstrong house as Helen's round of 97-23-74 gave her a comfortable win from Vonnie Morris with 114-31-83 in the ladies' event.

Ball comp winners were David Collins with Nett 75, Graeme Harrison (77) and Pete Mangan (77).

The B grade NTP trophies went to Les Hall (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Gavon Armstrong (12<sup>th</sup>).

To wind up the day Helen Emery won the Repco Car Care products raffle.

Tuesday's winner was Peter Blackmore with 39 points from Kevin Bauerle with 38, Ian Scurrah (35) and Daryl Harrison (33).

Blackers (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Nobby (15<sup>th</sup>) won the NTP trophies.

Week ending Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Despite the threat of rain, visitors from Rich River, Numurkah and Glenelg joined us for Saturday's Stableford event.

Thankfully the rain stayed away which allowed Robin Quinn and David Collins to showcase their talents.

Both posted scores of 39 Stableford points with Robin getting the better of the count back for the honours in A grade despite David being on the duty team.

While the scoring was good in A grade the B graders again found the going tough with Craig Larcombe notching up his third win in as many weeks with 32 points in a count back from John Burrows.

Helen Armstrong also had a round of 32 points and she was the ladies' winner by three shots from Sharon Harrison with 29.

Mick Gallivan (38 points) Paul Kuiper who was on fire early on in his round (36 points), Mick Coyne and Graeme Harrison all won balls in the ball comp.

Nearest the Pin trophy winners were David Hester who took the A grade NTP's on both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Craig Larcombe (B grade on the 12<sup>th</sup>), Jenni Bauerle (12<sup>th</sup>), and Ricky Robertson on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Duty Team earned its money on Tuesday sorting out a five way count back in A grade featuring Gordon Mackay, Peter Mangan, Kevin Bauerle, Robin Quinn and David Collins all returning cards with the score of 34 points.

Ultimately, Gordon emerged from the count back as the winner from Pete Mangan the runner up and the other gentleman settling for balls in the ball comp along with Harro with 33 points.

John Burrows spared the team a second countback with 35 points and a one shot win in B grade from John Neale who also finished with the magical number of 34 on his card.

Kevin Bauerle (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Kerry Kreeck (15<sup>th</sup>) picked up the NTP trophies.

Week ending Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022

A magnificent day of almost 20 degrees (who says global warming is a bad thing?!) greeted our golfers, many of whom were garbed in summer attire, for Saturday's Wally Shaw 4 Ball Aggregate honour board event.

Despite the near perfect conditions our members continue to lose the battle to master our course.

Traditionally the score required to win the Wally Shaw would gain you a comfortable parliamentary majority but not so on Saturday, with all but a couple of pairings managing to out poll/score the vanquished coalition government.

The best scores of the day came from the ladies with Vonnie Morris and Clare Kerr posting the best combined aggregate score of 68 points to finish two points ahead of Helen Emery and Jan McHale on 66 points.

The men could not get near those scores with Mick McAuliffe (31) and John McHale (32) posting the lowest ever Wally Shaw winning total of 63 points to teal a one-shot win from the Kuiper brothers Ash (29) and Paul (33) with an aggregate of 62.

Vonnie and Clare and Mick and Pooch will now have their names etched on the Wally Shaw honour board.

Appropriately, as one of the few members old enough remember Wally Shaw, Pooch paid a touching tribute to the day's benefactor in his acceptance speech.

Ball comp winners were Mick Gallivan and Gordon Mackay (61 points), Julie Neale and Nance Saunders (61) and John Burrows and David Collins with 59 in a count back from two other groups.

Nearest the Pin trophy winners on the day were Lawrie Casey (A grade 3<sup>rd</sup>), Tom Kerr who almost aced the 12<sup>th</sup>, Geoff Strachan (B grade 3<sup>rd</sup>) Von Morris (3<sup>rd</sup>), Wanda Hacon (12<sup>th</sup>) and Mick Coyne on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scoring was again conservative on Tuesday with the winning score put together by Robin Quinn with 33 points from Stachannie with 32 points.

Daryl Harrison and Kelly Cheong picked up balls with 30 points in a count back from Jeff Carnie and Kevin Bauerle.

Daryl (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Robin (15<sup>th</sup>) won the nearest the pin trophies on the day.

Week ending Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Our members love affair with the Par format continued on the weekend.

Actually, when I refer to a "love affair" I'm talking more of the *Johnny Depp – Amber Heard* variety as most of our members struggle to hit the positive side of the register.

In fact, only one did so on Saturday; Kevin Bauerle posting the day's best round of +1 to take out A grade by one shot from the consistent Gordon MacKay who finished square.

Bill Murray also found the Par format to his liking making a successful return after a lengthy lay off with knee replacement surgery to win B grade. Bill also finished square while Paul Dickens finished with -1 to take the runner's up trophy.

Gill Thorsen was the ladies' winner with -3 from Marie Watt with -5 in a count back from Helen Armstrong.

Balls in the ball comp went to Pooch McHale with -1 and David Collins, Peter Mangan, John Heywood and Craig Larcombe who all finished with 2 down.

Nearest the Pin trophies were won by Paul Kuiper (A grade – 3<sup>rd</sup>), Daryl Harrison (A grade – 12<sup>th</sup>) and Vonnie Morris on the third.

Paul Kuiper had an interesting day with his subsequent par on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and a careless birdie on the 4<sup>th</sup> (his last two holes) costing him the men's NAGA trophy.

On Tuesday Peter Mangan put together an excellent round of 39 Stableford points to record a two-shot win in A grade from Daryl Harrison with 37 points.

Gary Jury was the B grade winner with 37 points from John Burrows with 36.

Ball comp winners were Pooch with 36 and Ian Scurrah, Gordon Mackay and Kelly Cheong all with 35 points.

Gordon had a good day as he also picked up the Nearest the Pin trophies on both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> holes.

This week's event is stroke with the June Monthly Medal up for grabs.

Week ending Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

With our reinstated Annual Tournament scheduled for next weekend our Match Committee made the unorthodox call to schedule the May (?) Monthly Medal for last Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> April).

The decision worked out well for Bud Thorsen who made the most of the opportunity to claim the Medal with a round of 90-16-74.

On another heavy track Bud put on a chipping and putting clinic with his playing partners telling me that he was dropping putts from all parts of the green.

Bud has one of the smoothest swings at the club but the short side of the game isn't usually his strong suit so his display at the weekend came at the right time and was critical in his one-shot win from A grade runner up Dylan Gallivan (82-7-75) and Peter Mangan (91-16-75).

Dylan's round of 82 was also the best gross score of the day.

Our B graders are really finding the going tough at the moment with Craig Larcombe (97-21-76) the only player to break the 100 off the stick and Nett 80 marks as he recorded a four-shot win from John Neale who posted a round of 103-23-80.

Likewise in the ladies' comp Helen Emery was also a four-shot winner with a round of 91-17-74 with Clare Kerr the next best with 110-32-78. Helen's round was the ladies' best gross score of the day.

Ball comp winners were Pete Mangan with his Nett 75, Robin Quinn (76), Alan Hausler (79), Nance Saunders (81) and Julie Neale (81).

Rod Breen (A grade) and Geoff Squires (B) took home the Nearest the Pin balls on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, no one hit the 12<sup>th</sup> and Dylan Gallivan picked up the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> on his way to a par.

Tuesday's winner was Robin Quinn with 35 points in a count back from (runner up) Kevin Bauerle and Peter Blackmore.

As alluded to earlier the club has reintroduced an annual tournament which will be played this Friday and Saturday.

Friday's event is a 4BBB Stableford with assembly 930am for a 10am hit off while Saturday will be an individual stroke event with assembly 1130am for 1215pm

While not mandatory pre-registration to play, to assist with catering, would be appreciated and can be made through Mick McAuliffe on 0418 510 201.

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Scoop Report 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Peter Mangan has added a fifth Monthly Medal shirt to his wardrobe taking out the June Medal on Saturday with a round of 86-14-72.

Mango finished a shot clear of Ed McQuienn (83-10-73) and Dylan Gallivan (80-7-73) with Ed winning the count back for the runner-up honours in A grade while Dylan's round of 80 was the best gross score of the day.

Johnny Heywood won B grade with 97-23-74 by three shots from Paul Dickens who had a round of 96-19-77 score that saw him complement his runner up trophy with the B grade best gross score ball.

For good measure Dicko also added the voucher for nearest the pin on the 15<sup>th</sup> to his bounty and I am happy to report that he sunk his lengthy birdie putt.

Vonnie Morris posted another win in the ladies' comp with 112-33-79 from Marlene Topp with 117-34-83 on a day where most of our golfers found the going difficult.

Ball comp winners were Dylan Gallivan with his Nett 73, Rod Breen (Nett 75), Daryl Harrison (75) and David Collins (75).

Daryl also picked up both A grade nearest the pin balls (3<sup>rd</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) on the way to pars on both holes while Bill Murray picked up the B grade nearest the pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mick McAuliffe was Tuesday's winner with 33 points from Daryl Harrison with 32 points while Pooch McHale picked up the only ball on offer in the ball comp (score not provided) and he also won the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Valley View Golf Report 11.6.2022

Our members were joined by several welcome guests from Parkland for Saturday's Stableford event.

In A grade Graeme Harrison picked up a one-shot win with 33 points from Gordon Mackay with 32 with both having stories to tell at presentation; Harro recounting the showstopping account of the purchase of a lucky new golf bag while Gordon was a little less fortunate snapping the key to his golf cart prior to his round.

No such dramas for our B graders with Kerry Kreeck putting on a chipping and putting display befitting of an A grader to take the spoils with 32 points in a count back from the consistent Geoffrey Strachan who is none too shabby around the greens either.

Vonnie Morris chalked up another win in the ladies' comp with 33 points from Marlene Topp with 29.

Vonnie also has a new role at the club taking over the management of our Web Site content from Anne Churches who has been in that role since the site was created around a decade or so.

A big thanks to Anne for her efforts and I hope that the job doesn't take the same toll on Vonnie's game as preparing this article on a weekly basis has done to mine!!

Balls in the ball comp went to Robin Quinn with 31 points, Parkland's Brendan Cornwall and Steven Vick (both also 31), Kevin Bauerle (30), John Burrows (30) and Alan Curnow 30.

Another Parkland golfer in Jason McKenzie completed a good day for the visitors taking home the A grade nearest the pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>; the only NTP trophies claimed on the day.

There was no golf on Tuesday due to the inclement weather.

Given my burgeoning handicap one thing I avoid in this column is offering golfing tips (although the likes of Paul Kuiper are often pestering me for putting tips!).

This week however, I will make one small exception for my good friend Debonair David Collins: that is the first most basic requirement of a round of clubs is .... Bring your golf bag and clubs to the course with you!!!

Coming Events:

Sat 18 June Par Assembly 1130am

Sat 25 June Isaac Memorial 4BBB Par (Qualifying Round)



## Scoop Report week ending 19 June 2022

A rare sunny afternoon may have lifted the spirits of our golfers but did not translate into a brighter scoreboard in Saturday's Par event.

Rod Breen posted the best score of the day of even to win A grade by 3 shots from Mick Gallivan with -3.

A feature of Rod's round was his long iron playing using the two and four irons, in particular, to good effect.

In B Grade John Burrows recorded a one-shot win with a score of -2 from Rory Kerr with 3 down.

Those numbers were also the winning scores in the ladies' comp with Sharon Harrison the winner with -2 from Jan McHale with -3.

Ball comp winners were Ash Kuiper with -4, Lawrie Casey (-4), Parkland's Ricky Robertson (-4), Paul Kuiper (-5), Kevin Bauerle (-5), Judy Greer (-5) and Les Hall (-5).

Ash Kuiper also picked up both A grade nearest the pins, Vonnie Morris won the ladies Nearest the Pin on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Rory Kerr won the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The B grade NTP balls on both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> stayed with the club as did the ladies NTP on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tuesday's winner was Peter Mangan who notched up 34 points with John Burrows the runner up with 33 points in a count back from Pooch McHale.

Peter also won the Nearest the Pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> going home with Kevin Bauerle.

The winter Pennant season kicked off one Sunday with mixed results for the two Valley View teams.

Our division 3 team got off to a good start recording a 4-1 win over Hill Top @ Mooroopna.

Match results were: Ed McQuienn won 1 up, Daryl Harrison won 4&3, Miles Gould won 4&2, Dylan Gallivan won on the first play off hole while Ash Kuiper lost 5&3.

The division 5 team lost 3-2 to Hill Top at Tocumwal with Barry Scott (3&1) and Gordon Mackay both recording 1 up wins.

Mick Gallivan and Paul Dickens lost their matches one down while David Collins went down 5&4 even with his full kit on board.

This week's event is a 4BBB and is the Qualifying round for the play-off rounds for a spot on the Isaac Family Honour Board. As usual, assembly is 1130am for a 1215pm tee off.

Finally, last week's tip Re: the advantage of bringing your golf bag and clubs to the course with you was lost on one particular member who repeated David Collin's blunder, turning up without his clubs for Tuesday's round.

To be fair, when you spend as much time accessorising as Harro, some of the more trivial details in your preparation are bound to escape you.



Saturday's Isaac Memorial qualifier brought put the best in our golfers with some good 4 Ball par scores posted in heavy conditions.

Ultimately the four groups that qualified posted scores of 5 up and 4 up with Rory Kerr and Rod Breen winning the day's event with 5 up in a countback from Ed McQuienn and Mick Cromie.

The Ash and Paul Kuiper finished third with 4 up in another countback from Bill Murray and new member Peter Shearman.

Alan Curnow and Craig Larcombe finished one shot off the qualifying pace with 3 up as did Pooch McHale and Gordon McKay.

Rory and Rod will now play Bill and Peter while Ed and Mick will play Ash and Paul with the winning pairs going through to the final.

The ladies played a Stableford event with Vonnie Morris taking home another winner's trophy with 33 points. Gill Thorsen was the runner up with 30 points.

Ash Kuiper (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Rich River's Greasy Wallace (12<sup>th</sup>) won the A grade nearest the pin balls while the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> was won by David Collins.

The B grade and ladies nearest the pin trophies stayed with the club.

On Tuesday Daryl Harrison recorded a clearcut win with 37 points (an excellent score in heavy conditions) six points ahead of Gordon Mackay and Ed McQuienn with 31 points; the countback going Gordon's way.

Ed and Pooch McHale (30 points) won balls in the ball comp with Nobby missing out to Pooch in a count back for the last ball though he (Nobby) did win the nearest the pin ball on the third.

Both our Pennant teams recorded good wins on Sunday.

The Division 3 team defeated Cobram 3-2 at Hill Top with Miles Gould (6&4), Dylan Gallivan (4&3) and Ed McQuienn (5&3) all comfortable winners.

Daryl Harrison couldn't reproduce Tuesday's form going down 5&4 while Ash Kuiper lost on the first play-off hole after missing what I'm told was a very makeable putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> that would have given him a one up win.

Apparently, I've been giving the wrong brother putting lessons! I'm thinking a family package deal may be just the thing!

The Division 5 team, playing at home, had a 4-1 win over Shepparton Young Guns.

Paul Dickens (2&1), David Collins (3&2), Mick Gallivan (6&5) and Gordon Mackay (2&1) were the winners with Barry Scott losing a close match 2 down.

Next week's event is the July Monthly Medal (stroke) with the usual assembly time of 1130am.

## **Valley View Golf report week ending 3 July 2022.**

Valley View resident fashion guru Graeme Harrison is the July Monthly Medalist after another tough day at the office for our golfers on Saturday.

Harro posted a score of 91-17-74 to claim a one-shot win from A grade winner Peter Mangan (89-14-75), A grade runner up Daryl Harrison (86-11-75), B grade runner up Gavon Armstrong with 97-22-75 and Gordon Mackay who also had a round of nett 75.

It was a near thing for Harro though with the medal almost slipping from his grasp after he took three to extricate himself from the bunker on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cousin Daryl could also have snagged the medal if only his birdie putt, after he had claimed the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup>, had not hovered perilously close to the edge of the cup refusing to drop.

Craig Larcombe and Bill Murray finished a shot further back with scores of Nett 76 and picked up balls in the ball comp as did Alan Hausler and Lawrie Casey with a pair of Nett 77's.

Leanne Busch made a rare Saturday afternoon appearance and took out the ladies' comp with 90-14-76, two shots clear of runner up Helen Emery with 95-17-78.

Best Gross score winners were Ash Kuiper (83), Harro (B grade) and Leanne while Gordon Mackay (A grade – 3<sup>rd</sup>), Lawrie Casey (A grade – 12<sup>th</sup>) and Lindsay Tatterson (B grade – 3<sup>rd</sup>) were Nearest the Pin trophy winners along with the aforementioned Daryl Harrison.

Graeme Harro had a big week as he was also Tuesday's winner with 33 points in a count back from David Collins.

Peter Sherman (32 points) and Geoff Strachan (32) were ball comp winners, Robin Quinn won the Nearest the Pin ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Daryl Harro made it a pair of vouchers on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the week.

### **This week's Pennants results are:**

Division 3 defeated Shepparton @ Cobram 4 – 1

Daryl Harrison won 8 & 7

Ed McQuienn won 4 & 3

Miles Gould won 5 & 4

Mick Coyne won on 2<sup>nd</sup> play-off hole

Robin Quinn lost 1 down

Division 5 defeated Tocumwal @ Nagamie 4 – 1

Barry Scott won 3 & 2

David Collins won 3 & 1

Gordon Mackay won 3 & 2

Mick Gallivan won on 1<sup>st</sup> play-off hole

Paul Dickens lost 1 down

## **Scoop Report week ending 10.7.2022**

Some better scoring at the top of the board in Saturday's Stableford event sponsored by Fitzgerald's Farm Fresh Meats.

In A grade Lawrie Casey, out early to beat the cold, knocked up 38 points, 22 of which came on the back nine thanks to a golden streak from the 13<sup>th</sup> through 17 where he put together four pars and a four-point birdie on the hardest hole on the course, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

That score gave him a three-shot buffer from runner-up Mick Gallivan with 35 points.

Bud Thorsen posted the best score of the day, 39 points, to take the honours in B grade, though just what the man with one of the smoothest swings in the club is doing in B grade is beyond me.

Never the less Baden finished four shots clear of Johnny Heywood who picked up the runner's up trophy with 35 points.

Clare Kerr was the ladies' winner with another very good score of 37 points and she had a big day also taking home the nearest the pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the voucher on the 15<sup>th</sup> for nearest the pin on that hole.

Jan McHale made it a trifecta of 35-point scores for the runner's up on the day and also added the nearest the pin trophy on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole.

While Clare and Jan collected the ladies nearest the pin trophies and the voucher on 15, none of our male golfers could find the target on any of the par three holes.

Ball comp winners were Craig Larcombe, Jenni Bauerle and Judy Greer (all with 34 points) along with Gill Thorsen and John Burrows with 33 points in a count back from the unlucky pair of Peter Mangan and Helen Armstrong.

A big thank you to our very generous sponsor in Fitzgerald's Farm Fresh meat who have been very generous to the club in recent years.

On Tuesday, Peter Sherman picked up his first win with 42 points dropping ten shots in the process and he was a comfortable winner from John Burrows with 36 points.

Kevin Bauerle and Gordon Mackay won balls with 34 points while Robin Quinn picked up the ball on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for nearest the pin.

Our division 3 Pennant team assured itself of a place in the Pennant final with a 3-2 win over Mooroopna at Shepparton on Sunday.

The team will have a bye in the final round next week before meeting an opponent to be determined the following week.

The individual match results were:

Daryl Harrison won 6&5

Miles Gould won 5&4

Mick Coyne won 3&2 (on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday; Happy Birthday Mick)

Dylan Gallivan lost 1 down

Ash Kuiper lost on the 1<sup>st</sup> play-off hole

The news was not so good for our division 5 team which went down to Shepparton Gold 4-1 and I would expect is now out of contention for the final.

Match results were:

Paul Dickens won 2&1

Barry Scott lost on the first play-off hole

Mick Gallivan lost 1 down

Gordon Mackay lost 4&3

Robin Quinn lost on the first play-off hole

Finally, to the play off the week which goes to Paul Kuiper who after finding himself in the trees between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes off the 6<sup>th</sup> tee (something of an achievement its self) somehow managed to find his way home to make par.

I'll let Paul fill you in on how he managed to do so as I have neither the words or mapping skills to explain it within the limited confines of this column.

## Scoop report week ending 17.7.2022

Saturday saw our men contest a four-ball multiple Stableford event, a friendship killer if ever there was one.

This format involves pairs multiplying their Stableford scores at the completion of each hole to arrive at their score for that hole.

Fine in theory until one of those partners has an eagle two on the par four 6<sup>th</sup> yielding five points, as Bud Thorsen did on Saturday, only for his partner (Alan Curnow) to come up with a solitary point.

Of course, that still beats a partner posting no points on hole after you have had a birdie and four points as Peter Mangan did on the 7<sup>th</sup> only for his partner to wipe the hole leaving them with a score of nil, zip, nudda for that hole.

Enough preamble, to the results and two Johns in Neale and Burrows combined best to finish with 69 points and a one-shot win from Peter Blackmore and Lawrie Casey with 68.

It wasn't just a near thing on the scoreboard either with Nails only just managing to free himself in the nick of time to tee off after locking himself in the cage in the machinery shed on Friday.

Fortunately, after a chilly night's sleep he managed to thaw himself out, gather himself together and get on with the job at hand.

That effort wins him the play of the week nomination.

No such problems for Alan Hausler and Gavon Armstrong who finished next best with 63 points giving them a ball in the ball comp.

Rod Breen and Rory Kerr also picked up a ball with 62 points in a countback from Peter Mangan and Kevin Bauerle.

Our ladies were smart enough to stick to an orthodox Stableford event with Clare Kerr posting another win with 36 points.

Jenni Bauerle took out the runner's up trophy with 35 points in a countback from Gill Thorsen.

Nearest the Pin trophy winners on the day were: Kevin Bauerle (A grade 12<sup>th</sup>), Geoff Squires (B grade 3<sup>rd</sup>), Brendan Cornwall (B grade 12<sup>th</sup>) and Helen Emery and Jenni Bauerle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Daryl Harrison notched up another win on Tuesday with 36 points from a handicap of 11, in a count back from Mick Coyne (playing off 13).

Ron Dixon and John Burrows both won balls with 33 points and JB also picked up a ball for Nearest the Pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Contrary to last week's report our Division 5 Pennant team was still alive in the race for a final's birth with the team facing off against Nagambie on Sunday for a spot in the final.

Unfortunately, Nagambie grabbed the spot that was up for grabs with a 4 – 1 win.

Match results went as follows:

Barry Scott lost 5 & 4

Gavon Armstrong lost 1 & 1

Mick Gallivan lost 1 down

Robin Quinn lost 4 & 3

Gordon Mackay won 4 & 3

Thanks to David and Barry and the other handful of members that made themselves available to represent the club.

Our Division 3 team had a bye this week before next week's final against Cobram-Barooga at Tocumwal. I don't have the tee of time yet but if you want to get across to Toc to follow the team Miles Gould will be able to provide you with the times later in the week.

## SCOOP REPORT week ending 24.7.22

A flag winning performance from our Division 3 Pennant team headlines this week's report with a 4 – 1 win from the side in the final against Cobram-Barooga at Tocumwal on Sunday.

After an undefeated run to the final Valley View went in as warm favourites and the result on the day reflected that.

Ed McQuienn got the side off to a good start with a comfortable 6 & 5 win, Miles Gould kept the momentum going with a 5 & 4 win (Ed and he both went through the pennant season undefeated) before Dylan Gallivan sealed the title with a 3 & 2 win in his match.

Ash Kuiper put the cream on the top with a 2 & 1 with Daryl Harrison just missing out on making it a clean sweep when he went down on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

The win was an excellent result for those five guys, along with Robin Quinn and Mick Coyne who also featured in the preliminary rounds.

With a few members away or recovering from recent vacations numbers were down for Saturday's Par event with trophies only on offer for one grade.

A new member in Des Partington made the most of his starting 45 handicap to notch up a score of +8 which gave him a four-shot win from John Burrows and Peter Sherman who both finished with rounds of +4; JB getting the nod in the count back for runner up.

Marlene Topp made a welcome return to form to take out the ladies' event finishing even and one shot ahead of runner up Leonie McMaster – Smith who posted -1.

Balls went to Peter Sherman with his score of +4, Kelly Cheong (Square) and Alan Hausler -2.

Peter Sherman (3<sup>rd</sup>), Kelly Cheong (12<sup>th</sup>) and Ash Kuiper (15<sup>th</sup>) collected the nearest the pin trophies.

A better field for Tuesday's Stableford event saw Pooch McHale win A grade with 36 points from Ed McQuienn who took out the runner's up trophy with 34 points in a count back from Peter Mangan.

An in-form John Burrows was the B grade winner with 36 points from Gavon Armstrong with 31.

Ball comp winners were Pete Mangan (34 points), Kevin Bauerle (32) and Paul Kuiper (32).

Daryl Harrison took the nearest the pin prizes on both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> holes.

Finally, just some clarification on last week's report that John Neale had locked himself in the machinery shed last Friday night. It turns out that information was not correct.

The correct version of events was that he locked the shed keys in the cage inside the shed.

The version of events reported was what I understood to have transpired.... To borrow a well-worn line from Yes Minister *"I may have misunderstood"*!

Indeed, the captain's recap of the story at last week's presentation was particularly difficult to make sense of.



(L-R) Our division 3 pennant team Ed McQuienn, Dylan Gallivan, Miles Gould, Daryl Harrison & Ash Kuiper after they won the final at Tocumwal on Sunday.



