

Tyler and Toona Best In Twosome Event

Jim 'Hooky' Tyler and Rod 'Toona' Simmonds combined well in the Ambrose format to record a victory in the TPS day last Saturday. With opening and closing birdies they posted one under the card for a score of 63.75, which was good enough to edge out Hudson Hopewell and Frank Battista, who recorded 64.5 in the morning. Half a shot back on 65 were the vibrant pairing of Ken Tate and John Michalak.

Other pairs to combine well included Brian Banks and Peter Ellery, Mark Suggett and Joe Italiano, Stumpy Ireland and Ian Annandale, Tiger Jackson and Bruce Miller, Wayne Waywood and Ash Hollins, Ed Riley and Peter Gray and finally Ron Annandale and Stephen Farquhar who all got vouchers for their efforts.

A total of 23 pairs players contested the event with TPS also holding their own competition for its 20 or so employees.

Seven ladies contested the individual event in the morning, and Vicki Graham's 35 points was enough to take the trophy from Jill Burgess with 33.

Novelties went to Peter Gray, Peter Ellery and Gerard Pullan for nearest the pins. Ash Hollins and Rod Simmonds won the long putts and Stephen Farquhar showed he still puts it out there with the long drive on 15.

Brian 'Banga' Banks had everyone running for cover after having a day to remember last Thursday when he had 24 points in Scroungers. Banga picked a good day to come good as he received an appropriate trophy put on by Solstice members for the 'Final Farewell' to Bill Hunter day. Mick Dowling had 36 off the stick to get second on 23 points. Clive Pullan 21, Peter Gray, Frank Battista 19, Jim Lee, Neil McDonald, Bill Hunter and Dean Rakich 18, all got a mention by the King Scrounger.

Novelties were won by Dave Brunswick, Mick Dowling, Alan Banks and Clive Pullan.

Betty White had the best with 17 points in the Associates event.

It was a great week for Banks, at least at the golf club, as Alan Banks had 44 points to take out the Veterans event on Tuesday. The Vets relocated to Eden Park for the day while work on the greens was completed. George Davis and Neil McDonald had 43 points with Bryan Simpson and Des Hebb next with 39 points.

Scroungers is on today, Saturday is the Keith Martin and Pat Robb Stableford event. No golf on Xmas day, an 18 Hole Sweepstakes Stableford will be set up for Boxing Day for those keen to get back on the fairways.

Merry Xmas to all, have a safe and happy time this week.