

Larsen Joins First Time Winners

New member Jim Larsen completed a hat trick of first time winners over the last three weeks when he powered his way to an impressive 44 points to win the Primary Principals Stableford event last Saturday. On a day where scoring was up and the weather much milder than in recent weeks, Larsen played excellent golf to break through for his maiden victory since joining the club. With the winner in the last group to come off the course there were a couple of disappointed golfers whose scores would have been enough for victory in previous weeks.

Dean Rakich had 77 off the stick for 42 points to take his first Gross trophy in a long time from the unlucky Ben Kononen, whose 78 appeared good enough until the very end. Jan Van Vollenstee continued his very consistent improvement to post 41 points and finish runner up for the Nett event along with Jim Tyler (41) and Gary Dawson on 40 points, who took third and fourth prizes respectively.

Others to finish in the top part of the 60 man field were Mike Daley (38), Trevor Lawrence, Alf Sanford and Pommy Edwards (37), and a group on 36 points, Alan Kent, Steve Wallace, Tony Barker-May, Barry and Ben Kononen.

Six ladies contested the event and Deb Van Vollenstee claimed her own hat trick of victories with a third consecutive win. She scored 40 points to breeze past Michelle Tate and Eileen Riley, who had 34 points.

Some 28 novelties were provided by the Principals, with many requiring certain criteria relating to school days. This kept the players amused and interested throughout the day. Dick Earl had the opportunity to go home with a nice booty and it will be good to see him back on the fairways after a brief spell.

Scoring was much more modest in the Scroungers event last week, and Mike Daley was rewarded with a good spin and victory after finishing equal on 19 points with Peter Gray and Ed Riley. Fred Bronickis, Paul Moyses, Colin Giblett, Charlie Serravite and Dean Rakich all had 18 points. Novelty winners were Eric Annandale, Dave Henderson and Dick Earl. The hot weather kept the ladies away this week.

Alan Banks had success when he scored 31 points to be the best of 17 players in the Vets competition. Jim Tyler and Alf Sanford, 29, and Steve Farquhar and Warby with 28 points, were in the top five.

Novelties were won by Des Hebb, Peter Gray, Dave Henderson and Dave Brunswick.

It was a carbon copy of last week in the Leisure Day competition. Clayton Flynn continued his impeccable Tuesday form to score 37 points again to take victory from Troy Sheppard on 34.

Riverside nominations are coming in and all club members are encouraged to get their entries in early. The Friday event will fill up quickly so make sure you act promptly.

Scroungers is on today, Saturday is 'The Girls' 18 Hole Stableford event. Last year, the same event saw Ian Annandale post an impressive victory with new clubs. 12 months on and I wonder how many of them are still in one piece? Tuesday will be Leisure Day and Veterans.