

Golf Notes for the week ending Sunday 24 February 2008

Cooper Fires Up For The Girls

Ray Cooper scored consistently to earn a well deserved victory in 'The Girls' Stableford event last Saturday. The enigmatic Cooper has been knocking on the door of late, with his excellent all round game, and managed to finish off his round well on this occasion to post 42 points. In this type of form he could be the locals' best hope for a strong showing at the Riverside Tournament in a few weeks.

Jan Van Vollenstee was once again in top form and got the countback result to finish runner up over Ben Kononen after both compiled 40 points. Van Vollenstee continues to cut into his handicap with a two stroke reduction this week. Ben Kononen looks primed to give Riverside a shake for overall honours after firing 74 off the stick. His round included four birdies on the front nine.

Others to finish in the top part of the 50 man field were Wayne Waywood (37), Bryan Simpson, Garry Dawson, Jim Moyses and Alan Kent who all had 36 points. The CCR was 72.

Nine ladies contested the event, with Jill Burgess claiming a three point victory with 40 points. Betty White claimed the runner up prize after recording 37 points.

Novelties were claimed by Colin Giblett, Ed Riley, Ken Smallwood and Jill Burgess for nearest the pins. Bev Moyses, Deb Van Vollenstee and Mark Malatesta won long putts and Mike Jacob took the long drive honours.

Tony Barker-May had a good result in Scroungers last week with his 23 points the best of the 46 man field. Stephen Edwards played consistently for 21 and Ian Annandale rebounded in the best way possible with 20 points. 19 points was the cut off this week. This score was achieved by Ed Riley, Kevin Ireland, Alf Sanford, Les McGill and Alan Banks.

Shelley Barker-May made it a husband and wife double with her 17 points being the best of the ladies. Eric Annandale, Neil McDonald and Frank Battista took the novelties.

Eric Annandale, Dave Brunswick and Phil Warburton took top places in the Vets event last week with 30 points. Alan Davies (28) along with John Wray, Des Hebb and Alan Banks on 27 points were next best.

Novelties were won by John Wray, Fred Bronickis, Alan Banks and Eric Annandale.

Clayton Flynn continued with his 'ownership' of Leisure Day with another best score result in a small field of five. Flynn, with his customary 37 points, brushed past Bruce Miller who had a nice round.

Riverside is only three weeks away and nominations are coming in well. All club members are encouraged to get their entries in before the deadline. The Friday event will fill up quickly, so make sure you act promptly.

Scroungers is on today with an Odds and Evens event. Saturday is the Malatesta Brothers 18 Hole Par event. Monday is a public holiday and a sweepstakes comp will be on if there are enough starters during the day.

Tuesday will be Leisure Day and Veterans.