

Warman Prevails in Riverside Open

Promising Gosnells junior Jamie Warman took out the Riverside Open after a tense wait for the final group, taking the title by one shot. The diminutive Warman, the youngest in the field, posted a 73 on Sunday morning to add to his 74 from Saturday to be in the clubhouse early on 147. Overnight leader after a 71 on Saturday, and defending champion, Pinjarra's Paul Tuckey, struggled early but with 4 holes remaining, he and playing partners Trevor Johns (Collie) and Jason Trainor (Pinjarra) had remained in sight of the winning total. Trainor and Tuckey dropped out of contention on the penultimate hole, needing a miracle eagle on the last, but a birdie on the final hole would have been enough for Johns to force a tie. After a superb drive his approach left him with a putt to effectively take the title, as Warman had already travelled back to Perth due to other commitments, and as such would have forfeited the possible play-off. Unfortunately for Johns, a relative newcomer to Collie, his putt slipped by and left the youngster with the win. Johns finished runner up on a countback from Tuckey after he was able to birdie the last to draw level on 148. Trainor took fourth on 149.

'Last in, first home' was the catch cry for Steven Ireland as he played steady golf all weekend to capture the Nett section. Having not entered the competition till there was a late withdrawal, 'Stumpy' knew what he had to shoot to win and, although almost blowing his chance over the final stages, a fortuitous birdie on the last did the job as he finished with a total of 140 to claim the win over Colin Giblett on count back. Giblett, similar to Warman finished with a pair of 70s from morning rounds to set up a score to chase.

In an all Collie top five Ed Riley was third on 141 with Wayne Waywood and Trevor Lawrence fourth and fifth respectively on 143.

Individual gross winners were Mike Stirk (Waroona) on Saturday with 73 and past winner David Carbon (Cottesloe) on Sunday after a par 72. Individual Nett wins went to Rob Osborne (Kwinana) on Saturday with 70 and Brian McGuane (Gosnells) on Sunday with a 67.

Overall the event attracted a field of 154 players from 26 clubs. Thanks go to the sponsors, the Coverley family and Wesfarmers Premier Coal, for their generous and greatly appreciated sponsorship.

The Riverside open was preceded by the TBS fourball Par event on the Friday. A large field of 158 players took part, and Greg Bell and Wayne Waywood took out the event, after a count back, on a score of +12. Brian Banks and Peter Ellery finished an unlucky second. Next on +10 were Steven Ireland and Jason Kelly, in his first round with an official handicap. Other pairs to finish at the top of the list were Kwinana visitors, R Osborne and D Johnson(+10), Graham Williams and Troy Sheppard, Marek Golinski and Ed Riley, Jim Tyler and Rod Simmonds and Peter Gray and Mike Daley, all with +9. The Gross event was won by Rob Hewison and Hudson Hopewell, after an impressive 65 strokes for +7, from Scott Healy and Warren Colgan on +4.

John Michalak claimed bragging rights when he scored 21 points to win Scroungers last Thursday. Dean Rakich had 37 off the stick to post 20 points followed by Tony Barker-May (19) and Ross Davidson, Bryan Simpson, Neil Motion, Mick Pokrywka and Kevin Ireland on 18 points. Rhonda McGill topped the ladies .

Peter Gray had 34 points to win last week's Veterans competition from Alan Kent on 28 with Steve Farquhar and John Wray on 27. Novelties were won by AK, Ray Alp and John Wray.

Scroungers is on today. There will be an 18 Hole Stableford for a Club Trophy on Easter Saturday. A Sweepstakes is scheduled for Monday for those keen and then back to normal with Tuesday Leisure Day and Vets golf.