

Larsen and Giblett Top Pair

Jim Larsen and Colin Giblett combined well to post an impressive 50 points to claim victory in the Solstice Group Fourball event last Saturday. Giblett was in good form over the Riverside weekend and Larsen is a recent individual winner. In what has been a consistent pattern of late they posted their score in the morning and then were able to outlast the other 29 pairs for the remainder of the day.

The pairing of Troy Sheppard and 'Solstice hopeful' Peter Slater were in a position to set a record after a blazing 28 points in their first nine holes. However, the sense of occasion playing in such illustrious company must have got the better of 'Spud' as they faltered in the run home, but still managed 48 points to take second place. Next on 47 points were Phil Eldridge and Greg Martin along with Ed Riley and Peter Gray, consistent fourball performers. Ken Smallwood and Tony Barker-May, Greg Moyle and Trevor McCormick along with Ron Annandale and Greg Bell filled the top seven positions.

Six ladies played a Stableford competition, with Michelle Tate taking the trophy after she scored 38 points - with four wipes! Bev Moyses was next with 36.

Novelties were claimed by Colin Giblett, Pommy Edwards and Trevor Lawrence for nearest the pins, John Michalak and Jason Kelly won the long putts, and Ian Annandale took the long drive. As well as his putting skills, 'Ned' Kelly has made quite an impression at the club with his work in getting the course ship shape. His induction into the Solstice group for the trophy day proved to be somewhat overwhelming, as those attending the presentations will attest.

Bruce Miller made the most of his opportunities to top the 51 Scroungers with 23 points and claim victory last week. Miller has been making steady progress of late and is not far away from slashing his generous handicap. Ray Cooper (22), Greg Bell (21), Ed Riley (21) and Troy Sheppard (21) filled the minor positions, with Peter Gray (20), Mark McCormick (20) and Graham Williams (20) all getting a mention.

Greg Bell had the best gross with a 37, while Shelley Barker-May and Rhonda McGill with 16 points topped the ladies competition. Eric Annandale, Aaron Fleay and Alan Banks won the novelties.

The Solstice group had a pair of members determined to get media recognition. Ross Davo's commando roll through the scrub on the fifth and Ash 'Jacket winner' Hollins' impersonations of Paul Debenham's helicopter swooping over the course could not be left out.

Jim Tyler claimed top spot amongst the Vets last week with a tidy 33 points. Peter Gray (32), Alan Banks (31), Frank Battista (30) and Phil Warburton (28) all deserve a mention for their efforts. Novelties were won by Alan Banks, AK, Jim Tyler and Ed Riley.

Hudson Hopewell continues to strike the ball well and outperformed the other seven players with 40 points in the Leisure Day competition. Bruce Roberts had his best result for a while with 39, to take second spot.

Sunday saw the final major fixture for the summer season with the ninth Mining Industry Challenge. 28 teams battled it out for the valuable trophy, with Worsley Alumina coming up trumps over the team from Piacentini. All participants had a most enjoyable day with many looking forward to next year already.

Scroungers is on today. Saturday sees the annual Mafia Cup competition with a Stableford event and lots of goodies up for grabs. Tuesday is Vets and Leisure Day.