

DALEY WINS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

Mike Daley returned to the links after a brief lay off to score an emphatic victory in the Bendigo Bank championship event on Saturday. Daley trimmed his handicap to 12 in scoring 67 nett to easily account for the field of 55 players. He is now in a good position for a high finish in the club championships, if he can maintain that form over the season.

Clive Pullan posted a 71 in his morning round and was matched by Graham Williams later in the day, with the former gaining a countback result for the runner up trophy. Greg Moyle was in a group of players to match the CCR with his 72. 'Noddy' will look more closely at the handicap board in future events. Peter Gray, Ian Stewart, Alan Kent and Greg Bell were the others.

At the other end of the field, Tony Barker-May was travelling well for the first 16 holes, before disaster struck. An unplayable lie and some very average play on 17 led to a nine on the par four - then it got worse. In the right hand bunker on 18 for three, he almost holed his seventh bunker shot for 10, before slotting in a magnificent six footer for 11, and 20 strokes on the final two holes.

Ben Kononen snatched the Gross result on countback from Chris Stewart with a 78. First round championship leader, Trevor Johns, had 80.

Denis Cocker and Phil Warburton won the nearest the pins, Joe Italiano and John Brown took the long putts, and Captain Rak won the long drive.

Dean Rakich took the honours in Scroungers, with his 36 off the stick and 22 points enough for nett and gross honours. Stephen Farquhar showed his break has done him the world of good with 21 points, followed by Jim Moyses and Kevin Ireland on 20 points. Brian Banks, Ross Davidson, Les McGill and Jim Hine all had 19 points.

Rhonda McGill (20) and Bev Moyses (19) topped the ladies group.

Graham Williams, Ron Annandale and Wayne Waywood won the novelties.

Jeff Crowe finished on top of the pile in the Vets event. His 30 points ensured a paper mention. He was followed by John Wray (28) and Harry Hadfield (27).

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Denis Cocker has been consistent of late and he finally did enough to account for the 12 Leisure Day players with 38 points. Wayne Waywood was next on 35 points.

All Members should now have advice about the new membership fees, due on July 1st.

Saturday is the Solstice Group Stableford event. It will be the usual big day with novelties on all holes and plenty of valuable prizes to be won.

Ray Cooper will start favourite for 'the jacket', and if he doesn't turn his form around in Scroungers today it might well be a nice new one. Scroungers today will be an Odds and Evens novelty event for a nice trophy. Tuesday is Vets and Leisure Day.