

BAYLEY, FARQUHAR TAKE SUMMER OPEN



Club captain and veteran chalkie Dean Rakich is all smiles (unseen and unheard of) as his Mancunian colleague Alex 'The Kid' Bayley wins the 20th Summer Open. Seven year old Bayley, who insists on calling Rakich 'Sir', says he hopes to be a golfer when he grows up.

The 2008 Godfrey Pembroke Summer Open again proved to be an outstanding success with an excellent field of 154 men and 50 Associates contesting the two day Stableford event on a course brought up to perfection by course superintendent Darren Morfitt.

Long term sponsor, Ron Trezise, provided a spectacular conclusion to his twenty year involvement with the weekend, arranging for Santa and his elves to ferry in the trophies for presentations, capping off a marvellous tournament.

The winner of the men's 36 hole nett competition was young Manchester import Alex Bayley, with a total of 80 points. The local chalkie, a relative newcomer to the game, has been honing his skills of late and regularly filling his pockets with cash on Thursday afternoons.

'Mr Bayley' kept it together on both days, fulfilling his undoubted promise to record a steady 38 on Saturday, followed by a brilliant 42 on Sunday.

Bayley stumbled slightly in the run home, but had enough in hand to take his first major title. Master trainer, Graham 'Bart' Williams, had his steed primed to the minute for his most important outing and was seen basking in the glory of victory for some time, with connections, after presentations. To cap off his performance, Bayley also produced a spectacular eagle three on the Par 5 first hole on Saturday.



Noddy Moyle and Mark Maltesta enjoy a drink after a hot weekend. Noddy had a good result. It is understood that Mark also played.

Visitor, Steve Davey matched the feat on the tenth hole.

Harvey golfer, Peter Brandis, produced a Sunday morning round of 44 points to set the target of 79 for the afternoon players in contention. Brandis was happy to claim the runner up trophy as the other leaders found the hot conditions and fast greens difficult to master later in the day. Fred Bronickis (78), Clive Spencer (77), along with Peter Wutchak, Owen McSweeney and Greg Moyle on 76 points filled the minor placings.

The Associates 36 hole nett winner was another local, Kaye Farquhar with 76 points. The club champion proved to be steadiest over two days with rounds of 39 and 37. Farquhar has had an outstanding year and was warmly applauded in taking out the prestigious event.

Eileen Riley supplied the quinella for the home club with a score of 75, followed by Shelley Barker-May on 71 points. Barker-May could have taken out the event had she not had eight three-putts on Saturday - even though she took out the Long Putt on nine!

The winner of the men's gross event went to Waroona representative Michael Stirk on a countback from Steve Ardille from Bunbury with 63 points apiece.

In the Associates gross competition, Jo Jones from Bunbury tallied 53 points for a clear win over Cottesloe golfer Helen McAullay.

Prizes for Saturday went to Ray Argæet (Bunbury), Trevor Johns (Rockhampton), Zelda Meads (Bunbury) and Bev Moyses (Collie). Sunday trophies went to Greg Martin (Collie), Ashley Ishigami-Sims (Bunbury), Deirdre Milne (Bunbury) and Judy Pemberton (AGC).



Gad, that Sun's hot!



Santa congratulates Kaye Farquhar on her 76 point nett trophy win.



After an interesting year in world markets, sponsor Ron Trezise informs Santa that he no longer believes in him.

The Summer Open was preceded on Friday by the traditional fourball, sponsored by Griffin Coal. Peter Ellery and Brian Banks had one of those days where it all went right to post a mammoth 50 points for a clear and well deserved victory. Their playing companion, Jim Tyler, did it tough. With the unfortunate withdrawal of his partner 'Hooky' was left to tackle two hot golfers by himself. Eventually the merciless belting took its toll with predictable results, enabling the group to 'bookend' the competition. Visiting golfers bolstered the field to a very healthy 143 between the men's and ladies players.

This year the visitors filled more trophy positions than locals for a change with Derek Gardner and Dennis Ford from Wanneroo tallying 48 points to claim the runner up trophy. Bill Silverman and Kim Derbyshire from Narrogin came third on 47 points, followed by Rob Cavanagh and Dean Crowe who won a count back for fourth from Peter Shaw and Ted Walton (Wanneroo), Kevin Ball and Gary Robins (Wanneroo) and Ray Alp and Alan Banks. All these pairings had 46 points.

A number won a voucher for 45 points, but the only pair to gain a mention here are Tony Barker-May and Dave Brunswick - webmaster's privilege.

The Associates played an individual Stableford with Collie's Bev Moyses emerging victorious with 36 points on a count back from Geraldine Foley from Gosnells, Shelley Barker-May and Annette Atherton.

Eric Annandale had a day out in Scroungers to win with 22 points. Brian Banks foreshadowed his fourball performance with a tidy 21 points for second. Chris Stewart scorched around the front nine in 34 shots to win third as well as the gross. The current club champion repeated the dose in the Summer Open on Sunday afternoon, but a couple of unlucky breaks on the back nine kept him out of the main prize winners over the weekend.

Greg Little and Rob Cavanagh both scored 20 points, followed by Steve Ireland, Michael Dowling, Fred Bronickis and Ron Annandale on 19 points.

Steve Farquhar did his bit as well by taking out the Veterans competition with 33 points. Ed Riley and Alan Kent were next on 32 points.

Clayton Flynn continued with his usual dominance of Leisure Day after 38 points resulted in a clear victory over Jim Lee from Narrogin on 35 points.

This week will be an 18 hole Stableford event for the Keith Martin trophy. Scroungers is on today, Leisure Day, Veterans and Sunday 9 Hole competitions to be played as usual.