

KUTT CELEBRATES NEW YEAR

Kalev Kutt made a great start to 2009 with a one stroke victory in the Alan Kent sponsored New Year's Cup last Saturday. Kutt trimmed his handicap by a couple after his polished performance of 66 nett eclipsed the field of 50 men. Phil Warburton appreciated the return to battle of his 'grasshopper' to post 67 nett for the runner up position.

Ian Stewart and Denis Cocker were next on 68, with Cocker winning the gross reward by virtue of a countback from Leon Moran, after both had 78 off the stick.

Jan Van Vollenstee (69), Alex and Scott Tweedie, Dave Brunswick and Eric Annandale all returned 70 to play to the CCR.

Annette Atherton had a good score of 71 nett to claim the ladies section from Shelley Barker-May on 72.

Nearest the pins were won by Phil Warburton, Scott Tweedie and Colin Grout. Long Putts went to Kalev Kutt and Scott Tweedie. Jan Van Vollenstee took the long drive.

It is amazing to what lengths some players will go to get a mention in the press, and playing with the scribe brought out the best in one group with the antics on one hole enough to fill the column.

Alan Davies thought he was in for a leisurely day on the course as cart driver and scribe. On the third hole of the day, however, he became target practice, first for the normally straight hitting Greg Bell, and then his cart companion, Les McGill. The elder statesman of the club, who was already going to get coverage due to his week's golfing prowess, not only fired in Alan's direction, he managed to create the right angle off the trees to have his ball lodge in the drivers seat, which his compatriot had fortunately just vacated.

The merriment continued around the green where President elect 'Stumpy' Ireland put on a superb display of airy fairy chipping to put an early end to his tilt at the trophy.

The scribe himself left it until a little later to wreck his day with a comical attempt to play the second hole. The double figure result included a river excursion and some ordinary work with a six iron, particularly on the green.

Harry Hadfield got the nod over Les McGill to win the New Year's Day Scroungers event. Both players tallied 21 points. Greg Little started 2009 where he left off in 2008 with 20 points followed by Dean Crowe on 19 points.

Les McGill scored a well deserved victory in the 14 hole Veterans competition last week with 32 points. Alan Banks took second spot on 30 points, followed by Jim Tyler, Eric Annandale, Dave Brunswick and Fred Bronickis who all had 29 points.

Scroungers will be on as normal today. Saturday is an 18 Hole Stableford event for the Golf Box trophies.

A nine hole Sunday event will be on with Leisure Day and Veterans played as usual on Tuesday.