

COCKER BOLTS IN FOR THE HENDERSON HARDWARE TROPHY

Denis Cocker played some exceptional golf, recording plus 8, to record an emphatic victory in the Henderson Hardware Par event held at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Cocker trimmed his handicap to single figures with 75 off the stick in a round filled with precision golf shots.

Greg Little survived a count back for the runner up trophy with another good score of plus 5, pushing Dick Earl into third place. Earl is one of the clubs' most supportive members and finishing in the top three is a great result.

On a day of high scoring the trophy donor, Ashley Stewart, followed his previous week's good performance with an excellent round, trimming his handicap further. Brett Smith, Ron Crabbe, Mat Harker and David Broadbent all recorded plus 4, Ian Tweedie, Rod Simmonds and Ross Brody had plus 3 followed by those playing to the CCR on plus 2. This group included Graham Williams, Jeff Crowe, Alex Tweedie and Greg Bell.

Nancy Lynn had plus 3 to claim the ladies section on a count back from new country member Jann Mead. Nearest the pins went to Greg Little, Graham Williams and Rebecca Stewart. Long putts were won by David Broadbent and Ron Annandale and the monster long drive went to Mick Dowling.

Jim Hine was on the right side of the spin, winning the Scroungers competition last Thursday. Hine and Kalev Kutt, who is featuring regularly of late, both had 21 points. Ross Brody, Bryan Simpson, Ed Riley and Clive Pullan had 20 points.

Eric Annandale, Troy Sheppard and Kim Derbyshire were also rewarded with 19 points.

Nancy Lynn made it a double for the week with her 19 points the best of the ladies.

Phil Warburton, who relishes the hot weather, continued his consistent form, scoring 28 points for a well deserved victory in the 14 hole Veterans competition. Bryan Simpson took second on 27 points, followed by Jim Tyler, Alan Banks, Dick Earl and Ed Riley with 25 points.

Fellow 'chalkies', Dean Rakich and Graham Williams made the most of the last week of freedom, for some that is, returning 39 points each in the Leisure Day competition last Tuesday. 'Captain Rak' gained the result on a count back after a polished performance on the back nine.

At the time of writing we don't know whether her 22 points won the Sunday Scroungers game, but Shelley Barker-May doesn't care whether she won or not - holing out on number four was enough to make her day. Shelley hit a perfect four iron on the 100m par 3, and it never looked like missing the hole - and although the bottom of the flag could not be seen from the tee, it was no surprise to Shelley and husband Tony to find the ball nestled in the cup when they arrived at the green. There were no other witnesses - but a group of visitors who had just arrived from Collier Park heard Shelley's scream of delight (as did most of the population of Collie) and they were quickly on hand to give 'Ace' congratulatory hugs and high fives.

Scroungers will be on as normal today. Saturday is an 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford event for the Solstice Group trophies. A 9 Hole Sunday event will be on with Leisure Day and Veterans played as usual on Tuesday.