

MUDLARK MILLER WINS ON SOLSTICE DAY

Bruce Miller proved he had the game to cope with the horrendous wintry conditions to record a narrow victory in the Solstice Group event at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Miller scored a creditable 38 points in the sloppy conditions, to be the only competitor above the CCR of 73 in the field of 57 men and five ladies brave enough to play. Miller described the conditions on the course as 'better than a day at work!'

Ashley Stewart continued his impeccable form, returning 37 points to take the runner up trophy. Stewart has now joined sibling Chris at the top of list in the 'Trizzie' Lawrence consistency award. Alex Bayley enjoyed the 'English' conditions, being on target for a great score, but only limped home with 4 points on the last four holes to take third with 36 points. George Davis made it into the top four trophy positions with 35 points. He accordingly celebrated in style.

Greg Bell took out gross honours and Bill Hunter gained the best visitor position with 34 points. Phil Warburton (NAGA) and Darren 'Wild Thing' Morfitt (Jacket) gained rewards for their efforts, even though the President thought one must have pulled out of the event, going on the score returned.

Alf Sanford on 33 points, Mike Daley, Wayne Waywood and Graham Williams with 32 points along with Ash Hollins, Ken Woods and Dean Rakich, who scored 31 points, all got a mention.

Kaye Farquhar picked up the Ladies trophy after recording 30 points to finish ahead of Bev Moyses on 28 points.

The prestigious event coincides with the shortest day of the year, offering a great array of trophies. At various stages throughout the day it looked like the match committee would have to abandon the game due to the relentless rain, and at times thunder, lightning and hail. However, most of the hardy soles that started, made the finish, displaying the customary determination required to play the grand old game of golf, no matter the conditions.

Solstice members also had the opportunity to unveil their new shirts, with individually embroidered names. One 'larger than life' member, who sheltered for most of the day, will need to return his to add his new royal title, 'Princess Col.'

Eric Annandale warmed up for the weekend with a victory in Scroungers. 'Bullant' returned 20 points for a one point win from Alf Sanford and Jim Moyses on 19 points followed by John Wray, Ron Annandale and Ray Alp with 18 points apiece.

Alan Kent, Wayne Waywood and Denis Cocker won the novelties.

Ernie Sullivan was a popular winner of the Veterans 14 Hole competition last week. He returned 30 points to win from a host of players on 28 points including Ron Annandale, Alan Banks, Jeff Crowe, Neil McDonald and Brian Banks.

Alf Sanford, Harry Hadfield and Frank Battista won the novelties.

Greg Bell had another good day, scoring 38 points to win Leisure Day. Trevor McCormick maintained his consistency with 37 points. The top two were well ahead of the 9 man field.

Saturday is the inaugural Ken Smallwood Multiple Pairs event over 18 holes.

Scroungers is on today, Tuesday is Vets and Leisure Day.