

WRAY TAKES CONTROL IN PAR EVENT

John Wray returned to his brilliant best to have plus five to take out the Tyco Flow Control Par event played at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Wray, who was in the last group off the course, had to survive a count back on the last six holes before securing his first win of the new season.

Joe Italiano had been declared the 'provisional' winner by Vice Captain, Barry Creighton, with only a few cards to come in. However, it was yet another close call and Italiano had to settle for the runner up position for the second time in a month. His score of plus five gained the maximum points in the season long consistency award, hoisting him into top spot after a very solid run of form.

David Laird was rewarded with a trophy for third place with plus four.

Wayne Waywood and Graham Williams were next on plus three followed by George Davis, Phil Warburton, Ken Smallwood and Dean Rakich on plus two. Others to perform well on the day included Ron Annandale and Ernie Sullivan on plus one along with John Brown, Des Hebb, Ray Cooper and Mike Daley on square in the field of 50 players.

Nearest the pins were won by David Broadbent, Graham Williams. Long putts went to Rod Simmonds and Bryan Simpson. John Brown claimed the long drive and nearest the pin double on holes 14 and 15.

Les McGill plans to stay behind the ball from now on after being 'sconed' by one of his playing partners. Luckily he was able to recount the tale and got the all clear after a medical check.

Brett Smith will go into the record books for the shortest drive hit with maximum contact. After a wet week he was able to plug his ball underground less than a centimetre in front of his tee with his drive on the 12th hole. The sight of 'Big Brett' and playing partner Kalev Kutt gazing intently down the fairway looking for the ball and then offering their own opinions as to where it went left the Captain somewhat amused. After pointing out its location to his unfortunate partner it was suggested he use a shovel for his next shot.

Greg White broke through for a win in Scroungers last week. White got the benefit of the spin over Jim Moyses and Greg Martin after all three returned 20 points. Rob Cavanagh and Mike Daley had 19 points followed by Warren Harrison-Brown, Phil Warburton and Ed Riley on 18 points.

Gwen Tanian with 16 points topped the ladies group.

Greg Martin, Ernie Sullivan and Peter Walsh won the novelties.

George Davis finished June in style with a win in the Veterans 14 hole competition last week. Davis tallied 29 points for a two point win over Ross Brody on 27 points. Ray Alp and Jeff Crowe were next with 25 points followed by Frank Battista on 24 points.

Eric Annandale, Phil Warburton, Frank Battista and Les McGill won the novelties.

Dave Czerniawsky had a day out in the Leisure Day event. 'Choppa' blasted his way to 42 points, completely obliterating the small field of 6 players. Clayton Flynn and Jay Robinson were a fair way back on 33 points.

This Saturday's event is a two person Ambrose sponsored by Collie Eagles Football Club.

Scroungers is on today.