

BACK NINE BLITZ GIVES MORAN VICTORY

Leon Moran produced a stellar back nine to come up trumps in the Collie Mowers 'n' More Stroke event at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Moran started the club championship round on the tenth tee, his mission to overhaul current leader Chris Stewart's four stroke buffer. The low marker reeled off a number of birdies to turn in 34 with the prospect of a very good score in the making.

However, Moran was unable to maintain the momentum, and although ultimately playing to his handicap with a nett 72 and winning the event on a count back, his front nine 43 resulted in a solid, but 'could have been much better' round of 77.

Chris Stewart fired a best gross score of 76 to edge further ahead in the 2009 championship with one round remaining, in what is a two horse race.

54 players took part in the event with five of them tied at the top on 72 nett. Clayton Flynn was runner up with Chris Stewart third. Year 9 student Ryan Dye played his best round to finish fourth and Tom Chappell completed the quintet.

Neil Motion, Trevor Lawrence and Ross Davidson played to the CCR with 73 nett followed by Steve Farquhar and Danny Cheng on 74.

In other Championship news, Tom Chappell leads the B grade by five strokes over Jan Van Vollenstee. John Brown leads the Veterans category by one stroke over Greg Bell and Steve Farquhar leads the nett by a handy margin of three over John Brown and Clayton Flynn.

Nearest the pins were won by Neil Motion, Danny Cheng and John Michalak. Alan Kent and Paul Aramini won the long putts with Leon Moran picking up the long drive.

Greg Bell provided a highlight last week with a Hole in One during the Tuesday Leisure Day event. Bell played an impressive looking four iron, but unfortunately, with the pin tucked behind the bunker, he and his playing partners were not aware of the feat until reaching the green. Bell went on to post 39 points for a comfortable win.

David Laird fired a two over round of 38 to pick up 22 points to win Scroungers last Thursday. Ken Tate finished second on 21 points. Mick Finlay with 20 points, Ray McGill on 19 and Head Scrounger, Ed Riley on 18 points, made up the top five.

Alan Kent, Harry Hadfield and Des Hebb won the novelties.

Peter Gray took top spot over Dave Brunswick by virtue of the spin of the wheel in the Vets 14 hole competition last week. The pair returned 24 points.

Alan Davies and Harry Hadfield were next with 23 points apiece.

This Saturday is the Bernardi Brothers' 18 hole fourball Stableford event. There will be extra novelties on offer.

Scroungers is on today. Vets and Leisure Day will be held on Tuesday.