

LARSEN WARMS UP FOR A BRIGHT SUMMER

Jim Larsen took advantage of the pleasant weather to post 41 points in winning the Stableford event held at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Hitting form at this time of the year is always advantageous, with a number of good events held over the summer months, including the Griffin Coal Summer Open in two weeks time.

Brian Banks, Mick Pokrywka, Neil Clarke and Eric Annandale proved to be very popular sponsors as 75 players, the best field for some time, took to the course in pursuit of the generous array of trophies. Jim Moyses maintained his consistent form with 40 points to take the runner up prize. Ken Smallwood snatched third on count back from a handful of others on 39 points, including Ian Tweedie, Mike Daley, Mick Finlay and Ron Annandale.

Leon Moran continues to push his claim for the low marker in the club. Moran had 76 off the stick to win the Gross trophy.

Chris Bliss and Phil Eldridge scored 38 points followed in the top ten by Leon Moran, Steven Ireland and Paul Woolstencroft on 37 points each.

Jim Moyses, Greg Bell and Ron Annandale won nearest to the pins. 'Stumpy' Ireland and Rob Cavanagh took the long putts and Rob Sherwood won the long drive.

Presentations were well attended and a few good laughs were had over the antics of one of the club's colourful members. Phil 'Warby' Warburton got two mentions from his playing group. Firstly for parking his 'Grasshopper' on one partner's foot and secondly for completing the round putting with his driver after modifying his trusty blade to half its usual length.

Colin Naysmith made a blazing return to golf after a month long sabbatical in Phuket. 'Big Col' had a tidy 37 off the stick, including three birdies, to score 24 points for a clear victory. Unfortunately for 'Big Col,' the blistering form failed to hold up over the weekend, prompting his Summer Open fourball partner to insist on him spending two weeks in the 'paddock' to freshen up.

Dean Crowe was second with 22 points followed by Alf Sanford on 21. Bruce Miller, Fred Bronickis and Brian Banks had 20 points and then came a group on 19 points comprising Peter Ellery, Dave Czerniawsky, John Wray, John Michalak, Darren Morfitt and Rod Simmonds.

Stephen Farquhar, Jeff Crowe and Dick Earl won the novelties.

June Pike won the ladies event with 17 points.

Fred Bronickis finished at the top of the field in the Veterans 14 Hole competition last week. Bronickis returned 29 points. The trio of Harry Hadfield, Alf Sanford and Alan Kent were tied at 28 points apiece.

Paul Aramini played his round in two halves to win the Leisure Day competition. 'Ara' started in a blaze of glory with 24 points on the front nine. He wilted slightly in the run home to total 40 points overall, still enough for a one point win over Dave Czerniawsky on 39. Leon Moran and Frank Battista also got a mention with 36 points each.

Sunday Scroungers drew a great field of 29 players. Geoff Lee topped the men's field on 23 points. Kalev Kutt and Gerard Pullan were next on 21 points. Ash Hollins and the ever reliable Mick Finlay also got a reward for 19 and 18 points respectively. Angela Ireland returned 21 points to win the ladies event. Judy Italiano had 18 points with Dion Smallwood 17.

Final scores and award winners in the Eclectic competition have been posted at the club. Denis Cocker was the winner with 57 followed by Clayton Flynn on 59. Tony Barker-May won the B section with 68.

This Saturday is an 18 hole Stableford event sponsored by The Crown Quartet.

Scroungers is on today. Vets and Leisure Day will be held on Tuesday. Sunday Scroungers is also on the weekend.