

BELL CLOSES SEASON IN STYLE

Greg Bell closed out the winter golf season in style with an emphatic victory in the 'Crown Quartet' Stableford event held at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Bell posted 44 points in a career best even par round of 72. The winner, who missed his last fairway in 2007, turned two under the card after scorching around the back nine, and although dropping a couple of shots on the front side, his vast experience stood him in good stead as he completed his round with a two point buffer over the bumper field of 84 players.

Rodney Simmonds, who has been knocking on the door of late, again finished well for 42 points, enough to capture the runner up trophy. Mark Sugget was alone in third place with 41 points on a high scoring day.

Ian Tweedie totalled 40 points on his way to the Gross award for the day, along with Wayne Waywood, Phil Warburton and Jaydon Ellery.

Tony Barker-May, Alan Banks and Dean Crowe played to the CCR of 70 with 38 points each. A host of players on 36 and 37 points rounded out the vouchers.

The 'Quartet,' consisting of good members Mick Finlay, Kalev Kutt, Brett Smith and Rob Roth ensured all participants had a chance of going home with something to assist with Christmas supplies, offering novelty prizes, stayer's draws and a NAGA award. Hugh Annandale was seen dancing across the room to accept his goodies.

Ash Stewart, Steve Farquhar and Ross Davidson won nearest to the pins. Rod Jones and Matt Storen took the long putts and Steve 'The Hammer' Wallace thumped one of the longest balls seen down 15 to win the long drive.

Phil 'Warby' Warburton, who this week let his golf do the talking instead of his misdemeanours, had a spectacular four day stretch on the course. In a purple patch of form, he managed top place finishes in all three starts. 'Warby' started his run with a big 24 points, after 37 off the stick, to win Scroungers last Thursday. Paul Aramini tried his best to run him down with 23, two clear of Les McGill, Neil Motion, Ed Riley and Terry Massara on 21 points each.

Mick Finlay, Denis Cocker, David Broadbent and Michael Stocks all had 20 points.

Peter Walsh, John Wray and Eric Annandale won the novelties.

Bev Moyses won the ladies event with 20 points from June Pike with 19.

Alf Sanford finished at the top of the field in the Veterans 14 Hole competition last week. Sanford returned 29 points ahead of Peter Walsh, Alan Kent and Jim Moyses who all had 26 points.

Jim Lee made another fruitful trip to play in the Leisure Day competition. Lee returned 39 points to come out on top over Jay Robinson with 38 points and Jim Larsen on 37 points.

Sunday Scroungers again drew a great field, with 30 men and seven ladies taking part. Phil Warburton was at his brilliant best again with a count back win to cap off the weekend. 'Warby' just pipped Lou Lukowiak on 22 points apiece. Dean Crowe and Joe Italiano were next on 21 points followed by Des Hebb with 20 points. Kaye Farquhar returned 19 points to win the ladies event. Rhonda McGill and Bev Moyses had 17 points.

This Saturday is an 18 hole Par event sponsored by Bev and Jim Moyses. An altered Summer timesheet is now in operation with a trophy on offer for Associates this week.

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