

SHANNON GAINS REWARD FOR EFFORT

Ian Shannon put his best foot forward to claim a well deserved victory in the Golf Box Stableford competition held at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. 'Shanks' had his fledgling golfing career put on hold for a time last year, courtesy of a broken ankle. After an extended rehabilitation, and plenty of preparation over the short course event on Thursdays, Shannon's scoring potential held up over the 18 holes to amass 44 points, resulting in a clear cut win. His three stroke handicap reduction was well received by the crowd at presentations.

Brad Swan hasn't taken long to find his touch after returning to competitive golf. Swan won a count back for the runner up trophy over the ultra consistent Mike Daley after both returned 41 points.

Scores were high in the 58 man field with 40 points needed to make the top five. Greg Martin and Simone Boccia were tied on that score. Denis Cocker and Jim Moyses had 39 points followed by Dick Earl and Jan Van Vollenstee on 37 points. Ash Stewart, Jeff Crowe, Jim Larsen, Phil Warburton and Ross Brody were all rewarded for their 36 points apiece.

Kaye Farquhar won the Associates event with 39 points from Vicki Graham and Betty White on 38 points.

Nearest the pins were won by Jan Van Vollenstee and Betty White. Long Putts went to Matt Bernardi and Ian Shannon. Paul Aramini was close on 14 and long on 15 to win a novelty double.

Rhonda McGill provided the highlight of the Scroungers event last Thursday with a Hole in One on the 12th hole. A score of one for five bolstered her winning score to 21 points.

Evergreen Veteran Bryan Simpson's win in the men's section was also well received. Simpson and Mark Sobejko each tallied 22 points. Brian Banks and Chris Stewart were next with 21 points. Stewart's total came from 35 off the stick. Neil Motion, Eric Annandale and Des Hebb all returned 20 points. Dave Brunswick, Fred Bronickis and Eric Annandale won the novelties.

Phil Warburton scored a well deserved victory in the 14 hole Veterans competition last week with 31 points. Peter Gray took second spot on 28 points, followed by Alan Kent, Dave Brunswick, Ed Riley and Bryan Simpson on 25 points.

Rob Cavanagh managed his own personal milestone with a victory in the Leisure Day competition last week. Cavanagh got over the line on a count back from Denis Cocker, with both playing to their handicap on a total of 36 points.

Bill Silverman was the best of a small Sunday Scroungers field. Silverman had 21 points to tip out Phil Warburton and Jeff Crowe who had 19 points each.

Scroungers will be on as normal today. Saturday is an 18 Hole Stableford event for the Blue Dolphin Caravan Park trophies. No timesheet is operating this week with the book out early in the morning as usual and a card draw for afternoon players, commencing around noon. A 9 Hole Sunday event will be on with Leisure Day and Veterans played as usual on Tuesday.