

FINLAY AND SMITH 'STAND TALL' FOR CHALLENGE VICTORY

Mick Finlay and Brett Smith paired up to claim the Challenge Chemicals fourball at the Collie Golf Club last Saturday. The affable pair, who typify the attention drawn to all matters 'short or tall,' by one vertically challenged, but jovial Royal Fremantle visitor, recorded 47 points to snatch a popular victory over a quartet of teams with 46 points.

Country members Jim Lee and Norm Oates won the main count back with a tidy 24 points on the back nine to take the runner up trophy, followed by Greg Bell and Denis Cocker who snatched third place. Reliable fourball combinations, Tony Barker-May and Dave Brunswick along with Steve Farquhar and Jim Moyses unluckily had to settle for vouchers for their top five finishes.

Chris Shea provided a highlight by beating 26 of the 32 pairs in the field, returning 45 points playing by himself. The big left hander, who has a touch of 'Bubba Watson' about him, has been in sparkling form, reducing his handicap by another shot to make it three in the last few weeks.

Kevin Ireland must have played well, dragging today's potential 'triple jacket' winner Steven 'Stumpy' Ireland into a good finish on 44 points. Leon Moran and Greg Moyle, Mark Sugget and Joe Italiano, Mat Harker and Ash Stewart as well as Mick Dowling and Chris Stewart rounded things out with their 43 points apiece.

Nearest the pins went to Jim Hine, Ron Annandale and Ian Annandale. The long putts were claimed by Greg Bell and Mark Sugget. Chris Stewart got close to the unofficial distance record to claim the long drive.

Bryan Simpson recorded yet another win in the Scroungers event last Thursday. Simpson tied with Ray Cooper on 20 points, taking the major end of the spoils by virtue of a spin.

Jim Hine and Mick Pokrywka made the top four on 19 points each followed by Alan Banks, Ed Riley, Dave Czerniawsky, Darren Morfitt, Rod Simmonds and Eric Annandale who all had 18 points.

'Big Mick,' Steve Farquhar and Alf Sanford bagged the novelties.

Frank Battista took the Vets competition last week with 30 points in the 14 hole competition. Jeff Crowe, Alf Sanford and Bryan Simpson were next with 28 points.

Dave Czerniawsky repeated the dose from the previous weekend win when he had 44 points to take out the Leisure Day competition last week. Denis Cocker maintained his consistency with 38 points in the field of 8 players.

This Saturday is an 18 hole Stableford event for the Solstice Group trophies. Both Mens and Ladies events are catered for. As usual there will be plenty of reasons for all who can make it, to have a game this week.

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