

Hill Top Golf Notes

Great Queen's Birthday

The start of the report is on a sad note, as usual reporter Jeff Baker is in hospital. Best wishes for speedy recovery Jeff. To keep up the standard of reporting try the old adage "if you want something done ask a busy person"!!!

Saturday was the first day of one of the largest the Queen's Birthday Tournaments on record, and the main winner of the day was the course. Heavy air, damper fairways than the last few weeks, scores not brilliant. However, there is always someone to defy the odds. Dom Crecelli was the great scorer with 41 points to take the bottles from the sponsors De Bortolli wines. Furthermore it was terrific to see visitors from eight different clubs from around regional Victoria represented, with special mention to the "Caravan Crew" of eighteen players from Trafalgar. Probably better at Hill Top than in the rain at home.

In the women's event Helen Murdoch won with 35 points just ahead of Josie Di Ieso 34 points. It's time for a very close examination of the handicaps of these two wonderful competitors. Nearest the pins went to Sally Naylor on the sixth, Marita Cornwall 9th and Joyce Baird 14th. In addition ball winners; or is it called plastic card addition winners these days, were Jan Coe, Lois Rogers and Sally Dyer.

In the Men's event to follow the overall winner in A grade Terry Olney shot 39 points to edge out Darren Carter 38 points. Then in B grade Perry Drazduaskas (our keen and regular player from Echuca) took the bottles with 35 points by count back from Michael Downs. Dom Crecelli easily won C grade and runner up was Richard Lilford from East Geelong with 36 points.

Nearest the pins went to Mark Peacoulakis on the third. Paul Franke on six which was one of the first shots of the day. Danny Dmytriv on ninth and Mark Mullins with a magnificent shot on the fourteenth. Then those who added to their plastic card were Tristan Zito, Jac Farrow, Alex Bell, Danial Maher, Sean McCallister, Tim Dickinson, Bryce Wellington, Jayden Armstrong, Jack Risstrom, Tavee Sauni, Steven Haigh, with cut off at Harold McNair on 33 points to give him bragging rights amongst the Trafalgar caravans.

Sunday was fun day with a medley (any combination) Two Person Gentsomes. For about their tenth year, Bev and David Roberts, with help from Judy Ashcroft, conducted their "soup stall" (plus) on the third to help keep all players warmed and nourished and of course David gave a few odds for the players to hit the green.

The winners of the day were locals Jason Snelling and Michael Telford with a combined score of 81 points well ahead of Tim Davis and Jeremy Holgate, from Mooroopna 73 on countback from Mick Trevaskis and Jack Risstrom. Balls down the line went to Dale Clarke and Jeff Huddle, Sauni Tavae and Sally Dyer (Winchelsea), Sue Turnbull and Francie Mark, Peter Hutton and Ron Pople. There were a mass of nearest the pins prizes which went to Michael Telford and Francie Mark on Third. Ray Williams and Kerren Ludlow on sixth. Jeff Huddle (and jackpot) and Sue De Vries on Ninth and Sue Williams and Ian Outred on the fourteenth. Five of these eight being from Trafalgar Golf Club. Happy caravaners.