

Golfers in hot competition

THIS week the Margaret River Golf Club saw competitions resume after a very busy Christmas/New Year break, with many visitors playing the course during that period.

Thursday's Scroungers saw 92 starters in the Stableford event sponsored by Ron Wettstein and Richard Holt.

The winner on the day was Rod Bedford with 42 points, and runner-up was Peter Boyanich with 40 points on a countback from Matt O'Connell 40.

Rod also won the Gross with 37.

Novelties went to Andre Botha, Matt Pausin, Wayne Hickey, Ray Bennett, Roger Last, Wal Pausin, Daniel Hunt and Rod Bedford.

Saturday's Men's competition was sponsored by Laurie Bedford.

Dave Glasson shot 42 points to win the competition from Mike Lawson 41 points and Geoff Barrett third with 40 points.

Mal Bromley won the Gross with 30 points.

Novelties went to Steve Forward, Mal Bromley, Graham House, Geoff Barrett, Tony Byrne, Preston House, Rod Bedford, Jon Marshall and Mike Lawson with Mal Gray eagling no 17.

The Club sponsored the Sunday's Mixed competition.

Jon Marshall shot a great 43 points to win the day with Rhonda Hearn runner-up with 41 points and Julie Campbell third with 39 points on a countback from Peter Boyanich.

Novelties went to Terry Halsall, Kath Solonec (2), Cody Laskey (2) and Vince Home.

9 Holes competitions

Vets 22.12.2009 saw Hidden Partners Mike Lawson and Ray Atcheson the winners.

Novelties went to Jim Taylor, Robin Lea and Rod Bishop.

5.1.2010 The Vets played Par with Terry Halsall the winner with +3 on a countback from Robin Lea +3.

Novelties went to Terry Halsall, Alan Dale, Jon Beales, Mike Marks and Robin Lea.

Wednesday Women's 9 Holes saw Michele Boyanich the winner with 20 points with Chris Combes runner-up with 19 points.

Phyllis Harper won the novelty.

Twilight saw Mike Marks the winner with 22 points and Val Mowbray runner-up.

Novelties went to Jim Taylor, Mandy Farrell and June Home.

-Mandy Farrell

Vic's first hole in one

SUNDAY'S Mixed Ambrose 2s sponsored by *The Augusta-Margaret River Mail* saw Vic Solonec score his first hole in one.

Vic holed the No 4 Par 3 which is 182 metres long, with all the players helping Vic celebrate his feat after the match.

The winners of the Ambrose 2s were Lyn and Dave Glasson with 62 1/4.

Vic and Kath Solonec were the runners-up with 64 1/4.

Novelties went to Vic Solonec (2) Dave Glasson, Dave Burges (2) and Laurie Barker.

Congratulations to Penny Foy who eagled the Par 5 No 13.

Saturday's Men's competition was sponsored by John Evans and Dave Noske.

Graham Farrell had 39 points to win the competition with Zac Fagan the runner-up with 38 on a countback from Tony Byrne.

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 32.

Novelties went to Jim House, Geoff Harveson, Tony Byrne, Mal Gray, Peter Nicholls, Graham Farrell, Roy Warren, Harry Morgan, Jon Marshall and Rod Bedford.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Eagle Boys Pizza saw Ric Cowan the winner with 41 points.

Runner-up was Rod Bedford with 38 points on a countback from Laurie Bedford 38.

Novelties went to Dean Taylor, Steve Owen, Steve Pease, Jim Triglone, Mark Bonnette (2), Mal Gray, Geoff Barrett, John Beales and Barry Granville.

Geoff Barrett also Eagled No 7.

Wednesday Women's 9 Holes saw Jo Pyatt the winner with 19 points.

Runner-up was Chris Combes with 17 points and Renea Lea won the Novelty.



CONGRATULATIONS: Vic Solonec celebrating his hole in one on Sunday.

Twilight saw Dave Burges win the Men's with 21 points and Blake Glover runner-up with 19.

Angie Burges won the Women's with 18 points with Denise Warren the runner-up with 17.

Novelties went to Rhonda Zanich, Denise Warren and June Home.

-Mandy Farrell

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Golfers swing ahead

PREVELI Wines sponsored Thursday's Scroungers with another large field playing in the Par Plus competition.

Junior Blake Glover scored +5, winning on a countback from Colin Andrews +5 and Mark Worth +5.

Preston House won the Gross with -3.

Novelties were awarded to Mark Worth, Bill Pascoe, Mal Bromley, Ray Scott, Mark Bonnette, Roy Hobson, Steve Owen, Peri McGee, Daniel Hunt and Preston House.

The Veterans sponsored the Men's Stableford competition on Saturday.

Visitor Byron Winburn-Clarke won the day with a score of 42 points.

Novelties went to Zac Fagan (2), Murray Wilson, Jim Triglone, Terry Halsall, Graham Bedgood, Peter Boyanich, Matt O'Connell, Mal Gray and Daniel Hunt.

The Club hosted the Sunday's Mixed Australia Day

competition and Aussie barbecue.

Ricky Coates won the day with 39 points.

Peri McGee was runner-up with 37 points and Graham Farrell was third with 36 points.

Novelties went to Rhianna Davies, Peter Boyanich, Rhonda Hearn, Steve Owen, Daniel Hunt and Di Gordon.

Tuesday's Vets saw Jim Taylor the winner with 20 points, Rod Bishop was runner-up with 19 points and Laurie Bedford, Mike Croxford and Bob Garman all won novelties.

Twilight on Friday saw John Agnew the winner with 21 points on a countback from John Webster.

June Home was third with 19 points.

Novelties went to Allison Kelly, John Webster and June Home.

-Mandy Farrell

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Dave's Albatross



RARE ACHIEVEMENT: Dave "Tiger" Noske celebrates his Albatross.

MARGARET River Golf Club players saw history in the making at last Thursday's Scroungers when member Dave Noske scored an Albatross - a 2 on the Par 5 13th hole, which measures 467m.

Albatross is a term for a double eagle, or 3-under par on any one hole.

David hit his second shot from about 230m from the hole, which was out of view due to the slight rise of the fairway.

At the time member Geoff Barrett was putting out on the 13th green when a fellow player said "watch out, here comes a ball".

Geoff backed away only to see David's ball roll between his legs and into the hole.

David was unaware at the time as to what had happened and only realised that he had scored an Albatross when he reached the green, scoring a 2 for 6 points.

It is the first known Albatross to be scored in Club competition in the 55-year history of the Club, an amazing golfing feat, with the odds one in six million, which may not happen again.

Celebrations of David's Albatross carried over into the Clubhouse after presentations and no fine was incurred for hitting up on the group in front.

Well done "Tiger" Noske.

In other golf news, Dean Taylor won Scroungers sponsored by Laurie Bedford shooting 41 points.

Mike Lawson was runner-up with 39 on a countback from Mark Worth.

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 34.

Novelties went to Jon Farrell (3), Matt O'Connell, Geoff Harveson, Andre Botha, Vic Solonec, Barry Granville, Preston House, Dean Taylor and David Noske.

Dave Coates and Jeff Hedstrom sponsored

Saturday's Men's Stroke Competition.

Steve Owen won the day with 64 nett with Mal Bromley runner-up with 68 and Jim House third with 71.

John Bell won the Gross with 82.

Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Laurie Bedford, Mal Bromley, John Brady, Dave Glasson, Mick O'Hara, Matt O'Connell, and Richard Catchpole with Matt O'Connell winning the putting competition with 25 putts.

Sunday's Mixed Competition sponsored by Labelworld was played in searing 38 degrees which didn't seem to bother Vic Solonec, who won the day with 40 points on a countback from Peter Norris 40 points.

Peter Boyanich won the Men's Gross with 27 and Penny Foy won the Women's Gross with 20 points.

Novelties went to Bill Taplin, Mick O'Hara, Peter Boyanich, Roger Last and Graham Farrell.

The Veterans played Stableford this week with Jim Taylor the winner from John Agnew and Mal Bromley.

Novelties went to Robin Lea, Vic Solonec and Roy Garstone.

Wednesday Women's 9 Holes saw Michele Boyanich the winner with 20 points with Joan Garstone the runner-up with 17 points and Rhonda Zanich third with 16 points.

Jan James won the novelty.

Twilight saw Rob Hearn the winner with 21 points, while John Mashman was runner-up with 20 points on a countback from Rhonda Zanich 20 points.

Novelties went to Jim Taylor, Penny Foy and Vince Home.

-Mandy Farrell

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Skilful bunch of mugs

THE Saturday's Men's competition played their first Monthly Mug trophy for the season sponsored by Margaret River Print.

Life Member of the Club Roy Hobson shot a 69 nett to win the competition and win the Monthly Mug.

Runner-up was Peter Nicholls with 71 and third was Mick O'Hara 72 on a countback from Jeff Hedstrom.

Gross winner was Steve Owen.

Novelties went to Nick Taplin, Jason Solonec, Robin Lea, Dave Noske, Dave Glasson, Greg Cura, Gary Wightman, Mick O'Hara and Richard Catchpole with Peter Nicholls winning the putting competition with 27 putts.

Sunday's Mixed competition was sponsored by Rosilly Wines.

Matt O'Connell had 38 points to win the day with Rhonda Hearn runner-up on a countback from Mick O'Hara with 37 points.

Daniel Hunt won the Gross with 29 and Penny Foy won the Women's Gross with 20.

Novelties went to Richard Catchpole, Dave Glasson, Julie Campbell, Rhonda Hearn, Mick O'Hara and Michael Kelly. Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Down South Wholesalers saw Ron

Weststein win the competition on a 3 way countback with 40 points from Cliff Garstone and Vic Solonec.

Rod Bedford won the Gross.

Novelties went to Mike Lawson, Vince Home, John Webster, Ray Mann, Vic Solonec, John O'Connor, Richard Holt, Rod Bedford (2) and Dean Taylor.

The Veterans played Stableford with Jim Morris the winner with 22 points on a countback from Ray Atcheson.

Novelties went to Ray Atcheson, Kevin Parker, Vic Solonec and Bill Ivey. Wednesday Women saw Jo Pyatt the winner with 18 points with Val Rangnow the runner-up with 17 points.

Friday Twilight saw husband and wife Dave and Angie Burgess win the Men's and the Women's, Dave having 21 points and Angie 18 points.

Blake Glover was runner-up in the Men's with 19 and Denise Warren the runner-up in the Women's with 17.

Novelties went to Rhonda Zanich, Denise Warren and June Home.

-Mandy Farrell

MUG MAN: Roy Hobson with his Monthly Mug trophy.



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At last, a hole in one for Roger

MARGARET River Golf Club saw its second hole in one in as many weeks, with Roger Last scoring his first hole in one on Saturday, on No 15 128 metre Par 3 while playing in the 4BBB competition.

This is the first hole in one for Roger since he started playing more than 30 years ago.

The 4BBB competition sponsored by the Chalkies saw Steve Britton and Matt O'Connell win the day with 50 points.

Runners-up were Zac Fagan and Jason Solonec with 48 while Todd and Blake Glover were third with 47 points.

Zac Fagan also scored an Eagle on No 7.

Novelties went to Roger Last (2), Mike O'Hara, Daniel Hunt, Todd Glover, Dave Glasson, Rod Bedford (2), Zac Fagan and Dave Goodall.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by Life Member Norm Scott.

The Stableford competition saw Jon Farrell the winner with 43 points, Mick O'Hara runner-up with 42 and Rick Cowan third on a countback from Peter Nicholls.

Kerrod Gray won the Gross.

Novelties went to Rod Bedford, Rob Young, Vic Solonec, Peter Nicholls, Matt O'Connell, Carl Hurley.

Sunday Mixed Competition sponsored by Labelworld saw Brian Zanich the winner with 38 points.

Runner-up was Daniel Hunt with 36 on a countback from Blake Glover third 36.

Daniel won the Men's Gross with 28 and Rhonda Hearn the women's with 22.

Novelties went to Peter Boyanich, Kath Solonec, P Kapuschinski, Mal Bromley, Lyn Glasson and Kath Solonec.

The Veterans play the first Round of their Championship this week with Mike Lawson the leader on 33 nett.

Abe Huisken is in second position with 33 1/2.

Novelties went to Stuart McKechnie, Vic Solonec and Bob Garman.

Wednesday Women's 9 Holes saw Angie Burges the



STRAIGHT IN: Roger Last after his hole in one on Saturday.

winner with +2 and Marian Squance runner-up with +1. Angie also won the novelty.

Bill Taplin won Twilight this week with 22 points while Rhonda Hearn was runner-up on a countback with 19 points from Colleen Marks.

No Twilight this week due to the Trade Day on Friday.

-Mandy Farrell

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Vets choose their champions

THE Margaret River golf veterans played their second and final round of the Vets Championships on Tuesday.

Michael Marks was crowned the Vets Champion shooting 71 nett, while runner-up Mike Lawson had 72 nett.

Mike Lawson won the Gross with 90 on a countback from Rod Bishop.

Novelties went to Roy Hobson, Bill Taplin and John Beales.

Kevill's Electrical sponsored Thursday's Scroungers Stroke competition with Graham Sargeant winning the day, shooting 66 nett.

Runner-up was Gordon Smith with 67 and third was John Agnew with 68.

Dean Taylor won the Gross with 76 and novelties went to Rob Young, Peter Boyanich, Marc Halsall, Barry Granville, Mike O'Connor, Robin Lea, Andre Botha, Rob Dewar and Graham Farrell.

Watershed Wines sponsored the Men's Saturday competition with Terry Halsall winning the day with 40 points on a countback



BRAVO: Vets Champion Mike Marks with Vets captain Terry Halsall.

from Jim House.

Blake Glover was third with 39 on a countback from Graham Farrell.

Matt O'Connell won the Gross with 29 and novelties went to Graham Bedggood, Mike Bolas, Daniel Hunt, Nic Taplin, Geoff Barrett, Peter Boyanich, Blake Glover, Brian Carter and Rod Bedford.

Sunday's mixed competi-

tion was sponsored by the Club.

Jo Pyatt won the day with 43 points, runner-up was Blake Glover with 42 points and special mention to Mike Kelly who had 41 points.

Novelties went to Ricky Coates, Daniel Hunt, Denise Warren, Mandy Farrell, Mike Kelly and Rhonda Hearn.

Blake Glover won the

Men's Gross with 31 and Ricky Coates won the Women's Gross.

The Wednesday Women 9 holers saw Val Meleri the winner with 18 points with Mary Taylor runner-up with 17 points.

Lorna West won the novelty.

-Mandy Farrell

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Water win to put course on par with world's best

Golf Club's green dream

By Kate Jowett

THE Margaret River Golf Club is a step closer in its quest to go green, thanks to a State funding boost.

Last week Member for Vasse Troy Buswell MLA and Member for the South West region Barry House MLC announced the Augusta-Margaret River Shire and golf club would receive more than \$260,000 for its water recycling project.

The funding will go towards the installation of grey water irrigation from Gloucester Park to the Margaret River Golf Course.

It has been a 10-year battle for the golf club to access recycled water, which started when the club tried, on its own, to negotiate water from the Gnarabup treatment plant.

Through joining forces with the shire they were able to access the \$260,000 from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund and hope to benefit from the grey water irrigation by next year.

Former club president and long-time campaigner for the water recycling project Laurie Bedford said the funding was welcome news.

"We have a very, very good golf course," he said.

"With the water our course will be in excellent condition all year round.

"About 10,000 tourists play that course every year, and that's not counting the ones who come here just to look at the kangaroos.

"Summer is the best time of year to play weather wise, but it is also when the course is at its worst."

In order to complete the project, the golf club will need to raise a further \$300,000.

Mr Bedford said the club was discussing ways to do this and was confident it should be able to access the funds through a bank loan.

Shire president Ray Colyer congratulated the Golf Club on their efforts to improve the golf course and reduce reliance on local aquifers for supplying water.

"Hopefully this should be the last summer that we will need to use water from the Margaret River to irrigate our sporting grounds," he said.

Director of infrastructure services Wayne Prangnell said the town now had a sustainable water supply that would grow with the population.



OVERJOYED: Margaret River Golf Club president Ray Mann (left) and long-time recycled water project campaigner Laurie Bedford celebrate gaining more than \$260,000 for grey water irrigation.

O'Farrell, Agnew take Vets crown

MANDY FARRELL

THE Veterans held their annual Ladies Day at the Margaret River Golf Club, with the wives playing in the Vets Competition. The winner for the Men was Mathew O'Farrell with 21 points with Mike O'Connor runner up with 20 points. The winner of the Ladies was Jenny Agnew with 15 points with Kath Solonec runner up with 12 points. Novelties went to Mike O'Connor, Mike Beale and Ray Atcheson.

Scroungers saw 74 players brave the 36 degree weather and not affecting the scores. Graham Farrell shot 43 points to win the day with Steve Pease runner up with 42 points and Mike O'Connor third with 41 points. Matt O'Connell won the gross with 31. Novelties went to Dan Hunt, Ken McKenzie, Geoff Barrett, Rob Young, Terry Halsall, Jim Taylor, Mark Worth, Ian Misch, Adrian Castle and Rob Young.

Twilight Golf on Friday saw June Home the winner with 20 points. Vince Home was runner up with 19 points and Bill Taplin third 19 points. Novelties went to Rhonda Hearn, Bill Taplin and Vince Home.

Saturday's Men's Stableford's winner was Wayne Clarke with 38 points on a countback from Richard Catchpole 38 with Bill Taplin third with 37. Richard Catchpole won the Gross with 30. Novelties went to Rod Edwards, Wayne Clarke, Vic Solonec, Richard Catchpole, Bill Taplin, Geoff Holman, Paul Gribble and Jim Trig-lone.

Sunday's Mixed 4BBB competition saw the combination of Dave Burges and Steve Owen the winners on a countback with 45 points from Roy and Denise Warren 45 points.

To all the Women members please note that 18 Holes resumes on the March 10 and will be an Ambrose 2s competition. Names in by 9am.

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Twilight season winds up

FIRST National sponsored the Men's Monthly Mug on Saturday.

The Stroke competition saw Dave Glasson shoot 69 nett to win the competition and the Mug.

Runner-up was Jon Marshall with 70 on a countback from Steve Owen 70.

Steve scored the Gross prize with 78.

Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Dave Glasson, Kim Fish, Daniel Hunt, Billy Taplin, Mike Lawson, Matt O'Connell, Barry Granville, Blake Glover with Matt O'Connell winning the putting competition with 23 putts.

Sunday mixed competition was sponsored by Southwest Audiology.

Geoff Harveson had 36 points to win on a countback from Mike Croxford with Leonie Bell third with 35 points.

Jeff Hedstrom won the Men's Gross with 23 and Leonie Bell won the Women's with 24.

Novelties went to Allison Kelly (2), Rhonda Hearn, Lyn Glasson and John Bell.

Thursday's Scroungers Stroke competition was sponsored by Catchy's Cabinets and Glass.

Mark Tugwood shot 68 nett to win the day with Don Bradencamp runner-up with 70 and Graham Payne third with 71.

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 78.

Novelties went to Mike Basford, Bill Guest, Rob Dewar, Graham Farrell, Terry Halsall, Jeff Hedstrom, Adrian Castle, Gary Wightman, Paul Morgan and Tony Combes. Bill Taplin eagled No 1.

The Veterans played Stableford this week with Abe Huisken the winner with 23 points.

Runner-up was John Webster on 22 points.



HAPPY MUG: March Monthly Mug winner Dave Glasson.

Novelties went to John Webster and Vic Solonec.

Wednesday saw the final 9 holes being played before 18 holes resumes this week.

Chris Combes won the competition with 19 points, runner-up was June Home with 16 points, with Colleen Marks winning the novelty.

The final Twilight for the season was played on Friday night.

Dave Glasson won the Men's with 17 points with Blake Glover runner-up with 16 on a countback from Tony Foy.

Bernadette Campbell won the Women's with 19 points with Doris Arthur runner-up with 17 on a countback from Rhonda Hearn.

Novelties went to Jim Taylor and Dave Glasson.

- Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Freo visitors enliven golf

THE Vets at the Margaret River Golf Course saw a three-way countback with Ray Bennett the winner with +4 from Bob Garman and Michael Croxford last week. Bob Garman, Tony Fox and Bill Taplin won novelties.

The women played their first 18-hole fixture for the season, which was an Ambrose 2s. Chris Combes and Joan Garstone won with 64 1/4 from Wendy Campbell and Lorna West with 68. Rhonda Zanich, Marion Squance, Alison Kelly, Chris Combes and Simone Bedford won novelties.

Thursday Mens Scroungers' winner was Andre Botha with 41, second Adrian Castle with 40 on a countback from David Noske. Novelties went to Steve Owen, Matt O'Connell, Michael O'Hara, Carl Hurley, Cliff Garstone and Michael Lawson.

Saturday Men's golf saw a large contingent from Royal Fremantle join in the competition and play in very warm conditions. This event was won by Rocky Defelice with 39 points on a countback from Ray Scott and Mark Randall 38 was third. Novelty winners were Joe Broadhurst, Max Henderson, Graham Bedggood, Peter Boyanich and B Carter.

The Mixed competition on Sunday's winner was Geoff Harveson on 36 points on a countback from Michael Croxford and Leonie Bell third with 35 points. Alison Kelly, Rhonda Hearn, Lyn Glasson and John Bell won novelties.

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MR golf

WEDNESDAY Women's 1st Silverspoon was sponsored by Vicki Dryden and Julie Errey.

Sue Bloxam shot 79 off the stick, 70 nett, to win the Silverspoon and A Grade.

Wendy Campbell was runner up with 73 on a countback from Kath Solonec 73.

Val Rangnow won B Grade with 72 on a countback from Marg Croxford 72 and Joan Garstone was third with 74. Rhonda Hearn won the putting competition with 27 putts on a countback from Kerry Farrelly.

Novelties went to Rhonda Hearn, Rhonda Zanich, Kath Solonec, Marg Croxford, Wendy Campbell, Val Meleri, Mary Taylor, Kerry Farrelly and Bernadette Campbell.

Capewest Financial Services Ryan Miller sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Vince Home had 45 points to win the day, Steve Hughes was runner-up with 42 on a countback from Greg Cura.

Marc Halsall won the Gross with 32 and novelties went to Mal Gray, Jon Beales, Bill Guest, Murray Wilson, Rob Dewar, Steve Owen, Dean Taylor, Daniel Hunt.

Bill Talpin and Jim Trigone sponsored the Men's Stableford competition. Dave Noske won the day with 43 points. Greg Cura was runner up with 40 points on a countback from Henri Liebenberg.

Novelties went to Steve Owen, Bill Taplin, Dave Noske, Ken McKenzie, Dave Glasson, Dean Taylor, Terry Halsall and Ray Scott.

Riverview Tourist Park sponsored Sunday's Ambrose 2's and supplied a welcomed sausage sizzle after the game. Vince Home and Matt O'Connell shot 63 1/4 to win the first prize. Gary Clemens and Henri Liebenber were runners up with 64 1/4 and Penny and Tony Foy were third with 64 3/4. Novelties went to Penny Foy, Kath Solonec, Dave Glasson, Henri Liebenberg and Brian Zanich.

The Veterans played Stableford with Jim Taylor the winner with 21 points on a countback from Alan Dale and Mike O'Connor. Vince Home and John Beales won the novelties with Alan Thwaites, Jim Taylor and Vic Solonec having birdies on No 8.

- Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Competition heats up on the green

COMPETITIONS are back in full swing at the Margaret River Golf Course.

This week the Women recommenced their 18-hole season for 2010.

The par event was sponsored by Angie Burges and Mary Beck. A-Grade winner was Val Meleri with +3 followed by Ricki Coates with +2 and Di Gordon third with square.

B-grade was won by Jo Pyatt with +4, with Michele Boyanich

runner-up with +3 and Jan James third with square.

Kerry Farrelly won the Gross with -8.

Novelties went to Colleen Marks, Vicki Dryden, Rhonda Hearn, Val Mowbray, Bernadette Campbell, Mary Taylor, Ricki Coates, Carolyn Scott and Simone Bedford.

Birdies went to Sue Bloxam on 13 and 16 and Kerry Farrelly on 6, 7 and 8.

Thursday's Scroungers was

sponsored by Riverview Tourist Park.

The Stableford Event saw Bob Garman the winner with 41 points and runner-up was Steve Owen with 40 on a countback from Phil McQueen, 40.

Rod Bedford won the gross with 33 and novelties went to Daniel Hunt, Todd Armstrong, Mal Bromley, Blake Glover, Preston House, Cliff Garstone, J. Ellis, Carl Hurley and Mark Tugwood.

The Veterans played Stableford on Tuesday and the competition saw Mike Lawson the winner with 22 points and Roy Hobson the runner-up with 20 points from Robin Lea.

Novelties went to Mike O'Connor, Mike Marks and Dave Glasson.

Members please note that competition fees for members have increased to \$8.

- Mandy Farrell

Ray celebrates 50 years of golfing

RAY Atcheson celebrated a membership milestone last week, marking his 50th year as a member of the Margaret River Golf Club.

He joined in 1960 and has been instrumental in the development of the club during that time.

Mr Atcheson sponsored the Vets competition, which saw Vince Home win the prize with 23 points with Mike Marks runner-up with 22 points.

Novelties went to Vic Solonec, Rod Bishop and John Agnew.

Wednesday Women's was sponsored by Patsy Bedford and Lesley Folkard.

The Stableford event saw Rosemary Basford win A Grade with 38 points.

Julie Campbell was runner-up with 37 points and Vicki Dryden was third with 36.

Visitor Mandy Pyvis from Nedlands won B Grade with 42 points.

Runner-up was Jo Pyatt with 38 and Mary Taylor was third with 36.

Sue Bloxam won the Gross with 24.

Novelties went to Kerry Farrelly, Tiny Bell, Phyllis Harper, Rosemary Basford, Mandy Pyvis, Simone Bedford, Jan James, Joan Garstone and Wendy Campbell.

Smik Cleaning sponsored Thursday's Scrounger Stableford competition.

Gary Wightman won the day with 44 points.

Mark Worth was runner-up with 41 points and Tony Byrne was third with 40 points.

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 31. Novelties went to Rick Cowan, Peter Boyanich, Mark Tugwood, Matt O'Connell, Steve Hughes, Dave Benson, Wayne Clark, John Ritchie, Blake Glover.

Saturday's Monthly Mug was sponsored by Energy Surfboards, Ken MacKenzie.

Dave Noske shot 67 nett to win the competition and the Mug on a countback from Dave Benson 67 with Vic Solonec third with 68 nett.

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 77.

Novelties went to Gary Wightman, Richard Catchpole, Preston House, Blake Glover, Peter Nicholls, Matt O'Connell, Nathan Browner, Peri McGee and Ray Scott.

Sunday's Mixed Event was sponsored by Laurance Wines.

Penny Foy shot 41 points to win the day with Di Gordon runner-up with 39 points and Zac Fagan third with 38.

Sue Bloxam won the Gross with 28 points.

Novelties went to Terry Halsall, Kath Solonec, Daniel Hunt, Rhonda Hearn, Mick O'Hara and Zac Fagan.

– Mandy Farrell



GOLDEN: Ray Atcheson pictured with Vets Winner Vince Home.

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Season in full swing

THE 2010 season was officially opened at the Margaret River Golf Club last week.

As per tradition, club patron Doris Arthur hit the first ball of the season straight down the fairway to the applause of the players.

The Canadian Foursome's competition saw Vince Home and Sue Bloxam win the day with 67 5/8. Runners up were Leonie Bell and Gary Evershed with 69 1/4 and third on a countback were Peter and Michele Boyanich with 70 7/8. Novelties went to Peter Boyanich, Gary Evershed (2), Sue Bloxam, Laurie Bedford and Mandy Farrell.

Saturday's Men's Monthly Mug sponsored by the captain and vice captains saw Terry Halsall shoot 68 nett to win the Mug and 1st Prize, on a countback from Preston House 68, Ray Scott was third with 69 and 4th was Bill Taplin with 70. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 79. Novelties went to Dean Taylor, Greg Cura, Bill Guest, Graham Bedggod, Ken MacKenzie, Peri McGee, Murray Wilson, Terry Halsall, Matt O'Connell, Ray Scott, with Mick O'Hara winning the putting competition with 25 putts.

Bob Imray had 42 points to win Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Margaret River First National. Steve Owen was runner up with 40 points on a countback from Terry Halsall. Steve won the Gross with 33. Novelties went to Lindsay Quann, Greg Cura, Mal Bromley, Preston House, Bob Imray, Mike Lawson, Phil McQueen, Steve Owen, Gary Wightman and Tony Byrne.

Wednesday Women's was sponsored by Kerry Farrelly and Joan Garstone. The par event saw Leonie Bell win A Grade with +2,



TRADITION: Club patron Doris Arthur hits the first ball of the Season for 2010 at the Margaret River Golf Club last week.

Runner up was Sue Bloxam square on a countback from Kerry Farrelly. Joan Garstone won B Grade with +4, but as sponsor the prize went to Mandy Farrell with +1, Jan James was runner up with square on a countback from Colleen Marks square. Novelties went to Penny Foy, Mandy Farrell, Ricky Coates, Allison Kelly, Joan Garstone, Rhonda Hearn, Val Mowbray, Sue Bloxam and Libby Dawson.

Mike Lawson won the Vets on Tuesday sponsored by Rod Bishop with 22 points. Laurie Bedford was runner up with 21 points with Novelties going to John Agnew, Terry Halsall, Mike Lawson, Alan Dale and Bill Ivey.

Val Meleri won Friday 9 Holes with 26 points. Val Mowbray was runner up with 19 points and Val also won the novelty.

- Mandy Farrell

Margaret River golf results

MARGARET River Golf Shop sponsored the Margaret River Augusta Invitational on Wednesday.

Augusta and Margaret River ladies joined forces for the 4BBB event.

Julie Campbell and Leanne Ethridge won the event with 45 points. Runners-up were Joyce Challis and Rosemary Basford with 42 points on a countback from Mary Collier and Patsy Bedford 42. Novelties went to Patsy Bedford (2), Val Mowbray, Rosemary Basford, Libby Dawson, Julie Campbell, Allison Kelly, Barbara Webster, Jill Perkins and Libby Dawson.

Dave and Angie Burgess sponsored Thursday's Scrounger competition. Ken MacKenzie shot 43 points to win the day, with Jo Broadhurst runner-up with 40 points and Phil McQueen third with 39 points. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 31. Novelties went to Marc Halsall, Kim Fish, Matt O'Connell, Jeff Hedstrom, Jon Farrell, Jim Taylor, Barry Granville, Leon Parish, Larry De Jong and Mark Worth.

Saturday's Stableford competition was sponsored by Settlers Holdings. Daniel Hunt shot 41 points to win with Ken MacKenzie runner-up with 39 points. Matt O'Connell won the Gross with 32. Novelties went to Paul Gribble, Matt O'Connell, Ray Scott, Nathan Browner, Terry Halsall and Steve Britton.

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Action from the golfing green

THE Wednesday Women played the second Silverspoon for the season, sponsored by Lorna West and Val Rangnow.

The Stroke competition saw Wendy Campbell shoot 73 nett to win the Silverspoon and also pick up first prize in A Grade. Sue Bloxam was runner up in A Grade with 74 nett on a three way countback from Patsy Bedford and Kerry Farrelly. Sue also won the Gross with 83. Simone Bedford won B Grade with 75 nett with Jan James runner up with 77 on a countback from Marge Croxford 77.

Novelties went to Rhonda Hearn, Chris Combes (2), Ricky Coates, Michele Boyanich (2) Penny Foy, Val Meleri, Kerry Farrelly, Simone Bedford and Kerry Farrelly winning the putting competition with 27 putts.

Halsall and Associates sponsored Scroungers Par Plus competition. Nathan Browner had +8 to win the

day with Rod Bedford runner up with +7 and Greg Stephen third with +5. Steve Owen won the Gross with -2.

Novelties went to John Agnew, John Cranfield, Dave Noske, Mike Lawson, Dave Massie, Mark Ferguson, Barry Granville and Dean Taylor.

Saturday Men's Competition was sponsored by Stocker Preston. Visitor Ronald Grossi won the day with 40 points, runner up was Brian Zanich with 38 points on a countback from Mick O'Hara. Ron Trezise won the Gross with 31.

Novelties went to Ron Trezise, Rod Bedford, Steve Owen, Perri McGree, Brian Seed, Matt O'Connell, Brian Zanich, Gary Wightman, and Steve Britton.

Sunday's Mothers Day Stableford competition saw Brian Zanich the winner with 39 points. Mick O'Hara was runner up with 37.

Novelties went to Anthony Jones,

Bill Taplin, Vince Home, Gary Wightman, Mandy Farrell and Julie Campbell. The BBQ after the match was enjoyed by all members who stayed.

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SPORT

Margaret River Golf Club results

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Augusta and Margaret River ladies joined forces for the 4BBB event.

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MR golf weekend draws a crowd

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The Hotel provided great prizes, novelties and food for all the players, from more than 15 different WA Golf Clubs.

The men's winner of the 36 Hole Nett event was Jeff Pitts from Bunbury with 78 on a countback from Harvey's Kevin Burton.

Gross winner was Troy Murphy from Mandurah with 63, runner-up was Steve Owen from Margaret River 58, nett third Rhys Owen 76 and nett fourth John Ritchie 74.

The women's 36 nett winner was Tricia Borgward from Serpentine with 73, runner-up was Susie Munroe from Nedlands. Rhianna Davies from Lake Karrinyup was the 36 hole gross winner with 50, net third was Sue Good from Nedlands 70, 4th was Vicki Frost from Dunsborough with 69 and nett fifth was Shirley Mashman from WAGC.

Day winners were John Mashman 39, Ian Luk 39, Val Wyld 38, Carolyn Cross 42.

The 4BBB on Friday, also sponsored by the Margaret River Hotel, saw Kevin Burton and Roland



GOOD SHOT: Roy Hobson tees off at the Margaret River Hotel Golf weekend.

Huish win with 44 from Steve Britton and Angie Burges 44.

In Other competitions during the week the women played Par on Wednesday sponsored by the Club.

Simone Bedford shot +4 to win the day with Bernadette Campbell runner-up with +3 and Rhonda Hearn third with square.

Novelties went to Rhonda Hearn, Simone Bedford, Chris Combes, Penny Foy, Val Mowbray, Kerry Farrelly and Libby Dawson. Rhonda Hearn won the gross with -12.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by Graeme Firey Payne.

John Bell shot 65 nett to win on

a countback from Jo Broadhurst 65, third was Ray Bennett with 66 and 4th was Geoff Hedstrom.

Marc Halsall was the gross winner with 74.

Novelties went to Baz Granville, Mark Worth, Rob Dewar, Mike Basford, Stewart Campbell, Ken Mackenzie, Wayne Clarke, Derek Flanagan and Marc Halsall.

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Novelties went to Mike O'Connor, Dave Skinner and Arthur West.

Friday nine holes saw Jo Pyatt the winner with 20 points.

Mary Taylor was runner-up with 20 and third John Webster with 19 points.

June Home won the novelty.

— Mandy Farrell

Augusta Golf Club

Augusta Golf Club ladies golf results, June 2.

Thanks to Augusta Thrifty Link Hardware for sponsoring the day.

Marian Harwood won the day on a fantastic 68 nett closely followed by Judy Anderson on 69 nett.

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Plenty of players eager to get out on the green

THE Margaret River Golf Club held the 2010 4BBB Championships on the weekend.

The two-day event was sponsored by Margaret River Cowaramup Electrical Services. An impressive 43 and 46 for a total of 89 saw the combination of Cody Laskey and Henri Liebenberg win the championship. Runners up were Preston House and Laurie Bedford with 86. Day one winners were Jo Broadhurst and Jeff Hedstrom with 44 and day two winners were Mick O'Hara and Mal Bromley with 48. Novelties went to Terry Halsall, Mike Basford, Geoff Barrett, Jim Triglone, Ray Mann, Mal Gray, Preston House, Laurie Bedford, Bill Taplin, Ray Mann.

Wednesday saw the women play the Orange Ball day sponsored by the captain and vice captains. The winner was Mandy Farrell with 35 points on a countback from Wendy Campbell 35. Third was Bernadette Campbell with 34. The winning team, scoring 34 points with the orange ball, was Phyllis Harper, Di Gordon and Val Mowbray. Novelties went to Julie Campbell, Bernadette Campbell, Joan Garstone, Leonie Bell and Kerry Farrelly and the best dressed award went to Marge Croxford. Eagle Boys Pizza sponsored Thursday's Scroungers Stableford competition. Dave Benson shot 39 points with win on a countback from Richard Holt. Tom

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— Mandy Farrell

Women in the swing for Silverspoon

THIS week the women played the fourth Silverspoon and second International Bowl at the Margaret River Golf course.

Libby Dawson shot 72 nett to win the Silverspoon and B Grade, Val Mowbray was runner-up with 74 and Jo Pyatt was third with 76.

A Grade winner was Alison Kelly with 73 nett, runner-up was Kerry Farrelly with 75 and third was Sue Bloxam, 76.

Sue also won the Gross with 85. Novelties went to Phyllis Harper, Mary Taylor, Colleen Marks, Mandy Farrell, Kerry Farrelly, with Mandy Farrell winning the putting competition with 29 putts. Birdies went to Wendy Campbell and Phyllis Harper.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by Geoff McIntosh. Roy Warren had 40 points to win

on a countback from Geoff Barrett with Graham Payne third with 39. Dean Taylor won the gross with 29 and novelties went to Geoff Barrett, Greg Byrne, Mike O'Connor, Henri Liebenberg, Adrian Castle, Rod Bedford and Dean Taylor.

Fishbone Wines sponsored this Month's Monthly Mug.

Terry Halsall shot 68 nett to win the Mug and the day. Bill Taplin was runner-up with 70 and Ray Scott was third with 71.

Graeme Bedggood won the gross with 82 and novelties went to Preston House, Mark Fergusson, Rhys Dickenson, Richard Catchpole, Ben Melville, Tony Byrne, Mick O'Hara, Bill Taplin with Ray Scott winning the putting competition with 23 putts.

Clownfish sponsored Sunday's

Stableford competition. Angie Burges had 38 points to beat husband Dave Burges with 37 points. Rosemary Basford was third with 36.

Gross went to Rob Dewar, 25, and Penny Foy, 21, and novelties went to Dave Glasson, Tony Foy, Daniel Hunt, Bill Taplin and Mick O'Hara.

The vets played par on Tuesday with John Agnew the winner with +4, Mike Beal was runner up with +3. Novelties went to Kevin Parker, Mike O'Connor and John Agnew.

Mixed Friday 9 Holes saw Jan James the women's winner with 17 points on a countback from Bernadette Campbell. Jim Taylor won the Men's with 16 and Ruth Edward won the novelty.

— Mandy Farrell

Golfing a family affair

A FATHER and son combination took out the men's 36 Foursomes Championships at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Laurie and Rod Bedford were crowned champions at the event, which was held on Sunday, shooting 171 Gross.

Competition started early to ensure the 36 holes could be played and runners-up were Dean Taylor and Geoff Hedstrom with 175.

The Nett 36 Foursomes winners were Mick O'Hara and Bill Guest with 145 with Graeme Bedggood and Ray Scott runners-up with 147.

The Women played the Jubilee Fours on Wednesday sponsored by The Scott Family (Kath Scott Memorial).

Allison Kelly and Kerry Farrelly shot 36 points to win the day on a countback from Jo Pyatt and Bernadette Campbell.

Novelties went to Simone Bedford, Marg Croxford, Rhonda Zanich, Mary Beck, Allison Kelly, Kath Solonec Val Wyld and Kerry Farrelly.

Saturday's Augusta Margaret River Challenge was played with the Augusta boys travelling to Margs for the event.

Brian Zanich won the day with 43 points, Mick O'Hara was runner-up with 40 points and Mike Basford third with 39 points.

Trevor Buller from Augusta won the Gross with 29.

Craig Hadley, Richard Catchpole, Trevor Buller, Nathan

Adams, Ray Bennett, Roy Hobson, Jon Marshall, Mick O'Hara, Bill Ross and Zac Fagan all won novelties.

Ray and Jenny Scott sponsored the Men's Red Tee Day on Thursday.

Geoff Barrett won the day with 58 nett, runner-up was Mal Bromley with 63 and Mark Tugwood was third with 64.

No skirts in sight, even though they played off the women's tees.

Novelties went to Henri Liebenberg, Ron Wettstein, Mike Lawson, Steve Owen, Peter Norris, Jon Beales, Dave Benson, Jeff Hedstrom, Peter Thomas, Roy Warren with Ray Scott winning the putting competition with 25.

Tony Bryne won the Gross with 72.

The Vets played 4BBB on Tuesday with Abe Huisken and Mike Marks the winners with 26.

Dave Glasson and Colin Andrews were runners-up with 24.

Bob Garman, Roy Garstone, Mike Marks all won novelties.

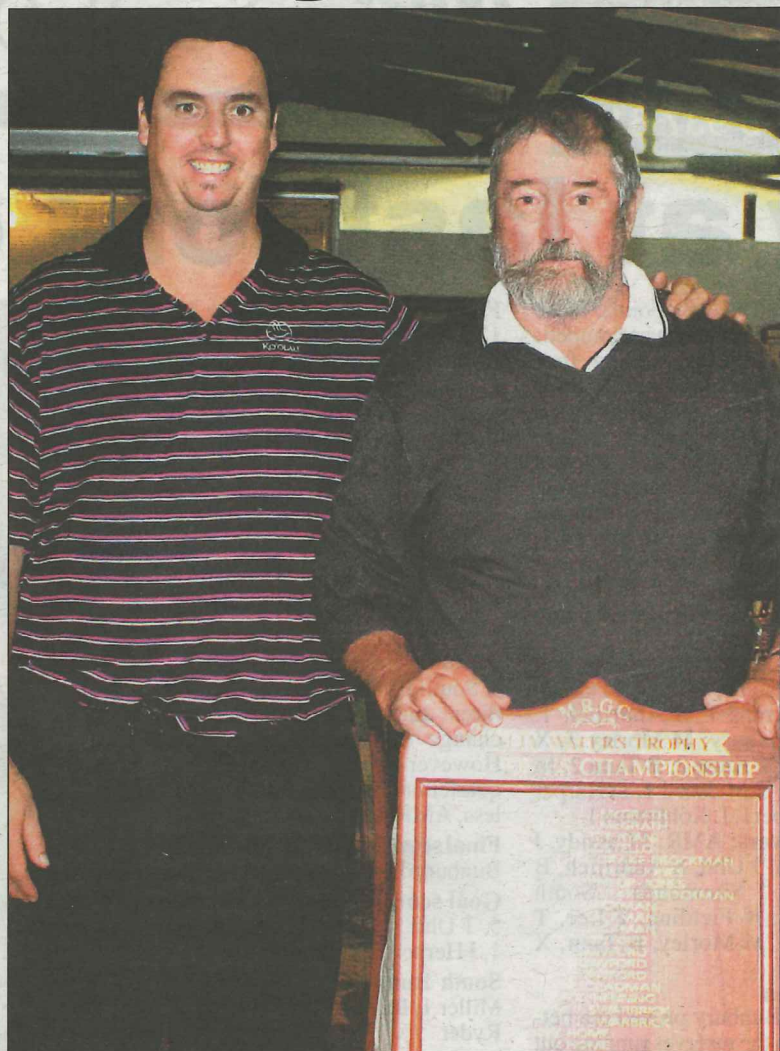
Sixteen girls travelled to Augusta on the weekend for the Annual Baines event.

Val Wyld and Rhonda Zanich came 5th nett overall on the weekend after a five-way countback with 93.

Sue Bloxam and Chris Combes won the Gross prize with 69.

Well done girls.

- Mandy Farrell



CHAMPIONS: Rod and Laurie Bedford won the men's 36 Foursomes Championships at the Margaret River Golf Club on Sunday.



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Weather no barrier for keen golfers

THIS week the women played Stableford at the Margaret River Golf Club, sponsored by Jan James and Jan Macaulay.

Wendy Campbell shot a great 41 points to blitz the field and win A Grade.

Runner-up in A Grade was Phyllis Harper with 36 points.

Bernadette shot 36 points to win B Grade on a countback from Angie Burges 36 points. Sue Bloxam won the gross with 25 and novelties went to Rhonda Hearn, Val Wyld, Julie Campbell, Penny Foy, Aileen Budge, Val Mowbray, Bernadette Campbell and Kerry Farrelly.

Birdies went to Penny Foy, Wendy Campbell, Rosemary Basford, Rhonda Hearn, Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by the Lilliputians for the Lilliput Cup.

Geoff Barrett won the day with 39 points on a countback from Ray Scott and Rob Young was third with 38.

Dean Taylor won the Gross with 27. Novelties went to John Bell, Dean Taylor, Wayne Hickey, Preston House, Mike Basford, Richard Holt, Carl Hurley and Dean Taylor.

Jon Marshall sponsored the Men's Saturday Stableford competition.

Zac Fagan shot 42 points to win the day, with Ray Scott runner-up with 40 points on a countback from Cody Laskey.

Tony Byrne won the gross with 27 and novelties went to Jo Broadhurst, Geoff Barrett, Tony Byrne, Daniel Hunt, Zac Fagan, Jon Marshall and Steve Britton.

Eighteen diehard golfers turned up on Sunday to play for Dave and Lyn Glasson's

Stableford Trophy playing in extremely difficult conditions. Mad no, keen yes.

Michele Boyanich proved that she can play in any weather conditions winning the day with a very acceptable 35 points.

Allison Kelly was runner-up with 34 points on a countback from Gary Wightman.

Daniel Hunt won the gross with 23 and novelties went to Dave Glasson, John O'Connor, Penny Foy and Daniel Hunt.

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Gordon's Silverspoon success

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Di Gordon shot 74 nett to win the Silverspoon and A grade, Julie Campbell was runner-up with 75 on a countback from Kath Solonec. Sue Bloxam won the gross with 85.

Renee Lea won B Grade with 72 nett with Val Wyld runner up with 75 and Marg Croxford third with 76.

Novelties were awarded to Penny Foy, Marg Croxford, Allison Kelly Jo Pyatt, Kerry Farrelly, Mary Taylor, Chris Combes with Sue Bloxam winning the putting competition with 27.

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Jo Broadhurst had 42 points to win the day, Zac Fagan was runner up with 41 and Barry Granville

third with 39.

Steve Owen won the gross with 36. Novelties went to Richard Catchpole, Mark Kevill, Jo Broadhurst, Roy Garstone, Ray Scott, Mike Basford, Dan Hunt, Leon Parish, Mark Tugwood and Tony Byrne.

Fennessey's Holden sponsored the Men's Monthly Mug for June.

Bill Guest shot 67 nett to win the mug and competition, Ken MacKenzie was runner up with 69 and Dave Glasson was third with 73.

Tony Byrne won the gross with 81.

Novelties went to Geoff Harveson, John Ritchie, Ray Mountney, Dave Benson, Ken MacKenzie, Rod Bedford, Steve Owen and Laurie Bedford won the putting competition with 23 putts.

Tony and Penny Foy sponsored Sunday's Mixed Stableford competition.

Vince Home won the day with 39 points, runner up was Mike Basford with 35 on a countback from Kath Solonec third 35 points.

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Matt also Eagled No 6. Gross was awarded to Dan Hunt with 25 and Rhonda Hearn with 18.

The Vets played Stableford sponsored by Vets captain Terry Halsall.

Mike O'Connor won the nine holes with 18 points on a countback from Kevin Parker and Vic Solonec both with 18 points.

Novelties went to Ray Bennett, Dave Glasson and Bob Garman.

Friday Mixed Nine Holes saw Val Mowbray the winner with 18 points from Mike Marks 18 points. The Novelty went to Val Meleri.

- Mandy Farrell

MR Golf

THE women played the first qualifying round of the Club Championships on Friday sponsored by Reflections. The top eight scores for the first round were - Kerry Farrelly, 84, Sue Bloxam, 85, Rhonda Hearn, 87, Penny Foy, 88, Ricky Coates, 92, Julie Campbell, 94, Leonie Bell, 98, Marg Scott, 99. The day winner of A Grade was Kerry Farrelly with 72 with Rhonda Hearn runner-up with 73. B Grade winner was Jo Pyatt with 73 and Libby Dawson runner-up with 78. Novelties went to Leonie Bell, Sue Bloxam, Jo Pyatt, Rhonda Hearn. The second qualifying round will be played Wednesday with the Knockout Matchplay being played on Friday. Atomic Computers sponsored Thursday's Par Plus competition with Mark Fergusson the winner with +8. Runner-up was Adrian Castle with +6 on a countback from Rob Dewar +6. Rod Bedford won the gross with +1. Novelties went to Alan Dale, Laurie Healy, Derek Flanagan, Barry Granville, Jon Beales, Jules Ashton, Rod Bedford, Adrian Castle and Ken MacKenzie. Margaret River and Cowaramup Electrical sponsored the Men's Red Tee Stroke competition with the men playing off the ladies' tees. Jarrod Proctor had 64 nett to win the day, Jeff Hedstrom was runner-up with 65, Ray Scott third 65, Jon Farrell fourth, 66, with Rod Bedford winning the Gross with 73. Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Laurie Bedford, Ray Mann, Mal Gray, Jon Farrell,



BRAVO: Gross Winners Kerry Farrelly, Dean Taylor pictured with other winners Mick O'Hara, Val Wyld, Steve Britton, Julie Campbell, Rob and Rhonda Hearn.

The fantastic Mixed Foursomes

THE 36 Hole Mixed Foursomes Championships was played in perfect golfing conditions on Sunday.

Kerry Farrelly and Dean Taylor shot 174 to be crowned this year's Champions. Gross runners-up were Rob and Rhonda Hearn with 179. The nett winners were Julie Campbell and Steve Britton with 139, and nett runners-up were Val Wyld and Mick O'Hara with 149.

Wednesday saw the Women play the fifth and final silverspoon for the year sponsored by Marg Scott and Kath Solonec. Kerry Farrelly shot 72 nett to win the silverspoon from runner-up Sue Bloxam 73 and third Wendy Campbell 73.

B grade winner was Simone Bedford with 73 with Rhonda Zanich runner-up with 75.

Novelties went to Penny Foy, Sue Bloxam, Wendy Campbell, Libby Dawson, Simone Bedford, Tiny Bell, Bernadette Campbell, Phyllis Harper Rhonda Zanich, with Kerry Farrelly winning the putting competition with 27 putts.

The overall silverspoon winner was Sue Bloxam who will represent the club at Country Week in September. Well done Sue.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by Cape Landing. Carl Hurley had +6 to win the Par Plus competition, John Richie was runner-up with +5 and Mick O'Hara third with +4.

Paul Morgan won the gross with -4. Novelties went to Dean Taylor, Jon Beales, Mal Bromley, Russ Reynolds, Graham Payne, Phillip Johns, Barry Granville, Ken McKenzie, Preston House and Tony Byrne.

Reece Plumbing sponsored the Ambrose 2s on Saturday. Peter Boyanich and Bill Taplin shot 61½ to win the day. Runners-up were Tim Jackways and Tony Byrne with 63½.

Novelties went to Richard Catchpole, Mal Bromley, Daniel Hunt, Tony Byrne, Bill Guest, Mark Halsall, Tim Whologan, Jon Marshall and Vic Solonec.

The Vets played Stroke this week with Abe Huisken the winner with 30. Roy Hobson was runner-up with 31 on a countback from Mike Croxford. Novelties went to Brian Zanich, Alan Dale, Bob Imray and Roy Hobson. Friday 9 holes saw Mike Marks the winner with 20 on a countback from Jim Taylor 15 and Jo Pyatt. Val Mowbray won the novelty.

Winter golf events in full swing at Margaret River

MARGARET River Golf Club results.

Women, July 14: sponsored by Sue Bloxam and Rhonda Hearn. A grade winner Allison Kelly +6, runner-up Penny Foy +2, third Rosemary Basford +1. B grade winner Val Wyld +5, runner-up June Home square on a countback from Mary Beck square. Gross winner Penny Foy -10.

Women, July 21: sponsored by Allison Kelly and Jane Taylor. A grade winner Rosemary Basford 37 on a countback from Leonie Bell 37, Julie Campbell 36. B grade winner Simone Bedford 39, runner-up Bernadette Campbell 38: third Jan MacCaulay 36. Gross winner Sue Bloxam 27.

Thursday's Scroungers, July 15: spon-

sored by Settlers Liquor Store. Winner Mike Beale 42 points, runner-up Barry Granville 40 on a countback from Jules Ashton 40. Gross winner Rod Bedford.

Thursday's Scroungers, July 22: sponsored by Aaron Stotten. Winner Geoff Barrett 39 points on a countback from Richard Holt 39, Dave Burges third with 38 points. Rod Bedford gross winner 32.

July 17: sponsored by Down South Wholesale. Winner John Bell with 40 points, runner-up Ken MacKenzie 38 on a countback from Bill Guest 38. Graeme Bedggood Gross winner with 26.

Saturday, July 24: sponsored by Minot Wines. Winner Laurie Bedford +2 on a

three-way countback from Dave Glasson and Mal Bromley. Gross winner Rod Bedford -7.

Sunday Mixed, July 18: sponsored by Cullen Wines. Winner Jeff Hedstrom with 38 points, runner-up Dave Burges 37 and third Vic Solonec 36.

Veteran results, July 13: Winner Bill Taplin 22 on a countback from Robin Lea 22. **July 20:** winner Bill Taplin 20 on a countback from Cliff Garstone 20.

Friday 9 Holes, July 15: winner Jim Taylor on a countback from Mary Taylor -16 points. **July 23:** men's winner Mike Marks, women's Jenny Agnew on a countback from Val Mowbray 20.

- Mandy Farrell

Al's in it for life

AL Forward was "mad with excitement" to receive Life Membership of the Margaret River Golf Club last Tuesday.

Many other Life Members attended the club in his honour and presented him with a plaque in commemoration of his 25 years of (in his own words) "trying" to play golf.

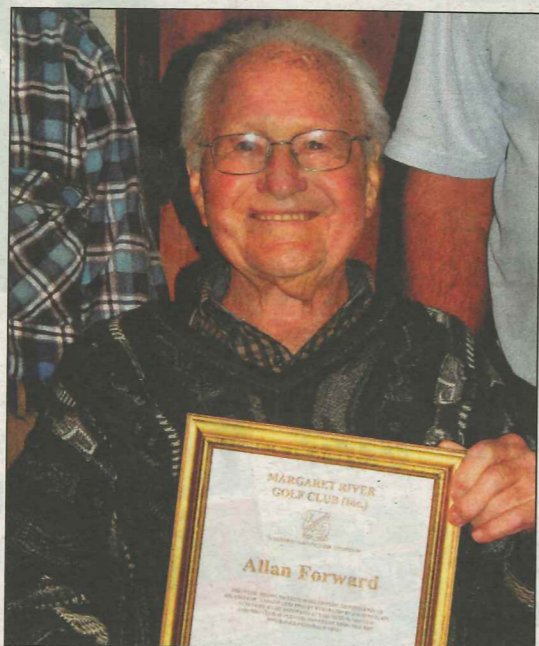
He has never hit a hole in one but says it may happen one day.

Al's friend Gordon Smith said he was a Vets champion twice, and had "adopted" the Club, doing all the little jobs needed from cleaning a shed to turning the snags at barbecues.

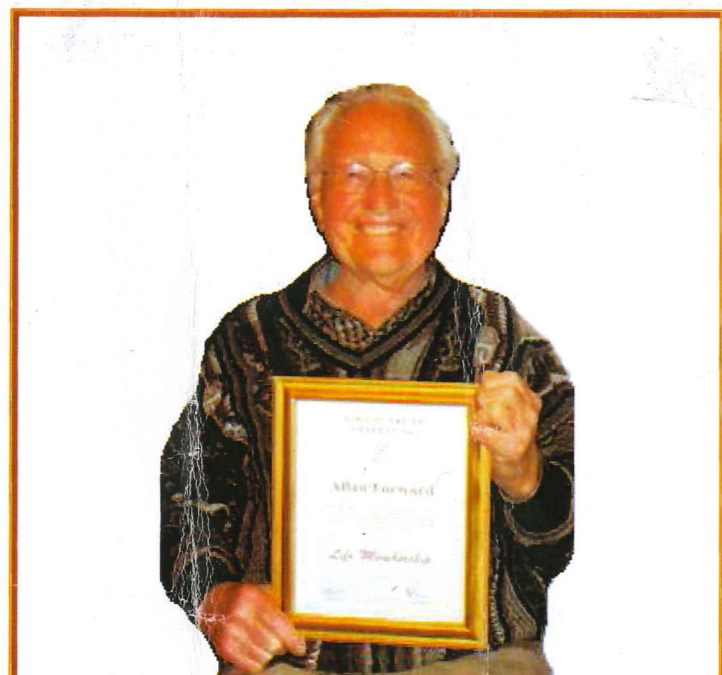
He is known for his happy-go-lucky nature, for practical jokes, and for knowing everyone at the Club.

Margaret River Golf Club secretary Christl de Groot has known Al for the past seven years, and has seen him there almost every day pottering around the course, emptying and sorting the recycle material from rubbish bins, spraying weeds, picking up sticks and everything else that needed doing around the course.

"When we had big events he would always be available to help out the match committee or driving a cart with drinks around the course," she said.



PROUD RECIPIENT: Al Forward with his Certificate of Life Membership to the Margaret River Golf Club.



WALTER ALLAN FORWARD

4/3/1922 - 8/8/2010

*Allan's family sincerely thank you
for your friendship that has been so dear to him.
We are so very touched by the kindnesses & support given,
especially in these last months.
RIP "BIG AL"*

Golden golfers

THE Women played Par this week sponsored by Lyn Glasson and Mandy Farrell. Simone Bedford had a great +10 to win B Grade blitzing the field. Angie Burges was runner up with -1 on a countback from Jo Pyatt -1. A Grade Winner was Wendy Campbell with another good score of +5. Runner up was Sue Bloxam with +4 and Julie Campbell third with +1. Sue Bloxam won the Gross with -3. Novelties went to Vicki Dryden, Val Wyld, Di Gordon, Julie Campbell, Rhonda Hearn, Angie Burges, Mary Beck, Kerry Farrelly and Simone Bedford. Pharmacy 777 sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Carl Hurley had 40 points to win on a countback from Leon Parish 40 with Roy Warren third. Rodney Bedford won the Gross. Novelties went to Caleb Buxton, Gary Hinkley, Jules Ashton, Henri Liebenberg, Tim Jackways, Tony Byrne, Barry Granville, Kev Williams, Jo Broadhurst. Saturday's Monthly Mug was sponsored by Catchy's Cabinets and Cheers Wine Tours. Tony Byrne shot 67 nett to win the Mug and the competition. Bill Guest was runner up with 67 and Roy Hobson third with 70. Novelties went to Laurie Bedford, Brian Zanich, Steve Owen, Nathan Browner, Tony Byrne, Bill Guest, Ray Mann, Dave Goodall and Jim Triglone. Sunday's Mixed competition was sponsored by Bunbury Honda and Kia.

Penny Foy shot a great 45 points to win the day. Runner up was Jeff Hedstrom with 41 and third was Allison Kelly with 39. Jeff won the Men's Gross with 28 and Penny the Women's with 31. Novelties went to Rosemary Basford, Kath Solonec, Vic Solonec, Rob Hearn and Gary Wightman. Tuesday's Vets saw Vic Solonec the winner on a countback with 20 points from Robin Lea. Novelties went to Mike Croxford, Brian Zanich, Bill Taplin.

Friday 9 Holes saw Val Mowbray the winner with 19 points and Val Meleri runner-up with 18 points. Jan James won the Novelty.

The Women's Club Championships start this Friday with the 1st Qualifying round being played for A & B Grade.

Don't forget to put your name on the time sheet.

-Mandy Farrell

Crowd flocks for two-day event

THE Margaret River Golf Club hosted the Annual Wealth Plus Lighthouse Trophy on the weekend.

The two-day Canadian Foursomes event saw 106 golfers playing in perfect golfing conditions, with presentations and dinner held on Sunday night.

This year's Lighthouse Trophy nett winners were Paul and Anne Chemelo from Mt Lawley with 142 ¼.

Runners-up for the 36 holes were Rod and Simone Bedford with 143.

Gross winners were Mal Bromley and Sue Bloxam with 161 with sponsor Bob Crane and partner Rhonda Carter gross runners-up with 168.

Nett third winners were Patsy and Laurie Bedford with 146 ¼.

Day 1 nett winners were Bill and

Joan Ross from WAGC with 71 3/8. Day 2 nett winners were Vince and Yolande Caruso from Nedlands with 68 1/8.

Day 1 gross winners were Preston House and Deb Ashcroft with 84.

Day 2 gross winners were Lee Doyle and Kay Bellamy from the Vines with 83.

The Wednesday Women's Stableford event was sponsored by Bernadette Campbell and Val Meleri.

Patsy Bedford won A Grade with 44 points, Simone Bedford was runner-up with 39 and Ricky Coates was third with 36.

Chris Combes was B Grade winner with 37, Rhonda Zanich runner-up with 37 and Aileen Budge was third with 35.

Novelties went to Leonie Bell,

Penny Foy, Libby Dawson, Vicky Dryden, Chris Combes and Val Meleri.

Bunbury Holden sponsored Thursday's Scroungers and Henri Liebenber shot 41 points to win the day.

Bob Imray was runner-up with 40 and Carl Hurley third with 39.

Novelties went to Derek Flanagan, Dave Glasson, Dean Taylor, Vince Home, Roy Garstone, Mike Skivinis, Gary Wightman, Carl Hurley and Tony Byrne.

The veterans saw Mike O'Connor the winner with 22 points.

Richard Deshon was runner-up with 21 points and Jim Morris third with 21 points.

Novelties went to Alan Dale, Colin Andrews and Alan Thwaites.

— Mandy Farrell

Women's Classic event starting this weekend

MANDY FARRELL

THE Women's Classic golf tournament is on this weekend with over 232 women playing. The course would be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the Margaret River club welcomes the start of a busy season.

On Wednesday, the women played Par, with Rhonda Hearn shooting +4 to win A Grade with Sue Bloxam runner up with +1 on a countback from Rosemary Basford, +1. The B Grade winner was Angie Burges +4 with Lyn Glasson runner up with +3 and Rhonda Zanich third with +2.

Novelties went to Kath Solonec, Sue Bloxam, Phyllis Harper, Chris Combes, Simone Bedford, Mary Beck, Wendy Campbell and Rhonda Zanich.

Thursday's scroungers competition saw Jarrod Proctor clean up with an impressive 46 points to win the day from Dave Noske who also had a great score of 43 points. Larry De Jong was third with 41 points on a countback from Mike Lawson, 41 points. Marc Halsall won the Gross with 30. Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Gary Wightman, Richard Holt, Rob Imray, Geoff Slater, Ian Earl, Dave Noske, Jarrod Proctor, Preston House and Marc Halsall.

For the men's Saturday competition, Vic Solonec was the winner with 41 points on a countback from Mike Lawson 41 points. Tony Byrne won the Gross with 31. Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Richard Catchpole, Daniel Hunt, Vic Solonec, Geoff Harveson, Peter Norris, Travers O'Rafferty.

This weekend the club and members look forward to the Annual Wealth Plus Lighthouse Canadian Foursomes tournament being played on Saturday and Sunday. The event is in its 36th year and many players travel from Perth to play. The tournament finishes with a presentation dinner on Sunday night.

— Mandy Farrell

Sunday's Mixed competition saw Daniel Hunt shoot 41 points to win the day with Mal Bromley runner up with 40 points on a countback from Steve Britton 40. Novelties went to Bill Taplin, Sue Bloxam, Rhonda Hearn, Kath Solonec and Jeff Hedstrom. Rod Bedford eagled hole 13.

The Vets played Stableford which saw Richard Deshon win with 23 points on a countback from Matthew O'Farrell on 23 points. Novelties went to Terry Halsall, Bob Imray and Gordon Smith.

The annual Griffiths Cup Par Trophy was played at the Margaret River Golf Club on the previous Saturday. Geoff Barrett had +4 to win the day and the trophy. Runner up was Peter Boyanich with +2 on a countback from Matt O'Connell.

Novelties went to Gary Hinkley, Dave Benson, Gary Hart, Gary Wightman, Robin Lea, Jon Marshall, Ken MacKenzie, Matt

O'Connell, Greg Cura, with Gary Hinkley eagling No 2.

Wednesday's Women's competition saw golfers bring flowers in memory of past members. Mandy Farrell had 42 points to win B Grade with Libby Dawson runner up with 40 points and Val Mowbray third with 38 points on a countback from Angie Burges.

Patsy Bedford won A Grade with 38 points, with Rhonda Hearn runner up with 36 and Marg Scott third with 35 points. Sue Bloxam won the Gross with 26.

Last Thursday's Scroungers' Stableford competition saw Bob Imray the winner with 39 points on a countback from Laurie Bedford and Peter Boyanich. Allan McQuade won the Gross with 30.

Last Sunday's Ambrose 2s had a great field turning up to play in perfect golfing conditions. Brian and Rhonda Zanich blitzed the field to win the day with 60.

MR golf

THE women played the knockout Matchplay on Friday to determine the final four to play the championships today (Wednesday). Sue Bloxam defeated Wendy Campbell, 5 and 4, and Kerry Farrelly defeated Julie Campbell, 2 up. Rhonda Hearn defeated Marg Scott, 2 and 1, and Penny Foy defeated Ricky Coates 6 and 5. B Grade saw Joan Garstone defeat Jo Pyatt, 1 up, and Libby Dawson defeat Bernadette Campbell, 6 and 5. The final four to play will be Sue Bloxam playing Kerry Farrelly and Rhonda Hearn playing Penny Foy, with the winners of these matches vying for the Club Championship in a final Matchplay on Wednesday. It would be great to support the players in the final and follow the final two in the afternoon. B Grade will see Joan Garstone play Libby Dawson in the final.

Wednesday's competition was sponsored by the Scrubbers, Phyllis Harper and Michele Boyanich. Marg Scott shot 71 nett to win A Grade with Sue Bloxam runner-up with 73 and Wendy Campbell third with 75. Sue won the Gross with 82 off the stick. B Grade winner was Rhonda Zanich with 76 nett, runner-up was Bernadette Campbell, 78 and third Angie Burges with 80. Novelties went to Marg Scott, Wendy Campbell, Jo Pyatt, Tiny Bell, Julie Campbell, Marge Croxford, Kerry Farrelly and Libby Dawson.

Timbercheck sponsored Thursday's Scroungers Stableford competition with Ray Mann the winner with 42 points. Mark Fergusson was runner-up with 41 and Laurie Bedford third with 40. Marc Halsall won the gross with 34 and novelties went to Rob Dewar, John Britton, Tony Byrne, Graham Payne, Steve Bickett, Matt O'Connell, Richard Holt, Richard Catchpole, Carl Hurley and Bill Guest. Minot Wines sponsored the Par competition on Saturday. Captain Richard Catchpole won the day with +4, Alan Dale was runner-up with +3 and Mick O'Hara third with +2. Richard also won the gross with -4 and novelties went to Jon Marshall, Tony Byrne, Richard Catchpole, Greg Cura, Rob Grover, Bob Imray, Gary Wightman, Jon Beales and Gary Hinkley. The Vets played Stableford, with Peter Norris the winner with 19 points and

Weather puts a spring in golfers' step

WHAT a great week to play golf with all the golfers enjoying the beautiful spring weather and the course in great condition.

This week the women played Par sponsored by June Home and life member Betty Earl.

Mary Beck had a great +4 to win B Grade on a countback from Joan Garstone +4. Rhonda Zanich continuing her good form was third with +3. A Grade winner was Julie Campbell with +2 also winning on a countback from Marg Scott +2 and Sue Bloxam was third with square. Novelties went to Val Mowbray, Angie Burges, Marg Scott, Mandy Farrell, Joan Garstone, Val Meleri, Julie Campbell, Jo Pyatt with Leonie Bell winning the Pot of Gold on No 8. Birdies went to Sue Bloxam, Chris Combes and Ricky Coates.

Schiavello Pty Ltd sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Carl Hurley had 39 points winning the day on a countback from Kevin Williams. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 33.

Novelties went to Todd Glover, Henri Liebenberg, Roy Hobson, Graham Beddgood, Jules Ashton, Murray Wilson, Carl Hurley and Rod Bedford.

Landmark sponsored the Men's Monthly Mug Stroke on Saturday. Jeff Hedstrom shot 67 nett to win the Mug and the competition on a countback from Vic Solonec 67. Laurie Bedford was third with 68 and Brian Zanich won the Gross with 82. Novelties went to Jeff Hedstrom, Jon Marshall, Bob Williams, Mike Basford, Rex Bevan, Tony Byrne, Mike O'Connor, Ken McKenzie and Brian Seed.

Sunday's Mixed Stableford, sponsored by Brian and Rhonda Zanich, showed that being acting president doesn't interfere with your golf with Vic Solonec winning the day with 42 points.

Runner-up was Daniel Hunt with 38 points and Mick O'Hara came in third just pipping Val Wyld on a countback with 37 points. Laurie Barker won the women's Gross with 22 and Daniel Hunt won the men's Gross with 25. Novelties were awarded to David Burges, David Glasson, Penny Foy, Rod Bedford and Craig Etherington from Dunsborough Lakes.

Veterans played Stableford and saw Vet's captain Terry Halsall win the day with 22 points. Kevin Parker was runner-up with 20. Novelties went to visitor Glen Dennes, Terry

Halsall and Dave Benson.

Events in full swing

LADY golfers have been showing impressive form at the Margaret River Golf Club recently.

Wednesday saw the women vie for the 36 Hole Foursomes Championships for 2010, with the 36 Holes being played on the one day.

Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly shot 86,87 (173) to win the championship six shots in front of runners-up Penny Foy and Ricki Coates 92, 87 (179).

Marg Scott and Wendy Campbell were third with 97, 93 (190).

The 36 Hole Nett Foursomes Champions were Mandy Farrell and Rhonda Zanich with 73,66 (139), Doris Arthur and Julie Campbell were Nett runners-up with 74,73 (147) and Angie Burges and Julie Errey 72 1/2, 81 1/2, (154) were third.

The men started their qualifying rounds for the championships on the weekend, which also incorporated the Paddy Barrett Trophy, the best nett score after the first two rounds.

Congratulations to Mick O'Hara securing the Paddy Barrett Trophy by shooting 67 and 68 nett for the two rounds.

Day one winners, sponsored by Wightman Building Company, were Mick O'Hara 67, Ken Mackenzie 68 on a countback from Travers O'Rafferty 68.

Day two winners, sponsored by EBM Insurance, were Mick O'Hara 68, Rhys Dickenson 69 and Mal Bromley 70. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 77.

The top eight qualifiers for A and A Reserve who will be play-



WINNING SMILES: 36 Hole Foursomes Champions Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly with Rod Bedford, of Margaret River Cowaramup Electrical, who sponsored the 36 Holes Nett prizes.

ing matchplay next Saturday and Sunday are Rhys Dickenson 159, Marc Halsall 160, Mal Bromley 163, Tony Byrne 167, Rob Dewar 169, Richard Catchpole 173, Mike Basford 173, Graham Beddgood 175.

A Reserve qualifiers are Henri Liebenberg 175, Mick O'Hara 176, Jeff Hedstrom 176, Ken Mackenzie 176, Dave Glasson 176, Ray Scott 176, Aaron Stotten 181, Will Norris 184.

In other golf competitions, Mike Skivinis won Thursday's

Scroungers with 42, Dave Burges was runner-up with 41, and Kerrod Gray won the Gross.

Novelties went to Kerrod Gray, Bill Pascoe, Barry Granville, John Ritchie, Marc Halsall and John O'Connor.

Veterans saw Alan Dale the winner with 22 points and Mike O'Connor was runner-up with 21 points.

Novelties went to Roy Garstone, Mike Croxford and Roy Hobson.

Friday Mixed 9 Holes saw Val

Mowbray the winner with Val Meleri runner-up. Val Meleri also won the novelty.

Allison Kelly and Kerry Farrelly representing Margaret River at Country Week won the Jubilee 4s held at Lakelands with 37 points on Monday.

Good luck to the 12 women travelling to Perth for Country Week playing Rockingham and Kwinana, and to Sue Bloxam playing in the Silverspoon play-off at Lakelands.

- Mandy Farrell

Sue records her 10th win

THE Women's Matchplay Championship finals were played on Wednesday, between Rhonda Hearn and Sue Bloxam.

The final was a close contest with Rhonda taking Sue to the 16th hole, Sue eventually winning 4 up with 2 to play. Sue secured the title for the 10th time, being the first woman to win 10 Club Championships in the history of the Club. Marg Scott won the Sue Bloxam nett trophy for 2010, with Kerry Farrelly the runner-up in the nett.

The B Grade Matchplay saw Libby Dawson the B Grade Champion beating Joan Garstone.

Well done to all the women who participating in the qualifying rounds and the finals.

The rest of the field played Stableford which saw Allison Kelly win A Grade with 41 points, Marg Scott runner-up with 40 and Julie Campbell third with 38. B Grade winner was Jo Pyatt with 43 points, runner-up was Jan Macaulay with 39 and Doris Arthur was third with 37. Novelties went to Allison Kelly, Angie Burges, Julie Errey, Julie Campbell, Wendy Campbell, June Home and Marg Croxford.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by Chemmart Margaret River. Jim Taylor scored 41 points to win with Rob Young runner up with 40 points. Tony Byrne won the Gross with 31. Novelties went to Tim Jackways, Rhys Dickinson, Ken McKenzie, Rob Young, Brett Roberts, Dave Glasson, Paul Attwood, Tony Byrne, Garry Clemens and Marc Halsall.

Saturday's Stableford competition sponsored by Watershed Wines saw Bill Guest the winner with 43 points. Runner-up was Jo



WINNERS: Sponsor Ken Preston with 2010 Women's Champion Sue Bloxam (seated), Marg Scott 2010 Nett winner, Rhonda Hearn 2010 runner-up Club Champion, Libby Dawson B Grade Champion and Joan Garstone runner-up B Grade.

Broadhurst with 40 and Norm Gomm from Bunbury third with 39. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 33. Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Mike Lawson, Ray Scott, Richard Catchpole, Matt O'Connell, Tony Combes, Peter Norris and Garry Clemens.

Sunday's Mixed competition was sponsored by Southern Workwear and Ammunition. Dave Glasson shot 42 points to win the day with Angie Burgess runner-up with 37 and Mal Bromley third with 36. Dave won the Men's Gross with 29 and Penny Foy the Women's with 19. Novelties went to Ian

Fitzgerald, Dave Glasson, Daniel Hunt, Tony Combes and Chris Combes.

Jim Taylor won the Veterans on Tuesday with 22 points on a countback from Mike Marks. John Agnew, Jim Taylor and B ill Ivey all won novelties.

Friday's Mixed 9 Holes saw Jim Taylor win once again with 16 points with Matt O'Farrell runner up with 15. Jan Macaulay won the Women's with 16. Jim Taylor won best chip.

- Mandy Farrell

Golfers battle it out on the green for Monthly Mug

THE Margaret River Golf Club's Wednesday Women's Stroke day was sponsored by Chemmart Margaret River.

Sue Bloxam shot 75 off the stick, 65 nett to win A Grade and runner-up was Laurie Barker with 68 nett. B Grade winner was Bernadette Campbell with 68 nett and Julie Errey was runner-up with 70 nett. Sue won the gross and the putting competition with 27 putts.

Novelties went to Marg Scott, Julie Errey, Bernadette Campbell, Val Mowbray, Mandy Farrell, Rhonda Zanich, Kerry Farrelly.

Margaret River Tank Cleaning combined with Lago Wines to sponsor Thursday's Scroungers competition. The Stableford day saw Larry De Jong have 47 points to win, with Bob Imray runner-up on 45 points and Blake Glove third with 43 points. Dean Taylor won the gross with 30. Mike Marks, Derek Flanagan, Colin Andrews, Richard Catchpole, Paul Morgan, Vince Home, Dean Taylor and Nigel Gallop all won novelties.

Saturday's Men's Monthly Mug sponsored by Settlers was played with a morning and afternoon round for

those wanting to watch the AFL grand final. Richard Catchpole shot 70 nett to win the day and the Mug. Daniel Hunt was runner-up with 71 on a three-way countback from Mick O'Hara and Zac Fagan. Richard also won the gross with 79. Novelties went to Mal Bromley, Richard Catchpole, Tony Byrne, Vic Solonec, Chris Littely, Zac Fagan, Gary Wightman, Bob Imray, Dave Noske and Don Brown.

Sunday was a Mixed Ambrose 3s day sponsored by Laurie and Ray Barker. The family combination of

Mike and Allison Kelly and Mike Croxford won the day with 56 5/6. Runners-up were Penny and Tony Foy and Mick O'Hara with 59 1/3. Novelties went to Julie Campbell (2), Rhonda Zanich, Cody Laskey and Geoff Harveson.

Tuesday's Vets played Par with Bob Garman the winner with +5. Mike Marks was runner-up with +4 and novelties went to Laurie Bedford, Ray Bennett and Dave Benson.

- Mandy Farrell

15th Women's Classic

THE 15th Margaret River Women's Golf Classic was again a resounding success with 232 players from all over WA participating in what is now a much sort after event at Margaret River Golf Club.

Val Pullan had a great Friday, holing out on No 15 Par 3.

Perfect golfing weather and the course in great condition added to the enjoyment of all players. The outrageous Las Vegas theme was topped off by the fantastic entertainment at presentations on Sunday night, with Lara Lee dancers, special guest Shirley Bassie, Big Spender and his dancing girls and a very special performance by Elvis.

The 36 Hole winner of the 15th Women's Classic was Anthea Murchison from Nedlands with 81 points.

Runner-up was Sue Bolto from Royal Perth with 78 points.

36 hole Gross winner was Belinda Wilkinson from WAGC with 61 points.

Runner-up was Cath Bellemore from Nedlands with 52 points. Third was Deb Carmody from Nedlands with 77.

Fourth was Lois Tenni from Mandurah 76, fifth was Penny Bower from Nedlands on a countback from 6th Patricia Smith Nedlands, 7th Joan Ross WAGC 75, 8th Robyn Richards Royal Perth 75, 9th Denise Davies, Busselton 75, 10th Jan Halliwell Nedlands 74.

36 hole senior winner was Shirley Mashman from WAGC 74 and senior runner-up Doris Arthur 72.

36 Sand Green winner was Gail Marshall from Augusta 72 and Sand Green runner-up was Lynda Ritchie from Serpentine 69. Day 1 and 2 winners were Leanne Smith from Pinjarra 54, Yvonne Rate Royal Fremantle 40, Toni Chambers Nedlands 41 and Sharon Koch Busselton 39. Sincere thanks to all our



QUEENS OF THE COURSE: Doris Arthur and Retravision sponsor Val Lynn relax after the 15th Ladies Golf Classic.

generous sponsors for this Classic event and to all the members who generously volunteered their time and whose contributions make the event the success it is.

In other golf news Ashbrook Estate sponsored Thursday's Men's Scroungers.

Jim Taylor won the day with 40 points. Runner-up was Bill Pascoe with 39 points and third Tony Combes with 38. Richard Catchpole won the Gross with 26. Novelties went to Paul Tognolini, Ray Mann, A Jones, Travers O'Rafferty, Rob Young, Mike Lawson, John Bell, Marc Halsall, Mike Skivinis and Mark Lewis.

Wednesday Women was sponsored by

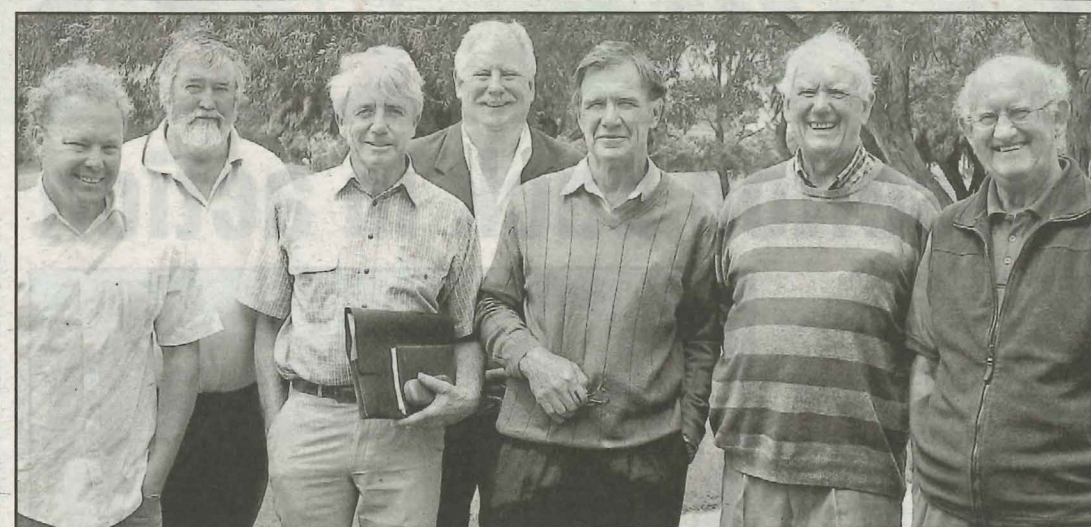
Colleen Marks and Mary Taylor.

Leonie Bell had 40 points to win A Grade. Kerry Farrelly was runner-up with 37 and Marg Scott third with 36.

B Grade winner was Jo Pyatt with 39, Renee Lea was runner-up with 37 and Joan Garstone was third with 36. Novelties went to Sue Bloxam, Alison Kelly, Sue Bloxam, Jo Pyatt, Margaret Scott, Di Gordon and June Home.

Veterans saw Jon Beales the winner with 25 points. Runner-up was Vic Solonec 22 points. Novelties went to Dave Glasson, Cliff Garstone and Peter Brennan.

-Mandy Farrell



Left to right: Marc Halsall, Laurie Bedford, Margaret River Golf Club president Ray Mann, South West MLC Barry House, DDCC president Greg Banfield, Bay Collison and Dunsborough Golf Club president Ian Potts.

House helps out DDCC

SOUTH West MLC Barry House has stepped in to give the Dunsborough and Districts Country Club (DDCC) a helping hand.

He is the Patron of the club and is assisting them in their endeavour to initiate a project to utilise treated wastewater to irrigate their golf course.

Mr House recently hosted representatives from the DDCC at meetings in Margaret River to discuss the merits of the Margaret River wastewater recycling project.

He has also written formally to the Shire of Busselton proposing a similar scheme to use the excess treated wastewater from the

Water Corporation plant at Anniebrook in Dunsborough on public open space, ovals and the golf course.

Greg Banfield, Bay Collison and Ian Potts from the DDCC joined Mr House in meetings with the director at the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, Wayne Prangnell.

This was followed by a meeting at the Margaret River Golf Club with the immediate past president, Laurie Bedford, and incumbent Ray Mann and planner Marc Halsall.

Mr House said he organised the meetings to discuss the Margaret River water project and to help implement a similar water project

in Dunsborough.

"This project has seen the wastewater from Margaret River wastewater treatment plant used to irrigate ovals and other community facilities like the Margaret River golf course.

"After negotiations with the Minister for Water, Graham Jacobs, it was agreed the water would be supplied free of charge to the community facilities and the golf club would pay a relatively small annual fee for the water.

"I believe the meetings between representatives from DDCC and some of the key people involved in this project will greatly assist getting a similar

project off the ground in Dunsborough.

"Our society can no longer allow wastewater to be flushed away for no valuable purpose.

"The Dunsborough community has the opportunity to utilise their wastewater to irrigate public open space and community facilities like the DDCC.

"The club has the potential, with adequate water, to become an outstanding picturesque golf course," he said.

A meeting between the Busselton shire and representatives of the DDCC is being organised in the near future to progress this matter.

SPORT



TOP MUG: Terry Halsall, Margaret River Golf Club's 2010 Monthly Mug Winner.

Terry is Margaret River golf's monthly mug winner

THE Margaret River Golf Club Saturday Men's Competition sponsored by Direct Plasterboard saw the playoff of the Monthly Mug winners during the year.

Terry Halsall was crowned the 2010 Monthly Mug Winner shooting 66 nett.

The rest of the field played Stableford which saw Dan Hunt the overall winner with 40 points.

A Grade winner was Brian Seed with 40 points. B Grade winner was Mark Thomas, 40 points, and C Grade winner was Roy Hobson with 38 points. Tony Byrne won the Gross.

Novelties went to Matt O'Connell,

Gavin Leiper, Mike Basford, Ken McKenzie, Robin Lea, Richard Catchpole, Jeff Hedstrom, Brian Seed and Bill Guest.

Wednesday Women played Stableford sponsored by Val Wyld and Simone Bedford.

B Grade winner was Michele Boyanich with 43 points. Runner-up was Julie Errey with 39 points and Libby Dawson was third with 35 points. A Grade winner was Rosemary Basford with 41 points and Kath Solonec was runner-up with 37 points.

Novelties went to Di Gordon, Vicki Dryden, Val Wyld, Julie Campbell, Tiny Bell, Sue Bloxam, Joan Garstone

and Chris Combes.

Thursday's Scroungers was sponsored by Mark Worth and Steve Pease. Vic Solonec won the day with 41 points. Runner-up was Mal Gray with 40 points on a countback from Gary O'Meara and Gary Wightman, both with 40. Marc Halsall won the Gross with 29.

Novelties went to Rhys Dickenson, Gary O'Meara, Phil McQueen, Doug Rundgren, Gary Wightman, Rod Bedford, Richard Holt and Roy Warren.

Sunday's Mixed Competition was sponsored by Swings and Roundabouts and Mezzanine Wine.

Dan Hunt was the winner with 41 points on a countback from Linda Scott from RFGC and third was Peter Boyanich with 40. Novelties went to Rob Dewar, Peter Boyanich, Patsy Bedford, Mike Basford, Rhys Dickenson and Daniel Hunt.

The Vets' Melbourne Cup day saw Bob Imray the winner with 23 points. Cliff Garstone was runner-up with 21 on a countback from Mike O'Connor. Vince Home, Peter Brennan and Mike Croxford all won Novelties.

Friday Mixed 9 Holes saw Jim Taylor win with 20 points and Val Meleri with 21 points.

- Mandy Farrell

Margaret River golf results

THIS week saw the greens cored and sanded which made for very challenging golfing, but did not deter members from playing in competitions.

Thursday's Scroungers saw a field of 73, with eight visitors, playing. Stocker Preston sponsored the Stableford event with Mike Lawson the overall winner with 44 points.

A Grade winner was Tony Combes with 40 points. B Grade Winner was Dave Glasson with 42 points and C Grade winner was Ian Earl with 41 points. Steve Owen won the Gross with 30. Novelties went to Rob Young, Tony Combes, Jules Ashton, Mal Gray, Mick O'Hara, Roy Robinson, Matt O'Connell, Terry Halsall and Bob Stump.

Friday's 9 Holes Mixed competition, the last for the season, saw Mike Marks as Men's winner with 22 and Val Meleri Women's winner with 21. Val also won the Novelty.

Saturday Men's competition spon-

sored by WFI Insurance saw Garry Hinkley overall winner with 42 points. A Grade winner was Matt O'Connell with 38, B Grade winner was Peter Norris 41 and C Grade winner was Geoff Harveson with 41. Novelties went to Daniel Hunt, Matt O'Connell, Tony Byrne, Murray Wilson, Ray Scott, Jim Triglone, Bill Taplin, Graham Farrell and Darren Hargraves.

Sunday's Mixed Competition sponsored by Augusta Butcher - Julie and Barry Campbell, saw Dan Hunt a winner with 39 points on a countback from Jon Farrell and Mike Basford third with 37. Novelties went to Kath Solonec, Rhonda Zanich, Jon Farrell, Dave Burges, Rhonda Zanich, Vic Solonec and Michele Boyanich.

The annual general meeting is tonight, Wednesday, at 7.30pm. Twilight starts this Friday at 3.30pm. Sunday is The Berry Farm Annual Ambrose 4s day, so don't forget to get your team in.

-Mandy Farrell

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Caruso wins Watershed golf prize

AT the Margaret River Golf Club last week, Wednesday saw the women play nine-hole Ambrose 2s to finish off the winter season.

The winning combination of Wendy Campbell and Ruth Edwards 31 3/4 received wonderful donated prizes. Runners up were Julie Campbell and Mary Beck with 34.

The first round of the Scroungers Cup was won by Marc Halsall with 42. Mark Worth was runner up

with 41. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 31.

Novelties went to Reece Duggan, Gary Hinkley, Rob Benjamin and Dean Taylor.

The inaugural Men's 36 Hole Stableford was played on the weekend. The overall winner was Vince Caruso with 80.

The A Grade Local Winner was Matt O'Connell with 80 from Richard Catchpole on 76.

A Grade visitor winner was

David Sutherland with 79 from Jim House on 78. B Grade local winner was Travers O'Rafferty with 75 from Gary Wightman and the B Grade Visitor winner was Rick Wimmer on 74 from Neil Crawford on 66 points.

Novelties went to Jose Martins, Steve Britton, Freddie Dessauvague, Geoff Barrett, Jim House, Bill Taplin, Rhys Dickinson, Roger Harris, Daniel Hunt, Ric Wimmer, Norm Burd, Matt Pausin, Ray Scott, Wim Bergen, Richard Niven and Jim Triglone.

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Back Row (Left to Right): Jim Morris, Michael Marks, Dave Glasson, Gordon Smith, Robin Lea, Ray Bennett, Jim Taylor, Ray Prior, Bob Imray, Matt O'Farrell, Mike Lawson, Dave Benson, Bob Mofflin, Alan Twaites, Graeme Sargeant, Abe Huisken, Alan Dale, Richard Deshon, Bill Taplin

Front Row (Left to Right): Brian Zanich, Bob Webster, John Agnen, Colin Andrews, Arthur West, Mike Croxford, Cliff Garstone, Jon Beales, Roger Last, Terry Brealey (*seated*), Roy Hobson, Theo Van Boheemen, Terry Halsall, Peter Clift

Absent: Ray Atcheson, Roy Garstone, Vic Solonic, Vince Homes, Laurie Bedford, Geoff Harveson, Kevin Parker, Noel Wenman, Mike Beale, Mike O'Connor, Rod Bishop, Bill Ivey

SPORT

Henri's Margs golfer of year

MARGARET River Golf Club celebrated its golfing year on Sunday with a presentation night honouring its champions for 2010.

Members played an ambrose pairs during the day and finished with a delicious smorgasbord of food for them and their families.

Congratulations to all the winners and champions for the year.

In other golf news, the second round of the Scroungers Cup was played on Thursday sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies. John O'Connor won the round with 46 points. Runner-up was Jarrod Proctor with 42.

Marc Halsall won the Gross with 34. Novelties went to Dave Noske, Dave Burges, Ray Mann, Rob

Young, Jon Beales, Mick O'Hara, Rob Young, Gary Wightman and Carl Hurley.

Saturday's Men's stableford was sponsored by Ken MacKenzie, Energy Surfboards. Matt O'Connell was overall winner with 40. A Grade winner was Tony Byrne 39, B Grade winner Jo Broadhurst 39, C Grade winner was Steve Britton.

Dean Taylor won the Gross. Novelties went to John Dawson, Vic Solonec, Murray Wilson, Jo Broadhurst, Gary Hinkley, Mick O'Hara, Jeremy Emms, and Dean Taylor.

Sunday's ambrose 2s sponsored by Rod and Simone Bedford, saw Brian Zanich and Rhonda Zanich the winners with 62½. Runners-up

were Ricki and Dave Coates with 64¾.

Novelties went to Rosemary Basford, Mal Bromley, Patsy Bedford, Jeff Hedstrom and Mandy Farrell.

The Vets played bisque par with Kevin Parker the winner with +4 on a three-way countback from Ray Acheson and Cliff Garstone.

Novelties went to Dave Glasson, Kevin Parker and Jim Taylor.

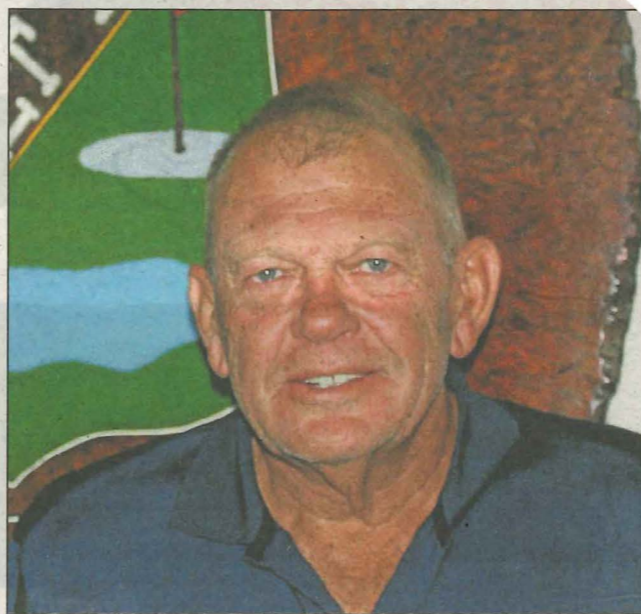
The women played nine holes on Wednesday with Jo Pyatt the winner with 21 points. Runner-up was Val Rangnow 18 points and Joan Garstone won the novelty.

The 18-hole winner was Leonie Bell with 39 points.

-Mandy Farrell

GOLFER OF THE YEAR:

Henri Liebenberg was awarded that title for 2010 at Margaret River Golf Club's presentation night on Sunday.



CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2010: Henri Liebenberg, Sue Bloxam, Kerry Farrelly, Jo Broadhurst, Rhys Dickinson, Laurie Bedford, Marg Scott, Dean Taylor and Terry Halsall.

Golfers in the swing

PODMORE Holdings sponsored Saturday's Men's Competition.

Jeff Hedstrom won the Overall prize, with Henri Liebenberg the A Grade winner with 38, Mike Basford with 39 and C Grade winner Larry De Jong with 35.

Matt O'Connell won the Gross with 29 points. Novelties went to Peter Norris, Daniel Hunt, John Britton, Brian Zanich, Jeff Hedstrom, Dave Coates, Dave Noske, Garry Hinkley and Nic House.

Sunday's Mixed Competition was sponsored by Fraser Gallop Estate.

Anthony Jones had 44 points to win the day, Dave Burges was runner-up with 42 and Todd Glover was third with 41.

Blake Glover won the Gross with 28. Novelties winners were Rhonda Zanich, Kath Solonec, Graham Linfoot, Todd Glover and Bill Taplin.

The third round of the Scroungers Cup was played on Thursday with a big field of 94 players participating.

Greg Byrne won the day with a great 45 points. Garry Hinkley was runner up with 42 points. Matt O'Connell won the Gross with 31.

Novelty winners were Mark Worth, Terry Halsall, Matt O'Connell, Geoff Slater, Jeff Hedstrom, Tony Byrne, Garry Hinkley, Ken MacKenzie, Jon Farrell and Paul Morgan.

9 Hole Competitions
Matt O'Farrell won the Veterans this week with 22 points.

Roy Garstone was runner-up on a 3 way countback with 21 from Alan Dale and Cliff Garstone.

Novelty winners were Brian Zanich, Dave Glasson, Roy and Cliff Garstone and Mike Croxford.

Wednesday Women saw Joan Garstone the winner with 22 points. Runner-up was Val Rangnow with 19 and Mary Beck won the novelty.

Twilight winner was Mary Taylor 18 points with Vince Home runner up with 17.

Novelties went to Mike Marks and Jim Taylor.

-Mandy Farrell

2010 Vets with these Xmas hats on



Merry Christmas

Decorations - Rod Bishop

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Mail Sport

30 years of golfing

LONG time member of the Margaret River Golf Club, Preston House, was awarded Life Membership of the Margaret River Golf Club this week, in appreciation of his contribution to the Club, with a special presentation at Thursday's Scroungers.

Preston has been a member of the Golf Club for more than 31 years and has made a huge contribution during those years. Preston has served as president of the Club five times and is the current vice president, also volunteering as bar manager from 1990 -1992 and served as vice captain in 1985.

Preston has donated a vast amount of his time and effort to the club with just some of his many achievements being, contributing bricks for the building of the caretakers house in 1986, constructing the first grass green with Fescu grass in 1990 with past member Al Forward, the green then being behind the current No 9 green. In 1992 together with John Zar he installed the ring main for the irrigation holes 14 to 18, and provided and drove the loader and dozer for earthworks for the construction of the grass greens.

In 1997 installed the automatic watering system for the course, and in 2001 built the new car park and buggy shed.

Preston also has been a very generous trophy donor over a long period of time.

The Members and Committee congratulate Preston on receiving his Life Membership.

-Mandy Farrell



IN HONOUR: President Ray Mann, with Preston House receiving his Life Membership of the Margaret River Golf Club.



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3rd May 2010

Mr Ray Atcheson
3 Wagtail Place
COWARAMUP WA 6284

Dear Ray

RE: DEBENTURE INTEREST

As per our agreement with you please find enclosed a cheque for \$275.00, which is the annual interest on your Debenture.

Your support of the Margaret River Golf Club has enabled the club to install the new irrigation system and now be involved in the Augusta Margaret River Shire's Grey Water Project.

The pipeline from Gloucester Park to the golf course will commence installation as soon as the finance and documents are completed and we should have the grey water on site for the beginning of summer.

As you are aware this plan has been "10 years in the making" and will enable the club to present a lovely course with green fairways all year round.

This has been made possible by the support and generosity of members such as yourself.

Once again thank you for supporting this project.

Kind regards

Mr Ray Mann
President



2011 Opening ceremony for Grey water, Ray Mann President and Barry House MLC



2011 Cody Lasky and Brian Zanich on Grey Water Opening



2011 Opening Day for Club



2011 Veteran's Stick Pickers- Coring gang, Alan Dale, Jon Beale, Mike O'Conner, Ray Scott, Dave Benson, Ray Atcheson, Laurie Bedford and Ric

Veteran's Captains - Mike Lawson and Terry Halsall



GOLF

Margaret River results

THURSDAY'S Scroungers saw a field of 106 players in the stableford competition. Winner was Jon Farrell, 43 points. Runner-up Robin Lea, 42pts on a countback from Mark Fitzpatrick. Junior, Blake Glover won the gross. Warren eagled No 14.

Saturday's Men's Competition: Winner, Richard Holt, 40pts. Runner-up Richard Catchpole 39, third Peter Nicholls 36 on a countback from Dave Goodall. Matt O'Connell won the gross with 27.

Sunday: Winner, Gary Wightman 42pts. Runner-up Rhonda Hearn 39pts.

9 Hole Competitions: Val Meleri won Wednesday, runner-up June Home 16, third Colleen Marks 16.

Veterans played Canadian Foursomes: Winners Roger Last and John Beales, runners-up Mike O'Connor and Robin Lea.

Twilight: Winners were Rob Hearn 21, Rhonda Hearn 20. Runners-up Mike Marks 19 and Colleen Marks 19.

Margaret River golf results

THURSDAY'S Scroungers was sponsored by Preveli Wines, with another large field participating in the competition. The Par Plus event saw Preston House the winner with +7, on a three way countback from runner up Dave Goodall +7 and Tim Jackways third +7. Mark Kevill was fourth with +6. Rod Bedford won the Gross. Novelty winners were Blake Glover, Mark Kevill, Mick O'Hara, Ray Scott, Bob Imray, Andre Botha, Derek Flanigan, Carl Hurley and Mark Tugwood.

Saturday Men's Competition sponsored by Dave and Lyn Glasson, saw Bill Guest the winner with a great 47 points. Runner-up was Jon Beales with 41 on a countback from Graham Farrell 41. Rhys Dickinson won the Gross. Novelty winners were T Lovett, Tim Watson, Murray Wilson, Kevin Reed, Dean Taylor (3), Blake Glover, Bill Guest.

Sunday's Mixed competition sponsored by president Ray Mann saw Richard Catchpole the winner with 39 points. Runner-up was Lynn Glasson with 38 and third was Mandy Farrell with 37 points. Novelty winners were Daniel Hunt (2), Mandy Farrell (2), Bill Taplin, Mike Basford.

9 Holes Colleen Marks won Wednesday's 9 Holes with Mary Taylor the runner-up. June Home won the novelty.

Twilight winners were Jim Morris 21 and Mary Taylor 21, with Ray Atcheson and Doris Arthur runners-up. Shirley Mashman and Val Mowbray won the novelties.

Veteran winner was Gordon Smith 24 with Terry Halsall runner up 22. Novelty went to John Agnew, Gordon Smith and Cliff Garstone.

Next Sunday's Mixed competition will be celebrating Australia Day with a barbecue after the game. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

-Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Guest takes out Saturday's mixed event

THURSDAY'S scroungers featured another big field, with Preston House the winner of the par plus event.

House went straight to the top with a score of +7, on a three way countback from runner-up Dave Goodall and Tim Jackways who also tore the course up with impressive +7 scores.

Mark Kevill was fourth with +6. Rod Bedford won the gross. Novelty winners were Blake Glover, Mark Kevill, Mick O'Hara, Ray Scott, Bob Imray, Andre Botha, Derek Flanigan, Carl Hurley and Mark Tugwood.

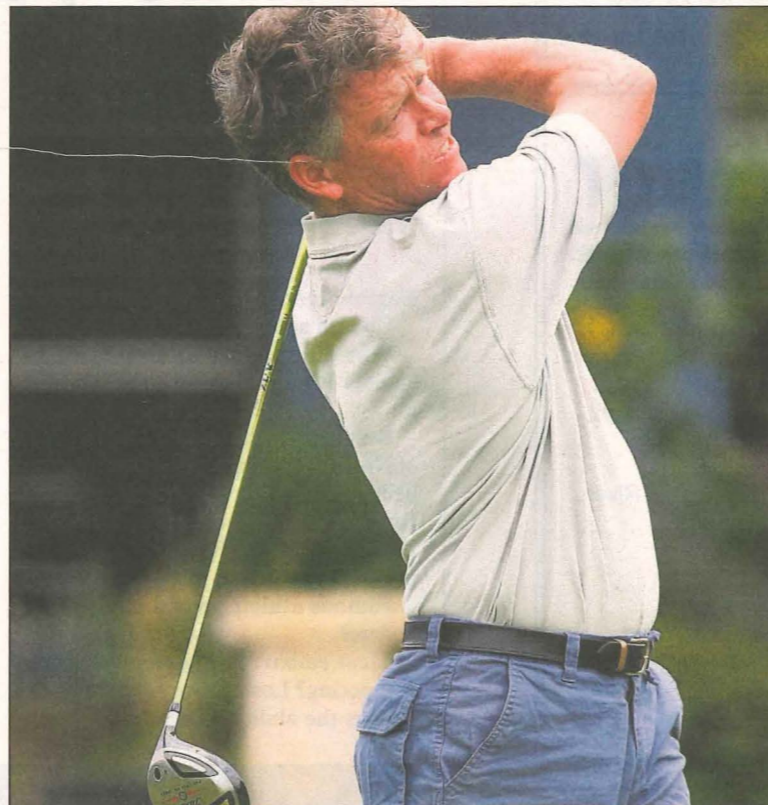
Saturday men's competition saw Bill Guest the winner with a great 47 points. The runner up was Jon Beales with 41 on a countback from Graham Farrell who shot an impressive 41 points. Rhys Dickinson won the gross. Novelty winners were Tim Lovett, Tim Watson, Murray Wilson, Kevin Reed, Dean Taylor, Blake Glover and Bill Guest.

Sunday's mixed competition was sponsored by club president Ray Mann saw Richard Catchpole the winner with 39 points. Runner-up was Lynn Glasson with 38 and third was Mandy Farrell with 37 points. Novelty winners were Daniel Hunt, Mandy Farrell, Bill Taplin and Mike Basford.

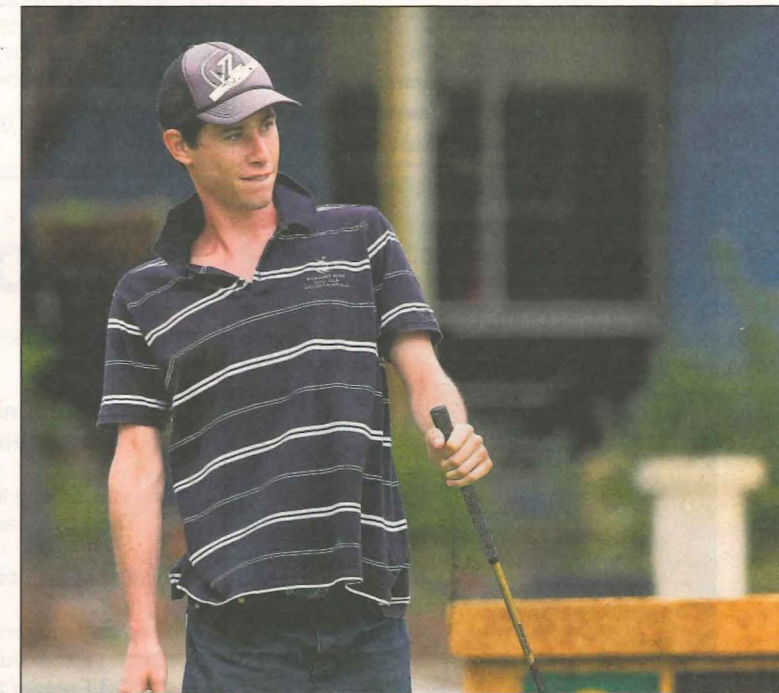
Colleen Marks won Wednesday's nine-hole competition ahead of Mary Taylor. June Home won the novelty.

Twilight competition winners were Jim Morris with 21 points and Mary Taylor, 21. Ray Atcheson and Doris Arthur were close behind in second place. Shirley Mashman and Val Mowbray won the novelties.

The veteran's event was taken out by Gordon Smith, 24, with Terry Halsall runner up on 22 points. Novelty went to John Agnew, Gordon Smith and Cliff Garstone. Sunday's mixed competition will celebrate with a n Australia Day barbecue.



Dean Taylor tees off at Margaret River Golf Club on Saturday.



Cody Laskey tracks his tee shot.



Mal Bromley tees off.



John Beales makes good contact as he tees off.



Graham Farrell tracks his drive at Margaret River Golf Club on Saturday. PICTURES: DEREK POOL

Handicaps go up a notch in three-day golfing event

GOLF

MARK Fergusson shot 41 points to win Thursday's scroungers event ahead of Tim Jackways who bettered his handicap by two strokes en route to a 38-point round.

Robin Lea, who also went two up on his handicap, came third on a count-back. Marc Halsall won the gross with a fine five-over round of 77.

Novelty prizes were awarded to Graham Linfoot, Travers O'Rafferty, Preston House, Roy Hobson, Gary Evershed, Mike Skivinis, Damien Bullock, Henri Liebenberg and Tim Jackways.

Richard Catchpole posted a personal best round of 66 nett for 2011 to claim Saturday's men's event, beating out Mick O'Hara who posted a round of 70.

Matt O'Connell won the gross with six over 78. Novelty prizes were awarded to Rob Young, Ken McKenzie, Richard Catchpole, Kristian Kovac, Gary Hinkley, Gary Wightman, Mick O'Hara and Murray Hull. Mick O'Hara won the putting competition with 23 putts.

Sunday's mixed competition saw young gun Cody Laskey win the day with 40 points. Matt O'Connell claimed second position two points



Matt Brewer putts during Saturday's tournament at Margaret River Golf Club. PICTURES: DEREK POOL

behind with 38 points on a countback from Steve Britton who also bettered his handicap by two strokes. Novelty prizes were awarded to Penny Foy, Rhonda Zanich, Vic Solonec, Brian Zanich and Bill Taplin.

Roy Garstone posted 21 points to win the Vets Stableford competition on Tuesday ahead of Peter Clift.



Left: John Bell blasts his way out of a bunker during Saturday's tournament.



Left: Novelty winner Kristian Kovac chips onto the green.



Right: Gary Hinkley tees off.

McQueen seizes event and outdoes handicap

GOLF

PHIL McQueen bettered his handicap by five shots on Thursday to take out the Scroungers Event at the Margaret River Golf Club, ahead of Ken McKenzie and Mark Worth who both scored 39 points.

Matt O'Connell won the gross while Tim Watson eagled No 13.

Jon Farrell, Mark Tugwood, Marc Halsall and Murray Wilson claimed nearest to the pin novelty prizes while other fun-filled prizes

were awarded to Dave Benson, Ric Cowan, Matt Brewer, Don Bradenkamp, Garry Wightman and Mike Basford.

Saturday's Men's played for the first Monthly Mug of the Year.

Visitor Ian Misich from Altone Park won the day with relatively tame nett 70.

Murray Hull played to his handicap with a nett 72 to claim second place and Ken McKenzie continued his good form by placing third with 73.

Nearest to the pin sharp shooters were Jon Beales, Scott McGuire, Bill Guest, Mal Bromley while Matt O'Connell, Peter Boyanich, Jon Marshall, Mark Fitzpatrick, Rod Bedford and Ian Misich claimed additional novelty awards.

Geoff Harveson showed that a few weeks off from golf does have it advantages by claiming the Sunday mixed event's top spot with 42 points.

Runner up was Rhonda Zanich with 39 points and third was

Michele Boyanich with 35 points on a countback from Kath Solonec.

Rhys Dickinson and Kath Solonec won the gross prizes.

Nearest to the pin winners were Leonie Bell, Geoff Harveson, Rhys Dickinson and Mal Bromley, with Garry Wightman and Dickinson also having the longest putts on holes nine and 18.

The veterans played Stableford on Friday and Peter Clift blitzed the field with 22 points.

Margaret River golf

SCROUNGERS this week was sponsored by Life Member Norm Scott. Phil McQueen shot 41 points to win first prize, runner-up was Ken McKenzie with 39 on a countback from Mark Worth 39. Matt O'Connell won the Gross. Tim Watson had an Eagle on No 13. Novelty winners were NTP's Jon Farrell, Mark Tugwood, Marc Halsall, Murray Wilson. Other novelty prizes went to Dave Benson, Ric Cowan, Matt Brewer, Don Bradenkamp, Garry Wightman and Mike Basford.

Saturday's Men's played for the first Monthly Mug of the Year sponsored by Margaret River Print. The Stroke Competition saw visitor Ian Misich from Altone win the day with 70 nett. Runner-up was Murray Hull with 72 nett and Ken McKenzie continuing his good form was third with 73. NTP's winners were Jon Beales, Scott McGuire, Bill Guest, Mal Bromley. Other novelty winners were Matt O'Connell, Peter Boyanich, Jon Marshall, Mark Fitzpatrick, Rod Bedford and Ian Misich.

Sunday's Mixed competition was sponsored by Rosily Vineyard. Geoff Harveson showed that a few weeks off from golf does have its advantage coming in the winner with a fine 42 points. Runner-up was Rhonda Zanich with 39 points and third was Michele Boyanich with 35 points on a countback from Kath Solonec. Rhys Dickinson and Kath Solonec won the Gross Prizes. NTP winners were Leonie Bell, Geoff Harveson, Rhys Dickinson and Mal Bromley, with Garry Wightman and Rhys also having the longest putts.

The Veterans played Stableford with Peter Clift the winner with 22 points. Bill Taplin was runner-up with 20 points on a countback from Ray Atcheson. Novelty winners Mike Lawson, Mike O'Connor and Arthur West.

Wednesday 9 holes saw Mary Taylor the winner with 19 points on a countback from Marian Squance. Renea Lea won the novelty prize.

Good luck to the nine girls travelling to Capel on the weekend to play in the Capel Cup.

—Mandy Farrell



SPORT

Hole-in-one makes Ray Scott's week

THURSDAY'S Scroungers sponsored by *Augusta-Margaret River Mail* turned out to be a great day for Ray Scott, holing out on the par 3 No 15 for a hole-in-one. Well done Ray.

Dave Massie won the day with 41 points, Gordon Smith was runner-up with 39 and Brian Devitt was third with 38.

Marc Halsall won the gross with 30. Novelty winners were Mike Marks, Matt O'Connell, Ron Wettstein, Ray Scott, Gordon Smith, Dave Goodall, Carl Hurley, Phil McQueen and Alan Dale.

Saturday's stableford competition sponsored by John Evans and David 'Tiger' Noske saw Garry Wightman the winner with 40 points on a countback from Ken MacKenzie with Damien Bullock third with 39 on a four-way countback.

Junior, Blake Glover, shot a great 75 off the stick to win the gross. Novelties went to Blake Glover, John Bell, Gary Wightman,

Dean Taylor, Bob Imray, Rhys Dickinson, Jon O'Connor and Dave Coates.

Sunday's Mixed ambrose 2s sponsored by the *Augusta-Margaret River Mail*, saw Gary Wightman team up with Marc Halsall to win the competition with 65 1/4. Runners-up were Brian and Rhonda Zanich with 67 1/4.

Novelties went to Kim Hewton, Henry Liebenberg, Mick O'Hara, Mandy Farrell, Gary Wightman and Dave Goodall.

The Veterans played Stableford with Bill Ivey the winner with 20 points. John Webster was runner-up with 19 and Dave Benson was third with 18.

Novelties went to Ray Atcheson, Vic Solonec, Kevin Parker and Bobby Mofflin.

Alan Thwaites won the Twilight on Friday with Jan MacCaulay the runner-up. Mike Marks and Alan Thwaites won the novelty prizes.

-Mandy Farrell

GOLF



THE EAGLE HAS LANDED: Ray Scott scored a hole-in-one on the par 3 15th hole last Thursday.

SPORT

Veteran golfers right on par

THE Veterans played the 2nd and final round of their Championship on Tuesday. Terry Halsall proved a worthy winner of the championship shooting 73. Gross winner was Dave Glasson. Day winner was Arthur West with 34. Novelties went to Colin Andrews, Alan Dale and Arthur West.

Labelworld sponsored the Men's Saturday Par competition. Tony Byrne shot +3 to win the day with Peter Boyanich runner-up with +2 on a countback from Ray Scott +2. NTP winners were Mal Gray, Richard Catchpole, Dave Coates, Ray Mann. Other novelties went to Jon Beales, Peter Boyanich, Richard Catchpole (2) and Rhys Dickinson. Sunday's Mixed Ambrose was sponsored by Catchy's Wardrobe World.

The threesome of Rosemary and Mike Basford and Vince Home won the day with 59 1/2. Runners-up were Jean McCarthy and Roby



WELL DONE: Vets champion Terry Halsall pictured with Vets captain Mike Lawson and gross winner Dave Glasson.

McBride with 61 1/2, and third was Rob and Rhonda Hearn with 63 1/4. NTP went to Nathan Browner, Rhonda Zanich, Toby McBride, Mandy Farrell, Henri Liebenberg and Rhonda Zanich.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Scroungers Captain Mike Basford, saw Steve Owen the winner with 42 points. Runner-up was

Vince Home with 39 and Damien Bullock was third with 34. Marc Halsall won the Gross. NTP went to Ray Scott, Dave Noske, Vince Home, Marc Halsall. Other Novelty winners were Ron Wettstein, Dave Glasson, Marc Halsall, Phil McQueen, Dave Noske and Mike Skivinis.

-Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Margaret River golfers beat the heat

THE hot weather hasn't deterred the determined golfers this week. Catchy's Cabinets Stroke competition on Thursday saw another good field playing. Stuart Currell shot 63 nett to win the day with Daniel Hunt runner-up with 65, Mike O'Connor third with 67 and Nathan Browner fourth with 69. Mal Bromley won the Gross with 78. NTPs went to Richard Catchpole, Mal Gray, Roy Garstone, Marc Halsall with other novelty winners being Steve Pease, Matt Brewer, Mike Skivinis, Rod Bedford and Richard Catchpole.

Saturday's Voyagers Estate's Stableford competition saw Tim Watson the winner with 39 points, Peter Boyanich runner-up with 37 and Mal Bromley third with 35. Mal also won the Gross with 27. NTPs went to Peter Norris, Simon Skivinis, Mike Skivinis, Rod Bedford. Other novelties went to Rod Bedford, Tim Watson, Murray Hull, Paul Gribble, Gary Hinkley and Simon Skivinis.

The Club Trophy on Sunday's Mixed competition

saw Brian Seed win with a great 42 points. Runner-up was Simone Bedford with 38 and Angie Burges third with 37 points.

NTPs went to Rod Bedford, Peter Boyanich, Brian Seed (2) with Brian Zanich and Ray Atcheson winning the Long Putts.

The Veterans Invitational Ladies Day saw Cliff Garstone the Men's winner with 21 and Bob Garman runner-up with 19.

Rhonda Zanich was the Ladies winner and Barbara Webster runner-up. Novelties went to Brian Zanich, Kath Solonec and Abe Huisken.

Twilight's final competition for the summer season saw Jim Taylor the winner with 21 points and Matt O'Farrell with 20 points. The Women's winner was Doris Arthur with 15 and Mary Taylor was runner-up with 14. Novelties went to Rob Hearn, Matt O'Farrell and Jim Taylor.

-Mandy Farrell



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Smith has 'arrived'



Kristie Smith was victorious at the Pegasus New Zealand Open on Sunday. Picture: Getty Images

Local prodigy takes European tour title

RHYS DICKINSON

MARGARET River junior golfing prodigy Kristie Smith announced herself to the world last weekend by securing her maiden Ladies European Tour victory, coming from behind at the Pegasus New Zealand Women's Open.

Smith, who played the majority of her junior golf at the Margaret River Golf Club, took out her biggest title and soared to second place on the women tour's money list with her victory in Christchurch on Sunday.

Opening with a steady round of 71 at the Pegasus North Course on Thursday, Smith roared into contention with a blistering eight-under-par second round of 64, which included nine birdies, to sit just three behind Italy's Giulia Sergas at the tournament's halfway mark.

The wind picked up in the latter half as Smith slumped to a third round 73 to sit five shots behind Sergas.

But Smith, typically attuned to playing in blustery WA conditions, mounted her finest round of 2011 to storm to victory on Sunday, turning the five-shot deficit into a three-stroke victory with a closing 68.

Only five players broke 70 in the difficult final round.

Sergas let Smith back into the tournament by dropping five shots through her opening three holes, but Smith earned her first victory by birdieing the difficult par four fourth and seventh holes and the par three eighth hole.

By the turn, she had amassed a two-shot lead and despite a bogey at the 13th hole, she closed out the victory with a final birdie on the par five 18th hole.

Smith's New Zealand triumph marked her third international victory in 13 months after she won the United States Futures Tour 2010, Daytona Beach Invitational and Royal Canberra Ladies Classic early last year.

Recycled water tees off for golf club

STAGE Two of Margaret River Golf Club's recycled water project was officially opened with a ceremony last Sunday.

The project pipes recycled water from Gloucester Park to the golf club and South West MLC Barry House and Shire President Ray Colyer reminded the large number of guests of the 10 years of lobbying and negotiating that went into the project.

Golf club president Ray Mann said: "The golf club can now be assured of an adequate water supply for the summer months without needing to deplete underground aquifers. It is a win-win result for the club, the community and the environment."

"The club's existing bore water supply was inadequate in volume to irrigate fairways throughout summer and the water quality was very acidic and high in iron salts. At this time of year, the grass on the fairways has usually become extremely dry and brown."

"This new reliable water source will guarantee that the course can be kept in prime condition over summer when many visitors use the course. It will also allow the club to reconsider holding open events over the summer months when the weather is more conducive to playing golf."

"To recycle water means an easing of the load on the river and stream systems and also that underground aquifers that can be left untapped. Fertiliser application will also be reduced thanks to the nutrient supply in the recycled water."

"The club looks forward to the challenge of managing a different set of problems such as increased growth rates and a different range of pests and diseases in the turf," Mr Mann said.

Ten years ago, he said, the golf club was pursuing water from the Gnarabup treatment plant and had almost signed off on an agreement which would have delivered a much smaller amount of water to the course.

At that stage, the shire decided to start up a project



WATER'S ON: Margaret River Golf Club president Ray Mann is congratulated by South West MLC Barry House on completion of stage two of the recycled water project.

utilising water from the main treatment plant in town. With funds from developers and Royalties for Regions, water was to be made available to school ovals and the Riverslea subdivision.

Further funding from a Department of Sport and Recreation allowed expansion of the project to include Gloucester Park and the golf club, which had to raise a substantial sum to contribute to the pipeline from the Recreation Centre to the course.

Barry House announced in March last year that the grant application was successful and local contractors Laurie Craven and Sons were awarded the contract. Work commenced on the wet sections before the start of last winter and the \$700,000 pipeline to the golf club operated for the first time on January 20.

Visitors are advised to observe warnings posted on the course in regard to avoiding contact with the water and not to drink water from irrigation stations. Irrigation on course is done only at night and is strictly controlled by health regulations for the safety of golfers.

Times photog comes up trumps in WA award

OUTSIDE-the-box photography by Augusta-Margaret River Times photographer Derek Pool has seen him named Best Country Newspaper Photographer at the WA Press Photographer of the Year Awards.

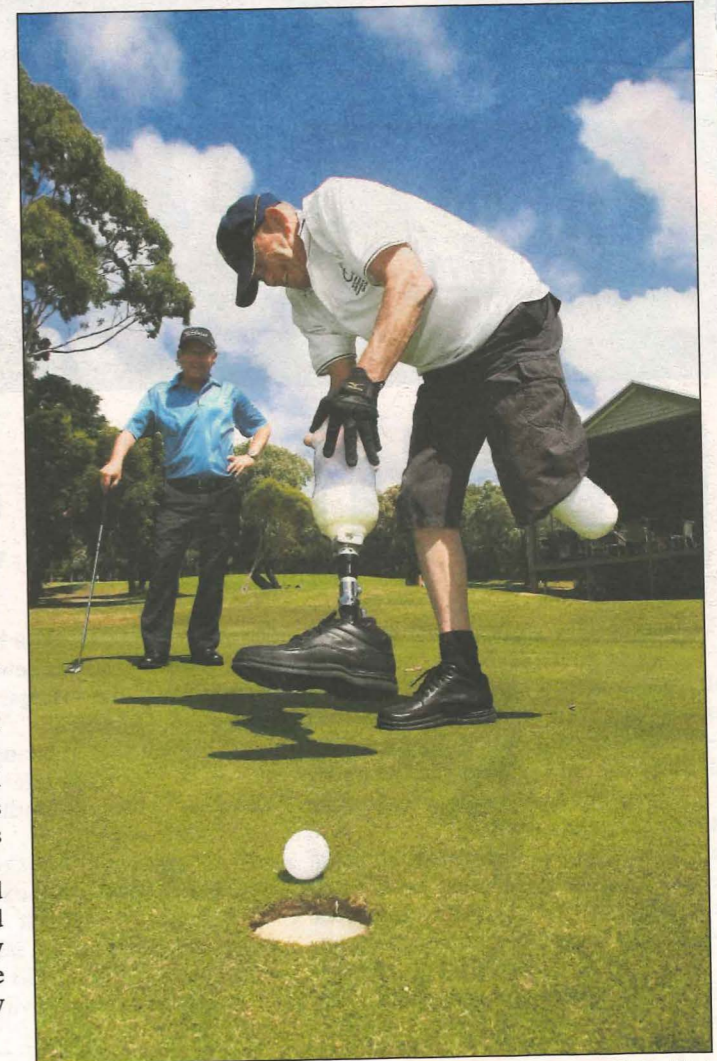
In October, Pool captured the accompanying image of amputee golfer Henri Liebenberg for a story on the Margaret River Golf Club's inaugural WA Amputee and Disabled Golf Association charity day.

The award was based on a portfolio of images captured by Pool in the past year in his capacity as photographer for the Times and sister paper, the *Busseton-Dunsborough Times*.

Pool has worked for the West Australian Newspaper Group for more than 15 years and has won a variety of media awards for his published work.

Times editor Clare Allen said the portfolio of works Pool submitted included light-hearted portrait images, quality sports photography, spot news images and feature photography.

She said the latest award reflected the reputation Pool had in the community as a quality press photographer and whose images were sought after by readers.



Times snapper Derek Pool won the press prize for a portfolio that included this shot of Henri Liebenberg with the Margaret River Golf Club's John Farrell looking on.

Margaret River golfers score high

THURSDAY'S Scroungers Stableford competition sponsored by Graham Farrell and Dean Taylor saw Mark Fitzpatrick pick up first prize with 43 points. Runner-up was Adrian Castle with 42 and third was Ron Wettstein 41 on a countback from Ken MacKenzie 41. NTPs went to Adrian Castle, Jarrod Proctor, Mark Fitzpatrick and Geoff Barrett. Other novelties went to Ken MacKenzie, Jim Triglone, Jarrod Proctor, Preston House, Peter Boyanich and Mark Tugwood. First National Real Estate sponsored the Men's Stroke Competition on Saturday. Jo Kingdon shot 63 nett to win with Bob Imray runner-up with 68 on a countback from Rhys Dickinson third 68. Rhys won the Gross with 74 and the putting competition with 22 putts. NTPs went to Graham Bedggood (2), Jeff Hedstrom, Geoff Barrett. Other novelties went to Mick O'Hara, Mal Gray, Blake Glover, Mat Pattinson, Rhys

Dickenson (2) with Rhys also Eagling no 13. Vince Home and Jon Farrell sponsored Sunday's Mixed Stableford competition. Tony Foy had 41 points to win the day with Matt Pattinson runner-up with 38 and Graham Linfoot third with 35. Gerry Morris won the Women's with 39 points, Ricki Coates was runner-up with 38 and Jo Pyatt was third with 36. NTPs went to Ray Barker (2), Rosemary Basford and Leonie Bell. Peter Boyanich and Rhonda Hearn won the long putts.

Barbara Webster won Wednesday's 9 holes with 18 points with Jo Pyatt runner-up with 17. Ruth Edward won the novelty. The Veterans played Stableford. Robin Lea had 20 points to win on a countback from John Agnew with Mike Lawson third with 19 points. Novelties went to Jim Taylor, Vic Solonec and Dave Benson.

—Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Women ruling in golf

GOLF

ALISON Kelly and Lesley Folkard kicked off the new women's golf season in style with an impressive win in Wednesday's 4BBB event.

Kelly and Folkard tore up the Margaret River course with a combined 45 points to win first prize ahead of Wendy Campbell and Michele Boyanich, 42. Novelties were awarded to Sue Bloxam, Rosemary Basford, Lesley Folkard, Mary Beck, Allison Kelly, Bernadette Campbell, Patsy Bedford.

Dean Taylor shot 40 points to win Thursday's scroungers event ahead of Peter Boyanich and Kevin Williams on 38 points. Nearest to the pins were won by Todd Glover, John Agnew, Adrian Castle. Other novelty winners were Laurie Bedford, Carl Hurley, Preston House and Mike Skivinis.

Mark Bonnette and Mark Worth won Friday's 4BBB invitational day with 45 points. Peter Cherry and Doug Lawler from Royal Fremantle were runners up with 45 while Graham Payne and Craig Foy placed third with 44.

Peter Cherry from Royal Fremantle Golf Club won Saturday's stableford event with an unusually low 38 points. Jeremy Wixon placed second on a countback from Kim Fish with 37 points. Dean Taylor won the Gross with a 6-over par 78. NTPs went to Syd Cabban, Paul Haynes, Greg Stephens, Danny O'Connell, Preston House, Gary Hinkley, Aaron Stotten, Geoff Barrett, M. Hake and Syd Cabban.

Alan Jennings won the men's event on Sunday with 38 from Mick O'Hara (35) and Rhys Dickinson (34). Di Gordon won the women's event with 38 points and Michele Boyanich was runner up with 33 on a countback from Laurie Barker, 33. Nearest to pin awards went to Rhys Dickinson, Denise Warren, Daniel Hunt, Kath Solonec with Rob Dewar and Lyn Glasson winning the long putts.

Veterans played par bisque on Friday and Roy Hobson claimed top spot with +5. Jon Beales was runner up with +3 and novelties were awarded to Dave Glasson and Theo Van Boheemen.

Friday nine holes saw Jo Pyatt the winner with 19 points with Jan MacCaulay runner up with 18.

SPORT



Ken Mackenzie tees off at the weekend.



Terry Halsall eyes his tee shot.

Core promise

GOLF

RAY Bennet conquered cored greens and the rest of the field last week as he captured Thursday's scroungers event title with a blistering 42 points.

Jim Triglone was runner up with 40 points and Tim Watson was third with 39 on a count back from Mark Fergusson.

Nearest to the pin awards went to Adrian Castle, John Agnew, Tim Watson and Andre Botha. Other novelties went to John Bell, Rod Bedford, Geoff MacIntosh, Mike Skivinis, Dave Bennett and Dean Taylor.

Graham Bedggood bettered his handicap by five shots for 41 points to win Saturday's Stableford event ahead of Richard Catchpole, 37 and Aaron Stot-

ten, 36 points, on a countback from Bill Guest.

Nearest to the pin prizes were awarded to Dave Coates, Blake Glover, Dave Sinclair and Dave Benson. Other novelty winners were Graham Bedggood, Jeff Hedstrom, Henri Liebenberg, Geoff Harveson, Cody Laskey and Rob Dewar.

Mick O'Hara and Dave Glasson won Sunday's mixed Ambrose event with 63¾ on a count back from Vic and Kath Solonec. Mal Bromley and Ann Pitt were third with 64½.

Mandy Farrell, Julie Campbell, Dave Burges and Vic Solonec won the nearest to pin prizes and long putt prizes were awarded to Angie Burges and Cody Laskey.

— Mandy Farrell



Rockingham golfer Dave Sinclair plays the fifth.

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SPORT

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Damien Bullock.



Mick O'Hara



Ray Scott



Graeme Bedgood

Fitzpatrick wins scroungers

GOLF

MARK Fitzpatrick picked up first prize at Thursday's scroungers by bettering the field and his handicap by seven strokes, on 43 points.

Runner up was Adrian Castle with 42 and third place was awarded to Ron Wettstein with 41 on a count-back from Ken MacKenzie.

Nearest to the pins were Adrian Castle, Jarrod Proctor, Mark Fitzpatrick and Geoff Barrett. Other novelties went to Ken MacKenzie, Jim Triglone, Jarrod Proctor, Preston House, Peter Boyanich and Mark Tugwood.

Jo Kingdon shot 63 nett to win the stroke event ahead of Bob Imray on 68, on a countback from Rhys Dickinson.

Dickinson won the gross with 74

and the putting competition with 22 putts. He also recorded an eagle on the par-four sixth hole.

Nearest to the pins were Graham Bedgegood (2), Jeff Hedstrom and Geoff Barrett. Novelty prizes were awarded to Mick O'Hara, Mal Gray, Blake Glover, Matt Pattinson and Dickinson. Tony Foy scored 41 points to win the mixed event on Sunday ahead of runner up Pattinson, on 38, and Graham Linfoot, on 35. Gerry Morris won the women's category with 39 points, Ricki Coates was runner up with 38 and Jo Pyatt was third with 36. Nearest to the pin vouchers were given to Ray Barker (2), Rosemary Basford and Leonie Bell. Peter Boyanich and Rhonda Hearn won the long putts.

Barbara Webster won Wednesday's nine-hole event with 18 points.



Bill Taplin

Pyatt was runner up on 17. Ruth Edward won the novelty.

Robin Lea won the veterans' Sta-



Scott Maguire

bleford on 20 points on a count back from John Agnew with Mike Lawson third on 19 points.

GOLF



WINNERS: Rob Parsons and Di Gordon with Alison Kelly from Aravina.

Aravina Open day golf

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted the Inaugural Aravina Winery 4BBB Open Event on the weekend. 110 players from Clubs all over WA joined local members in a very successful 2 day event. Aravina also hosted a fabulous dinner at their magnificent winery on Saturday night which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Congratulations go to the winners of the 2 day event, local Di Gordon and playing partner Rob Parsons from Royal Fremantle with 94 points for the 2 days (46,48).

Runners-up were Stuart and Susie Munro from Nedlands with 93 and third were Sue and Don Good 91 on a count-back from Norm Gomm and Robyn Wood 91.

Day winners were Dene Solomon and Lisa Smith 46 and Ken and Lynda Ritchie 49. Day runners-up were Vincent and Yolande Caruso 46 and Sergio and Nada Varrichio 47.

In other competitions at the Club last week. Angie Burges and Mary Beck sponsored the Women's Par Event on Wednesday.

A Grade winner was Sue Bloxam with +1, on a countback from Di Gordon +1 with Julie Campbell third with square from a countback from Wendy Campbell.

B Grade winner was Michele Boyanich with +5, runner-up was Libby Dawson with +3 on a countback from Julie Errey.

Novelties went to Penny Foy, Barbara Webster, Rhonda Hearn, Mary Beck, Kerry Farrelly, Doris Arthur, Wendy Campbell and Michele Boyanich.

Greenkeepers' revenge was Thursday's Scroungers event, with the pins placed in some very dubious spots on the greens with players even seeing double on No 7.

Kim Fish was obviously not put off shooting 35 points to win the day. Ray Scott was runner-up with 34 and Vic Solonec was third.

NTPs went to Jon Farrell, Henri Liebenberg, Richard Deshon (2). Other novelties went to Jeff Hedstrom, John Ritchie, Mark Kevill, Mike Basford and Larry de Jong.

Tuesday's Veterans played Stableford with Colin Andrews the winner with 21 points.

Robin Lea was runner-up with 20 points. Novelties went to Roy Garstone, Mike Marks and Dave Glasson.

Friday 9 holes saw Barbara Webster the winner with 17 points and Mike Marks runner-up with 15. The Novelty winner was Jim Taylor.

-Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Green conditions suit Linfoot in Wednesday's Stableford event

GOLF

DI Linfoot took advantage of green conditions to shoot 38 points and win this week's women's Stableford event on Wednesday.

Barbara Webster finished in second three shots behind with 35 and Kath Solonec claimed third with 34.

Mandy Farrell claimed the B-grade prize with a blistering 43 points, edging out, Jo Pyatt (37) and

Lesley Folkard (35).

Marian Squance won the pot of gold on the 8th hole and other novelties went to Leonie Bell, Mandy Farrell, Rhonda Zanich, Mel Larson, Pyatt and Penny Foy.

Resident greenkeeper Will Norris won Saturday's Stableford competition with 39 points.

Rhys Dickinson won the gross with 30.

Nearest to the pin prizes were

awarded to Richard Catchpole, Aaron Stotten, Matt Brewer and Dave Glasson.

Other novelties went to Bill Guest, Jo Kingdon, Will Norris, Nick Liebenberg, Henri Liebenberg and Catchpole.

Jim Morris topped Friday's men's competition by bettering his handicap by three for 21 while Bob Imray claimed second place with 19 points on a count back from Kevin Parker.

Robin Lea bettered his handicap by five shots on Thursday to win the men's scroungers event with 41 points.

Jim Triglone was runner up with 39, third was Tim O'Brien 38 on a count back from Tim Watson, 38.

Rod Bedford was the gross winner with 33.

Nearest to the pin went to Barry Granville, John Ritchie, Dickinson and Paul Gribble.

Other novelty winners were Bob Garman, Rick Cowan, Dean Taylor, Jim Jackway.

Matt O'Connell won Sunday's mixed event winner with 39 points with Foy runner up with 35 points.

Nearest to the pin prizes were awarded to Rob Dewar, Mike Croxford, Allison Kelly and Kim Hewton.

Long putts went to Angie Burges and Foy.

— Mandy Farrell

MR golf results

WEDNESDAY Women played par sponsored by Michele Boyanich and Wendy Campbell. A Grade winner was Kerry Farrelly with +2 on a countback from Mandy Farrell and Sue Bloxam third +1. B Grade winner was Mary Beck, square, with Melissa Larson runner-up with -2 on a countback from Lyn Glasson and Julie Errey. Novelties went to Penny Foy, Kerry Farrelly, Lyn Glasson, Julie Errey, Marg Scott and Jan MacCaulay.

Margaret River First National sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Adrian Castle shot 41 points to win the day with Wayne Clark runner-up, 39, on a countback from Jeff Hedstrom. Novelties to Mike Basford, Greg Murphy, Rob Dewar and Craig Hadley.

Saturday's stroke competition was sponsored by Fennessy Holden in Busselton. Geoff Barrett had 72 nett to win, with Ken MacKenzie runner-up with 73 on a countback from Tony Combes. Richard Catchpole won the gross with 78. NTPs went to Dave Noske, Ray Mann, Daniel Hunt, and Dave Benson. Other novelties to Jon Farrell, Mal Bromley, Tim Watson, Geoff Barrett, Ray Mann and Richard Catchpole.

Sunday's Mixed ambrose 2s sponsored by Michele and Peter Boyanich saw a great field play in perfect conditions. Laurie and Ray Barker won with 62½. Runners-up were Daniel Hunt and Doris Arthur with 64¾ and third were Tim Jackways and Will Norris with 65. NTPs went to Daniel Hunt, Rosie Basford, Kim Hewton and Jeff Hedstrom. Long putts to Larry De Jong and Angie Burges.

Friday Mixed 9 holes saw Matt O'Farrell win with 21 points. Runner-up was Barbara Webster, 20, also winning the novelty.

This Sunday is the Opening Day for the Golf Club sponsored by patron Doris Arthur. The game is the traditional Canadian foursomes so grab a partner, doesn't have to be mixed. Sausage Sizzle at 11.30am and please put your names up on the list in the Clubhouse.

—Jon Farrell

SPORT

Bloxam pulls off top score in Stableford

GOLF

WEDNESDAY'S Women played Stableford, with Sue Bloxam scoring 37 points to win A-grade. Rhonda Hearn was runner-up with 36 and Wendy Campbell was third with 33.

Tiny Bell shot 38 points to win B-grade, with Chris Combes runner-up on 36 on a countback from Vicki Dryden.

Novelties went to Jan MacCaulay, Alison Kelly, Bernadette Campbell, Angie Burges, Mary Beck and Vicki Dryden.

For Thursday's scroungers, Steve Pease shot 40 points to win the day with Brian Devitt runner-up with 39 on a countback from Rod Bedford. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 33.

Nearest-to-pins went to Mark Fitzpatrick, Henri Liebenberg, Matt

Brewer, Jim Taylor and other novelties went to Murray Wilson, Bill Taplin, Jon Beales, Barry Granville, Dave Glasson and Rod Bedford.

For the Men's Monthly Mug Stroke competition on Saturday, Matt Brewer shot 65 nett to win the day and the Mug, with Jim Triglone runner-up with 69.

Matt Peterson was third on a two-way countback with 70.

Dean Taylor won the Gross with 77. Pins went to Daniel Hunt, Ray Scott, Rob Dewar and Matt Peterson. The other novelty winners were Richard Catchpole, Bruce Starr, Jim Triglone, Matt Brewer and Dave Benson.

Richard Catchpole won the putting competition with 25 putts.

In Sunday's Mixed competition, Matt O'Connell had 39 points to win

the competition with Henri Liebenberg runner up with 36 and Rosemary Basford third with 35 on a countback from Cody Laskey.

The pins prizes went to Rhonda Hearn, Penny Foy, Matt Brewer, Matt O'Connell with Matt Paterson winning both long putts.

Tuesday Vets played for the Captains Trophy on Tuesday. Roger Last had 23 points to win the day with Dave Benson runner-up with 21.

Novelties went to Richard Deshon, Bill Taplin, Laurie Bedford, Dave Benson, Kevin Parker, Terry Halsall and Roger Last.

Friday Nine-Holes was won by Mary Taylor with 19 points on a countback from Colleen Marks and Jim Taylor. Long putt was won by Mary Taylor.

— Mandy Farrell

Margaret River golf

THIS week at Margaret River Golf Club saw the Women play their first Silverspoon Stroke Event for the season. Julie Campbell shot a great 67nett to win the Silverspoon and the wine glass, which has been on her wish list for a long time. Julie also won A Grade, with Sue Bloxam runner-up with 70 nett and third was Marg Scott 71. B Grade winner was Bernadette Campbell with 76 on a countback from Lesley Folkard 76 and Mary Beck third with 78. Novelties went to Leonie Bell, Penny Foy, Patsy Bedford, Jan MacCaulay, Mandy Farrell, Bernadette Campbell, Sue Bloxam. Libby Dawson and Julie Campbell won the putting competition with 26 putts.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Bunbury Holden saw another big field of 90 players. Kevin Williams shot 40 points on a three way countback to win the day. Jules Ashton was runner-up and Todd Glover third. Paul Morgan won the Gross. NTPs went to Jim Triglone, Tim Jackways, Mal Bromley, Will Norris. Other novelties went to Brian Devitt, Mal Bromley, Dave "Tiger" Noske (2), John Webster and Tim O'Brien.

Forest Estate sponsored the Men's Saturday Stableford competition. Kim Fish shot 40 points to win with Tony Combes runner-up with 38 and Terry Halsall third with 36. Blake Glover won the Gross with 30. NTPs went to Geoff Barrett, Matt Brewer, Cody Laskey, Graeme Bedggood. Other Novelties went to Brody Ninnette, Bill Guest, Tony Combes.

Sunday's Ambrose 2s sponsored by Riverview Tourist Park saw Jim Jackways and Matt Paterson the winners with 63. Runners-up were Simone and Rod Bedford with 64¾, third were Julie Campbell and Mike Skivinis with 65 and fourth were Dave and Lyn Glasson with 65¾. NTPs went to Kath Solonec, Matt O'Connell and Jeff Hedstrom. Long putts to Mandy Farrell and Michele Boyanich.

Friday's Mixed 9 holes saw Barbara Webster the winner with 20 points and Jim Taylor with 18 points. Barbara also won the Novelty.

The Veterans played Stableford on Tuesday with Robin Lea the winner with 19 points and Roy Hobson runner up with 18. Novelties went to Alan Dale, Laurie Bedford and John Webster.

—Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Parker steals a win in veteran Stableford

GOLF

KEVIN Parker stole the show on Tuesday with a day-best 23 points to win the Veterans Stableford competition, edging out Peter Clift who posted a better-than-average 22 points.

Novelty prizes were also awarded to Alan Dale, Parker and Dave Benson.

Wendy Campbell equalled her handicap with 36 points to win Wednesday's women's Stableford competition ahead of Kath Solonec, 34, and Marg Croxford, 33.

Novelties went to Jane Taylor, Marg Scott, Wendy Campbell, Bernadette Campbell, Mary Beck, Jan MacCaulay, Marg Croxford and Chris Combes.

Rod Bedford, playing off a two handicap, shot 71 for 39 points on Thursday to claim the weekly scroungers' event ahead of Marshall King and Stuart Currell, who both bettered their handicap by two shots for scores of 38 points.

Mark Worth, Ken MacKenzie, Tony Byrne and Ron Wettstein claimed the nearest-to-pin prizes and Travers O'Rafferty, Bob McMahon, Rod Bedford, Roy Warren, Clint McGregor and Tim Jackways walked away with novelty prizes for their individual strokes of brilliance.

— Mandy Farrell



Shana Gordon watches her putt head towards the hole.



Ron Edwards works his way to the green. PICTURES: DEREK POOL



Mike Marks follows his putt at Margaret River Golf Club.



Bob Mofflin on the green at the golf club on Tuesday.

Wednesday Women played stableford sponsored by Matt and Bec O'Connell, with Marg Scott shooting 38 points to win. Vicki Dryden was runner up on 34 on a three-way countback from Laurie Barker and Alison Kelly. Novelties went to Mandy Farrell, Jane Taylor, Angie Burges, Lyn Glasson, Mary Beck, Doris Arthur, Alison Kelly and Colleen Marks.

The Vets played stableford with Dave Glasson the winner with 21 points. Mike Croxford was runner-up with 20 points on a countback from Abe Huisken. Novelties went to Terry Halsall and Geoff Harveson.

Friday Mixed 9 holes saw Matt O'Farrell the winner with 21 points and Jo Pyatt 18 points.

—Mandy Farrell

GOLF

Opening Day at Margs

MARGARET River Golf Club celebrated Opening Day on Sunday sponsored by club patron Doris Arthur.

Players enjoyed a sausage sizzle before teeing off on the Canadian Foursomes competition. Julie Campbell and Mike O'Connor won the day with 74 3/8. Runners-up were Mike Basford and Angie Burges with 75 1/4. Novelties went to Rob Hearn, Rhonda Hearn, Dave Glasson, Mike Basford, Vic Solonec and Laurie Bedford.

Saturday's Men's Monthly Mug stroke day was sponsored by the captain and vice-captain. Terry Halsall shot 68 nett to win the Mug and the day, with Dave Glasson runner-up on 72 and Steve Britton third with 74. NTPs went to Scott Maguire, Jeff Hedstrom, Greg Cura and Rod Bedford, with other novelties going to Geoff Barrett, Dave Benson and Travers O'Rafferty.

Thursday's Scroungers Par Plus competition was sponsored by Halsall and Associates. Larry De Jong had +5 to win on a countback from Travers O'Rafferty. Kim Fish was third with +3 and Rod Bedford won the gross with -3. NTPs went to Geoff Barrett, Jon Farrell, Tim O'Brien and Gary Tucker. Other novelties went to Jon Farrell, Dave Glasson, Gary Tucker, Carl Hurley, Matt Paterson and Tim Jackways.



SEASON OPEN: Golf club patron Doris Arthur drives the first ball off the tee.

RAY BEHIND DORIS HANDS.

Golfers unite for clash of the clubs

ON Wednesday the Women travelled to Augusta for the annual Margaret River Augusta Invitational sponsored by the Margaret River Golf Shop.

Sue Rolfe from Augusta and Sue Bloxam from Margaret River won the day with a great 59 1/4. Runners-up were Wendy Campbell and Gail Marshal and third were Michele Boyanich and Penny Foy. A big thank you to the Augusta girls for a great day and a great lunch.

Trade Hire sponsored Thursday's Scroungers stableford competition with a field of 96 players. Dave Coates shot 41 points to win on a countback from Terry Halsall. Larry De Jong was third with 38. Rod Bedford won the gross with 33. NTPs went to Mike Basford, Tony Foy, Terry Halsall and Rod Bedford. Other novelties went to Jo Broadhurst, Daniel Hunt, Larry De Jong, Richard Catchpole and Dave

Coates. Saturday's Men's Competition saw the Augusta Margaret River Challenge with a contingent of Augusta golfers heading up.

Margaret River once again proved too good for the Augusta boys, winning the Challenge with Mal Bromley 38 points, Dave Glasson 38 points and Matt Pausin 37 points. Matt O'Connell won the gross with 31.

Best Visitor was Todd Glover. NTPs went to Blake Glover, Fred Simmonds, Geoff Barrett, Laurie Bedford with other novelties going to Geoff Harveson, Larry De Jong, Scott McGuire, Dave Glasson and Mick O'Hara.

Leeuwin Estate sponsored Sunday's Mixed Competition with Matt Brewer the winner with 44 points. Runner-up was Di Linfoot with 39 and third was Chris Poolman

with 37 points on a countback from Blake Glover. NTPs went to Travers O'Rafferty, Henri Liebenberg, Maggi Foy and Christ Poolman. Long Putts went to Chris Poolman and Blake Glover.

The Veterans played stableford with Mike Lawson the winner with 20 points. Runner-up was Mike Marks with 16. Novelties went to Mike Lawson, Alan Dale and Gordon Smith.

Eighteen Margaret River girls competed in the Augusta Classic, with all-turning in some great scores.

The combination of Vicki Dryden and Kath Solonec won third overall with 95 after losing a countback for second. Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly came home with the gross prize after shooting 59. Well done girls.

—Mandy Farrell

GOLF

Joan Garstone wins MR silverspoon comp

THE Wednesday Women played their second Silverspoon, sponsored by Kerry Farrelly and Joan Garstone. The stroke competition saw Sue Bloxam win the Silverspoon with 75 nett.

A Grade winner was Barbara Webster with 72 nett, Sue Bloxam was runner-up with 75 and third was Marg Scott, 76. B Grade winner was Lyn Glasson with 73, Tiny Bell was runner-up with 75 and Mel Larson third, 76.

Joan Garstone won the putting competition with a great 24 putts. Novelties went to Ricki Coates, Leonie Bell, Jan MacCaulay, Lyn Glasson, Wendy Campbell, Simone Bedford, Barbara Webster, Penny Foy and Melissa Larson.

Dave and Angie Burges sponsored Thursday's Scroungers stableford competition. John Ritchie had 39 points to win on a countback from Kim Fish, with Todd Glover third with 38.

Dean Taylor won the gross with 29. Novelties went to Rob Dewar, Jarrod Proctor, Nathan Browner, Kim Darragh and Carl Hurley.

Saturday's Men's competition sponsored by Labelworld saw Dave Noske win with 41 points. Henri Liebenberg was runner-up with 39 and Matt O'Connell third, 37. Matt also won the gross with 33.

NTPs went to Dave Glasson, Greg Cura, Nathan Browner and Henri Liebenberg. Long Putts to Terry Halsall and Matt Paterson. Tony Byrne had best second shot on No. 17, Dave Noske had best third

on 7 and Dave also won the Long Drive for 17 and under.

Sunday's Mixed stableford was sponsored by South West MLC Barry House. Dave Goodall won with 42 points. Runner-up was Dave Coates, 38, with Mike Basford third, 37.

NTPs went to Laurie Barker on 4 and 8, Ricki Coates 12 and Jarrod Proctor 15. Long Putts to Blake Glover and Rhonda Zanich.

The Veterans played three-club stableford on Tuesday. Mike O'Connor won the competition with 16 points. Dave Glasson was runner-up, 15.

Novelties went to Laurie Bedford, Mike Lawson and Roy Hobson.

-Mandy Farrell

GOLF

Local Jim wins hotel comp from big field

MARGARET River Hotel sponsored its annual event on the June long weekend. More than 130 players from all over WA competed, with local golfer Kim Hewton winning the Overall Men's with 77.

Runner-up was Wayne Bullard with 71 on a countback from Michael Robinson and Roy Hobson fourth with 70.

Cassie Morrin from RPGC won the Women's with 71 from Rhonda Zanich runner-up with 69 and Wendy Campbell third with 67. Richard Catchpole won the Men's Gross with 57 and Sue Bloxam won the Women's Gross with 51.

The Friday Ambrose 2s saw Richard Catchpole and Nathan Browner winners with 62. Runners-up were P Chrystal and P Carlaw with 73.

The Women played their third Silverspoon on June 1, sponsored by Di Gordon and Val Mowbray. The Silverspoon and A Grade winner was Allison Kelly with 70 nett. Runner-up was Wendy Campbell with 72. B Grade winner was Jo Pyatt with 76 on a countback from Carolyn Scott 72.

Last Wednesday the Women played Jubilee Fours sponsored by the Scott Family. Michele Boyanich and Tiny Bell won the day with 36 points. Runners-up were Julie Campbell and Doris Arthur with 34. Novelties went to Kerry Farrelly, Doris Arthur, Jo Pyatt, Val Meleri, Rhonda Hearn and Marian Squance.

Margaret River Golf Shop and Golf Box Bunbury sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Davie Goodall continued his good form winning the day with 36 points on a countback from Tim Jackways, third was Richard Holt with 35 on a countback from Tony Byrne. Marc Halsall won the Gross with 32. Novelties went to Matt O'Connell, Richard Holt, Jarrod Proctor, Henri Liebenberg, Mal Gray, Neil Earl, Jim House, Craig Davis and Kim Durragh.

The Men played for the June Monthly Mug on Saturday, sponsored by the Yallingup Yobs. Jon Farrell finding true form won the Mug and competition with 68 nett. Runner-up was Dave Goodall with 71 on a countback from Bill Guest 71. Jon also won the Gross with 77, won the putting competition with 25 and also Eagled Par 5 No 14.

Novelties went to Richard Catchpole, Matt O'Connell, Dave Glasson, Terry Halsall, Graham Bedggood, Blake Glover, Matt Brewer, Bill Guest and Gavin Leiper.

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Local Jim wins hotel comp in Augusta

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Sunday's Mixed competition was sponsored by Penny and Tony Foy. Kim Hewton had 36 points to win on a countback from Henri Liebenberg 36 with Mandy Farrell third with 35.

Novelties went to Penny Foy, Geoff Harveson, Rob Dewar,

Brian Zanich, Mandy Farrell and Daniel Hunt.

The Vets competition saw Vince Home the winner with 21 points and Alan Dale runner-up with 20. Novelties went to Matt O'Farrell, Mike O'Connor and Mike Croxford.

-Mandy Farrell

River's golfers unite

WEDNESDAY Women played stroke sponsored by Golf Box Bunbury. Kerry Farrelly had 74 nett to win A Grade with Sue Bloxam runner up with 74 also. Michelle Bojanich shot 77 nett to win B Grade, with Tiny Bell runner-up on 78.

Novelties went to June Home, Melissa Larsen, Barbara Webster, Tiny Bell, Vicki Dryden, Kerry Farrelly, Michelle Bojanich, and Di Gordon.

Kim Hewton from Acton Realty sponsored Thursday's Scroungers.

Richard Holt shot 37 points to win the day with Dean Taylor runner-up with 36 on a countback from Robin Lea.

Dean Taylor won the Gross.

Novelties went to Dave Glasson, Rob Baker, Ken MacKenzie, Blake Glover, Robin Lea, Dave Burgess, Rod Bedford, Ian Earl, and Jarrod Proctor.

Margaret River and Cowaramup Electrical Services sponsored the Men's annual 4BBB championship on

Saturday and Sunday. Dave Goodall and Blake Glover shot 85 points to win the 36 hole event and be crowned 2011 4BBB Champions.

Rhys Dickenson and Zac Fagan were runners-up with 84 points and Geoff Barrett and Larry De Jong came third with 82.

Margaret River and Cowaramup Electrical Services also kindly sponsored Sunday's Mixed competition.

Ken MacKenzie had 35 points to win the competition with Rhonda Zanich runner-up with 32.

Tuesday Vets played a Stableford comp. Robin Lea had 21 points to win the day with Richard Deshon runner-up with 20.

Novelties went to Vic Solonec, Jim Taylor, and Roy Hobson.

Friday 9 Holes was won by Lorna West on 16 points from Jim Taylor on 15.

-Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Vicki claims shield



LIFE member of Margaret River golf club Eithne Lagan sponsored the annual Eithne Lagan Shield competition last Wednesday.

The Stableford Event saw Vicki Dryden have 40 points to win the day and the Shield. Val Meleri was runner-up with 38 points and Kerry Farrelly third with 35, Marg Scott fourth with 34, Penny Foy fifth with 33 and Leonie Bell sixth with 33.

Novelties went to Vicki Dryden, Allison Kelly, Michele Boyanich, Tiny Bell, Mary Taylor, Kerry Farrelly and Val Mowbray.

The Painters and Decorators, John Ritchie and Mark Tugwood, sponsored Thursday Scroungers. Kim Fish had 41 points to win, Ray Mann was runner-up with 40 and Dave Goodall was third with 38. Rod Bedford won the gross with 32. NTPs went to Daniel Hunt, Alan Dale, Ken MacKenzie, Will Norris. Other Novelties went to Tim Jackways, Bill Pascoe, Mark Tugwood, Daniel Hunt.

Settlers Liquor Store sponsored Saturday's Men's competition. Kim Fish continued his good form, winning with 68 nett. Dave

Benson was runner-up with 71 and Ken MacKenzie third, 72. Richard Catchpole won the gross with 78. NTPs went to Henri Liebenberg, Tony Byrne, Geoff Barrett, Dave Glasson. Other novelties to Rod Bedford, Matt Brewer, Daniel Hunt, Steve Britton, Richard Catchpole and Dave Benson. Kim Fish won the putting competition with 24 putts.

Dave Glasson had 37 points to win the Club Trophy on Sunday. Dave Goodall was runner-up with 36 points, and Dave Coates third with 35. NTPs went to Brian Zanich, Laurie Barker, Daniel Hunt and long putts to Kim Hewton and Rhonda Hearn.

The Veterans played Bisque Par on Tuesday with Roy Garstone the winner with +5. Peter Clift was runner-up with +4. Novelties went to Dave Benson, Mike Marks and Roy Garstone.

Friday Mixed saw Joan Garstone the winner with 18 points. Runner-up was Val Meleri with 17. John Agnew won the novelty.

-Mandy Farrell

WINNER: Vicki Dryden with the Eithne Lagan Shield.

Foursomes finish fast

GOLF

ROD Bedford and Preston House held off a fast-finishing father-son pairing of Marc and Terry Halsall to win the Margaret River Golf Club foursomes championship at the weekend.

The two teams were forced into a sudden-death playoff after they tied in regulation.

After a hard-fought tussle between the two pairs, Bedford and House won on the fourth hole and were crowned 2011 Men's Foursomes Champions.

Dave Goodall and Blake Glover took out the nett title with 147 and Kim Hewton and Daniel Hunt were runners-up.

The women played for the President's Trophy on Wednesday.

Simone Bedford won the trophy with 36 points, beating out Kerry Farrelly with 34, Chris Combes with 33, and Val Meleri with 32.

Novelties went to Mandy Farrell, Penny Foy, Julie Campbell, Joan Garstone, Farrelly and Combes.

The Thursday scroungers played Stableford and John Ritchie shot 36 points to win on a count-back from Gary Hinkley and Mike Skivinis with 35.

Rod Bedford won the gross with 31.

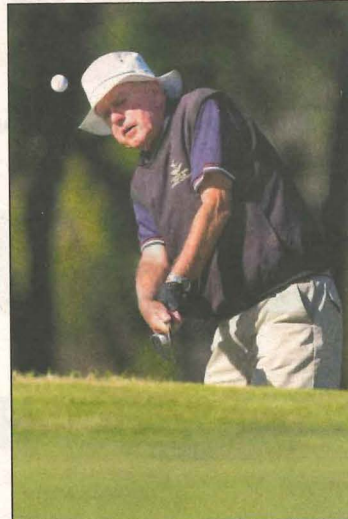
Nearest to pin prizes went to Mal Bromley, Bill Pascoe, Rod Bedford and Ken MacKenzie.

Other novelties went to John Bell, Dave Glasson, Terry Halsall, Jarrad Proctor, Mick O'Hara and Caleb Buxton.

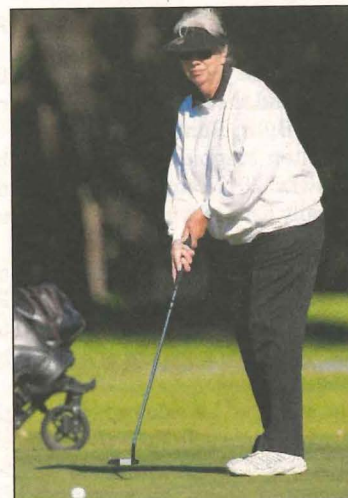
Nathan Browner took out Saturday's stableford event with 34 points ahead of Hinkley, 33, and Steve Britton, 32.



Rhonda Zanich plays down the fairway at Margaret River Golf Club on Sunday.



Geoff Harveson chips on to the green.



Patsy Bedford watches her putt during play.



Peter Boyanich tees off.

PICTURES: DEREK POOL

Blake Glover won the gross.

Nearest to pins were won by Jo Kingdon, Nathan Browner, Rob Dewar and Robin Lea, Glover, 3, and Dewar took out the novelty prizes.

The veterans played a Stableford on Friday and Alan Dale claimed first prize with a consistent 19 points.

Mike Croxford was runner-up

with 18 points on a countback from Roy Hobson. Novelties went to Cliff Garstone, Terry Halsall and Noel Wenman.

Friday's mixed nine-hole event saw Jo Pyatt the winner with 17 points.

Val Mowbray was runner up with 16 points and Jim Taylor won the novelty.

— Mandy Farrell

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SPORT

Sport

Henri off to Sweden

RHYS DICKINSON

MARGARET River Golf Club member Henri Liebenberg has been selected to represent Australia at the 2011 Handigolf World Cup in Sweden later this year.

Liebenberg told the *Times* he nearly fell off his seat when he got the call from national selector Geoff Nicholas last week.

"I got the call out of the blue and couldn't believe what I was hearing," he said.

Liebenberg said he thought he missed his opportunity to qualify for the team when he was unable to compete at last year's Australian Open.

"They said they had been monitoring my Golflink scores and that I had qualified third in a team of four," he said.

He also credited his 2010 Margaret River Golfer of the Year award for getting him over the line.

Liebenberg would travel to Malmö in Sweden in August to compete in the Ryder Cup-style event.

He would compete against 48 other nations being represented at the championships.

Mr Liebenberg said he was working with friend and instructor Tony Byrne to improve his game and hoped to slash his handicap, which



Henri Liebenberg has been selected to play golf for Australia at the disabled championships in Sweden.

PICTURE: DEREK POOL

was currently nine, down by at least two shots before the tournament.

"I'm pretty happy with the state of my game at the moment," he said. "My iron play and putting is fairly

solid, but I'm working on improving my driving. I'm going to be on the golf course every day to improve my game."

And although he was rapt to be

selected, Liebenberg said he would be playing to win come August.

"I didn't put an Aussie flag on my prosthesis for nothing," he said. "I want to go out and beat everyone."



CHAMPS: Men's Foursomes Winners 2011 Preston House and Rod Bedford pictured with Club Captain Richard Catchpole and Nett Sponsor Laurie Bedford.

36 holes fought all the way

THE Men held their 36 Men's Foursomes Championships on Sunday playing 36 holes on the one day.

Terry and Marc Halsall and Rod Bedford and Preston House were even after 36 holes resulting in a playoff, which went to the fourth hole.

After a hard fought tussle between the two pairs, Preston and Rod won on the fourth hole to be crowned the 2011 Men's Foursomes Champions for 2011, resulting in Marc and Terry Halsall coming runners-up Gross Champions.

36 Hole Nett winners were Dave Goodall and Blake Glover with 147, with Kim Hewton and Daniel Hunt 36 Hole Nett runners-up with 149.

The Women played for the Presidents Trophy on Wednesday sponsored by the Women's President, Ricki Coates.

Simone Bedford won the Trophy with 36 points. Runner-up was Kerry Farrelly with 34, third was Chris Combes with 33 and 4th Val Meleri with 32.

Novelties went to Mandy Farrell, Penny Foy, Julie Campbell, Joan Garstone, Kerry Farrelly and Chris Combes.

The Thursday's Scroungers played Stableford sponsored by Eagle Boys Pizza.

John Ritchie shot 36 points to win on a countback from Gary Hinkley and third was Mike Skivinis with 35. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 31.

NTPs went to Mal Bromley, Bill Pascoe, Rod Bedford, Ken MacKenzie. Other novelties went to John Bell, Dave Glasson, Terry Halsall, Jarrad Proctor, Mick O'Hara and Caleb Buxton.

Saturday's Men played for a Club Trophy with Nathan Browner the winner with 34 points.

Runner-up was Gary Hinkley with 33 and third was Steve Britton with 32. Blake Glover won the Gross.

NTPs went to Jo Kingdon, Nathan Browner, Rob Dewar with other novelties going to Robin Lea, Blake Glover (3) and Rob Dewar. The Vets played Stableford with Alan Dale the winner with 19 points.

Mike Croxford was runner-up with 18 points on a countback from Roy Hobson.

Novelties went to Cliff Garstone, Terry Halsall and Noel Wenman.

Friday's Mixed 9 holes saw Jo Pyatt the winner with 17 points.

Val Mowbray was runner-up with 16 points and Jim Taylor won the novelty.

—Mandy Farrell

Margaret River Golf results

DAVE Goodall played great golf again this week to win Saturday's Men's stableford competition, sponsored by Down South Wholesalers, with 40 points. Runner-up was Brian Zanich with 39 points and third was Matt O'Connell with 38 points.

Sunday's Mixed Comp saw Peter Boyanich shoot 42 points to win, with Dave Goodall again in the running, coming second with 36 points on a countback from Brian Zanich and Dave Glasson.

Thursday's Scroungers, sponsored by Aaron Stotten, saw Dave Benson win with 38 points on a countback from Bill Taplin, with John Ritchie third. Marc Halsall won the gross.

The Vets played an Ambrose 2 on Tuesday with Jon Beales and Mike Croxford the winners with 32 1/4. Brian Zanich and Rob Baker were runners-up with 32 7/8. Novelties winners were Dave Glasson, Richard Deshon and Jim Morris.

Friday's Mixed Competition saw Jan James win with 16 points and Matt O'Farrell runner-up with 13. Barbara Webster won the novelty.

—Mandy Farrell

Conditions create high scores

GOLF

THE wild weekend conditions did not deter the diehards from golf in Augusta over the weekend.

The Monthly Mug event was held on Saturday, with a field of 27 braving windy and rainy conditions – hence unusually-high scores.

Kim Darragh took out the prize for the stroke event and many stories of woe were told back in the clubrooms after the match.

The annual Stocker Preston trophy day was a mixed event held on Sunday.

A Russian Stableford was the format with a draw for partners.

Golfers played their own game and multiplied their score for each hole.

Conditions were cold and windy but the rain held off.

The field of 28 players enjoyed a warm fire, refreshments and tall tales

after the game. The club welcomed two new players in Steve Ward and Richard Drake-Brockman.

The game was won by the father-and-son combination of Terry and Brett Hadley on 72 stableford points.

Results:

Monthly mug: 1, Kim Darragh 69 nett, 2, Robbie Milentis, 72 nett, 3rd Brian Neal, 73 nett. Novelties: Nearest the pin, Robin Dunbar-Smith, 2; Kim Darragh, 11; Robbie Milentis, 18. Best gross, Joe Italiano. Best use of the course, Peter Colyer. Trophy day: 1, Terry and Brett Hadley 72 points, 2, Keryn Thorpe and Dennis Kenworthy, 67 points; 3, Shirley Swarbrick and Joe Italiano, 66. Novelties: Nearest the pin, Marian Harwood, 2; Kim Darragh, 11; Craig Hadley, 6; Sue Ali and Barry Brown, 18. Longest putt, Brett Hadley, 9; longest putt, Graeme Challis, 17; best use of the course, Richard Drake Brockman and Brian Neal.

Tough field conditions for golfers

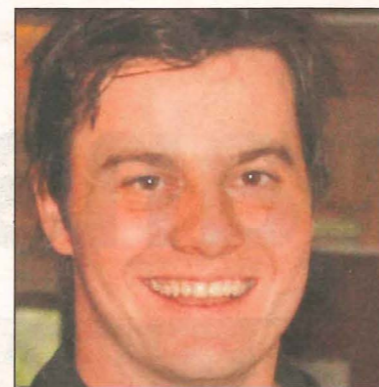
GOLF

GOLFERS were tested by the Margaret River Golf Club layout this week as the course offered up very little in terms of scoring.

Simone Bedford's +2 was good enough to win Wednesday's Par event ahead of Penny Foy with -2.

B Grade winner was Michele Boyanich with +2 with June Home runner up with -2 and Julie Errey placed third with -3.

Novelties went to Sue Bloxam, Vicki Dryden, Colleen Marks, Val Mowbray, Mary Taylor, Ricki Coates and Angie Burges.



Rhys Dickinson

Club stalwart Laurie Bedford took

out Thursday's Stroke event with a consistent nett 70.

Tim Jackways fell one shot short with 71 to place second on a count back from Ray Mann in the competition. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 79.

Nearest to pins went to Bill Barth, Ray Barker, Colin Andrews and Mark Lewis. Geoff Harveson, Bill Barth, Dave Coates, Gary Hinkley and Ian Earl. Carl Hurley took out the other novelty prizes on offer and soon-to-be Australian representative Henri Liebenberg won the putting competition.

Rhys Dickinson snared a win at

Saturday's Stableford competition with 39 points to edge out Gary Hinkley (38) and Peter Boyanich (38).

Daniel Hunt won the Gross on 29.

Nearest to pins went to Brian Zanich, Daniel Hunt, Rhys Dickinson and Rob Baker. Other Novelties were awarded to Laurie Bedford, Graham Farrell, Rhys Dickinson, Rob Baker, Dave Burges and Richard Holt.

Mal Bromley continued his hot run of form, taking out the Sunday mixed Stableford event with 40 points ahead of Russell Pratt (39).

Kath Solonec won the women's event with 35 points, edging out Sue Bloxam who shot 34 points.

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by Rob Dewar, Cherry Dale, Blake Glover and Matt Brewer.

Long putt prizes were awarded to Peter Boyanich and Blake Glover.

Cliff Garstone produced the best round of the week, blitzing the course with 23 points for nine holes to take out Tuesday's veteran's event.

Jon Beales came second with 18 points and novelty prizes were awarded to Kevin Bennett, Dave Glasson and John Agnew.

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SPORT

Duo stroke to dual win

GOLF

MAL Bromley and Penny Foy stepped up to claim their respective monthly Stroke events this week.

Foy equalled her handicap with a consistent 36 points to win the A-grade event ahead of Rhonda Hearn (34) on Wednesday.

Angie Burges shot 34 points to win the B-grade competition, edging out Melissa Larsen (33).

Novelties went to Michelle Bojanich, Melissa Larsen, Julie Campbell, Aileen Budge, Mary Beck, Penny Foy and Carolyn Scott.

Bromley shot 67 net to win Saturday's monthly mug ahead of a fast-finishing Tony Byrne (71).

Mick O'Hara stowed the anchor to come third with a level 72.

Mal Bromley also won the gross with 77.

Novelty prizes were won by Geoff Barrett, Mark Fergusson, Jim Triglone, Mal Bromley, Blake Glover, Graeme Bedggood, Dave Noske, Mick O'Hara, Tony Byrne, Rhys Dickinson and Brian Zanich.

Tim Jackways shot 38 points to win Thursday's scroungers event ahead of Daniel Hunt (37) and Dave Glasson (36).

Dean Taylor won the gross with

29. Novelties went to Dave Burgess, John Bell, Richard Deshon, Geoff Hansen, Tim Jackways, Ron Wettstein, Mike Skivinis, Garry Hinkley, Alan Dale and Dean Taylor.

Jim Taylor took out Friday's nine-hole Stableford event with 18 points on a count back from Val Meleri (18).

Eleanore Green won the novelty.

Brian Zanich continued his good form with a red-hot putter on Sunday to take out the mixed Stableford event with 39 points.

Steve Owen claimed second position with 38 points to edge out Garry Hinkley.

Ray Barker came fourth with 35 points.

Novelties went to Kim Hewton, Kath Solonec, Dave Burgess, Ray Barker and Vince Home.

Dave Benson proved the best of the veterans on Tuesday, winning the day with 20 points.

Alan Dale was runner up with 19 points for the nine-hole competition.

Novelty prizes were awarded to Vic Solonec, Dave Benson and Bob Garman.

— Matt O'Connell

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Benson on top of scroungers golfers

GOLF

DAVE Goodall continued his good season at the weekend, playing great golf to take out Saturday's men's Stableford competition.

Goodall bettered his handicap by four to post 40 points, which bettered runner up Brian Zanich's 39-point round by one stroke. Matt O'Connell placed third with 38 points.

Nearest to pin prizes were awarded to Geoff Barrett, Dave Goodall, Dave Glasson and Brian Zanich.

Other novelty prizes went to Larry De Jong, Daniel Hunt, Dave Coates, Matt O'Connell, Tim Watson and Ken MacKenzie.

Sunday's Mixed Competition saw Peter Boyanich shoot 42 points to win the day with Dave Goodall once again in the running coming second with 36 points on a count back from Brian Zanich and Dave Glasson.

Zanich, Julie Campbell, Dave Goodall and Henri Liebenberg claimed the nearest to pin prizes and Kim Hewton and Matt Brewer won the long putt trophies.

Dave Benson took out Thursday's scroungers event with 38 points on a count back from Bill Taplin and John Ritchie. Marc Halsall won the Gross.

Nearest to pins went to Rod Bedford, Dean Taylor, Vince Home and Steve Pease. Other nov-

elties went to Bill Taplin, Mark Bonnette, Mal Bromley, Rhys Dickinson, Zac Fagan and Ric Cowan.

The Vets played an Ambrose event on Tuesday and Jon Beales and Mike Croxford came out on top with 32¼.

Brian Zanich and Rob Baker were runners up with 32½.

Novelties winners were Dave Glasson, Richard Deshon and Jim Morris.

Friday's Mixed Competition saw Jan James the winner with 16 points and Matt O'Farrell runner-up with 13. Barbara Webster won the novelty.

— Mandy Farrell

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SPORT

Golf with the wind

MARGARET River Wednesday's Women's Fifth and Final Silverspoon Stroke Competition sponsored by Marg Scott and Kath Solonec saw Julie Campbell win the Silverspoon with 76 nett on a countback from Kerry Farrelly. B Grade winner was Doris Arthur with 79 on a countback from daughter Val Wyld. Novelties to Sue Bloxam, Rosie Burnett, Penny Foy, Marge Croxford, June Home, Margaret Scott and Val Wyld. Kerry won the putting competition with 25 putts. Congratulations to Marg Scott who, with the best 4 out of 5 stroke rounds, will represent Margaret River Golf Club at the Silverspoon playoff in September.

Cape Landing sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Matt Brewer won the Par Plus with +1 with Steve Hughes runner-up with square and Brian Devitt third with -2. Dean Taylor won the Gross with -6. NTPs to Brian Devitt, Matt Brewer, Ray Scott, Rod Bedford. Long putts to John Ritchie and Dave Noske and other Novelties to Rod Bedford, Trevor Hunt, Dave Glasson and Matt Brewer.

Acton Realty sponsored the Men's Stroke Competition on Saturday. Will Norris won the day with 74 nett, Dean Taylor was runner-up with 75 on a countback from Gary Hinkley. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 80. NTPs to Graeme Bedggood, Daniel Hunt, Ashton Partridge (2). Long Putts to Ken MacKenzie and Tim Watson. Other novelties to Henri Liebenberg, Paul Gribble, Dave Goodall, Dave Benson and Dean Taylor. Southern Workwear and Ammo sponsored Sunday's Competition. Vic Solonec won with 34 points. Daniel Hunt was second with 31 on a countback from Dave Burges. Novelties to Penny Foy, Dave Burges and Dave Glasson.

The Veterans played Stableford with Cliff Garstone winning on a three way countback with 17 points from Mike Marks and Mike Lawson. Novelties to Vic Solonec, Cliff Garstone and Mike Lawson. Friday's Mixed 9 holes saw Mike Marks win with 18 points, June Home runner-up with 16 and Jim Taylor third with 15.

—Mandy Farrell

Mixed Foursomes on fire

MARGARET River Golf Club held their 36 Hole Mixed Foursomes Championships on Sunday. Sue Bloxam and Junior Blake Glover shot 157 to win by 2 shots and become the 2011 Mixed Foursomes Champions. Runners-up were Kerry Farrelly and Dean Taylor with 159. 36 Hole Nett winners were Laurie and Patsy Bedford with 141 with Dave Goodall and Michele Boyanich runners-up on 151.

Saturday's Men's Monthly Mug sponsored by Landmark saw Gary Hinkley shoot 63 nett to win. Matt Brewer was runner-up with 76 and Dave Goodall was third with 71. Novelties went to Gary Hinkley, Mark Kevill, Mal Bromley, Mick O'Hara, Matt Brewer, Rob Dewar, Ken MacKenzie and Bill Guest, with Mick O'Hara winning the putting competition with 24.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Pharmacy 777 saw Course Superintendent Mark Lewis win the competition with 39 points. Runner-up was Mal Bromley 38 on a countback from Kim Fish 38. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 33. Novelties went to Tony Byrne, Will Norris, Richard Catchpole, Mal Bromley, Dave Noske, Marc Halsall, Bill Guest, Bill Pascoe, Dean Taylor and Richard Holt.

Wednesday Women played Stableford sponsored by Aileen Budge and Renee Lea. Allison Kelly had 33 points to win A grade, runner-up was Ricki Coates 31 and third Val Meleri with 30 points.

B Grade winners were June Home with 34 points. Runner-up was Libby Dawson with 33 points and third was Bernadette Campbell with 30. Novelties went to Julie Campbell, Allison Kelly, Vicki Dryden, Val Meleri, Kerry Farrelly, Ricki Coates and Libby Dawson.

The Vets played Bisque Par with Mike Marks the winner with +5, Roy Hobson was runner-up with +4 on a countback from Mike Beales +4. Novelties went to Alan Dale, Mike Marks and Bob Mofflin.

Friday's Mixed 9 Holes saw Jim Taylor the Men's winner with 21 and Mary Taylor the winner of the women's with 20. Lorna West won the novelty.

The Men and Women's Club Championships starts this week and the South West Ladies District Championships will be in Augusta this weekend.



CHAMPIONS: 36 Hole Foursomes Champions Sue Bloxam and Junior Blake Glover with 36 hole nett winners, Laurie and Patsy Bedford.

SPORT

Golfers show competitive strokes

GOLF

WET and wild weather last week did not deter too many golfers playing in competitions at Margaret River Golf Club.

On Wednesday the women contested the fifth and final silver-spoon Stroke competition, which was won by Julie Campbell with a 76 nett on a countback from Kerry Farrelly.

Doris Arthur won the B-grade trophy with 79 on a countback from daughter Val Wyld.

Novelty prizes went to Sue Bloxam, Rosie Burnett, Penny Foy, Marge Croxford, June Home, Margaret Scott and Val Wyld.

Kerry won the putting competition with 25 putts.

Marg Scott recorded the best four of five stroke rounds to take away the

annual silver-spoon title and would represent Margaret River Golf Club at the Silverspoon playoff at Gosnells Golf Club in September.

Young-gun Matt Brewer won Thursday's par-plus event with plus-one ahead of Steve Hughes (square) and Brian Devitt (-2).

Dean Taylor won the Gross with negative six.

Nearest to pins were awarded to Brian Devitt, Matt Brewer, Ray Scott and Rod Bedford.

Long-putt prizes went to John Ritchie and Dave Noske, and other novelties went to Rod Bedford, Trevor Hunt, Dave Glasson and Matt Brewer.

Will Norris took out Saturday's Stroke event with 74 nett in trying conditions.

Dean Taylor was runner up with

75 on a countback from Gary Hinkley.

Taylor won the gross with 80.

Nearest-to-pins went to Graeme Bedggood, Daniel Hunt and Ashton Partridge.

Long-putt prizes were awarded to Ken MacKenzie and Tim Watson, and other novelties went to Henri Liebenberg, Paul Gribble, Dave Goodall, Dave Benson and Taylor.

Vic Solonec won Sunday's mixed Stableford event with 34 points.

Runner-up was Daniel Hunt with 31 on a countback from Dave Burges.

Novelties went to Penny Foy, Dave Burges and Dave Glasson.

The Veterans played Stableford, and Cliff Garstone came out on top from a three-way count back with 17 points from Mike Marks and Mike Lawson.

Novelties went to Vic Solonec, Cliff Garstone and Lawson.

Friday's mixed nine-hole event had Mike Marks capture a win with a consistent 18 points.

June Home placed second with 16 points.

Jim Taylor, meanwhile, claimed third place with 15 points.

— Mandy Farrell

Matthews wins in 30km/h winds

GEOFF Matthews overcame blustery conditions and 17 other brave golfers at Augusta Golf Club at the weekend to take out Saturday's stroke event.

Matthews fired a nett 69 in 30km/h winds to beat out Matt Russell on a countback.

Stan Anderson placed third with a nett 70.

Novelties went to G. Italiano, J. Mercer, B. Neal, D. Kenworthy, M. Russell and J. Owen. Jim Mercer won the gross.

Golfers will contest a mixed four-person Ambrose starting at 11am today. On Saturday, players will fight it out for monthly mug honours and on Sunday, a mixed Canadian Stableford competition.

Sue leads Margaret River championship

The Women played the third round of their Club Championships, sponsored by Sue Bloxam and Rhonda Hearn. Current standings for the championship are Sue Bloxam leader by 8 shots from Ricky Coates and Penny Foy.

Current B Grade leader is June Home. The day winners were Vicki Dryden with 69 nett from Allison Kelly 71 and Val Meleri 72. B Grade winner was Renee Lea with 33 points on a countback from Val Wyld, Julie Errey and June Home. Novelties went to Rhonda Hearn, Penny Foy, Kath Solonec, Jan MacCaulay, Di Gordon, Julie Errey, Val Meleri, Leonie Bell and Val Wyld.

Scroungers sponsored by Chemmart saw Jeff Hedstrom the winner with 41 points, Runner-up was Matt Brewer with 39 and Mike Skivinis was third with 38. Novelties went to Graham Payne, Tim Jackways, Matt O'Connell, Scott McGuire, Jeff Hedstrom, Jim Triglone, Jarrod Proctor and Caleb Buxton.

Saturday's Stableford competition sponsored by Wyadup House (Geoff Slatyer) saw Daniel Hunt the winner with 40 points, runner-up was Jeff Hedstrom 39 on a countback from Bill Taplin. Rod Bedford won the gross with 31. Novelties went to Peter Boyanich (3), Tony Byrne, Vic Solonec, Richard Catchpole, Scott McGuire, Ken MacKenzie, Daniel Hunt and Mick O'Hara.

Sunday's Mixed Competition was sponsored by Brian and Rhonda Zanich with prizes for Men and

Women. The Men's winner was Vince Home with 38 points, runner-up was Vic Solonec 37 and Steve Britton was third with 36. The Women's winner was Alison Kelly with 34 points on a three-way countback from Julie Campbell and Sue Bloxam. Novelties went to Laurie Barker, Laurie Bedford, Sue Bloxam, Rhonda Zanich, Mike Kelly and Alison Kelly.

Nine holes competition saw Noel Wenman and Terry Halsall win the Vets American 4s on Tuesday with 37.6, with John Agnew and Mike O'Connor runners-up with 38.1. Novelties went to Robin Lea, Vince Home (2).

Shirley Becker won the 9 Holes Mixed on Friday with 18 points. Runner-up was Val Mowbray with 16 and Betty Earl won the novelty.

—Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Finest line up for championship

GOLF

MARGARET River Golf Club's best took to the course last week to compete in the women's and men's club championships for 2011.

The championship for this year in both categories is to be determined by four rounds of stroke.

The current leader in the women's event is Sue Bloxam who shot 85. June Home leads the B-grade championship with 39 points.

The A-grade day winner was Leonie Bell with 76 net on a countback from Rhonda Hearn and Ricky Coates.

The B-grade winner was June Home with 39 who edged out Angie Burges (35) and Libby Dawson (33).

Novelties went to Val Meleri, Ricky Coates, Vicki Dryden, Val Mowbray and Libby Dawson.

Dave Burges and John Bell had 70 points to win Thursday's Russian multiply competition.

Runners up were Mark Kevill and Marc Halsall with 66 and novelties went to Paul Gribble, Jeff Hedstrom, Bill Guest, Mark Kevill, Matt Brewer, Mike Marks, Vic Solonec, and Rob Dewar.

The men's championship first and second rounds were held on the weekend and Saturday's round was interrupted by the severe storm.

The remaining holes were played on Sunday morning prior to the second round.

The day winner was Jeff Hedstrom with 73 net and runner-up was Richard Catchpole with 74 on a three-way countback from Will Nor-



Sue Bloxam is in consideration again for the Margaret River Golf Associates club championship trophy.

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ris and Tony Byrne. Marc Halsall won the gross with 79.

Sunday's winner was Peter Norris with 70 and Mike Skivinis second on a three-way countback from Jeff Hedstrom and Daniel Hunt.

Rod Bedford won the gross with 78. The current leader in the clubhouse after two rounds is Rod Bedford with 163, who is ahead by only one shot from Rhys Dickinson (164).

Net leaders are Jeff Hedstrom with

145 and Tony Byrne and Peter Norris equal with 150.

The nine-hole competitions saw Cliff Garstone the winner of vets with 21 points with Richard Deshon runner-up on a three-way countback

with 19 points. Novelties went to Jim Taylor and Robin Lea.

Friday's mixed saw Lorna West the winner with 17 points and Mary Taylor runner up with 16 points. Jim Taylor won the novelty.

Golfers' glory

THE Men played their final two rounds of the Championships on the weekend, with the leading group teeing off last on Sunday.

Unfortunately the weather didn't hold off on Sunday which made for horrendous playing conditions for the final round.

Rod Bedford continued to hold off a great tussle for the lead and came home 4 shots (324) ahead of Dean Taylor (328) to win the Club Championship for 2011.

Mike Skivinis won the Paddy Barrett Net Trophy for 2011 to win by 5 shots (299) from runner-up Mal Bromley 304, who was runner-up on a countback from Junior Matt Brewer 304.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Saturday's winner was Matt Pausin with 67 nett.

Runner-up was Matt O'Connell with 71 and third was Rod Bedford 72, Mike Skivinis fourth with 74 and Dean Taylor won the Gross with 78.

Sunday's Winner was Junior Blake Glover with 72 nett.

Runner-up was Tim Jackways with 73 and third Mal Bromley with 74.

Blake also won the Gross with 78.

The 2nd round of the Women's Championships took place on Wednesday sponsored by Michele Boyanich and Phyllis Harper.

Julie Campbell shot 73 to win A Grade with Rosie Burnett runner-up on

a countback with 76 from Di Gordon.

B Grade winner was inform June Home with another 39 points.

Runner-up was Tiny Bell with 37 and third was Libby Dawson with 33.

Novelties went to Julie Campbell, Libby Dawson, Julie Errey, Tiny Bell, Mandy Farrell, Joan Garstone, Sue Bloxam and Jo Pyatt.

Heading into the 3rd round the current leader is Sue Bloxam from Leonie Bell, Rhonda Hearn and Ricky Coates. B Grade leader is June Home from Libby Dawson.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Timbercheck, Ian Meecham, saw Dave Burges continuing his good form with 43 points.

Runner-up was Jarrod Proctor with 42 and third was Mick O'Hara with 39.

Novelties went to Trevor Hunt, Dave Benson, Nathan Browner, Gordon Smith, Mark Lewis, Shad Nixon, Gavin Leiper, Richard Holt, Murray Westphal and Rod Bedford.

9 Hole competitions saw Richard Deshon win Vets with 23 points from Bill Taplin 22.

Bill Taplin, John Agnew and Mike Croxford all won novelties.

Friday's Mixed saw Peter Brennan the Men's winner with 17 and June Home the Women's winner with 20 points.

Alan Thwaites won the novelty.

-Mandy Farrell



ALL SMILES:
Above, Paddy Barrett winner 2011, Mike Skivinis. Left, Club Champion 2011 Rod Bedford.

A rainy weekend for Margaret River golfers

THE Women played Stableford on Wednesday sponsored by Bernadette Campbell and Val Meleri.

A Grade Winner was Leonie Bell with 35 points on a countback from Rosie Burnett 35, and third was Rosemary Basford with 33. B Grade winner was Di Gordon with 40 points on a countback from Lesley Folkard with another 40 points. Doris Arthur was third with 37. Novelties went to Val Meleri, Mandy Farrell, Sue Bloxam, June Home, Melissa Larsen, Chris Combes and Leonie Bell.

Schiavello WA sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Stuart Campbell blitzed the field with 46 points to win. Vic Solonec was runner up with 43 points. Dean Taylor won the Gross with 28. Novelties went to Andre Botha, John O'Connor, Jules Ashton, Mike Basford, Jo Broadhurst, Kim Fish, Dean Taylor, Jon Beales, Matt Brewer and Mark Bonnette.

Saturday's Men's Competition sponsored by Minot Wines saw Matt Brewer the winner with 43 points. Nathan Browner came second with 41 points and third was Nick Liebenberg with

38 points. Novelties went to Daniel Hunt, Gary Hinkley, Matt Brewer, Jim Triglone, Ken MacKenzie and Peter Boyanich, Dave Goodall, Dave Benson and Dean Taylor.

Tuesday's Veterans saw Roy Hobson win with +6, Vince Home followed with +5 on a countback from Mike Beales +5. Novelties: Bob Imray, Abe Huisken and Roy Hobson.

Friday Mixed 9 Holes saw Jim Taylor win with 20 points. Colleen Marks was second with 19. June Home won the novelty.

- Mandy Farrell

Women who rule the greens



QUEENS OF GOLF: Women's Club Champion Sue Bloxam, with June Home the Nett Club Champion, Penny Foy the runner-up Club Champion and Alison Kelly, runner-up Nett Club Champion.

THE final round of the Women's Club Championships was played on Wednesday with Sue Bloxam winning the Championship for the 11th time. Sue won the Championship with 333 by 23 shots, with Penny Foy the runner-up with 356 beating Ricky Coates by 1 shot on the final hole with 357, fourth was Kerry Farrelly with 377.

The Nett Club Champion winning the Sue Bloxam Trophy was June Home with 138, with Allison Kelly runner-up with 133. B Grade Champion was also June Home with 138, Val Wyld was runner-up with 138, Libby Dawson third with 127, and Julie Errey fourth with 122. Thank you to the sponsor of the Championships Settlers Holdings for their generous sponsorship of the Women's Championships.

The day winners were A Grade Sue Bloxam 72, Phyllis Harper 73 and Mandy Farrell 74. B Grade winners were Val Wyld 35 pts, Marge Croxford 35 and Julie Errey 31. Novelties went to Julie Campbell, Sue Bloxam, Tiny Bell, Kerry Farrelly, Di Gordon, Joan Garstone, Ricky Coates and Jo Pyatt.

Leeuwin Ridge Roof Plumbing sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. John O'Connell won the day with 38 points. Runner-up was Gordon Smith 36 on a countback from Robin Lea.

Congratulations to Geoff Barrett who had a hole in one on No 15.

Saturday's Monthly Mug was sponsored by Catchy's Cabinets and Cheers Wine Tours.

Garry Hinkley had 69 nett to win the Mug and competition. Runner-up was Dave Noske on a three way countback from Murray Wilson and Terry Halsall. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 80.

Novelties went to Ray Mann, Rod Bedford, Dean Taylor, Dave Noske, Dean Taylor, Daniel Hunt, Garry Hinkley, Mark Kevill, Jarrod Proctor and Richard Catchpole won the putting competition with 25. John and Leonie Bell sponsored Sunday's Mixed competition, Daniel Hunt won the Men's with 44 points with Vince Home runner-up with 41.

Angie Burges won the Women's with 39 points from Rhonda Hearn 35. Novelties went to Daniel Hunt, Rosemary Basford, Rhonda Hearn and Mike Basford.

9 Hole competitions saw Colin Andrews win the Veterans with 24 points. Alan Dale was runner-up with 21. Novelties went to Jon Beales, Peter Brennan, Rob Baker and John Agnew. Shirley Becker won the Mixed Friday Competition with 15 points on a countback from Lorna West. June Home won the Novelty.

-Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Rosemary's a winner in A-grade golf

GOLF

ROSEMARY Basford took out Margaret River Golf Club's Wednesday A-grade Stableford event with 32 points to edge out Val Meleri and Leonie Bell (29). Val Wyld won the B-grade event with 38 points on a count back from Bernadette Campbell and Di Gordon (31).

Novelties went to Val Meleri, Rosemary Basford, Patsy Bedford, Jo Pyatt, Jan MacCaulay and June Home.

Steve Owen won Thursday's scroungers event with 41 points on a count back from Mick O'Hara and Richard Catchpole (38).

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 31.

Novelties went to Steve Owen, Rick Cowan, Robin Lea, Murray Wilson, Andre Botha, Jeff Hedstrom, Baz Granville and Jarrod Proctor.

Rhys Dickinson eagled the 13th hole.

Stuart Campbell won Saturday's red-tee Stroke event with a blistering 58 nett. Graeme Bedggood placed second with 66 on a count back from Mark Lewis.

Richard Catchpole won the gross with 77.

Novelties went to Henri Liebenberg, Jeff Hedstrom, Dave Benson, Mike Lawson, Daniel Hunt, Cody Laskey, Matt Brewer and Dave Benson.

Laskey also won the putting competition.

Steve Britton and Julie Campbell team up at the weekend and shot 47 points to win Sunday's 4BBB Stableford event.

Vic and Kath Solonec were runners up with 45 on a count back from Tony and Chris Combes.

Novelties went to Daniel Hunt, Rob Foy, Rosie Burnett, Dave Burges, Henri Liebenberg and Richard Catchpole.

Tuesday Veterans played Stableford and Mike Beale prevailed with a hard-fought 21 points.

Roy Hobson was runner up with 19 and the novelty winners were Brian Zanich, Jim Taylor and Roy Hobson.

Jim Taylor levelled his handicap to take out Tuesday's nine-hole Stableford event with 18 points on a count back from John Webster.

Well done to the Margaret River girls playing country week at Sun City and Lakelands last week.

Rosie Burnett was runner up in the bronze division and reigning club champion Sue Bloxam won the silver division gross award.

Margaret River also won the teams event.

— Mandy Farrell

Golfers on police wanted file

IF you have ever wanted to challenge a cop on a long, straight drive but still stay on the right side of the law, well you chance is coming.

Margaret River Police are organising a charity golf day on Friday, November 18, at the Margaret River Golf Club.

The event is a four-person Ambrose, open to male and female participants, with all proceeds going to the Bright Blue Commissioner's Charity for sick children.

Cost is \$60 per person or \$240 per team, which includes a barbecue breakfast before tee off and a beef gravy roll lunch.

Loads of prizes will be up for grabs, so don't miss registration at 10am for a shotgun start at 11am.

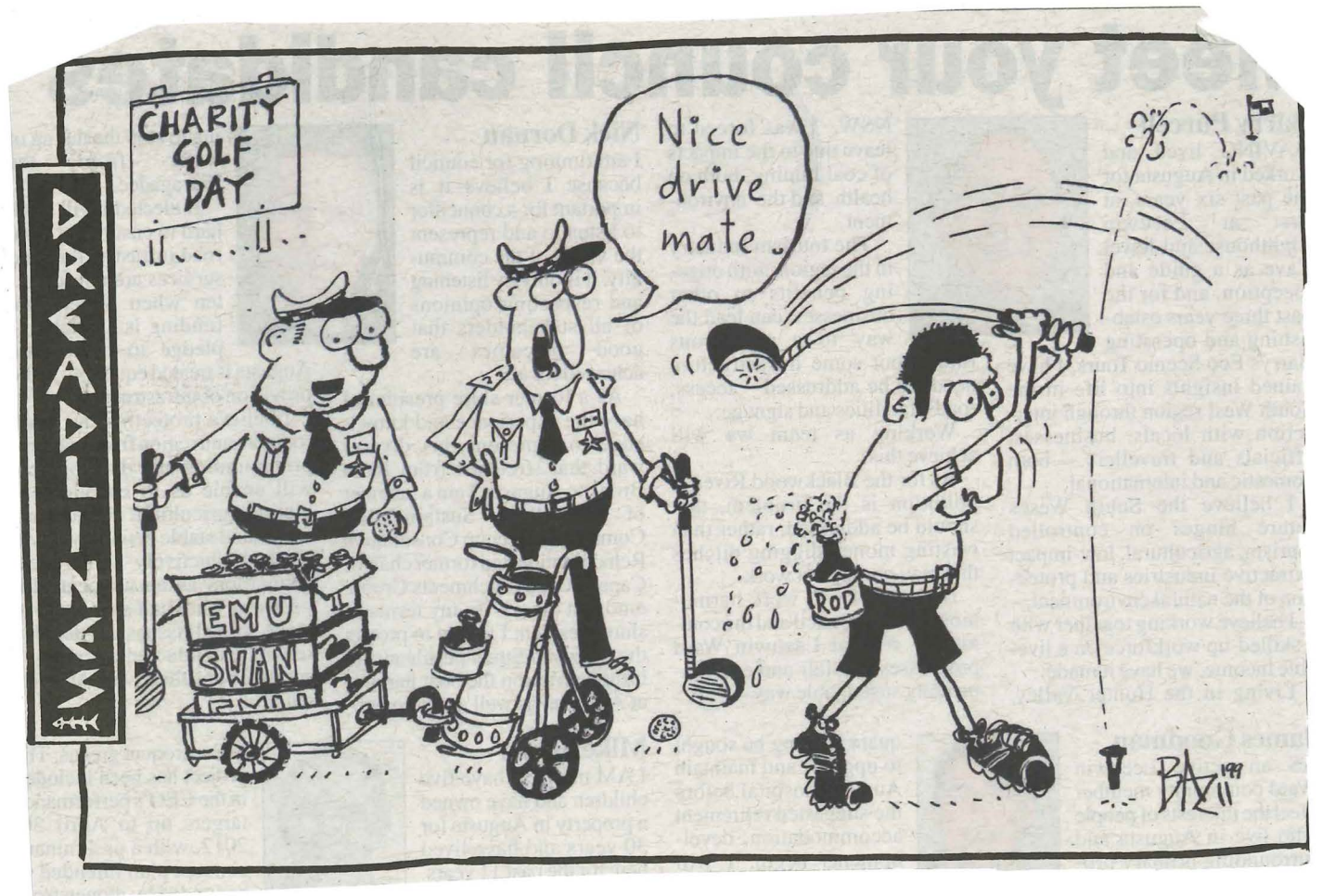
Constable Jeromy Jones, one of the organisers, said local police were chasing more sponsors, and donations of prizes.

"Last year we had 72 players and raised just under \$8000," Constable Jones said. "This year we're aiming for \$15,000."

All nominations to jeromy.jones@police.wa.gov.au by October 14, with money due prior to the event.



BLUES ON GREEN: Constable Jeromy Jones is challenging locals to sponsor the Margaret River Police Charity Golf Day to raise funds for medical equipment for sick children.





CHAMPIONS: Winners of the 2011 Wealth Plus Lighthouse Trophy Brian and Rhonda Zanich with Wealth Plus Sponsor Jason Atkins.

Local knowledge the winning tactic

THE Margaret River Golf Club hosted the Annual Wealth Plus Lighthouse Trophy Weekend with over 100 players from WA clubs participating in the two-day Canadian Foursomes Event. The sponsors providing a fantastic array of prizes for the winners.

Local knowledge proved an advantage with Brian and Rhonda Zanich winning the 2 day event with 144 3/4. Runners-up were Leonie Bell and Mike Lawson from Margaret River with 148. Third were Margaret River's Angie Bruges and Matt Brewer with 149 1/4. Sue Bloxam and Mal Bromley won the Gross with 162. Penny and Tony Foy were Gross runners-up with 169 on a countback from Preston House and Jo Patterson.

Day 1 winners for the Nett were Peter and Wendy Cooper with 73. Day 2 winners were Joan and Bill Ross from WAGC with 72 1/4. Day 1 Gross winners were Andy Riggir and Tony Peck and Chequers and Gosnells with 84 and Day 2 Gross winners were Barbara Webster and Peter Boyanich with 85. Best Visitors were Chris and Warren Mezger with 152 1/4.

In other local competitions during the week, Wines for Dudes sponsored Thursday's Scroungers. Rod Bedford shot 40 points to win with Roy Garstone runner-up with 38 and Vic Solonec third on 37. Marc Halsall won the Gross. Novelties to Rod Bedford, Mal Bromley, Dave Burges, Jeff Hedstrom, PJ McGovern, Will Norris, Tim Whologan and Carl Hurley.

Wednesday Women's Par Event was sponsored by Life Member Betty Earl and June Home. Rosie Burnett had +4 to win A Grade with Alison Kelly runner-up with +1 and Chris Combes third on a 3 way countback with -1 from Mandy Farrell and Sue Bloxam. B Grade winner was Marge Croxford with +2, Doris Arthur was runner-up with -2 on a countback from Mel Larson and Val Wyld. Novelties to Sue Bloxam, Penny Foy, Val Wyld, Bernadette Campbell, Joan Garstone, Tiny Bell, Wendy Campbell and Rhonda Zanich.

The Veterans played Stableford on Tuesday. Dave Benson won with 18 points on a countback from Vic Solonec 18. Novelties to Abe Huisken, John Webster and Mike O'Connor. Members are asked to check their handicaps before teeing off, with Golf Link bringing in the new system, there are changes in their handicaps.

-Mandy Farrell

Margaret River golf

THE Women played the 2011 36 Foursomes Championships on Wednesday sponsored by Margaret River Cowaramup Electrical.

Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly showed their dominance again winning the Championships by 12 shots with 173 from runners-up Penny Foy and Rosie Burnett with 185. 36 Hole Nett winners were Wendy and Bernadette Campbell with 153. Val Wyld and Leonie Bell were nett runners-up with 154 on a countback from Rhonda Zanich and Mandy Farrell 154. Novelties: Leonie Bell, Julie Errey, Marg Croxford, Sue Bloxam, Patsy Bedford, Rhonda Hearn, Penny Foy and Bernadette Campbell.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Margaret River Tank Cleaning and Lago Wines saw Dean Taylor win with 41 points. Kim Hewton was runner-up with 39 on a countback from Matt Brewer with Marc Halsall winning the Gross with 31. Novelties: Steve Pease, Mal Bromley, Marc Halsall, Barry Granville, Adrian Castle, Jeff Hedstrom and Nic Taplin.

Saturday's Men's Monthly Mug was won by Nathan Browner with 71 nett to take the Monthly Mug and the competition on a countback from Terry Halsall 71. Third: Jim Triglone. Mal Bromley won the Gross. Novelties: Matt Brewer, Dave Benson, Jim Triglone, Terry Halsall, Dave Noske, Mal Gray, Matt O'Connell. John O'Connor won the putting with 25 putts.

Ray and Laurie Barker sponsored Sunday's Ambrose 3s. Dave and Angie Burges with Mal Bromley won the day with 58. Runners-up: Doris Arthur, Daniel Hunt and Kim Hewton with 58 1/2. Novelties to Mal Bromley (2), Daniel Hunt, Michele Boyanich, Nathan Browner and Penny Foy.

The Vets played Stableford with Jim Taylor the winner with 19 points on a countback from Roy Hobson. Novelty winners were Rob Baker, Jim Taylor and Gerry Hunt. Friday 9 Holes was won by Matt O'Farrell on 19 points. Val Mowbray was runner-up with 17 and Mary Taylor third with 16. Colleen Marks won the Novelty.

-Mandy Farrell

Margaret River golf

THE Vets played a Par plus comp on Tuesday last week with Jim Taylor, +2, winning from Cliff Garstone, +1. Novelties to Jon Beales, Alan Dale and Brian Zanich.

Wednesday, the Women played the Past Members Memorial Day. A Grade: Patsy Bedford, 35, won Rosemary Basford and Di Gordon, both 32. B Grade: Carolyn Scott, 40, won. Angie Burges, 37, Julie Errey, 33. Novelties to Di Gordon, Rosemary Basford, Jo Pyatt, Renae Lea, Vicki Dryden, Joan Garstone, Ricky Coates, and Val Mowbray.

Thursday Scroungers: Russell Pratt, +6, won. Mike Beale, +5, and Stu Currell, +3. Rod Bedford on par was best Gross. Novelty winners, Tony Byrne, Jon Beales, Mark Tugwood, Ray Mann, Kim Darragh, Carl Hurley, Dan Hunt, and Dean Taylor. Friday 9 hole: Aileen Budge won on countback from Matt O'Farrell on 20 points.

Saturday, Highway Plumbing Stableford: Stuart Way, 38, won from Dave Burges and Jim Triglone on 36. Gross to Richard Catchpole, 26. Novelties to Vic Solonec, Laurie Bedford, Graeme Bedgood, Joe Kingdon, Henri Liebenberg, Stu Way, Ron Matthews, Matt Brewer, Dan Hunt, Dave Burges.

Sunday, Kelly's Vineyard sponsored Ambrose 2s: Wayne Hickey and Kerry Farrelly won, 63.75, from Dan Hunt and Rob Dewar, Tony and Chris Combes third. Bill Taplin, Rhonda Hearn, Mike Basford, Peter Bojanich and Angie Burges won novelties.

-Matt O'Connell, secretary

Greenkeeper's cup win

MARGARET River Golf Club's greenkeeper Will Norris showed he is not only a great greenkeeper but a great golfer, winning the Griffiths Cup for 2011. The Cup sponsored by The Garden Basket was presented to Will after he shot +6 to win the event.

Runner-up was Captain Richard Catchpole with +3 following closely by Marc Raminez from Busselton with +3. NTP winners were Marc Raminez, Tony Byrne, Will Norris and Daniel Hunt. Other Novelties went to Dave Goodall, Russell Pratt, Richard Catchpole, Will Young and Will Norris.

Thursday's Scroungers sponsored by Settlers Holdings - Preston House saw Veteran Gordon Smith the winner with 39 points. Runner-up was Mick O'Hara with 38 and Mark Worth third with 38. Rod Bedford won the Gross with 34. NTPs went to John Ritchie, Steve Pease, John Bell (2). Other Novelties went to Will Young, Sean Moore, Ken MacKenzie, Rod Bedford, Barry Granville and Carl Hurley.

Wednesday Women played Stableford sponsored by Colleen Marks and Mary Taylor.

Di Gordon continuing her great form shot 41 points to win A Grade. Runner-up was Rosie Burnett with 32.

Carolyn Scott won B Grade with 34 points, followed closely by



CUP THIS: Greenkeeper Will Norris, winner of the Griffiths Cup for 2011.

Melissa Larsen with 33. Novelties went to Sue Bloxam, Val Wyld, Rhonda Hearn, Melissa Larsen, Rosie Burnett, Rosemary Basford, Val Meleri, Wendy Campbell and Marian Squance.

Sunday's Mixed Competition sponsored by Kiss Chasey Mezzanine Wines saw Geoff Barrett the winner with 38 points. Runner-up was Peter Boyanich with 37 and Rob Dewar third with 36.

Novelties went to Bill T...

Gary Hinkley, Rosemary Basford, Geoff Barrett and Penny Foy.

9 Hole competitions this week saw Mike Beale the winner of Veterans with 19 points on a three way countback from Alan Dale and Dave Benson.

Novelties went to Noel Wenman, Rob Baker and Bob Imray.

Robbie O'Connell, visitor from NZ won with 17 points with Matt O'Farrell runner-up with 15. Robbie also won the Novelty.

Margaret River golfers up to par

THE Women played Par last Wednesday sponsored by Rosie Burnett and Chris Combes. Patsy Bedford had +5 to win A Grade. Runner-up was Vicki Dryden with -2 on a countback from Sue Bloxam. Melissa Larsen won B Grade with square. Angie Burges was runner-up with -3 on countback from Val Mowbray and Marian Squance. Novelties to Rosemary Basford, Wendy Campbell, Rosie Burnett, Bernadette Campbell, Penny Foy (2), Mary Taylor, Sue Bloxam, Angie Burges, Marian Squance and Doris Arthur.

Mal Gray and Gary O'Meara sponsored Thursday's Scroungers Stableford Competition. Mark Fergusson had 41 points to win with Mike Skivinis runner-up with 40 and Bill Barth third with 39.

Rod Bedford won the Gross with 34. Novelties went to Steve Owen, Bill Barth, Dave Benson, Laurie Bedford, Carl Hurley, Adrian Castle, Rod Bedford and Jo Broadhurst.

Geoff Harveson and Robin Lea sponsored Men's Saturday competition. Dave Glasson won the day with 38 points on a countback from Tony Byrne runner-up 38 and Paul Nicholls from Manly third with 37. Jeff Hedstrom won the Gross with 27. Novelties to Peter

Boyanich, Richard Catchpole, Daniel Hunt, Steve Britton, Rob Young, Ken MacKenzie, Tony Byrne, Jo Broadhurst, Nathan Browner and Dave Goodall.

Angie and Dave Burges sponsored Sunday's Mixed Competition. Rhonda Hearn won the Women's with 37 points, with Rosemary Basford runner-up with 33. Visitor Leigh De Burgh from Seaview won the Men's with 37 and Geoff Barrett was runner-up with 34. Novelties to Geoff Barrett, Rod Bedford, Allison Kelly, Leonie Bell and Dave Burges.

9 Hole Competitions saw the Veterans 4BBB sponsored by Peter Brennan, with the combination of Colin Andrews and Mike Croxford winning with 34 points. Theo Van Boheemen and John Agnew were runners-up with 23.

Novelties to Colin Andrews, Dave Glasson and Vince Home. Friday's 9 holes saw Mathew O'Farrell win with 19 points. Runner-up was Mary Taylor on a countback from Val Meleri with 16 points. Mary Taylor won the Novelty.

Members note: the course is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the 17th Women's Golf Classic. We have a full field with 230 women from all over WA.

-Mandy Farrell



Margaret River Golf Club women's president Ricky Coates and club champion Sue Bloxam are getting geared up for the women's classic this weekend.

PICTURE: BECKY FELSTEAD

Classic golf attracts field

GOLF

MORE than 230 women from across WA will take part in Margaret River's biggest golfing event this weekend.

The Margaret River Golf Club would hold its 16th annual Ladies Classic from today until Sunday.

Ladies club captain Penny Foy said the competition was the result of a lot of hard work from a special committee and female members.

It was also the club's biggest and best fundraising event for the season, according to Foy.

"The ladies dig really deep for this event - they put on all the catering

and it raises a tonne of money for the club," she said.

Competitors would take part in an Ambrose twos event today before squaring off in the two-day, 36-hole Stableford feature event.

Foy said the prizes were among the best in WA, with the winner taking home \$1500 in rewards.

The event will be capped off with entertainment on Sunday evening courtesy of club-larrikin Mick O'Hara.

The course would be closed to social and competition play for the three-day event.

- Rhys Dickinson

A busy week on Margs course

THIS week at Margaret River Golf Club competitions were played every day except Monday.

Birdsong Wine sponsored the Veterans event on Tuesday with in-form Matt O'Farrell winning with 20pts on a countback from Dave Benson, while Robin Lea came third on 19pts. Bob Imray, Billy Taplin and Cliff Garstone won novelties.

The Women played Wednesday with a field of 31 turning out for the stroke event sponsored by Alison Kelly and Jane Taylor. A-grade winner was Rhonda Hearn with 69 over Rosie Burnett 70, and Simone Bedford 71. B-grade saw Carolyn Scott win with 74 over Aileen Budge 76, and Glenys Hinton 78. Leonie Bell, Penny Foy, Lyn Glasson, Angie Burgess, Val Mowbray, Ricky Coates, Sue Bloxam, and Alison Kelly all featured with novelties.

Mark Worth and Steve Pease sponsored Thursday's Scroungers competition. Forty points was enough for Ray Scott to win over Carl Hurley 39, and Mark Fergusson 38. Rod Bedford won the gross prize on 30pts. Other players to shine were Murray Wilson, Geoff Barrett, Mick O'Hara, Stuart Currell, Jarrod Proctor, Tony Byrne, John Ritchie, and Dave Burgess, all winning novelties. Barry Granville won the annual putting comp in the dark.

On Friday morning the 9-hole comp was won by Val Mowbray on 19pts after a countback from Betty Earl. Mary Taylor and Matt O'Farrell shared third on 18pts.

Margaret River Plasterboard Supplies sponsored the last Saturday Monthly Mug of the year. The winner was Stuart (Scar) Campbell 66, from Blake Glover 67 and Peter Nicholls 68. Blake Glover won the Gross with 74 blows. Novelty winners were Ray Scott, Matt O'Connell, Mick O'Hara, Peter Nicholls, Simon Skivinis, Dave Glasson, Gary Hinkley, Ken MacKenzie, Scott Maguire, and Blake Glover.

Sunday's Stableford competition was sponsored by Swings & Roundabouts Wines. Mike Croxford was the winner with 39pts. Dave Goodall beat Garry Hinkley on a countback with 36pts. Others to win prizes were Alison Kelly, Ray Barker, Geoff Barrett, and Kath Solonec.

-Matt O'Connell, club secretary

SPORT

Sun shines on golf Classic

THE 16th Margaret River Women's Golf Classic was held on the weekend in perfect golfing conditions. A total of 230 women from all over WA and as far away as Broome played in the event.

Once again the women members put on a fabulous tournament with the weekend topped off by great entertainment inspired by the 1950s, with the Clubhouse decorated as a 1950s diner.

The Queen, alias Doris Arthur, made an official visit to close the tournament to the cheers and rendition of God Save the Queen by the 150 women who stayed for the presentations.

The two-day event saw the course in great condition which tested many of the players, however the 2011 winner Jane MacGregor from WAGC conquered the tricky greens to win the event shooting 40 points on Saturday followed up by a very respectable 37 on Sunday for a total of 77 points.

Runner-up for the for 36 Hole Event was Yolande Caruso from Nedlands with 76.

Gross winner was Louise Allen from Royal Fremantle, Gross runner-up was Cath

Bellemore from Nedlands.

Other winners were: 3rd Yvonne Wealand from Cottesloe with 74, 4th Carolyn Robinson from Joondalup with 73 on a countback from Jan Halliwell from Nedlands, 6th was Sue Burgess from Gosnells, 7th Kath Colmer from Mandurah, 8th Leonie Bell from Margaret River, 9th was Wendy Given from Royal Fremantle, 10th Francis Fairweather from Nedlands, 11th Shirley Van der Bruggen from MGGC and 12th Jenny Murphy from MGGC.

Best Senior was Lyn Keefe from Mandurah 71 and Best Senior runner-up was Jan McPherson from Pinjarra. Day winners were Roo Brown RPGC and Dorothea Ruschmann from RPGC.

The Friday Ambrose Competition saw R Burd and V Pullen from Royal Fremantle with 61 3/4 and runners-up were J Northropp and S Vanderbruggen from RFGC and MGGC with 65 1/4.

Thank you to our very generous sponsors who donated to the Classic, for without their continued support this event would not be possible and to all the member volunteers

again another outstanding effort.

In other golf news, Ashbrook Estate sponsored Thursday's Scroungers, young gun Matt Brewer had 43 points to win the day.

Runner up was Laurie Bedford with 40 on a countback from Bill Barth 40. Marc Halsall won the gross with 32.

Novelties winners were Tony Byrne, Neil Earl, Rob Young, Jack Catchpole, Geoff Barrett, Carl Hurley, Murray Wilson, Graham Linfoot and Matt Brewer.

Wednesday Women's pre Classic competition sponsored by Val Wyld and Simone Bedford saw Rhonda Hearn the winner with 38 points. Runner-up was Rhonda Zanich with 37. Melissa Larsen won B Grade with 40 points and Colleen Marks was runner-up with 36. Novelties went to Jo Pyatt, Mandy Farrell, Rosemary Basford, Mel Larsen, Doris Arthur, Vicki Dryden, Wendy Campbell, Libby Dawson.

Veterans saw Alan Thwaites the winner with 21 points, runner-up was Dave Glasson 19. Novelties went to Rob Baker, John Webster and Richard Deshon.

-Mandy Farrell



CLASSIC TALENTS: 2011 winner Jane MacGregor from WAGC pictured with sponsor Val from Retravision. Above right, The Queen aka Doris Arthur pictured with Val.



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SPORT

Golfers turn out in droves

GOLF

MARGARET River golfers are taking to the fairway in record numbers.

Margaret River Golf Club has had an all-time high of daily competition competitors.

Mike Beale beat the field on Tuesday in the veterans' competition with a score of 22 points, ahead of Matt O'Farrell with 19 points. The day's novelty winners were Laurie Bedford, Jim Morris and Bob Imray.

On Wednesday, the women played a Stableford competition, with Patsy Bedford the A-grade winner with a score of 35 points. Kath Solonec was in second place with 32 points, while the B-grade was won by Renae Lea.

June Home won the nine-hole competition while other novelty prizes went to Lyn Glasson, Libby Dawson, Val Mowbray and Coleen Marks.

Gordon Smith prevailed in a countback with 40 points over Steve Pease in Thursday's scroungers competition. Mark Fergusson was third with 38 points. Young Blake Glover won the gross on 33 points, while other prize-getters were Matt Brewer, Jon Farrell, Billy Pascoe, Jo

Broadhurst, Will Norris, Daniel Hunt, Tim Jackways and John Bell.

The usual mixed nine-hole competition was played on Friday, and Barbara Webster trounced the field with 21 points, ahead of Mike Marks and Aileen Budge on 18 points. Novelties went to Shirley Becker and Colleen Marks.

In the Saturday Men's Stableford event, Jo Broadhurst led the field on 41 points. Scar Campbell featured on the scoreboard again with a card of 39 points over third-place getter Dave Coates with 38 points.

Another youngster, Matt Brewer, won the gross score on 27 points. Jeff Hedstrom, Scott MacGuire, Vic Solonec, Kim Hewton and Richard Catchpole all won novelties. A special prize was presented to Dave Goodall who won the Golfer of the Year title for consistency.

The mixed stableford on Sunday was won by Vince Home with 36 points, ahead of Cody Laskey with 35, and Mike Kelly with 33. Novelties went to Scott MacGuire, Dave Coates, Allison Kelly, Blake Glover and Mike Skivinis.

- Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Perfect conditions for golf players

GOLF

GOLFERS took advantage of perfect conditions in Margaret River, recording low scores, throughout the week's competitions.

Richard Deshon took out Tuesday's veteran's nine-hole competition with 20 points to beat out Laurie over Laurie Bedford and Ray Ache-

son (20). Ray Bennett and Terry Halsall won the novelty prizes.

The Wednesday women's nine-hole event was won by Mel Larsen, who recorded 22 points.

Jan Macaulay placed second with 18 points and Wendy Campbell won the 18-hole competition with 34 points over Penny Foy.

But Sue Bloxam stole the show by

eagling the par four 10th hole. Geoff Barrett jumped from the starting blocks to take a joint lead of the 2011 scroungers cup on Thursday, recording 38 points to share the lead with Mark Worth and Garry Hinkley after the first round on Thursday.

Novelty winners were Peter Boyanich, Ray Scott, Rob Young, Will Norris, Brett Robins, John

O'Connor, Ray Garstone, Matt Brewer, Dean Taylor.

Will Norris won the gross with 29 points.

The weekend saw the playing of the Watershed Premium Wines Men's Open and some excellent scores were recorded at the 36-hole event.

Michael Meissner shot 68 off the

stick on Sunday to come second on a count back in the Stableford event to Dave Glasson's (73 points).

Last year's winner, Vincent Caruso, place third with 72.

Murray Price was awarded the gross prize.

Henry Liebenberg also surprised the pack by eagling the par four 16th hole.

Charity golf event

GOLF

GOLFERS helped raise more than \$15,000 for a children's cancer charity at a special Ambrose event last week.

Margaret River Golf Club hosted the event, organised by local police for the Bright Blue charity.

Hundreds of golfers played a variety of competitions in the past week.

Rob Baker and Alan Twaites combined to take out the veteran men's Ambrose twos competition on Tuesday with a score of 33.75, just ahead of Gerry Hunt and Colin Andrews with a score of 34.

A bumper field turned out on Wednesday for the women's Stable-

ford. Patsy Bedford beat Julie Campbell and Marg Scott by one point to win the A-grade. The B-grade division was won by Bernadette Campbell with a score of 36 ahead of Mel Larsen (33) and Michelle Bojanich (31). Kerry Farrelly won all novelties.

The men's scroungers event was played on Thursday. The winner of the stroke event was Jim Triglone with a score of 71 ahead of Rod Bedford and Tim Jackways.

John Farrell won the gross. Novelties went to Tim Watson, Barry Granville, Mal Gray, Paul Morgan, Tim Jackways, Dave Noske, Rod Bedford, Bob Imray, Josh Lowe and Mark Tugwood.

The Saturday men's Ambrose

twos competition was won by Brian Zanich and Tim Watson with a score of 62.25 ahead of Garry Hinkley and Nick Liebenberg (63.5).

Terry Halsall and Maurie Shinnick came third with a score of 64.25.

Preston House, Matt O'Connell, Dave Glasson, Dan Hunt, Dave Coates, Terry Halsall and Mal Gray all won novelties.

Another four-ball Ambrose was played for the Sunday mixed competition, won by Joe and Genny Broadhurst and Jeff Hedstrom with Helen Priest. Second prize was awarded to Laurie and Ray Barker, Mike Basford and Geoff Harveson.

The men's open will be played at the club on December 3 and 4.

Course cops golfers for charity

THE Margaret River Police Charity Golf Day has been hailed a huge success.

Event organiser Constable Jeremy Jones said he was pleased with the amount of money raised for the Commissioners Bright Blue Foundation, which helps to purchase equipment and fund research for children with cancer.

Const Jones said the final tally was not yet known, but their initial goal of \$10,000 was already exceeded with an estimated amount of \$14,000.

"It exceeded our expectations... a huge thank-you to all of the sponsors," he said.

The biggest amount raised in the auction after the game was a custom surfboard made especially for the charity, which was sold to Colonial Brewery for \$2800.



BLOW UNTIL I SAY STOP: Constable Jeremy Jones conducts an RBT on fellow officer Matt Turner and 'fines' him \$2 (which goes towards the charity) before he tees off.



PERFECT SHOT: Caleb Buxton shoots it straight down the fairway.



TAP IT IN: Graeme Bedggood attempts a four metre put.



TEAM COLONIAL: Adam Baston, Tom Porter and Gary Moroni who won a golf cart, pictured, for the day in an auction for \$110.



NICE SHOT: John O'Connor of Wine for Dudes, who was a part of the Berry Farm Team, tees off at the first hole.



CHIP IT GOOD: Simon Fawcett chips on to the green for birdie while two birds coincidentally fly towards him.



GOOD FORM: Michael Skivinis of the Berry Farm drives it high on his first shot of the day.



TEAM SPIRIT: Graeme Bedggood, Simon Fawcett, Scar Campbell and Chris McClymont.

GOOD TIMES: Derek Flanigan, Troy Flanigan, Zoe Thomas and Anthony Woods.





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SPORT

Scar crowned king of stroke event

GOLF

SCAR Campbell rose to the occasion at the weekend, taking out this year's stroke monthly mug playoff.

Campbell fought off a long list of golfers on Saturday to capture the title which is contested by players who have won a stroke event during the 2011 season.

Other competitors played out a Stableford competition.

Preston House (38) won the event over Terry Halsall (37).

Dean Taylor took out the gross prize.

Mike Croxford scorched the field with 22 points on Tuesday to take out the men's nine-hole veterans competition over Peter Clift (20).

Lyn Glasson (17) was the best of the women.

Kevin Parker, Terry Halsall, and Colleen Marks won novelty prizes.

The Wednesday women's nine-hole competition was won by Jan

MacAulay (18) over Marion Squance (13).

The 18-hole competition was won by Penny Foy (34) over Wendy Campbell and Rosie Burnett (30).

The second round of the 2011 Scroungers Cup was played on Thursday.

Cody Laskey streaked away from the rest of the field, recording 41 points to take out the event.

Roy Hobson (38) and Marshall King (38) rounded out the top-three golfers.

Mark Kevill, Vince Home, Caleb Buxton, Dean Taylor, Rob Young, Matt Brewer and Mark Bonnette won the novelty prizes on offer.

Sunday's mixed event saw Ray Barker (36) and Penny Foy (36) win over Peter Bojanich (34) and Laurie Barker (31).

Henri Liebenberg, Daniel Hunt and Rhonda Hearn won the novelty prizes.

— Matt O'Connell



Tim Jackways on the course.

PICTURES: BECKY FELSTEAD



Val Wyld putts.



Nick Liebenberg.



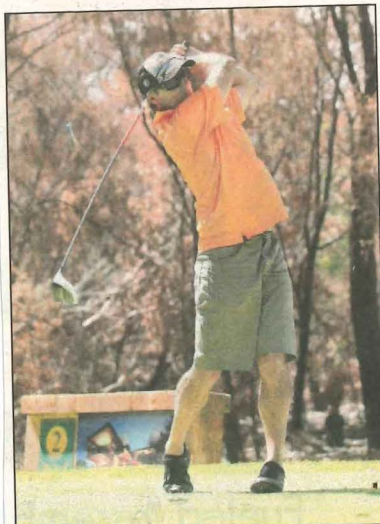
Penny Foy eyes down her drive.



Garry Hinkley goes for the hole.



Lynda Glasson.



Ray Barker teeing off.

Scores soar for skilled Margaret River golfers

LAST week at the stunning Margaret River Golf Club we saw some excellent scores.

On Tuesday the Veterans played a bisque par comp and Peter Clift +3 proved the craftiest in the field. Noel Wenman +2 was second.

Women's golf is played every Wednesday morning and this week's 9-hole par comp was won by Colleen Marks +3. The 18-hole par comp was won by Leonie Bell -2.

The Cowaramup Agencies 2011 Scroungers Cup final round was played by the men on Thursday.

Mal Bromley 39 had the best score of the day over Preston House 38 but the proud overall winner this year was Billy Pascoe who averaged 36 points – 108!

Mark Worth 107 was also consistent finishing second.

Twilight golf is played every Friday afternoon in summer with players teeing off between 3 and 4pm, and is followed by a free sausage sizzle.

Everyone is welcome and no handicap is required.

On Saturday the Men's Stableford comp was sponsored by Leeuwin Estate Winery and won by Daniel Hunt 37 over Matt O'Connell 36 and Jim Triglone 36. Tony Byrne was awarded the gross prize 27.

Cody Laskey's handicap continues to tumble after winning Sunday's Fermoy Estate Stableford Men's event with 36, as does Ricky Coates' who won the Women's event with 38. Russell Pratt 36 was third overall.

—Matt O'Connell, Club Secretary, Margaret River Golf Club

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2011 ♦

SPORT

Sport

Golf duo fire up

GOLF

WEST Australian father-daughter professional golfers and former Margaret River residents Wayne and Kristie Smith will host a tournament next year to benefit the Wallcliffe Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Current Ladies European Tour member Kristie and former Australasian Tour star Wayne will show off their golfing skills and charitable personalities at a special community competition on January 13 at the Margaret River Golf Club.

After raising more than \$1000 for the bushfire appeal at a corporate event at Bunbury's Sanctuary Golf Resort, Wayne decided his former home's bravest citizens deserved more recognition and funds.

Margaret River Golf Shop owner Jon Farrell said Wayne got the ball rolling last month and the club kept up the momentum by pitching the idea to the committee last week.

"We decided we had to do something to honour these guys, so that's where the event came from," Farrell said.

The charitable event will feature a morning barbecue breakfast before players battle out an Ambrose competition at 11am.



Wallcliffe Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade's Leonie Bell will be a part of the fundraiser held at Margaret River Golf Club.

PICTURE: BECKY FELSTEAD

Margaret River junior golfer-cum-trainee professional Kerrod Gray has committed himself to the event and organisers are trying to get former American Ladies Professional Golf Association tour player and Bunbury professional Shani Waugh on board.

Event co-ordinator Leonie Bell said all funds raised would go towards helping out the local fire brigade, which helped save the course from going up in flames last month.

She said the money would help the volunteer brigade maintain vehicles

and fire hydrants in the shire, buy new access gates to firebreaks and new stand pipe hydrants.

Entry to the event is \$35 per player and nomination forms can be sent to mrgolf@westnet.com.au.

— Rhys Dickinson

SPORT

Golfers tee off for charity

GOLF

MORE than 130 golfers descended on the Margaret River Golf Club on Friday to contest a charity event to benefit volunteer firefighters who helped battled November's regional blaze.

Professional golfers and former Margaret River residents Wayne and Kristie Smith and Kerrod Gray also



Todd Glover striping one down the middle.

took part in the four-person Ambrose event which raised more than \$10,000 for the Wallcliffe Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Gray and Kristie Smith raised nearly \$1500 for hitting paid tee shots on the par 3 eight hole and par 4 10th respectively while Wayne Smith raised more money by trawling the fairways in a cart and assisting players with on-course lessons and shots.

An auction, which was held at an event after the competition, also raised a substantial amount of money for the cause.

On Tuesday a big veterans' field turned out for a nine-hole Stableford competition which was won by Roger Last (23) over Jim Morris (22).

Penny Foy proved the toughest competitor in Wednesday's ladies Stableford competition in arduous conditions, recording 33 points to beat Wendy Campbell (32) to win the 18-hole prize.

Shirley Becker (20) and Mary Taylor (20) took out the win in the nine-hole event.

The scrounger's men's competition this week was a par-plus event and was won by Jarred Proctor. Bill Barth was second and Scar Campbell came third.



Professional golfer Kerrod Gray tees off at the par-3 8th hole last Friday.

Todd Glover won the gross.

Joseph Tribe bettered his handicap by five strokes on Saturday to take out the men's Stableford competition with 41 points.

Terry Halsall (40) was a close second and David Bell (38) came third.

Dean Taylor won the gross.

Sunday's mixed Stableford event was won by John O'Connor (35) over Cody Laskey (34) and Vic Solonec (34).



Blake Glover eyes down his second shot on the par-5 7th hole.



Steve Britton eyes the flight of his ball.



Ladies European Tour star Kristie Smith tees off for charity.



Dave Burgess stares down his approach shot to the 7th hole.

Tradies Day at golf

DUST off the old golf clubs and have a builder's crack! The annual Margaret River Builders & Tradies Ambrose Golf Day will be this Friday teeing off at 1pm. Teams of four can enter and pay on the day, \$30pp. All are welcome to a barbecue after the game at 3pm. Anyone wishing to donate prizes, contact mrgolf@westnet.com.au or 97572197.

Round 1 of the 2012 Veterans Club Championship was last Tuesday and Laurie Bedford claimed the early lead with 33pts and won round 1 on a countback from fellow club stalwart, Vince Home. Stay tuned to next week's results to discover if one wins the coveted title of Veterans Club Champion 2012.

Wednesday saw the weekly Women's summer Stableford comp tee off at 7.30am.

Penny Foy, aka the smiling assassin, sneaked up and won this week (33pts) on a countback over Ricky Coates and Wendy Campbell. Don't listen to her stories - she can play!

Thursday's Scroungers comp attracted 90 players to compete in the Margaret River Survey Company Stableford Event.

Rob Dewar (40) pipped Preston House (39) and John Evans (38) to win. Dean Taylor again won the gross.

Friday afternoon saw 28 golfers play in the 9-hole Twilight Stableford and Ambrose 2s competitions sponsored by Forester Estate Winery. Russell Pratt (21) and Dave Goodall (19) were Stableford winners while Aaron Stotten and Marshall King routed the Ambrose field win with a net score of 33.5.

Energy Surfboards, despite being badly affected by the recent fires, sponsored the Saturday Men's Stableford comp.

Garry Hinkley won with a massive 47 Stableford points. Coming distant second was Scott Maguire (41) and third Bob Imray (39).

The Flinders Bay Wines Mixed Stableford was on Sunday and Rob Dewar won the Men's section on 38 pts. Ricky Coates kept up her good run with 36pts.

Billy Taplin was next best overall with 38pts.



Neil Earl Auctioning goods for Bush Fire Appeal
L - Bedford & John Farnell. 2012
13 January

Busy fairways for Margs golfers

IT was a busy fortnight at the Margaret River Golf Club due to the influx of tourists but many of the members still managed to get out on the fairways for competitive rounds of golf.

The men's vets played Canadian Foursomes on Tuesday and it was Jim Morris/Jim Taylor who won over Terry Halsall/Vic Solonec.

Thursday saw the men's scroungers comp sponsored by Laurie Bedford.

A total of 95 players turned up on the day and Mal Gray (39) beat Rex Bevan (38) and Ken MacKenzie (37) to win. Marc Halsall won the gross.

On Saturday Settlers Liquor Store sponsored a field of 40 in the men's Stableford comp. It was a day for the geriatrics as Vic Solonec (39) won over Robin Lea (38) and Mike O'Connor (36).

A mixed field of 29 played on Sunday and Ray Barker (42) seems to be finding some rare form to win over Julie Campbell (38) and Peter Bojanich (38).

- Matt O'Connell

Margaret River golf results

WITH the introduction of the town's recycled water to the Margaret River Golf Club we have created a true golfing destination for golfers from across the country and overseas!

Tuesdays see the playing of the weekly veterans comp and last week the Stableford event was won by Roy Garstone (22) shading Mike O'Connor on a countback.

Women's day is Wednesday and Renae Lea (17) was the winner of the 9-hole comp. Penny Foy (34), striking a bit of form, took out the 18-hole prize.

The biggest event of the week is scroungers on Thursdays and Vince Home won the last week's *Augusta-Margaret River Mail* Stableford event over Bill Barth (39) and Larry DeJong (38). The gross prize was won by Rod Bedford.

Saturday's Monthly Mug men's stroke event, sponsored by Prideaus

Accommodation and John Evans, was easily won by Dean Taylor (69) who parred the course. Richard Catchpole (71) was second while Terry Halsall (74) came third.

Dave Goodall monstred the rest of the field to win the long-drive competition.

Rosily Vineyard sponsored Sunday's mixed event, and Vic Solonec (40) recorded the highest score of the week to win the men's prize. Laurie Barker (37) won the women's prize and Mike Croxford was third overall.

This week on Tuesday, the Vets play for the right to be called Club Champion and on Friday afternoon there is the weekly summer Twilight comp.

Public are welcome to play and there is a free sausage sizzle afterwards for all to enjoy.

- Matt O'Connell, Club Secretary
Margaret River Golf Club

Sport

Golfer's gold on green

GOLF

SCOTT Maguire recorded the best score of the golfing week on Thursday to win the Margaret River Golf Club's special Australia Day scroungers event.

Maguire bettered his handicap by four strokes to record an impressive 40 Stableford points to take out the public holiday event from junior golfer Nick Liebenberg (39).

Royal Perth visitor Frank Bryant placed third on the day and Phil Becker recorded the best off-the-stick score to take out the gross prize.

Mike Croxford proved too strong for the field at the veteran's event on Tuesday, recording a +4 score to win the competition ahead of Ray Atcheson on a count back.

Wednesday's women's Stableford competition was dominated by Ricky Coates (36), who beat Rhonda Zanich (32) and Sue Bloxam (32) to win the event.

Damien Bullock (39) beat out the week's form player, Henri Liebenberg (37), and John Ritchie (37) to take out Saturday's Stableford event, which was played in very hot conditions.

— Matt O'Connell

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

SPORT

Golfers want the pros

RHYS DICKINSON

MARGARET River Golf Club will play host to some of Australia's leading professional golfers in May after securing an event on the Australian PGA Pro Am circuit.

The golf club, which also recently signed a deal to host an international disabled golf tournament in August, will hold a \$10,000 minimum event as part of the WA tour's South West swing.

The event will allow amateur golfers to compete alongside 32 of the nation's emerging golfing talents.

Settler's Holdings Preston House put up \$10,000 for the tournament, which is an Australian PGA tour minimum purse for events. Club secretary Matt O'Connell said the tournament's organising committee hoped to get a grant from the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River to bump up the prize money.

"We hope we can get the Shire on board and increase the event to at least \$15,000, which would make it the richest Pro Am on the South West swing," he said.

Teed up for Thursday, May 31, the event was ideally-timed either side of two long-standing regional golfing

events: the Capel Golf Club Pro Am and the three-day South West Open at Bunbury Golf Club.

Professional golfers will contest an 18-hole stroke event while their amateur partners will play in a Stableford competition.

Local 17-year-old junior Blake Glover hopes to pick the brains of the career golfers to develop his game.

"It'll be good to see the professionals playing at my home course," he said. "I'll be taking note of how they play and asking them what it's like to be a professional golfer."

"I'd also like to see how they prepare for these types of events and approach the game from a mental perspective."

O'Connell said event title sponsor Settler's Liquor will try to lure the best players by offering them free accommodation at the Margaret River Hotel.

The event will be held alongside a full golfing weekend including a Friday 18-hole mixed 4BBB event and the club's traditional Margaret River Hotel 36-hole mixed individual Stableford event.

Entry is \$100 per person or \$300 per team. For more information contact mrgolf@westnet.com.au.



Margaret River Golf Club's Blake Glover, 17, and Matt O'Connell this week announced the club will hold an inaugural Pro Am, attracting some of Australia's best golfers to the region. PICTURE: BECKY FELSTEAD

SPORT

Helicopter prize

GOLF

MARK Worth celebrated the Easter long weekend in style by taking out Monday's Stableford event, recording 40 points to defeat Bill Healey and Mike Kelly on a countback.

MIKE Croxford (20) won a tightly-fought veterans' event on Tuesday, claiming the win on a countback from Cliff Garstone (20).

Vic Solonec placed third with 19 points in the nine-hole event.

Phyllis Harper (-1) did just enough to defeat reigning club champion Sue Bloxam on a countback to claim Wednesday's Par event.

Rosie Burnett (-2) placed third and the B-grade competition was won by Michelle Bojanich (-2) over Carolyn Scott (-2) and Lesley Folkard (-3).

Thursday's Men's Scroungers event offered up first prize of a helicopter ride for two and the lucky recipient was Daniel Hunt, who bettered his handicap by four strokes to record 40 points and the mid-week win.

Billy Barth (39) placed second.

SPORT

Margaret River golf

WOMEN were invited to play with the vets last Tuesday and Rhonda Zanich (20) gratefully accepted first prize along with Jim Morris (20). Vic Solonec (19) claimed second place and Lyn Glasson (16) was the women's runner-up.

The usual women's summer Stableford comp was played on Wednesday with Sue Bloxam (33) returning to the winners' circle. Mel Larsen (31) came second and Leonie Bell (29) came third. Of the 9-holers, Renea Lea (19) again impressed to win over club stalwart Barbara Webster (16).

A stroke format usually causes trepidation during Scroungers events but last Thursday, nobody told winner Mal Gray (68).

Mark Fitzpatrick (70) also enjoyed himself enough to snare second place and Brian Neal (72) was third. The gross was won by Tony Byrne.

The Forester Estate Twilight comp and sausage sizzle was on Friday afternoon and Russell Pratt (19) won again. Aaron Stotten and Mark Worth won the usual tradies' ambrose 2s skirmish.

Voyager Estate sponsored Saturday's men's Stableford event. Laurie Bedford (38) unearthed a few booming drives en-route to winning the comp.

If he could putt... Garry Hinkley (37) came second, and Mal Bromley (36) third.

Every Sunday there is a Mixed event teeing off at 12.30 and last week Preveli Wines generously sponsored the Stableford comp. Daniel Hunt (37) was the best performed man, while Mel Larsen (37) continues to pick up prizes to be the leading lady.

Next best overall was Jeff Hedstrom (35).

SPORT

Margaret River golf results

THE Vets played a Bisque Par comp last Tuesday and it was Cliff Garstone (+5) who handled the windy conditions best to win. Bob Imray (+4) squeaked into second on a five-way countback.

Wednesday's women's comp was a Stableford event and of the 18-holers, it was Lyn Glasson (34) who top scored to beat Mel Larsen (33). Shirley Becker (18) was the best of the 9-holers, beating Val Mowbray (15).

On Thursday a field of 66 competed for the Taylor/Farrell sponsored scroungers Stableford event. Bob Imray (39) continued from where he left off on Tuesday to win. Preston House (37) came second, just edging Graham Payne on a countback. Rod Bedford won the gross.

Saturday saw a good field of 63 men compete for the captain's trophy and Royal Fremantle blow-in, Charlie

Fiorentino (40) mastered the foreign conditions to win. Local, Brian Zanich (39) was second and Rob Dewar (36) was third. Rick Smith from Busselton won the gross with 76 shots.

Every Sunday there is a mixed event and last week's format was a 2-ball Ambrose sponsored by the Broadhursts of Prevelly. Fellow Prevellians, Jeff Hedstrom and Helen Priest easily won with a net 60 strokes. Garry Hinkley and Michelle Bojanich (63.25) were a distant second, just pipping Blake Glover and Cody Laskey (63.5).

This week's coring of the greens will mean the first 18 of the new 36-hole scroungers sand-green championship will be played on Thursday. The winner of the event, which culminates in November after coring, will pick up a new big screen television courtesy of The Garden Basket.

Mail

Margaret River golf results

AUTUMN is the season to be golfing and members and visitors have enjoyed near perfect conditions at the Margaret River Golf Club this week.

Noel Wenman scored a massive 23 points to win last Tuesday's Vets' Stableford comp. Vets champion Mike O'Connor (21) was second and Robin Lea (21) third.

Rhonda Zanich and Rosemary Basford sponsored Wednesday's Women's Stableford event. Melissa Larsen's improvement has raised a few eyebrows lately, so it came as no surprise she topped the A-grade comp with 36 Stableford points over Rhonda Hearn (35) and Kath Solonec (34). Jan Macaulay (35) and Julie Errey (35) shared the B-grade spoils while Carolyn Scott (34) was third. Best gross went to Sue Bloxam (27).

Down South Wholesale and Chemform provided prizes for Thursday's Men's Scroungers Stableford event. Daniel Hunt scored 38 points to narrowly beat life member, Laurie Bedford (38) on a countback. Captain Mal Bromley (37) came third. The best gross score was shared by Daniel Hunt and Tony Byrne (30).

On Friday, the usual mixed 9-hole Stableford was won by June Home (16) over Val Meleri (16).

Saturday's Men's stroke comp was sponsored by Home Timber & Hardware. Matt O'Connell (70) beat Murray Wilson on a countback. Captain Geoff Barrett was third with 71. Matt also had best gross score (77).

Sunday's Stableford event was sponsored by The Garden Basket, and it was Sunday specialist, Mike Kelly (38), who prevailed over Lyn Glasson (36). Julie Campbell was third with 35pts.

SPORT

O'Connell too good in golf

THE beautiful Margaret River Golf Club saw the Vets play a Stableford competition on Tuesday. Mike O'Connor (20) continued his great form to beat Rob Baker (19).

The Wednesday Women's competition was won by Sue Bloxam (33) on a countback from Mel Larsen (33). Of the Nine-holers, Renae Lea (17) won over Barbara Webster (14).

Thursday's men's scroungers event was won by Peter Bojanich (38) in a three-way countback over Dave Noske (38) and Brian Carter (38) from Goomalling.

Matt O'Connell (70) was the grateful recipient of this month's Medal on

Saturday. Graeme Bedgood and Henri Liebenberg (both 73) tried hard, but couldn't match O'Connell's overall skill and precision. The Gross was won by Dean Taylor (79).

The best score of the week was recorded by club captain Mal Bromley (42) to win Sunday's mixed competition. Allison Kelly (39) won the Women's competition and Brian Zanich (38) was next best overall.

This Friday will see the final twilight comp for the summer so tee off from 2pm - 4.30pm and enjoy a free barbecue in the clubhouse afterwards.

— Matt O'Connell

Golf generosity up to par

A TOTAL of \$10,000 in donations were presented to local emergency service groups on Monday by the Margaret River Golf Club.

The club held a Volunteers Fundraiser on January 13 to raise funds in the aftermath of the November bush fires.

Golfers Wayne and Kristie Smith were in attendance, and club secretary Matt O'Connell said the many donors and sponsors should be proud of their donations and assistance.

"We also thank all the community for coming along and participating," he said. "It was eye-opening to see people open their wallets. It goes to show the community's appreciation for these guys."



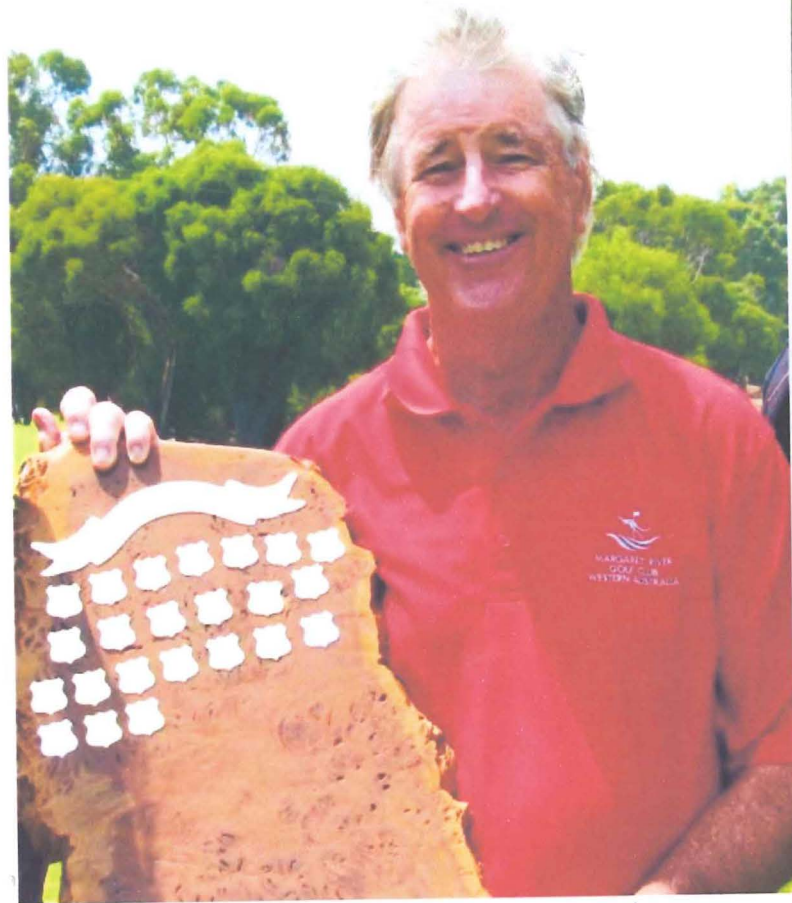
DONATIONS WITH DRIVE: Margaret River Golf Club course co-ordinator Jon Farrell and deputy chief bush fire control officer David Holland with cheques, and firefighters Gordon Temby, Ian Earl, David Burges and Richard Nash.

Representatives from local brigades, including Gracetown and Witchcliffe Volunteer Bushfire brigades, attended the presentation

to accept the cheques.

The funds will be spent on volunteers' uniforms, infrastructure, and personal safety gear.





MIKE O'CONNOR - 2012 VETS CHAMPION

ROY HOBSON & MIKE
ROY - MIKE - L. BEDFORD.

SPORT

Margaret River Golf Club results

LAST Tuesday saw the Men's Vets play a Stableford comp. Robin Lea blitzed the field to record a score of 23. Captain Alan Dale (21) was second.

Wednesday's Women's comp was sponsored by Julie Campbell and Penny Foy. The A-grade winner was Simone Bedford (72) followed closely by Rhonda Zanich (73) with Ricky Coates (74), third.

B-grade was won by June Home (74). Aileen Budge (75) came second and Lesley Folkard (76) third. The Silver Spoon winner was Julie Campbell.

Thursday's Men's Scroungers was sponsored by Bunbury Holden and Don Bredenkamp scored an excellent 39 stableford points to win. Mike Skivinis (38) came second and Brian Neal (36) from Augusta sneaked into third place. Dean Taylor had the best gross score with 30.

The usual mixed 9-hole comp was played on Friday and Jim Taylor (17) beat Matt O'Farrell (15) to win first prize.

The Fermoy Estate Monthly Medal was played on Saturday. The comp was won by Rob Dewar who scored an excellent 71 nett. Vic Solonec came second with 72 while Greg Cura prevailed in a four-way countback to come third. Blake Glover won the best gross prize with 77 strokes.

The usual Sunday mixed comp was played and the sponsor was The Riverview Tourist Park. Forty points was the winning men's score and scoring it was Kim Hewton. Sue Bloxam shot 35 to win the women's prize, while the next best was Vic Solonec (37).

-Matt O'Connell, club secretary

SPORT

Guest wins in Saturday men

GOLF

BARRY Granville recorded the score of the week to take out Thursday's scroungers Stableford competition at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Granville bettered his handicap by five strokes to record 41 Stableford points to take out the mid-week competition by two strokes over Rod Bedford and Graeme Payne (39).

Bedford's even-par round was not enough to take out the nett prize, but his 72 strokes locked up the gross prize.

The veterans played Stableford last Tuesday and Mike Beale prevailed over his rivals, beating out **Ray Atchison for first place.**

Allison Kelly's 35 points proved enough to take out the A-grade division of Wednesday's women's Stableford competition.

Julie Campbell (34) and Barbara Webster (34) pushed hard coming down the stretch but had to settle for second and third respectively.

The B-grade event was won by Marge Croxford with 32 points over June Home (31) and Jan James (30).

Barbara Webster deservedly won Friday's mixed nine-hole Stableford competition with 21 points ahead of Jim Taylor (19).

Bill Guest (40) edged out Matt O'Connell (40) in a countback to take out Saturday's men's Stableford competition.

Steve Britton (39) was third and O'Connell had the best gross score with a 75.

A field of 48 turned out on Sunday for a special Ambrose twos event and the winning team was Jeff Hedstrom and Helen Priest (63.25) followed by Gary Hinkley and Tim Jackways (64.25).

Mike and Rosemary Basford placed third with a nett 65.

MARGARET RIVER GOLF



Melissa Lardsen.



Daniel Hunt.



Peter Nicholls.



Lyn Glasson.



2012 - Ray Atcheson, Jon Beales and Roy Hobson tree clearing #9



2012 Laurie Bedford



2012 Jon Beales, Terry Halsall, Mike Beale, Roger Last, Mike Lawson and ?



2012 Ray Atcheson on the old Fiat tractor



2012 Gordon Smith



2012 Ray Atcheson and Gordon Smith collecting rubbish around the course



2012 - New Ramp put onto the extension, stairs taken out.



2012 Roy Hobson presenting Mike O'Conner (champion) alongside Laurie Bedford

Ladies Playing Saturday Afternoons

"PLEASE NOTE" FIXTURE CHANGE

Patrons Day 2012
6 May
Sunday Mixed Golf
In the Fixture Book as
Canadian 4's

At the request of the
Sponsor, our Patron
Doris Arthur

Game will now be an
individual
STABLEFORD Comp
starting with a sausage
sizzle at 11:30am

As mentioned earlier, the Club Committee have agreed to re-introduce Saturday play for women. The women will play their own comp in the field, paying the usual \$8 fee with their own novelties / prizes (depending on sponsorship and numbers). As I was the one pushing for this, I'm hoping that we can get it off the ground. I know it may be slow to take off but we will hopefully be playing our inaugural game this Saturday! If there's any chance you can join us, please just turn up before 12.15pm and get your name in. Personally I'm looking forward to playing Saturdays again at more or less the same time as my "other half", drive to the club in one car and enjoy the social aspect after the game. Hope you can join us.

Of Visitors and Prizes

There's been a lot of debate around the Club concerning whether or not prizes should be given to visitors winning sponsored events.

This is one of those issues that seems to come up on a regular basis.

Your Committee has given their consideration to this issue and decided that "visitors to MRGC, who hold a valid Golf Link Handicap, having paid the appropriate visitors comp fee and entered into the Comp are

eligible to win the event and take the prize."

The exception to this would be on Monthly Medal days or any of the Honour Board events where an extra visitors prize would be awarded.



REMINDER

Carts in the Buggy Shed
from Golf Goss Jan 2011

Some Members are having difficulties once again in trying to manoeuvre their way through the Buggy Shed due to handles on some buggies extending way outside of the actual buggy bay. This is therefore a gentle reminder – if you don't already do so – and I know that many of you do, can you please try to remember to drop your buggy handle after 'parking' your buggy in its bay.

THANK YOU!

OBITUARY

Arthur Cyril West (1922 – 2012)

Arthur first became a Member of the Margaret River Golf Club in the mid 1950's and went on to become a well respected and stalwart Member and Committee Member for many years.

In 1957, Arthur created the "West Knockout" – a most sought after trophy held each year.

Arthur held the position of Club President from 1965 to 1968. In the 70's, when the Club played in the local Darts Competition, he always made sure that there was plenty of cheese and biscuits for all the players. He was the assistant Bar Manager in the 80's, in addition to being Club Treasurer from 1982 to 1984 and always ensured we were on the right side of the Ledger.

A strong Committee Member and busy bee supporter, he created the Veteran's Competition in 1984.

He and Dick Rangnow organised the hiring of a bus from Shepherdson Transport to take the Vets to Busselton or Augusta a couple of times a year for a day out.

Arthur and wife Loma always looked forward to the Vets annual trip to the Kalgan River Caravan Park festivities where they made sure to get well involved in all the action.

Arthur, you will be missed.

Ray Atcheson

Arthur Cyril West passed away peacefully on 22 March 2012
Deepest sympathy to Loma and family on their sad loss

Belated Commiserations also go to Val Meleri and family
on the sad loss of a good husband and father
Deepest sympathy Val and family on your sad loss

SPORT

Jackaways the man in stroke event

GOLF

TIM Jackaways recorded a personal best round for 2012 to take out Saturday's Stroke event at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Jackaways needed only 76 strokes to navigate the demanding local course on Saturday to take out the event's nett and gross prizes. Brian Zanich (69) was second and Graeme Linfoot (71) snuck into 3rd place on a countback.

The veterans played Stableford last Tuesday and Noel Wenman (21) pipped Terry Halsall and Bob Imray (20) to take out the win.

The women played Stableford on Anzac day and Laurie Barker (37) took

out the win ahead of Kath Solonec (35).

Barker also recorded a hole in one on the Par 3 15th hole during her round.

Michelle Bojanich (30) won the B-grade event ahead of Lesley Folkard (28).

Jo Broadhurst recorded 41 points to edge out John Wholagan (40) and Dave Burges (39) at Thursday's Scroungers event. Blake Glover recorded a one over par 73 to take out the gross prize.

Friday morning's mixed 9-hole competition was won by Shirley Becker (18) on a countback from Mike Marks (18).

Gary Wightman (35) pipped Rob Dewar on a countback at Sunday's mixed Stableford event. Allison Kelly (34) was the best female competitor.

SPORT

Barker aces 15th to win Women's golf

ON Tuesday the Veterans played a stableford comp won by Noel Wenman (21) over Terry Halsall (20) and Bob Imray (20).

ANZAC Day saw a Women's stableford event played. A-grade was won by Laurie Barker (37) who scored a hole in one on the par 3, 15th hole. Kath Solonec (35) came second. The B-grade winner was Michelle Bojanich (30), Lesley Folkard (28) was second.

Margaret River First National's Barry Granville sponsored last week's Scroungers stableford event on Thursday. Jo Broadhurst (41) took first prize while John Wholagan (40) and Dave Burges (39) settled for the minor placings. Blake Glover scored best gross score with 35. Mick O'Hara won the longest drive.

Friday morning's mixed 9-hole comp was won by

Shirley Becker (18) on a countback from Mike Marks (18). Fennessey's Holden sponsored Saturday's Men's stroke comp. Tim Jackways won with a fine 68 net. Brian Zanich (69) was second and Graeme Linfoot (71) snuck into third on a countback. Tim also shot best gross with 76 strokes.

The Flinders Bay Wines Mixed stableford was played on Sunday and a stranger from the north, Gary Wightman (35), pipped Rob Dewar (35) on a countback to win the men's category. Allison Kelly (34) was the best Woman.

This Friday sees a team from The Royal Fremantle GC visit. They will playing against the Margaret River GC in the annual Watershed Premium Wines 4BBB challenge.

-Matt O'Connell, club secretary

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Golf club host Pro

GOLF

MARGARET River Golf Club's competitors battled a Tiger-proofed version of the course at the weekend in the lead-up to yesterday's Settlers Liquor Pro Am.

Margaret River's first-ever Pro-Am event attracted more than 36 of Australia's top touring professional golfers.

Club secretary Matt O'Connell said the event was reflective of the growing stature of the club as one of the South West's top golf courses.

Competitors in the Saturday's Stableford competition fought devilishly fast greens and tightly cut fairways, prepared for the Thursday event, which resulted in average scoring.

Nathan Browner's 35 points was enough to win the event ahead of Ken MacKenzie (34) and Carl Marais (34).

The winner of the women's division was Leonie Bell (31).

Matt O'Connell's round of 80 was enough to take out the gross prize.

Michael Kelly (38) proved too strong for Brian Zanich (37) and Kath Solonec (36) at Sunday's mixed Stableford event.

Last Tuesday the veterans played a Par bisque comp and it was John Agnew (+5) who prevailed over Robin Lea (+4) and Noel Wenman (+4).

Rosie Burnett (37) trounced the field at Wednesday women's Stableford to win A-grade over Rhonda Hearn (31) and club champion Sue Bloxam (31).

The B-grade competition was just as lop-sided, with Val Mowbray (35) showing how it is done by beating June Home (30) and Mary Taylor (29).

The men's scroungers on Thursday was won by Dave Coates (37), on a countback from Marc Halsall (37) and Scar Campbell (36).

Marc Halsall shot the best gross score of 33 points.

Aileen Budge (16) won Friday's mixed nine-hole event, beating out runner-up June Home (15) by just one point.

- Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Hyundai is Pro-Am's top prize

PROFESSIONAL golfers from across the country will be hoping that their aim is good at the upcoming Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am at the beautiful Margaret River Golf Club. Up for grabs is a brand new Hyundai i30 (similar to pictured) thanks to Busselton Hyundai. The event is the first of its kind in Margaret River.

On Tuesday the veterans played a 9-hole Stableford comp. Captain Fantastic, Alan Dale (23) stole the show. Ray Atcheson (22) pushed him all the way to come second.

The Women played on Wednesday in the Garstone/Farrelly Stroke event. Sue Bloxam putted well to win the A-grade with 74 nett. Phyllis Harper (74) continued her good form from last week to come second. B-grade was taken out by the Silver Spoon winner, Lyn Glasson with a nett 71 strokes. Michelle Bojanich (72) was a close second.

The Men's Scroungers on Thursday was a



TAKE AIM: Blake Glover is one of 128 amateurs and professionals hoping to win a new Hyundai at the Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am.

Stableford event sponsored by Trade Hire. Garry Hinkley (41) blitzed the field to win, followed by Augusta's Craig Foy (39) and that man Alan Dale (38). Youngster Blake Glover continued his development as a fine player by winning the gross with 31pts.

Friday morning's 9-hole mixed comp was won on a countback by Lorna West (18) over Jim Taylor.

The Fermoy Estate Men's Monthly Medal was fought for on Saturday. It was a stroke event and Ken MacKenzie showed that he can still put a round together to win on a countback from Tony Combes with 73 nett. One stroke back was someone to keep your eye on in the coming years, Nick Liebenberg (74). Blake Glover won the gross with an outstanding 78 (if only he could putt).

Sunday's Mixed Stableford event was sponsored by Leeuwin Estate. The men's side of the comp was won by Brian Zanich (37) while Julie Campbell (33) won the Women's prize. Representing the sponsor, Travers O'Rafferty recorded an excellent 37pts.

Good golfing!

SPORT

Veteran Vic dominates Margs golf course

LAST Tuesday's Veterans Stableford comp was completely dominated by Vic Solonec. Vic scored an enormous 24 points, beating second-placed Dave Glasson by a whopping seven strokes.

Wednesday is Women's day and last week saw a team from Augusta visit Margaret River to play in an annual invitational 4BBB event.

The winners, Rosemary Basford and Rosie Burnett again streaked the field with a great score of 46 points. Di Ellis and Marian Squance came a distant second with 40 points, beating out Trish Howells and Michelle Bojanich on a countback.

Thursday is Men's Scroungers day and last week's comp was the Dave Burges Stableford. Kiwi Tim Jackways (40) won the event while Mike Basford (38) was second, and

Dean Taylor (37) third. Dean shot the best gross score with 34 points.

The Friday morning mixed 9-hole Stableford comp was won by Val Meleri (16) over Mike Marks (15).

The Label World Men's Stableford was played on Saturday. Jim Triglone did just enough with 38 points to win. Rhys Dickenson (36) was second. Rod Bedford (36) came third and also won the best gross prize with 33 pints.

Barry House MP generously sponsored Sunday's mixed Stableford event which was won by Jeff Hedstrom (38) and Allison Kelly (31). The next best was Michael Kelly (38).

Next week sees the playing of Margaret River's inaugural Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am.

A list of 36 professional golfers

competing for a share in the \$10,000 prize money and a new Hyundai i30 from Busselton Hyundai will include Michael Long, Jarrod Mosley, Wayne Smith, and youngster, Darren Tan.

-Matt O'Connell club secretary

Pro-Am played with passion

THERE was a festival atmosphere at the Margaret River Golf Club last week with more than 600 rounds of golf played over four days.

Festivities teed off on Thursday with the inaugural Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am. The ground-breaking event hosted 38 of Australia's best young, and a few not-so-young professional golfers. It was a great opportunity for the average Joe-Golfers to test their skills against the elite.

The weather played its part in preventing unduly low scoring but the excellent presentation of what is becoming a top class golf destination had every competitor waxing lyrical.

Picking up the cheque for the lion's share of the \$10,000 prize money on offer was young professional James Carr of Busselton with a score of 70. The winning amateur team consisted of Graeme Payne, Craig Foy and Alec Williams. A rowdy crowd then enjoyed the Stella Bella \$500 Long Drive Challenge, compered by WA golfing great Wayne Smith, which was eventually won by professional Jason Shine of Bunbury with a near-300 metre howitzer.

Friday saw a huge field competing in the Margaret River Hotel 2-Ball Ambrose event. The winning pair with a score of 65.25 was William and Joan Ross.

On the weekend, golfers from all over WA converged on the South West for the Margaret River Hotel 36-Hole Individual Stableford Event.

The Men's winner, with 72 points was Ivan Luk from Perth's West Aviat Golf Club. Taking out the top prize in the Women's division was Diana Linfoot of Cottesloe with 65 points. The best performing local player was Margaret River's Gary Wightman with 66 points.

—Matt O'Connell, club secretary



CONGRATULATIONS: 2012 Settler Liquor Store Pro-Am winner, James Carr receives the winner's cheque from Preston House on Thursday.



TRIO: Micheal Mella, Craig Thorpe and Cliff Atkinson at the Pro-Am.



FROM AUGUSTA: Wayne Pennington, Kim Darragh and Brian Neal.



READY TO PLAY: Scott Hunter, Tristan McCallum and Brett Howes.



SETTLERS CREW: Mel Larsen, Wendy Campbell and Rosemary Basford.



TWO CRAIGS: Craig Hancock and Craig Hasthorpe.

Foursomes make a mark at golf club

GOLF

ROD Bedford and Preston House proved to be the perfect combination at the Margaret River Golf Club Foursomes Championship event on Sunday, taking out the title by the narrowest of margins.

Bedford and House posted a 36-hole total of 168 to edge out Blake Glover and Rhys Dickinson by one stroke to claim the championship event.

The championship hinged on a final 30-foot putt by Dickinson on the 36th hole to force a playoff.

But the attempt lipped out and Bedford and House secured their second-straight victory in the event.

The best net score for the two-round event came from Gary Hinkley and Nathan Browner with a score of 144.

Robin lea (16) won Tuesday veteran's nine-hole Stableford competition and was closely followed by Mike Marks (15) and Alan Dale (15).

Rob Dewar (38) conquered the field in Thursday's scroungers event, defeat runner up Tim Watson (37) by just one point.

Dave Noske (35) came a distant third and the best gross score came from Rod Bedford with 26 points.

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Blake Glover was runner-up.

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Saturday's men's Stableford competition took on added importance, as a battalion of Augusta Golf Club players turned up to challenge the local golfers in one of two annual inter-course challenges.

The event was won by Margaret River club stalwart Ken MacKenzie (36) on a countback from Pierre Every (36).

Vic Solonec placed third with 35 points and Rod Bedford continued his scintillating form to win the gross with another 26.

The MRGC versus Augusta GC test was won by Margaret River and a return challenge is scheduled for October 27.

— Matt O'Connell



Rhys Dickinson putts.

SPORT

Golfers take walk in the red

GOLF

MARGARET River Golf Club's male members took a walk in women's shoes on Thursday, competing in a red-tee event.

Gary Hinkley showed his preference for the ladies' layout by scoring a 62 nett to win over Robin Lea (65) and Mick O'Hara (66). Marc Halsall recorded a sub par round of 70 to win the gross event.

The club's veteran competitors battled it out in a nine-hole 4BBB event on Tuesday and it was Alan Thwaites and Mike Marks (23) who pipped Mike Croxford and Cliff Garstone (23) on a countback to win. Abe Huisken and Vic Solonec placed third.

The annual Eithne Lagan Shield was up for grabs on Wednesday and a large field of women turned out for the Stableford competition.

Reigning club champion Sue Bloxam (35) prevailed over Mel Larsen on a countback. Wendy Campbell came

third (34) and Rosie Bennett recorded a hole in one on the par three 15th hole.

Friday's nine-hole mixed competition was won by Mike Marks with 21 points over June Home and Aileen Budge (17).

The men's event on Saturday was a 4BBB par competition and the winners on a countback were Cody Laskey and Dave Glasson (+9). The unlucky runners-up were Darrel Arnett and John Ntou (+9) and John O'Connor and Tim Jackways placed third (+8).

Junior member Nick Liebenberg (38) played well at Sunday's mixed Stableford event to win the men's side of the competition and Leonie Bell (34) pipped Angie Burges on a countback to win the women's division.

Margaret River Golf Club will host the men's 4BBB championship at the weekend. Blake Glover and Dave Goodall will attempt to defend their title from a hot list of golfers at the 36-hole event, on Saturday and Sunday.

— Matt O'Connell

SPORT



PARTNERS SADDLED WITH EACH OTHER: Club captain Mal Bromley with celebrating 2012 4bbb champions Mike "The Mule" Basford and Dave Burges.

Mike Basford, Dave Burges are Margs' 4BBB champs

THE 2012 4BBB Championship was held on the weekend at the Margaret River Golf Club with Mike Basford and Dave Burges winning by a stroke with a 36-hole total of 85 stableford points.

The runners-up were Gary Hinkley and Nick Carroll with 84 points.

Mr Basford – aka "The Mule" – will reportedly be taking time off for shoulder surgery after the historic win due to carrying a heavy load. Mr Burges has been checked in to a Jenny Craig clinic.

The regular Tuesday Veterans' stableford comp was taken out by Abe Huisken, 18, on a countback from Vic Solonec.

Leonie Bell, nett 75, prevailed in the Wednesday Women's Stroke event, sponsored by GolfBox Bunbury. Leonie putted well to win A-grade on a countback over

Wendy Campbell and Rosemary Basford. B-grade was won by Angie Burges, 76, over Julie Errey, 77.

The annual Lilliput Cup is always a popular Scroungers event at Margaret River. Players turn out in large numbers just to meet and shake the tiny hands of the sponsoring Lilliputians.

This year the lucky winner of the very small trophy was Jeremy Wixon, 39. Gratefully accepting a tiny second prize was Adrian Castle, 36, and playing the bean-headed giant this year, Rod Bedford, 36, accepted third prize.

Friday's mixed 9-hole morning comp saw Barbara Webster, 15, edge out Jim Taylor, 14.

—Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Hinkley beats Jackways to win close Stableford comp

GOLF

GARRY Hinkley recorded the round of a testing weekend to win Saturday's Stableford competition at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Hinkley bettered his handicap by two strokes to record 38 Stableford points to edge out Tim Jackways (37) and Jo Broadhurst (36) to claim the day prize.

Jackways recorded the best gross score of 31 while Danny O'Connell dominated the putting NAGA competition with 34 putts.

Gerry Hunt didn't miss a beat at Tuesday's veteran's competition, recording 19 points to win the nine-hole event on a countback over form player Mike Croxford.

A good field turned out for the women's Par competition on Wednesday and the A-grade bout was won by Allison Kelly (+1), who was

the only player to better her handicap. Simone (-2) and Patsy Bedford (-2) had a family feud for second and third places respectively.

The B-grade category was won by June Home (-3) over Libby Dawson (-4) and Aileen Budge (-4).

Despite recording a dreaded no score on one hole, John Wholagan posted 42 points to win Thursday afternoon's men's scroungers event.

This was enough to consign the ever consistent Dave Glasson (38) and Mark Kevill (37) to a distant second and third respectively.

Rod Bedford won the best gross prize with 32 points.

Kim Hewton took out Sunday's mixed Stableford event with 34 points and Angie Burges won the women's division with 31 points.

The men will contest the July monthly Stroke medal tomorrow.

— Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Exorcism on golfing green as Barrett takes medal

GOLF

GEOFF Barrett exorcised his putting demons to take out Margaret River Golf Club's monthly Stroke medal event on Saturday.

Barrett revelled in tough conditions to record a solid net 72 score to overcome challenges from Mal Bromley and Jo Broadhurst (73).

Bromley also achieved the gross prize quinella for the week with 81 strokes.

Graeme Linfoot gratefully accepted the men's first prize at Sunday's

mixed Stableford event with an excellent 39 points, while Allison Kelly took out the women's top prize.

Peter Boyanich was the next best with 38.

Last Tuesday's veterans Stableford nine-hole competition was won by Rob Baker (19) over the in-form Mike Croxford (17).

Reigning club champion Sue Bloxam (35) came out on top in last Wednesday's A-grade Stableford event, beating Julie Campbell (34) to claim the victory.

The B-grade event was won by

club patron Doris Arthur, who recorded 27 points.

The runner-up was Joan Garstone (26).

Vic Solonec (39) recorded the equal-best score of the week to take out Thursday's men's scroungers event over Mal Bromley (38) and Don Bredenkamp.

Mal Bromley also won the best gross with 31 points.

Mike Marks (14) won Friday's mixed nine-hole Stableford event over Matt O'Farrell (12).

— Matt O'Connell

Margs golf results

IT was a beautiful week on the links at Margaret River Golf Club with winter weather nowhere to be seen. Veterans played an ambrose 2s comp on Tuesday. Robin Lea and Matt O'Farrell, 30.3, fended off Mike Marks and Dave Glasson, 31.3, and won first prize. The Women's comp on Wednesday was a stroke event. Kath Solonec, 74, proved too strong in A grade beating Allison Kelly, 76. B grade was won by Angie Burges, 74, over Lyn Glasson, 80. During Stotto's Thirsty Thursday, Dean Taylor corrected his recent putting problems and his 39 points represented an even par gross score. He won the event, just beating Tony Byrne, 38, and Geoff Barrett, 38. A good field turned out for the usual Friday morning mixed 9-hole stableford. Colleen Marks continued the excellent Marks' form, winning with 18 points. Betty Earl, 17, was runner-up. Settlers Liquor Store sponsored the Mens Stableford event on Saturday. In first place was Steve Britton, 39, second was Scar Campbell, 38, who couldn't quite force a countback, third place was Daniel Hunt, 36, and Matt O'Connell won best gross, 29. Many players turned out for the Cullen Wines Mixed Stableford on Sunday afternoon. Daniel Hunt must have finally worked out a good theory on how to hit a golf ball because he won first prize with 37 points. Rhonda Zanich, 34, won first place Women's, and Dave Noske, 36, came third overall. This week, Margaret River will send a team of 18 golfers to Royal Fremantle Golf Club to compete for the annual Watershed Premium Wines Challenge. Also, the Toro Mixed Irish Combined Stableford is on Saturday, August 25. Anyone interested in entering a team, please go to margaretrivergolfclub.com.au
—Matt O'Connell, secretary

SPORT

Interclub Challenge for MR golfers

THE Margaret River Golf Club sent a team of 18 players to Royal Fremantle Golf Club for the annual Watershed Premium Wines Interclub challenge on Friday.

The format this year was 4BBB, the course was excellent, and the hospitality humbling. Unfortunately the Margaret River players struggled to cope with the undulating greens and found themselves on the wrong end of a good old-fashioned shellacking. The average 4BBB score from the home side was 42 Stableford points versus Margaret River's 34 points. But a great time was had by all.

On Tuesday the Veterans played a 9-hole Stableford comp. with Billy Taplin (17) winning on a countback over Abe Huisken. Wednesday's Women's Stableford A-grade winner was Allison Kelly (34), second was Wendy Campbell (33). B-grade winner was Angie

Burgess (35) over Libby Dawson (33).

Scar Campbell was in fine form on Thursday, winning the Cape Landing sponsored Stableford event with 38 points on a countback from Rob Baker. Tony Byrne (37) third. The best gross score was won by Dean Taylor (30). Friday morning's mixed 9-hole comp winner's prize went to Shirley Becker (19) who just pipped Lorna West (18).

Fishbone Wines sponsored Saturday's Men's 4BBB Stableford and Tony Byrne and Ken MacKenzie (48) beat Rob Baker and Terry Halsall (46). Happy Birthday to junior member, Nick Liebenberg who turned 12 on Saturday. The Southern Workwear Mixed Stableford was played on Sunday. Daniel Hunt came out on top winning with 38 points. Mandy Farrell (36) was second and Sue Bloxam (34) came third.

—Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Bloxam, Glover return champs

GOLF

SUE Bloxam and Blake Glover successfully defended their Mixed Foursomes crown at the weekend, fending off a late charge from Kerry Farrelly and Rod Bedford to win the championship event by two strokes.

The reigning champions recorded rounds of 87 and 83 for a 36-hole total of 170 to edge out Farrelly and Bedford.

The net winners were Gary Hinkley and Melissa Larsen with 157 and net runners up were Penny Foy and Mal Bromley with 158.

On Wednesday the club's female competitors played the fifth and final Silver Spoon event of the year and Julie Campbell took out the round with a net score of 75. A-Grade was won by Mandy Farrell with 74 and Campbell placed second with 75. Patsy Bedford placed third with a score of 76.

The B-grade winner was Julie Errey with 77, runner up was Aileen Budge with 81 and June Home was third with 84.

Di Gordon won the putting competition with 28 putts and novelties went to Di Linfoot, Doris Arthur, Penny Foy, Marg Scott, Julie Campbell, Kerry Farrelly, Mel Larsen and June Home.

Phil McQueen took out Thursday's

scroungers competition with 42 points and Jules Ashton placed second with 40 points of his own.

Nathan Browner third finished third with 39 and Blake Glover won the gross prize with 32.

Novelties went to Jeff Hedstrom, Kim Fish, Rob Baker, Peter McGovern, Jules Ashton, Kim Darragh, Ken MacKenzie, Carl Hurley, Mark Kevill and Nic Taplin.

Scott MacGuire was crowned the winner of Saturday's Stableford competition with 40 points on three way countback from Daniel Hunt and Graeme Bedgood.

Hunt won the gross prize and Dave Glasson, Murray Wilson, Mark Fergusson, Danny O'Connell, Jim Triglone, Graeme Linfoot, Daniel Hunt, Gary Hinkley and Mick O'Hara snapped up the novelty prizes on offer.

The veterans played Stableford and Vic Solonec came out on top with 20 points.

The runner up was Alan Dale with 19 points and novelties went to Laurie Bedford and John Agnew.

Jim Taylor was the winner at Friday's mixed nine-hole event with 15 points on a countback from Beck O'Connell.

— Mandy Farrell

Steve Britton blitzes golf medal field

STEVE Britton made a mockery of the Fermoy Men's Monthly Medal at the Margaret River Golf Club on Saturday, winning the nett event by a whopping five strokes with a score of 66 nett.

Laurie Bedford, returning from hospital, displayed plenty of guts to run second with 71 nett, but was still no match for the sizzling Britton. Ever-consistent Dave Goodall beat two others on a countback for third place. Kiwi Tim Jackways won the gross prize with 81 strokes, while Jo Broadhurst was "Boss of the Moss" with 24 putts.

On Tuesday the Veterans 9-hole comp was a bisque par. Only 15 players finished due to bad weather.

Richard Deshon (+3) deserved the win over Mike Beale (also +3).

Rain also prevented a large field competing in the Women's Weekly event on Wednesday morning. Kerry Farrelly and Rosie Burnett teamed up successfully in the ambrose 2s event to win with 33.5 over Libby Dawson and Sue Bloxam (36.5).

Pharmacy 777 sponsored Thursday's Scroungers stableford event. Daniel Hunt's form continued to soar. His 37 score was enough to beat big-hitting Garry Hinkley (36) and Richard Deshon (36). Daniel also won the gross prize with 31 points.

June Home's scoring was also up

there with 19 stableford points in Friday morning's mixed nine-hole comp. Mary Taylor (18) was second.

The Dave and Angie Burges 4BBB was played on Sunday and it was dominated by two teams containing players new to the game. Jo and Genny Broadhurst took out first place over Jeff Hedstrom and Helen Priest.

Coming up next Sunday is the 2012 Mixed Foursomes Club Championship, played over 36 holes from 8.45am. Players can book a tee time now via <http://www.margaretriver.lgolf.com.au>.

—Matt O'Connell

Margs golf results

THE Women played stableford Wednesday, sponsored by Lyn Glasson and Mandy Farrell. A-Grade winner was Marg Scott with 36 points, runner-up was Ricky Coates on 33 on a countback from Simone Bedford 33.

B-Grade winner was Marian Squance with 30 points on a three-way countback from Julie Errey and Libby Dawson. Novelties went to Kath Solonec, Colleen Marks, Marg Scott, Val Mowbray, Kerry Farrelly, Patsy Bedford, Mandy Farrell, Jane Taylor and Julie Errey.

Thursday's Scroungers were sponsored by Jon Farrell and Geoff Barrett, stepping up at late notice. Winner was Don Bradenkamp with a well played 38 points, on a three-way countback from Laurie Bedford and Rod Bedford. Rod also won the Gross with 35. Novelties went to John Whologan, John Evans, Marc Halsall, Travers O'Rafferty, Bill Pascoe, Mark Bonnette and Gary Hinkley.

Friday's Mixed competition saw Matt O'Farrell win with 23 points and Jim Taylor runner-up with 19 points. Mike Marks won the novelty.

Energy Surfboards (Ken MacKenzie) sponsored Saturday's Men's comp. Robin Lea won with 38 points on a countback from Murray Wilson. Scott MacGuire was third with 37. Blake Glover won Gross with 29. Novelties to Carlo Bertelli, Daniel Hunt, Tim Jackways, Scott MacGuire, Barry Granville, Mal Bromley, Mike Basford, Garry Hinkley and John Bradbury.

Sunday's club event had a great field. Blake Glover shot a 72 (41 points) to win, with Cody Laskey runner-up with 39 and Dave Goodall third with 37. Mel Larsen won the Women's with 35. Novelties went to Brian Zanich, Blake Glover, Rob Dewar, Billy Taplin, Daniel Hunt, Rhonda Hearn, Rhonda Zanich and Mike Kelly.

Tuesday's Veterans saw Vic Solonec win the day with 19 points on a countback from Jim Taylor 18. Novelties went to Jim House and Jim Taylor.

—Mandy Farrell

SPORT

Irish Stableford event draws errant drivers

GOLF

MORE than 120 competitors graced the fairways of Margaret River Golf Club for the course's inaugural Combined Irish Stableford event on Saturday.

The format proved to be popular with typically errant drivers of the golf ball, who were able to play from the team's best tee shot

on each hole. Richard Catchpole, Garry Hinkley, Nathan Browner and Dave Goodall won with a huge score of 105 Stableford points to edge out Margaret Doyle, Sue Kelly, Frances Fairweather and Bunny Young, who finished a shot back on 99.

The team of Julie Campbell, Steve Britton, John Britton and Doris Arthur placed third on 98

points. The usual veterans' nine-hole competition was played on Tuesday and Vic Solonec won with 20 points to beat Cliff Garstone (19) and Gerry Hunt (19).

Kim Fish proved too strong for the field with 38 points at Thursday's Scroungers event, just beating Nic Taplin on a countback.

Steve Hughes placed third with 37 points and Blake Glover won

the best gross award with 31 points.

Harvey Golf Club's Kevin Burton pipped Rockingham's David Innes on a countback with an even 36 points to win the men's division of Sunday's Stableford event and Penny Foy showed a return to form by winning the women's division with 35 points.

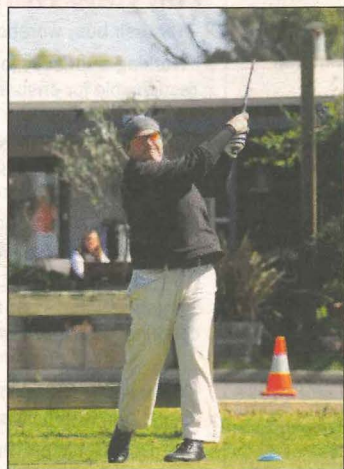
— Matt O'Connell



Blake Glover.



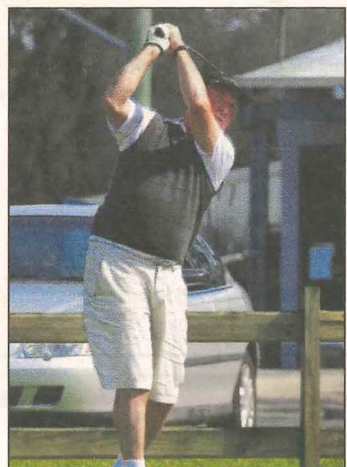
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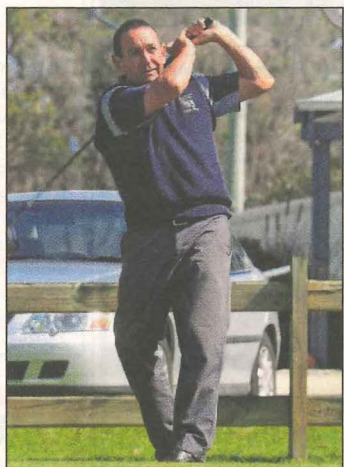
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Winner of Saturdays competition



Michael Kelly.



Vic Solonec



Ian Thomas.



Dave Sinclair.

11th hour win spoils 12th title attempt

GOLF

PENNY Foy was crowned Margaret River Golf Club's 2012 ladies champion on Friday after toppling 11-time champion Sue Bloxam.

Foy captured her first championship title with a come-from-behind match play victory over Bloxam.

Things were looking grim for the nine handicap as she was three down after nine holes.

But Foy mounted a big comeback, winning four consecutive holes to start the back nine, and holed a 5m par putt on the 18th hole to claim the match one up.

The final matches of the 2012 men's championship will be played this weekend with any one of eight players still in with a chance of claiming this year's title.

Larry De Jong claimed the first big prize of the championships, narrowly edging out Cody Laskey to claim this year's Paddy Barret 36-hole nett award.

Gordon Smith blew away the field with 21 points to win the veteran's nine-hole Stableford competition on Tuesday over Alan Dale, Dave Glasson and Roy Hobson (17).

Libby Dawson (32) prevailed over June Home (30) in Wednesday's women's Stableford event and Dave Coates (40) pipped Blake Glover (39) on Thursday to win the weekly scroungers competition.

Mike Basford (37) blitzed the men's field at Sunday's mixed Stableford while Robyn Tait took out the women's event with 37 points.

— Matt O'Connell



Larry De Jong.



Rhys Dickinson.



Blake Glover.



Marc Halsall (centre right) shows off the MRGC championship trophy with minor grades winners Nick Carroll, Steve Britton, Larry Dejong, Rob Dewar and Vic Solonec.

PICTURE: JON FARRELL

Halsall hits golf winner

MARC Halsall was crowned Margaret River Golf Club champion on Sunday after a convincing win over Dean Taylor.

Halsall blitzed Taylor 8/6 in the final and said the victory was "all the sweeter given the depth of talent currently on offer at the Margaret River Golf Club this year".

The 2012 champion placed third in the 36-hole stroke play section and narrowly won his first match-play bout over Jim House 3/1 on Saturday.

He advanced to the final with a hard-fought 2/1 win over junior member Blake Glover on Sunday morning before prevailing in the final.

Three up at one stage through the front nine, Halsall gave up his lead on the 11th hole, but mustered a magnificent up-and-down on the

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Halsall snares third men's title

MARC Halsall showed again why he is the best golfer in Margaret River by beating another multiple winner, Dean Taylor in Sunday's final match of the Margaret River Golf Club's Men's Championships.

Halsall said that the victory was all the sweeter given the depth of talent currently on show at the Margaret River Golf Club this year.

Other winners included Rob Dewar (minor championship), Nick Carroll (A-Grade), Vic Solonec (B-Grade), Larry Dejong (C-Grade).

In other competitions last week Laurie Bedford (16) held off Jon Beales (16) on a countback to win Tuesday's Veterans comp, Rob Young (36) pipped Henri Liebenberg and Vic Solonec to win the Howard Park Scroungers on a countback, and Linda Henry (17) outshone Jim Taylor (16) to win Friday morning's mixed 9-hole comp.

Margaret River golf results

THE Margaret River First National Daffodil Day Ambrose was held on Sunday and 16 teams of golfers turned out for a fun day of golfing and fundraising. The clear winners with a nett score of 53.5 were "The Untouchables" Bill Taplin, Matt O'Connell, Beck O'Connell and Cushla Bowyer. Coming second with a nett 56 were "Stitched Up" Tim O'Brien, Jarrod Proctor, Trevor Hunt and Drew Horner. The Cancer Foundation thanked the many other sponsors.

The Veterans played Bisque Par on Tuesday and Abe Huisken won (+4) over Vince Home (+3 on a countback).

Wednesday's Women's event was a par comp. A-grade was won by Wendy Campbell (+2) beating Kath Solonec and Rhonda Zanich (+1). B-grade was won by Lyn Glasson (+1) with Julie Errey coming second (-3).

The annual Schiavello Commercial Interiors Scroungers event was played on Thursday. The runaway winner was Vets captain, Alan Dale (39), Bill Taplin came second (36) while Ray Mann and Dave Glasson shared third place (34). The best gross score came from Blake Glover (28).

The Marks family cleaned up in last Friday's mixed 9-hole comp. Colleen won with 18 and Mike came second with 16.

Minot Wines are always a popular sponsor of golf in Margaret River so Vic Solonec happily accepted first prize in Saturday's Minot Wines Stableford (41). Terry Halsall (37) came second and Dave Goodall (36) third. Tony Byrne shot the best gross score with 27 points. Long bomber Terry Halsall also took out the prize for the longest drive.

—Matt O'Connell

Tenth triumph for dynamic duo

THE Margaret River Golf Club Women's Foursomes Championships sponsored by Margaret River Cowaramup Electrical Services was staged last Wednesday.

Winning the title for the 10th time in 15 years was the team of Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly (172).

The two didn't have it all their own way though, needing to sink a clutch putt on the final hole to beat Penny Foy and Ricky Coates (173) by a solitary stroke after the 36-hole battle.

Nett winners were Rhonda Hearn and Patsy Bedford (152).

The weekly Veterans comp on Tuesday was narrowly won by Mike Croxford (20) on a four-way countback from Mike Beale, Abe Huisken, and Rob Baker.

Wine for Dudes sponsored Thursday's Scroungers event and it was Jon Beales streaking away from the field with 41 points to win over Terry Halsall (38) and Mal Bromley (38).

Mal Bromley had the best gross score for

the day. Val Meleri showed that difficult conditions don't have to stand in the way of a good score on Friday by scoring 17 points in the mixed nine-hole comp.

Colleen Marks was her closest competitor on 14.

The Settlers Liquor Store Ambrose 2s was played on Saturday and it was big-match specialists Dave Goodall and Garry Hinkley who came out on top with 63.5. Terry Halsall and Laurie Bedford pushed them hard to come second on a countback. The best gross score came from Mal Bromley and Blake Glover with 69 strokes.

Sweet-tooths on Sunday were treated to the very popular sponsorship of The Candy Cow, meaning a 'showbag' for each competitor.

Winning first prize was Dan Hunt with 36 points.

Henri Liebenberg (35) will be giving his false teeth a workout this week after coming a close second.

—Matt O'Connell

Young golfers impress

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted the Annual Wealth Plus Finance Mixed Canadian Foursomes last weekend.

Winners of the two-day event were Mal and Kaye Wolfe of Perth with 147.75. Peter Boyanich and Maggie Foy were second with 148.25 and third were Cody Laskey and Mandy Farrell with 148.75.

Margaret River Tank Cleaning & Lago Wines sponsored Scroungers day on Thursday, September 27. Greenkeeper Will Norris (37) beat Vets captain Alan Dale (37) and Rob Young (35). Club champ Marc Halsall shot best gross (29) while Mick O'Hara won the longest drive prize.

Last week's Veterans comp was a par plus event and Vince Home won with +3 beating Jon Beales (+1) and seven others on a countback for third. Mandy Farrell (36) edged out Laurie Barker (35) to win last Wednesday's Women's A-grade division. B-grade was won by Marion Squance (38) with Colleen Marks (34) a distant second.

Busselton Hyundai generously sponsors Margaret River golf and last Thursday's Scroungers saw youngster Nick House win with an impressive 41 points. Jon Beales (41) was second and Billy Taplin third (38). Blake Glover got best gross (34). New member Megan Booth took out the weekly mixed nine-hole comp on Friday with 18 points. Aileen Budge (16) was second.

Saturday was the Fermoy Estate Men's Monthly Medal. Blake Glover won nett and gross prizes after shooting an even par round (a sure sign of a good junior). Second on a countback was Billy Taplin with nett 70 and third was Billy Pascoe (70). Juniors seem to be taking over - 12-year-old Nick Liebenberg streaked the field with 40 points to win Sunday's Kiss Chasey Wines Stableford event. Thankfully old-timer, Steve Owen still has it in him to do it for the "grey-brigade" coming second (36). Winning the Women's division was Jan Racine (31) from NSW.

-Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Big clashes throughout week

GOLF

GERRY Hunt dominated Tuesday's veteran's nine-hole Stableford competition, recording 21 points to beat Peter Clift, Jim Morris, and Jim Taylor by two strokes.

Alan Dale kept the momentum going for senior members at the club at Thursday's scroungers event, blitzing the course with 41 points to easily account for runner-up Craig Foy (38) and the third-placed Laurie Bedford (37).

Dean Taylor shot the best gross of 29 points.

Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event was easily won by the very fast-improving Beck O'Connell, who earned 21 points over Matt O'Farrell (18).

Dave Glasson continued the theme of the veteran's dominating the month by piecing together a steady round of +2 to claim victory for Saturday's Par event.

Terry Thomas from Lake Karrinyup pushed him hard, finishing on +1.

Glasson also picked up the best gross score prize with -8.

Gnarabup pairing Jo and Genny Broadhurst proved to be a formidable combination at Sunday's mixed Ambrose event, beating out Jeff Hedstrom and Helen Priest to take top prize at the competition.

Garry Hinkley and Nick Liebenberg came third.

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SPORT

Ladies' golf day success

GOLF

Nedlands Golf Club's Jan Halliwell bettered to field to take out the 2012 Margaret River Women's Golf Classic on a countback from Royal Fremantle Golf Club's Yvonne Rate at the weekend.

Halliwell was one of only five players to better her handicap in the 36-hole event on Margaret River's challenging layout with scores of 39 and 38 Stableford points.

Rate was slightly less consistent with scores of 40 and 37 points, which cost her in the countback result.

Another visitor from Royal Fremantle Golf Club, Linda Scott, placed third with an overall score of 75 points.

Overall there were 350 rounds of golf played during the weekend in perfect conditions.

In events earlier in the week Matt O'Farrell (21) won the Tuesday Veterans nine-hole Stableford competition on a countback from Ray Atcheson (21) and Penny Foy and Libby Dawson won their respective A and B-grade divisions in the regular Wednesday women's event.

The in-form Don Bredenkamp took out Thursday's scroungers event with a healthy 39 points.

Vince Home (38) and Gordon Smith (38) grabbed second and third place respectively. Matt O'Connell



Bunny Young, Bev Lyon and Kathryn Carr



Catherine Wilkinson, Chris Williams and Jane Brockhurst



Val Pullan, Jane Causer and Loo Allan



Helen Davies and Rose Gielingh



Beck O'Connell and Tania Easton

SPORT

Perth golfers take out mixed foursomes

GOLF

A PAIR of golfers from Perth took out this year's Margaret River Golf Club annual mixed Canadian Foursomes event at the weekend.

Mal and Kaye Wolfe's two-day score of 147.75 was enough to better a big field of South West and metropolitan hopefuls who travelled to Margaret River for the event.

Margaret River's Peter Boyanich and Maggie Foy placed second with 148.25 points and Cody Laskey and Mandy Farrell snared third position with 148.75 points. Last week's veterans competition was a par-plus event

and Vince Home was clear winner with +3, beating Jon Beales (+1) and seven others on a countback for third.

Mandy Farrell (36) showed some good form by edging out Laurie Barker (35) to win last Wednesday's women's A-grade division.

B-grade was won by Marion Squance (38) and Colleen Marks was a distant second with 34 points.

Nick House took out Thursday's scroungers event after recording a blistering 41-point round to beat out Jon Beales (41) and Billy Taplin (38).

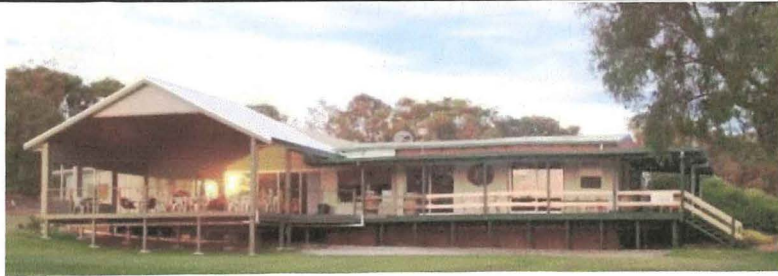
Blake Glover won the best gross prize with 34 points.

New member Megan Booth came out swinging on Friday morning to take out the weekly mixed nine-hole competition 18 points ahead of Aileen Budge (16).

Blake Glover continued his development by winning Saturday's Stroke net and gross prizes after shooting an unspectacular, yet workman-like even par round.

Twelve-year-old Nick Liebenberg continued the good of the club's junior members, streaking the field with 40 points to win Sunday's mixed Stableford event. Steve Owen placed second with 36 points.

- Matt O'Connell



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FROM YOUR CAPTAIN

The West Knock-Out comp is now concluded with Dave Goodall outplaying the opposition, going one better than last year to claim the title of 2012 Champion.

Well done Dave – we know how thrilled you are.

A field of 94 played in the recent Wealth Plus 36 hole Canadian Mixed Foursomes and the quality of the prizes provided by Wealth Plus was excellent. Visitors Mal & Kaye Wolfe enjoyed a close win from Peter Boyanich and Maggie Foy. Cody Laskey and Mandy Farrell came a close third and Sue Bloxam and I won the gross.

Members will have noticed that the "mud on Ball" local rule has been restricted to the 7th fairway at present. Warmer weather will see a complete removal of the rule.

The relief currently available for ball and/or stance on the rip lines will also come to an end soon. The ground staff will even out the ground after the Ladies Classic.

As the Ladies Classic will be played on the last weekend in October, the men's Saturday competition on 20 October (Robin Lea & Geoff Harveson Day) will be an on-line

booking event, available from 6 pm on Saturday 13 October.

On Saturday 27 October, the club wants to encourage the men to play at Augusta GC for the annual return test. All who have played there attest to the fact that it is a terrific course.

As a secondary option, Busselton GC will be making a number of tee places available to MRGC men that afternoon.

Good golfing.

Mal Bromley
Club Captain

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Emus roaming the fairways at Margaret River Golf Club early in October



Wind fails to deter players from event

GOLF

TIM Watson blitzed the field in blustery conditions to win the last Stroke monthly medal event for 2012.

Watson, with a net 69, showed golf is a game of patience and strategy, to make a mockery of conditions most struggled to come to terms with on Saturday.

Watson, along with runner-up, Vic Solonec (72), earned the last spot in next month's final and the right to be called 2012 Monthly Mug Champion.

Laurie Bedford was third with net 72 and Daniel Hunt expertly

wielded his long putter to record the best gross score for the day of 77 strokes. Solonec also won Tuesday's veteran's Stableford nine-hole event with 19 points on a countback from Vince Home (19).

Libby Dawson smashed the A-grade field on Wednesday with 38 points to beat Mandy Farrell and Penny Foy (34), and Michelle Bojanich (35) did the same, beating Cheryl DeJong (30) in the B-grade competition.

Thursday's scroungers event was the popular annual Pease-Worth Challenge and Greg Cura continued the theme of the tall poppy this week, scoring 42 points

to beat Dave Noske (37) and Bill Barth (36). Blake Glover shot the best gross score of 32 points.

June Home's 18 points was enough to get the job done over runner-up Bill Taplin (17) at Friday's nine-hole event and the week was capped off with the Sunday's mixed Stableford competition, in which there was continued improvement of youngster Nick Liebenberg who won the event with an even round of 36 points.

Ray Barker (36) was the next best man and Allison Kelly (35) was the best woman.

— Matt O'Connell

Macka's mojo is back

MARGARET River Golf Club's Fermoyle Estate Men's Monthly Medal Playoff was dominated by Ken MacKenzie on Saturday. He finally found his mojo to score an excellent 70 nett and win the 2012 trophy.

Tony Combes (75) and Dave Glasson (75) settled for second and third respectively while Rod Bedford shot the lowest score with 81.

The opening round of the 2012 Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup was contested on Thursday, dominated by veteran golfers. Jim Morris (40) won with John Agnew (38), Barry Granville (38) Alan Dale (38), and Jim Taylor (38) not far back. Blake Glover (29) restored normal transmission by winning the gross prize. The Cup runs over four Thursdays with competitors' best three rounds to count, so there is still time to enter and win.

Tuesday's Veterans Stableford comp was played off the red tees so, as expected, the scoring was very flattering to those playing. Six players recorded a score of 23 points with John Agnew the lucky winner on countback. Mike Croxford and Rob Baker took out the minor places.

Wednesday's Women's comp format was a "yellow peril" team event. Rhonda Hearn, Allison Kelly and Renae Lea came out on top with a team score of 73. Second were Ricky Coates, Caroline Scott and Mandy Farrell with 71, and Penny Foy, Val Mowbray, and Mary Taylor (66) third.

A Friday morning mixed 9-hole comp will continue all year round this year teeing off at 9.30am. Last week's event saw Matt O'Farrell, Mary Taylor and Megan Booth all on 18 points to share the podium, but it was Matt making the winner's speech this time.

The Glasson's mixed 4BBB event was played on Sunday. Mel Larsen and Cam Lawrence came closest to producing perfect golf on their way to winning first prize with a score of 45. Julie Campbell and Steve Britton were second on 43 while Rhonda and Brian Zanich collected third prize (43).

This weekend will host the 2012 Watershed Premium Wines Men's and Women's opens. Golfers from all over the South West will come to participate in the 36-hole Stableford event and, of course, enjoy plenty of the sponsor's produce at the winery on Saturday night.

—Matt O'Connell

Excellent conditions for golf masquerade

IT was a veritable who's who of golf at the Margaret River Golf Club on Sunday at the Masqued Ball combined Stableford event sponsored by the 'anonymous' Steve Britton.

Excellent conditions greeted a field of players who donned masks on the first tee in an event where partners were not known until after the game.

Winning the event with a solid combined total of 70 points was Daniel Hint and Geoff Hedstrom.

Coming a close second was Dave Goodall and John Wholagan (69).

The Garden Basket Sand Greens Final was played on Thursday.



COLOURFUL GAME: Rhonda Hearn and Laurie Barker on the first tee.

Winning a fantastic new 50-inch plasma television was none other than course superintendent, Mark

Lewis. Lewis added a solid 35 points to the 41 he scored in March after the last coring.

Coming a distant second was Pierre Every (70) and third was Dave Glasson (70).

Cheryl Dejong is enjoying a rich vein of form, again winning the Friday morning 9-hole competition with 19 points over Jan James (17).

On Saturday the Wesfarmers Insurance Par comp was played.

Tony Combes showed why he's known as one of the best ball strikers in the club by winning the long drive prize on his way to an unflustered +4 to claim first prize over Kim Hewton (+3) and Bill Taplin (+3). Tony also scored the best gross score of -7.

Club hosts dinner

By Matt O'Connell

THE annual Watershed Premium Wines Open golf event was played at the Margaret River Golf Club on the weekend.

Conditions were perfect and local member Nathan Browner produced rounds of 35 and 39 points to win the stableford event.

Jim House came second on a countback from Brian Seed, both 73, to round off the overall men's winners.

In the women's division, Jenny Coad from Royal Perth Golf Club was the clear winner with 69 points, four points ahead of Patricia Smedley, 65, of Pinjarra Golf Club and local member Mel Larsen, 63.

The gross score winners were Daniel Hunt, 53, and Glenys Ferguson, 56.

In other golf played last week, Mike Basford tamed the difficult conditions on Thursday to win the daily prize and open up a healthy lead with two rounds to go in the annual Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup.

Mike scored 37 points to go with his first round 36 – five points ahead of Bill Taplin overall.

John Ritchie, 35, and Scott Hunter, 34, came second and third in the daily competition. Dean Taylor won the gross prize with 31 points.

In the regular Wednesday women's competition, Wendy Campbell pipped Sue Bloxam on a countback with 33 stableford points to win A-grade.

June Home won B-grade with 30 over second-placed Aileen Budge, 27.

Roger Last again produced an impressive score of 23 to win the weekly Veterans 9-hole competition last week Tuesday morning, John Webster and Abe Huisken missed out with 22 each.

In Friday's mixed 9-hole competition, Jim Taylor topped the leader board with 19 points over the in-form, Roger Last, also 19.

Tomorrow sees the playing of the third round of the Scroungers cup with everyone still in with a chance to win the trophy, best three of four rounds to count.

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Gnarabup in golf blitz

GOLF

GNARABUP quartet Jeff Hedstrom, Helen Priest, Genny Broadhurst and Joe Broadhurst teamed up successfully to blitz the field at Margaret River Golf Club's Sunday's mixed Ambrose event.

Their net score of 54 was enough to account for nearest rivals Sue Bloxam, Allison Kelly, Mike Kelly and Mike Croxford, who were three shots back on 57.

Matt Paterson, Garry Hinkley, Will Norris and Dannielle Pouly (57.5) placed third.

Roger Last returned from abroad and wasted no time in reminding the club of his golfing

ability by winning Tuesday's veteran's Stableford competition with 20 points ahead of Noel Wenman and Peter Clift (19).

On Wednesday Mel Larsen's handicap continued to take a battering as she dominated the field to win the women's A-grade Par event with +3 ahead of Libby Dawson (-1).

B-grade was won by Carolyn Scott (square) over Aileen Budge (-4).

Richard Deshon notched up an impressive 43 points to win Thursday's scroungers Stableford event ahead of Matt O'Farrell (41) and Dave Coates, who had to shoot the best gross score of the day to come

third with 40.

Geoff Barrett showed his golfing skills are directly related to the length of club by winning the long-drive prize.

Friday morning's nine-hole Stableford was won by Jim Taylor (18) with Barbara Webster second (17) and Mike Marks third (17).

Jim Triglone topped a list of good scores with 40 points to take out Saturday's Stableford event.

Graeme Bedggood was unlucky to come second on 39 and Bill Taplin (38) made one of his regular appearances on the podium as well.

Dean Taylor had the best gross score of the day with 32 points.

— Matt O'Connell



Daniel Hunt.



Rhys Dickinson.



Geographe earthmoving sponsor Murray Hull.



Ken Mackenzie.



Garry Hinkley.



Terry Halsall.



Scott McGuire.



Dean Taylor.



Graeme Beggood.

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SPORT

Perfect weather for a week of golf

MARGARET River Golf Club last week enjoyed the early summer conditions, playing competitions every day but Monday.

Tuesday's veterans nine-hole stableford-format competition saw Gerry Hunt win with a fine 21 points over Mike Marks on 17.

The Annual Women's Presidents Trophy was the prize on Wednesday and Di Gordon, 72, was the narrow winner of the stroke event.

Di pipped Mary Taylor and Rhonda Hearn, both 73, to get her name on the time-honoured shield.

Round three of the Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup, played on Thursday saw some new names pop up on the leaderboard.

Bill Guest recorded an excellent 40 points to beat John Bell, 39, and the in-form Nathan Browner, 38. Marc Halsall shot the lowest gross score for the day, 31.

Overall in the competition, it was still vice-president Mike Basford doing what he had to with another 36 points to stay five points clear of Bill Taplin at the top of the leaderboard.

The final round however, with a 'best-three-of-four', is expected to see the emergence of a dark horse or two.

Thursday last week also saw the announcement of the 2012 Golfer of the Year, awarded to the most consistent golfer.

The happy recipient was Blake Glover who plays off a two handicap.

On Friday morning, the nine hole comp played an Ambrose 3s format which was won by Megan Booth, Mary Taylor and Bill Taplin with a nett score of 29.2. Roger Last, Jan James and Jan MacAulay were second with 29.8 net.

The Leeuwin Estate Stableford saw the continuation of Bill Guest's form.

Guest backed-up Thursday's 40 points with a 39 to win the much sought-after Leeuwin Estate restaurant voucher.

Jo Broadhurst produced a 37 to grab second place and the food and wine tasting flights, while Jim Triglone's 36 points rounded out the top three prizes.

On Sunday, Penny Foy produced a score of 41 to narrowly beat Val Wyld, 40, and Dave Goodall, 38, to win the Coates' mixed Stableford comp.



WINNER: Di Gordon after winning the President's Trophy on Wednesday.

VETS 2012



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BENSON, ROBIN LEE, GORDON SMITH, BOB IMRAY, DAVE BENSON, ALLAN THWAITES, JOHN BEALS

FARRELL, MIKE BEALS, MIKE HAYWOOD, BOB GARMAN

Row

LENMAN, RAY ATCHESON, ABE HUISKEN, MIKE LAWSON, LIBRAIE BEDFORD, BILL TAPLIN, MIKE MARCUS

MARSTONE, PETER CLIFF?

1st Row

WEBSTER, JOHN AGNEW, ALLAN DALE, COLIN ANDREWS, RICHARD DESNOU.

FRONT Row

TRER, BILL IVEY, VIC SOLONEC, TERRY HASSELL, JIM MORRIS, RODGER LAST.

ROCKFORD, GERRY HUNT.

Visitors take golf club cup

GOLF

Lakelands Golf Club members Paul Pearson and Tony Williams proved home course knowledge is no advantage in Ambrose by winning the Margaret River Golf Club's second annual Christmas Cup event last Thursday.

A full field teed it up in the event, which offered more than \$5000 worth of prizes, but the visiting pair from Perth's northern suburbs held off a strong field with a score of 65.25 to win the event.

Second place went to locals Dave Coates and Jeff Hedstrom (64) on a countback from third placegetters Jim House and Jacobus Botha (64).

The previous week's Thursday winner was local lefty Jim Triglone, who took out the Scroungers event with 42 points to edge out Nick Liebenberg (40) and Marc Halsall (38).

These feats were overshadowed by Blake Glover who recorded a hole-in-one on the long par three, 12th hole.

December 18's morning veterans' event was a combined Stableford format and the team of Terry Halsall and Jim Morris ended up at the top of a log-jam of teams on 32 points to win first prize. Roy Hobson and Vic Solonec (32) placed second while Ray Atcheson and Matt O'Farrell (32) settled for third place.

Saturday's men's Stableford on December 22 had in-form Bill Taplin keep his hot run going with a solid 37 points to beat Pierre Every (36) and Karrinyup's Byron Winburn-Clarke (36) for the weekend honour. Winburn-Clarke had best gross (31). An inaugural mixed Stableford event was played on the Sunday afternoon and John O'Connor was the best of the bunch with 42 points. Sue Bloxam won the women's event with 37 points and next best was Peter Boyanich on 37 Stableford points.

— Matt O'Connell

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Basford claims in Scroungers cup

GOLF

Mike Basford capitalised on a hot start to crawl across the line and claim the 2012 Margaret River Golf Club Scroungers cup last Thursday.

After getting out of the blocks quickly to hold a commanding lead after the third round, Basford had obviously decided that he had done

enough and carded a paltry 27 points in the final round to almost be overtaken by eventual runner-up Tony Combes and third-placed Bill Taplin.

Matt O'Connell top-scored with 41 Stableford points in the final round to edge out Andre Botha (40) and Marc Halsall (39).

The final standings were Mike

Basford 190, Tony Combes 108, Bill Taplin 104. The best gross score of 92 was recorded by Marc Halsall.

The veterans invited the ladies to join them for Tuesday's Stableford nine holes and Patsy Bedford claimed the women's win with 16 points ahead of Mary Taylor (14).

Trevor Hunt shot an outstanding 24 points to just hold off Ray

Bennett (23) for the men's prize.

Roger Last continued his on-course crusade by pillaging Friday's nine-hole mixed Stableford competition, defeating Megan Booth to take out the mid-week title.

Jeff Hedstrom showed a return to form by winning Saturday's Stableford event ahead of consistent Dave Glasson (38) who squeezed into sec-

ond place on a countback over Robin Lea (38). The best gross score prize was awarded to Daniel Hunt for his 30-point round.

Kim Hewton ended up on top of the leader board at Sunday's mixed Stableford event, with 39 points.

Steve Owen (38) was the next best male while Helen Priest (36) placed third.



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Top women in area first

GOLF

Margaret River Golf Club will host some of the world's hottest women's golf talent for a region-first Pro-Am event next year.

Event spokesman Jon Farrell said the February 27 event would feature some of Australia's leading women's professionals who play on the Ladies European Tour, Australian Ladies Professional Golfers Tour and US Futures Tour.

"The event is an attempt to promote women's golf in the South West," he said.

"The event will also have the women's State team and other future rising stars.

"In total there will (be) 24 top women's golfers, playing alongside club-level amateurs from around the State."

Three international golfers—South Africa's Lee Anne Pace, France's Anne-Lise Caudal and American Esther Choe—had also signed up to play in the one-round tournament.

Pace could be considered the event's biggest drawcard, having only two years ago notched up a record five-win season on the LET.

Despite a dip in form, she was expected to be the woman to beat when they hit the fairways at Margaret River next year.

Another golfer to watch would be WA's own Minjee Lee, who this year won the prestigious US Girl's Amateur Championship at the age of 16.

Lee contested this year's WA Open alongside world-class professionals such as Brett Rumford and Stephen Leaney and is ranked fourth in the women's world amateur golf rankings. The event will be backed up by

an instructional clinic by two professionals and Bunbury-based golf coach and ALPG president Shani Waugh on February 28.

"This is a rare chance for WA golfers to rub shoulders with some of the best golfers playing in Europe and America," she said.

"It will showcase some of the best female amateur golfers in the country and inspire women and young girls to take up the game."

WA professional Whitney Hillier, who last week secured her LET playing rights at a qualifying tournament in Morocco, said she hoped to tee it up in Margaret River in February.

"I'll have to look at my schedule as there is a tournament in China early in March, but I would love to head down there and play," she said.

"From what I hear it's going to be a great event with some good players."



Jane Taylor will be attending the star-studded ladies Pro-Am in February at the Margaret River Golf Club. PICTURE: BECKY FELSTEAD

MRGC ladies captain Leonie Bell said she eagerly anticipated the event, a boost to the game's profile.

"It's a fabulous step for ladies' golf in Margaret River," she said.

"To play alongside ladies who can put on a display with their talent and help the members out with their games will be a great opportunity."

— Rhys Dickinson

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Scrounger winner beats handicap by five

GOLF

Brett Robins dominated Thursday's scroungers event at the Margaret River Golf Club with an impressive round which saw him better his handicap by five strokes and his nearest competitor by two.

Robins' +5 round helped him edge out a plethora of players pushing hard on +3, Bob Imray the eventual runner up on a countback from Danny O'Connell and Rob Baker (+3).

Club Championship runner-up Dean Taylor took out the gross prize with -7.

Will Norris and John O'Connor won the long-drive prizes on offer at the mid-week competition after

launching near-300m missiles on the 13th hole.

Augusta-Margaret River Shire Council CEO Gary Evershed proved he was also a leader on the golf course at Saturday's Stableford event, trouncing the field with 42 points to take out the event. Evershed rode a streak of solid ballstriking and capped off the round with a chip-in birdie on the 379m hole nine.

Resigned to squabbling for second place on the podium was Mal Gray, Rex Bevan, and Mal Bromley (38 points).

The countback formula was again employed and club stalwart, Mal Gray got the nod leaving Mal Bromley to pick up third prize. Blake Glover

er won the gross with 31 points.

Garry Hinkley was lucky to draw Ambrose specialist Helen Priest as a partner and the pair worked their way to a winning 62.5 to beat Mike Croxford and Sue Bloxam by a single shot.

Tuesday's Veteran's nine-hole Stableford event was won by Jon Beales, who narrowly beat Roger Last.

The women's summer golf competition played on Wednesday was won by Denise Warren with 33 points and Michelle Boyanich took out the nine-hole division with 16 points.

Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event was won by Megan Booth with 20 points. Jim Taylor placed second on 19 points.

— Matt O'Connell

Veteran golfers make annual trek

IN March 1993 the Margaret River Veterans of golf, together with wives and friends, made the first of their annual trips to Kalgan River.

This venue was recommended by past members Nell and Alan Forward.

The caravan park is situated on the banks of the river and has a nine-hole golf course with free access to residents.

This proved ideal for the week's activities of golf, boules, scrabble, ten-pin bowling and fishing plus social events.

There were many local

attractions within easy reach of the park.

The main competitions were the women's and men's golf championships played for the Kalgan Shield and later the Kalgan Cup donated by the park owners.

This year, from March 10-17, the club will celebrate the 21st anniversary and remember past members who are no longer with us.

Highlights of past years will be recalled and an invitation is extended to previous participants by calling 9757 2490 for information.



FUN MEMORIES: A mock wedding was a great success.



PM AND PRESIDENT: Dress-up nights were popular.

Smith still has the touch

GORDON Smith set the pace in the 2013 Margaret River Veteran Golfer's Club Championship on Tuesday morning.

He achieved an excellent 32 nett strokes over nine holes.

Three others trailed by two strokes with nine holes to play.

There were calls for a swab to be performed from the anti-doping committee but Smith insisted that he didn't realise there were side effects to those little blue pills.

Sue Bloxam scored a personal best on Wednesday by paring the course with an outstanding 41 points (36 gross) on her way to winning the 18-hole division of the Women's Summer Golf Event. Wendy Campbell wasn't far behind on 39 points to come second.

In the nine-hole category, Colleen Marks recorded a solid 18 points, beating second-placed Mandy Farrell (14) by 4.

Another large field teed up on Thursday for the Margaret River Survey Company's Scroungers event.

Rising to the top of the pile was Mark

Bonnette, the clear winner with 41 points over Peter Norris, 39 and Mal Bromley, 39.

The best gross score was won by Marc Halsall with 31 on a countback from the unlucky Rhys Dickinson and Matt O'Connell.

Aileen Budge did her bit on Friday to keep the young upstart, Megan Booth, honest.

Aileen won the nine-hole event with an excellent 20 points.

Booth was second with 17.

The Label World Men's Stableford was played on Saturday and it was Graham Farrell who showed he's still got it, shooting an effortless 38 points to account for the unlucky Bill Guest, 38, on a countback.

Peter Nicholls was thereabouts with 37 points and Blake Glover went low to win the gross prize with 34 points.

Sunday's mixed event was the Boyanich's Ambrose 2s and Nick Liebenberg teamed up successfully with Richard Catchpole to win with 64 nett over Tony and Chris Combes on their 64.5.

Margaret River golf

By Matt O'Connell

LOCAL Alan Dale prevailed in the Margaret River Golf Club's veterans nine-hole event on Tuesday, winning over Mike Beale in a countback with 18 points.

Wednesday's women's summer golf event saw Penny Foy take first place on a countback from Ricky Coates on 34 points.

The nine-hole division was won by Joan Garstone (15) with Mandy Farrell (14) second.

Friday's mixed nine-hole competition was again dominated by up-and-comer Megan Booth with a massive 24 points, putting Matt O'Farrell (18) and Jim Taylor (18) in their place.

Barry Granville finally got his technique right and came out swinging on Thursday in the annual Kevill's Electrical scroungers event.

He was a clear winner with 40 points over Peter Boyanich (38) and three others on 37 points.

Barry also shot the best gross score of 32 points.

The first Fermoy Estate men's monthly medal event was played on Saturday.

Tony Combes was the proud recipient of the title after scoring a solid net 70.

The unlucky runner-up on a countback was Steve Britton (70).

Jo Broadhurst was third with net 71, beating Mick O'Hara and Matt O'Connell on a countback.

The gross prize winner was Matt O'Connell with 78 strokes, relegating Blake Glover to second place.

Glover tried hard but couldn't match O'Connell's overall precision around the greens.

Sunday's event was the Rosily Vineyard Mixed stableford. The men's category was won by Vic Solonec with 40 points.

Melissa Larsen won the Women's division with 34 points on a countback from Penny Foy.

The next best overall was Nick Liebenberg on 38 points.

Best in the west at awards night

By Matt O'Connell

MARGARET River Golf Club's Settler's Liquor Store Pro-Am event was recently voted the best in state for 2012.

The title was announced during a plush gala awards night at the Crown Casino on Friday, attended by the who's who of WA golf.

Other finalists were The Vines Resort and Kalgoorlie Golf Club.

A proud MRGC secretary, Matt O'Connell accepted the award on behalf of the club and paid tribute to the sponsor, Settlers Liquor Store, without whom the event, held in May, could not have taken place.

Matt said the pros must have taken a liking to the

Margaret River course.

This Wednesday will host the Cowaramup Agencies Women's Pro-Am, which will see some of the LET and ALPG tour stars competing against the rising stars of the WA Women's state team.

In other results, Tuesday morning's Veterans nine-hole comp was won by Robin Lea with 21 stableford points.

Matt O'Farrell and Bob Imray shared second place with 20 points each.

The final Women's summer golf event took place on Wednesday and the winner was Denise Warren on 37 points.

Club champion, Penny Foy (35) is coming into form before the season proper starts.



Proud: Margaret River Golf Club secretary Matt O'Connell accepts the club's recent award.

Of the nine-hole players, Ricky Coates and Marian Squance both scored 17 points to share the spoils.

The runaway winner of last week's Scroungers stableford was Nick Taplin (42) with a three-point win over Kim Hewton (39) and Jeremy Wixon (38).

Dean Taylor again won

the prize for best gross score.

Matt O'Farrell continued his form from Tuesday to top score in Friday's mixed nine-hole comp.

Matt's 20 points edged out Mike Beales' 19 and Barbara Webster's 18 points.

In Saturday's men's stableford event, Blake

Glover announced himself as one to watch in the future with a personal best of 42 nett and 40 gross points (68 strokes) to smash the field and claim the Voyager Estate sponsored prize.

Daniel Hunt's personal best of 39 nett (73 strokes) was just never going to be enough to get close to Glover in this sort of form.

Bill Guest and Rob Baker took third prize with 38 points.

Sunday's Preveli Wines mixed stableford saw Tony Combes (38) pick up the prize for the best male and Ricky Coates (33) take out the best women's prize.

Garry Hinkley was next best on a countback with 38 points.

Every player brings out the best

GOLF

Pierre Every brought his a-game to the Margaret River Golf Club last Thursday, recording 40 points to win the weekly scroungers event.

Ian Tweedie (38) came second and Mark Kevill (37) reminded everyone that he was still around, with a rare

podium appearance. Simon Boccia recorded the best gross score of 29.

The Veterans' nine-hole Bisque Par competition on Tuesday was won by Ray Bennett with +6 over Noel Wenman (+6).

The women's summer golf season continued on Wednesday and Maggie Foy piped Wendy Campbell on a

countback with 35 points to win the 18-hole division.

Val Meleri shot a fine 19 points to win the nine-hole division by two shots over Mandy Farrell.

Jim Taylor continued some good form to win Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event with 18 points while Michael Marks and Matt O'Farrell

(16) shared second place to make it an all-male podium.

Saturday's Australia Day competition was an American Foursomes format and Dave Glasson teamed up with Geoff Barrett to shoot an impressive winning score of 65.125.

Daniel Hunt and Kim Hewton were runners-up with 66.5, while

Preston House and Kim Fish came third on 70.375.

Blake Glover took out Sunday's mixed Stableford event with 37 points while the women's category was won by Kath Solonec (31).

Dave Glasson hit a solid 37 to be next best man on a countback.

— Matt O'Connell

Smith holds on for Vets title in championship

By Matt O'Connell

MARGARET River Golf Club's Veteran's Champion for 2013 is Gordon Smith.

His 36 nett over nine holes on the weekend was enough to record an 18-hole tally of 68 and put him ahead of second-placed Rob Baker (69) and Cliff Garstone (70).

Gerry Hunt's final round 32 nett won the day, but Smith wasn't to be denied his first championship title in "a hundred years of trying".

The steward's enquiry into possible drug assistance came to nothing after testimony from Gordon's rather-annoyed wife that those 'special pills' have apparently made no difference at all!

Sunday's mixed stableford was a closely contested event with Daniel Hunt continuing his good form from Saturday to edge Vic Solonec out of first place on a countback with 38 points. Di Linfoot (34) took out the prize for best woman.

The best gross prize went to Blake Glover.

Ken MacKenzie has been playing well lately and his 36 points was just enough to relegate Dan Hunt to second place on a countback in Saturday's Trinix Lawyers Men's stableford event.

Third place on shot back, on 35 points, was Tim Jackways who eagled the par five, second hole.

Daniel Hunt shot the best gross score of 31 points

Barbara Webster pipped Lorna West on a countback for top spot in Friday mornings mixed nine-hole Stableford, scoring 17 points.

The ever-present Irishman, Matt O'Farrell, was third on 16.

Prideau's Accommodation and John Evans sponsored Thursday's Scroungers event and it was the "smiling assassin", Terry Halsall who came up with the goods to score 38 points and win the event.

Terry held off Jeff Hedstrom, John Evans, Peter Boyanich, and Nic Taplin, all scoring 38 points.



Well done: Gordon Smith grins widely as he is awarded Vets Champion by vets captain John Beales.

Grass will be greener for Women's Pro Am

MARGARET River Golf Club will host its first Women's Pro Am competition next Wednesday, February 27, showcasing some of the best professional women golfers in Australia and from overseas.

During the event, the club's greenkeeper Mark Lewis and Cowaramup Agencies' Neil Earl will be paying close attention to the golf course, which is in peak condition and considered top quality among many golfers.

Mark Lewis said he expects players to enjoy the course, which is a mix of flat and undulating holes.

"We work hard year-round to keep this one of the

most highly-regarded country courses in Western Australia and it really is," he said.

Neil Earl said his company's long association with the golf club is not limited to provision of turf fertilisers and weed and insect controls.

"We are approaching 50 years in business and it has been a pleasure to supply the Golf Club for much of that time," he said.

"Over the years, the Club has been a well-kept secret to visitors, so as sponsors of the Margaret River Women's Pro Am, we are confident the event will draw attention to this magnificent course."

Some of the world's and Australia's best professionals, such as Lee Anne Pace from South Africa and California's Esther Choe are included in the field.

Kristie Smith, who has five Pro-circuit wins to her name, is expected to return home to play.

Spectators are welcome to attend and enjoy the action, which kicks off at noon.



Keen keepers: Margaret River Golf Club's greenkeeper, Mark Lewis (centre), with Rod Duiggan and Neil Earl of Cowaramup Agencies, will keep the golf course in top condition for the upcoming Women's Pro Am competition.



2013 Dave Benson, Jon Beales, Ray Atcheson, Mike Beale and Alan Dale (Roy Hobson not in photo)



2013 Ray put in the highwater mark on 30/8/13



2013 Ray Atcheson, Preston House and Doris Arthur at the dedication of the new Patron's Chair





2013 Mandy and John at Ladies Pro-Am



2013 Veteran's Melbourne Cup lunch

SPORT

Hand for Glover in farewell comp

GOLF

Junior golfer Blake Glover capped off his career at the Margaret River Golf Club in style on Saturday, taking just 68 strokes to navigate the challenging layout en route to winning the Stableford event.

Glover, who moves to Perth next week to join the Royal Perth Golf Club, fired a personal best 42 points to easily account for runner up Daniel Hunt (39).

Bill Guest and Rob Baker took third prize with 38 points

Tony Combes (38) picked up top prize for the best male at Sunday's mixed Stableford event and Ricky Coates won the best woman's prize with a 33-point round.

Garry Hinkley was next best on a count-back with 38 points.

Tuesday morning's Veterans nine-hole

competition was won by Robin Lea with 21 Stableford points.

Matt O'Farrell and Bob Imray shared second place with 20 points each.

The final women's summer golf event took place on Wednesday and the winner was Denise Warren on 37 points.

The runaway winner of last week's Scroungers Stableford was Nick Taplin (42) with a three-point win over Kim Hewton (39) and Jeremy Wixon (38).

Matt O'Farrell continued his form from Tuesday to top score in Friday's mixed nine-hole event, recording 20 points to edge out Mike Beales (19) and Barbara Webster (18).

Margaret River Golf Club notched up a state-wide honour last week, with its inaugural 2012 Pro-Am event voted the best of the season at the WA Golf Industry awards.

— Matt O'Connell

Leanne sets Pace at ladies Pro-Am gig

Five-times Ladies European Tour champion Leanne Pace won the Margaret River Golf Club's inaugural ladies' Pro-Am event on Wednesday.

The South African carded a three-under par 69 to easily account for runners up Kristie Smith, Bree Athur and Ashlee Dewhurst, who posted even par rounds of 72.

WA Golf representative and The Vines Golf and Country Club member Alyssa Keir took home the amateur trophy for the best score by a non-professional player.



Anne-Lise Caudal from France.



Amateur winner Alyssa Keir tees off.



Event champ Leanne Pace from South Africa.

SPORT

Course record in inaugural game

LEANNE Pace shot a course record of 69 on her way to winning the inaugural Cowaramup Agencies Women's Pro-Am last Wednesday.

Pace beat three others, including Kristy Smith by three strokes, to be the only player under par on what is becoming known by the pros as a quality and challenging layout.

The winning amateur was Alyssa Kerr with 77 strokes.

In the teams results, playing with professional Smith, Marc Halsall, Mark Kevill, and Steve Hughes clubbed an impressive combined Irish Stableford score of 94 (best 2/3) to be crowned clear winners over Matt O'Farrell, Gary Holmes, and John Holmes on 91 points.

Overall, the inaugural event was a resounding success with many visiting professionals commenting that the high quality of the local course rivalled that of many on



Catching up: Ray Atcheson fulfils his job as a "parkologist", or parking supervisor, while chatting to Mandy Farrell of the Margaret River Golf Shop.

the European Tour.

Mike Marks did just enough to hold off Ray Atcheson on a countback to win Tuesday morning's Vet's Stableford competition with 18 points.

Catchy's Cabinets sponsored Thursday's Scroungers event and there was a log-jam of players at the top of the leaderboard all on just 36 points.

The eventual winner

was deemed to be Will Norris.

Second place went to Peter McGovern and third to Adrian Castle.

Mark Tugwood, Colin Loveday, and Rob Baker, all on 36 points, missed out.

The best gross score was also shot by Will Norris with 29.

In Friday morning's mixed 9-hole competition Aileen Budge showed the rest how it's done by winning with an excellent 19 points.

Bill Taplin and Jim Taylor shared second place on 17 points.

The Fermoy Estate Men's Monthly Medal was played on Saturday and Graeme Bedgood was not joking around this week on his way to a winning score of 72 nett.

Peter Norris (73) came second on a countback over Daniel Hunt and Greg Cura.

The best Gross score of the day came from Daniel Hunt with 77 strokes.

SPORT

Basford owns competition

By Matt O'Connell

MIKE Basford left the rest of the field for dead in the first round of the Margaret River Golf Club's Garden Basket Sand Greens Championship on Thursday.

In the two-round event, Basford scored an impressive 40 points in trying conditions to sit four points clear of runners-up Mark Bonnette (36) and Tim Jackways (36).

Dean Taylor top scored off the stick with 29 gross points.

The final round is scheduled for November after coring.

Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event was won by Mike Beale with 19 points over Matt O'Farrell (18).

Saturday's men's event was sponsored by Wrenoir Wines and it was Graham Farrell who recorded the score of the year with 43 points in the Stableford event.

Bob Williams battled hard to score an excellent 41 and Dave Goodall was third on 38 but in this sort of form Farrell was never going to be headed, also winning the best gross prize with 31 points.

The Tate Constructions Stableford was played on Sunday.

The winner of the Men's category was Tom Purcell on 40 points while Leonie Bell took out the best Women's prize with 36 points and Mick O'Hara pushed hard with 39 points to pick up third prize.

Large field for ambrose event

EASTER Monday saw a large field turnout at the Margaret River Golf Club for the ambrose 2s event.

Sponsored by The Garden Basket, the event was won by "The Linfeet" team of Di and Graham Linfoot with 63 nett strokes.

Terry Halsall and Pierre Every were second and Joe and Genny Broadhurst came third.

The annual Down South Wholesale and Chemform Scroungers was played on Thursday and new member Rodney McGlew made an early statement with an excellent 41 points to easily account for Mick O'Hara, Bob Imray and Peter Norris, all on 38 points.

Dean Taylor won the gross prize with 31 points.

Margaret River Basics sponsored the women's 18-hole stableford event on Wednesday.

Kerry Farrelly won A-grade with a stunning 42 points.

Patsy Bedford's 40 were only good enough for second place while Penny Foy picked up third with 35 points.

In B-grade, Alaskan Jean McCarthy did enough to win with 32 points.

Doris Arthur was second on 29 and Helen Priest third with 27.

The vets played a stableford format on Tuesday morning and it was Cliff Garstone who won with a fine 21 points.

Gerry Hunt was second with 20.

— Matt O'Connell

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A hole in one is not enough

GOLF

Andre Botha stole the spotlight from a list of skilled winners at the Margaret River Golf Club this week by recording his maiden hole in one.

Botha displayed his full skill by topping the ball off the tee, groaning and almost falling over, only to watch the ball find the cup on the par three, 12th hole at last Thursday's scroungers event.

But Botha's splendid strike was not enough to catch competition winner Garry Hinkley with 41 points, who narrowly held off Bruse Downing (40) and Adrian Castle (38) for the victory.

Mike Marks produced an outstanding 20 points in Friday's mixed nine-hole event to account for his wife, Colleen (18) in second place.

Barry Granville chose a bad day to shoot three over par, 41 points in the Sunday's Stableford.

The event sponsor handed first place Peter Durward (40 points).

Garry Hinkley eagled the par five 2nd hole on his way to 39 points and second, while third-placed Peter Norris (38) thanked Granville for his impeccable timing.

Graeme Bedgood also eagled the shortened par four 1st hole and Terry Halsall blew the field away to win the longest drive.

The veterans played an Ambrose twos competition on Tuesday morning where Trevor Hunt and Bob Imray teamed up to shoot a net score of 33.25 to win the event over John Agnew and Mike Lawson.

Rosie Burnett and Helen Priest won Wednesday's ladies 4BBB Stableford event with 43 points.

Second place went to Penny Foy and Jan James on a countback.

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SPORT

Wightman drives to golfing victory

GOLF

Gary Wightman's new driver steered him to victory at the Margaret River Golf Club's Stroke event on Saturday.

Wightman split the fairways with regularity on his way to completely demoralising the rest of the field with a fantastic net 65 to take out the monthly honour.

Runner up Henri Liebenberg could only get within five shots by carding a 70 net and young gun Nick Liebenberg placed second with a 72 net round.

Jim House won the gross with 78 strokes and Jim Trigone won the long drive prize.

Mike Marks guessed correctly in scoring during Tuesday's Bisque Par Veterans 9-hole competition, notching up a +4 round to win the event on a countback from Colin Andrews and Jon Beales.

Kerry Farrelly was a surprise winner in the A-grade category of Wednesday's women's Par event with a score of -1.

Sue Bloxam (-2) and Chris Combes

(-3) were next best of the field.

Genny Broadhurst made a mockery of her competition in the B-grade event with a +5 effort, which helped her to an eight stroke victory.

Angie Burges and Doris Arthur came second with -3.

Thursday's Scroungers is always a popular event and a good field tee it up on Jules Ashton (40) reigned supreme at Thursday's Stableford event, edging out Will Norris (38) and Dean Taylor for the mid-week win.

Mike Marks continued his good form on Friday morning with 18 points in the nine-hole mixed Stableford event, but he couldn't stop the classy Roger Last from winning with a fine 19 points.

Vic Solonec cruised to victory in the men's fixture of Sunday's mixed Stableford event with a 39-point round and Di Gordon and Angie Burges both had 34 points to tie for the win in the women's round.

Henri Liebenberg placed third overall with 37 points.

— Matt O'Connell

SPORT

Castle and Hughes set the pace

MARGARET River golfers Adrian Castle and Steve Hughes set the pace early at Thursday's Halsall & Associates Scroungers Ambrose 2s Championship.

In round one of the three-round event, they scored 64.25 with John Ritchie and Greg Cura not far behind on 64.5.

Mark Tugwood and Mark Worth were a further half-a-stroke back on 65.

It is early days yet with the second round to be held in the first week of next month.

Most pundits must have been watching the Eagles smash the Demons on Saturday and so a smaller-than-average field showed up to compete in the ANZ Men's

stableford event. In a day for the vet's, Vic Solonec was the eventual winner on 39 points. Dave Glasson was second (37) and Bob Imray third on a countback (37).

Tuesday's veterans nine-hole competition was dominated by Laurie Bedford, shooting 23 stableford points.

Second place went to Mike Lawson.

Matt O'Farrell and Megan Booth, two regulars to the winners' circle, featured again in Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event.

O'Farrell (17) won and Booth was a close second on 16 points.

Libby Dawson (nett 74) did enough to edge out Rhonda Hearn (76) and Wendy Campbell (77) and

win the A-grade of Wednesday's women's stroke event.

In the B-grade, Michele Boyanich demonstrated that she now has a nose for golf by sniffing out a whopping 10-stroke victory with 67 nett.

Jenny Broadhurst (77) and Helen Priest (79) were second and third.

Sunday's Riverview Tourist Park mixed Stableford was popular and the men's division went to Kim Hewton with 41 points.

Rhonda Hearn continued her good form to win the women's division with 39 points and Nick Liebenberg continued to show some consistency to be next best overall with 39 points.

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SPORT

Mackenzie masterclass beats young gun

GOLF

Ken MacKenzie recorded the score of the year at the Margaret River Golf Club on Saturday, putting on a masterclass to upstage the club's youngest competitor with a blistering 44-point effort.

Nick Liebenberg's 40 points was not good enough to undo MacKenzie, who streamed to victory in the Stableford event.

Dave Goodall placed in third place with 36 points and Paul Gribble took out the gross prize with 30 points.

Steve Pease's 39-point effort was enough to get the job done at Thursday's scroungers event.

Vic Solonec shot 38 and was awarded second place on a countback from Steve Hughes and Augusta's Joe Italiano.

Megan Booth and Michael Herbert dominated Sunday's 4BBB event, scoring 45 points to edge out Mike Croxford and Allison Kelly (44) and Julie Campbell and Tina Llowarch, who nabbed third place on a countback from Kath and Vic Solonec.

Di Gordon came out on top in the

A-grade division of the women's Wednesday Stableford event with 37 points, beating Rhonda Hearn (36) and Penny Foy (36).

The B-grade fixture was won by Jan James with 33 points from Genny Broadhurst (31) and Helen Priest (28).

Roy Hobson showed that he's not to be underestimated after winning Tuesday morning's nine-hole veteran's event with an excellent 20 points.

John Agnew went close with 19 points to come second.

— Matt O'Connell

Barrett tops golf score

GEOFF Barrett must have forgotten to count his putts at the Margaret River Golf Club on Saturday because his score of 44 points was easily enough to account for John Bell (41) in second place and Richard Catchpole (37) in third.

Players competed in the annual Fennessy's Holden Mens Stableford and Garry Hinkley won the best gross prize with a score of 27 points.

Sunday's Flinders Bay Wines Stableford was a closer race with Dave Glasson (39) edging out Mike Lawson (38) to win the men's division.

Sue Bloxam took out the Women's division with 33 points as well as the best gross score of 30.

Margaret River First National sponsored Thursday's scroungers event and a large field turned out in perfect conditions.

It was Rob Dewar who won the stableford event with a solid 40 points.

Second place was decided on a three-way countback with Mal Gray scoring 38 points and forcing Henri Liebenberg into third.

The best gross score was recorded by Tim Jackways on 28 points.

Rod Bishop scored an excellent 22 points to win the Vet's comp on Tuesday and Jon Beales came in second with 21.

Friday's nine-hole stableford event was won by Jan James on 19 points, second was Dan Hunt with 19 and third went to Colleen Marks (18).

The Margaret River Memories Women's Par event was played on Wednesday.

Mel Larsen was the only player in the field to better her handicap in scoring +1 and winning the A-grade division.

Runner-up was Kath Solonec (square) and Barbara Webster came in third on -1.

B-grade was won by Mary Taylor with -1

Tiny Bell second with -3 and Jan James was third on -4.

SPORT

Junior golfer wins Sunday comp

A JUNIOR golfer won the day at Margaret River Golf Club on Sunday.

Nick Liebenberg, 13, trumped his opponents to win the Penny and Tony Foy sponsored event with 39 stableford points.

Liebenberg plays off a daily handicap of eight and is one of the golf club's rising stars. Second was Mel Larsen (36), and third Craig Foy (34). Thursday's 2 Tim's sponsored scroungers event was won by Ray Barker with 38 points from Tony Foy (36) and Pierre Every (36).

Saturday's Watershed Premium Wines Men's competition was won by Stephen Harney with nett 72, from Pierre Every (73) and Mal Bromley (74).

Wednesday's Jubilee Foursomes for the ladies was won by Shirley Becker and Val Meleri with 33 points from Wendy Campbell and Mandy Farrell (33), and Penny Foy and Val Wyld (33).

Tuesday's round of the Ray Atcheson Shield for the Vets saw Matt O'Farrell a clear winner on 19 points from Jim Morris (18) and Michael Keogh (18).

Hole-in-one for Dewar

A HOLE in one by Robert Dewar was the highlight of the week at Margaret River Golf Club.

Dewar's performance had jaws dropping at Thursday's Adrian Castle scroungers competition, on the eighth hole.

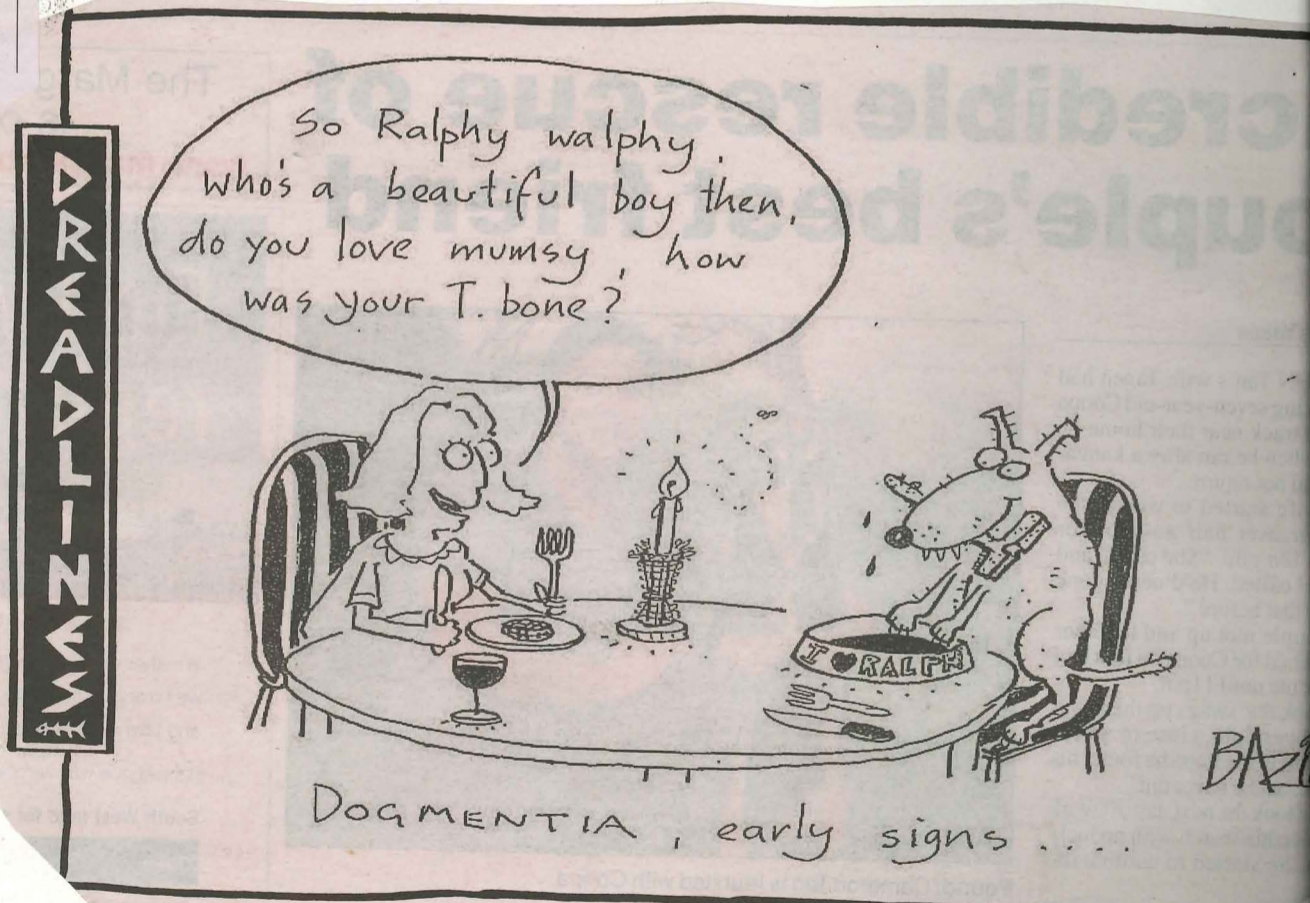
The winner on the day was Bruce Downing on 38 points from Marc Halsall on 37 and Graeme Payne, 36.

Saturday's Men's stableford event saw a tight finish with Russell Pratt on 35 points edging out Dave Jeffrey on 35 on a countback with Cody Laskey third on

34 points. Sunday's mixed stableford event was taken out by Nick Ritchie with 40 points from Ray Barker on 38 and Jo Broadhurst with 35.

Wednesday's Rhonda Hearn and Val Mowbray Ladies stroke event saw Allison Kelly come out on top with a nett 74 from Penny Foy with 75 and Vicki Dryden on 76.

Unfortunately the Vets Tuesday event was washed out.



SPORT



A special seat for Doris

DORIS Arthur was surprised when a new "patrons chair" was unveiled in her honour at the Margaret River Golf Club on Sunday.

Attending the annual Patron's Day, Doris was suddenly drawn into the limelight as the club celebrated her 33 years of outstanding contribution.

After cutting the ribbon and teeing off the first ball of the new season, the 4BBB competition ensued and the "Linfeet", Di and Graeme, stole a win with a fine 43 stableford points.

Steve Owen and Val Wyld were second with 42, while Mick O'Hara and John O'Connor managed 41 points for third place.

The bi-annual Margaret River GC versus Royal Fremantle GC 4BBB challenge was held on Friday and the two teams were vying for the coveted Watershed Shield.

Royal Fremantle had won the last three exchanges but this year's event went down to the wire and it was Margaret River GC who prevailed by the narrowest of margins

with an average team stableford score of 38.4 points to their opponent's 38.33. The return fixture will be scheduled in October.

Watershed Premium Wines' sponsorship continued with an individual stableford event on Saturday.

Many of the Royal Fremantle interlopers stayed on for the event and it was one of their members who took their revenge by shooting a fine 40 points to win on a countback over local Steve Britton, 40.

Geoff Hedstrom did the same in reverse by edging out Freo's Barry Francis on a countback for third place with 39 points.

Michael Lucas scored the best gross with 36 gross points and paring the course.

Tuesday's Veterans nine-hole comp was dominated by Abe Huisken with a massive 24 points. Col Andrews was second with 22.

Friday's nine-hole mixed comp was a one-woman-show with Val Meleri scoring an impressive 19 points to beat second-placed Matt

O'Farrell, 14, by a whopping five points.

The second round of the Halsall & Associates Scroungers Ambrose 2s Championship was played on Thursday and Garry Hinkley and Mike Skivinis laid down a marker for the rest of the field with a two round total of 130.75 nett to lead.

They were followed by Greg Cura with John Ritchie and Barry Granville with John O'Connor, both on 132 nett.

The event is still wide open being a best-two-of-three round format with the last round scheduled for June 6.

Coming up on Thursday, May 30 is the second annual Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am, to feature many of Australia's up-and-coming young (and not so young) professional golfers.

There are still some places left in the field so if you have always wondered what it is like to play a round with a pro and would like to enter a team of three players, go to margretrivergolfclub.com.au.



Comfy treat: Doris Arthur with the new patron's chair on the first tee at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Augusta and Margaret River play together

AUGUSTA golfers were recently joined by Margaret River Golf Club for its inaugural get-together.

Mandy and Jon Farrell sponsored the event again as 28 players braved the first wet day of the season.

Sue Bloxam, Joan Garstone and Shirley Swarbrick were the winners of the three-person ambrose and runners-up were Keryn Thorpe, Kerry Farrelly and Genny Broadhurst.

Novelties went to Dee Harrison,

Penny Foy, Gail Marshall, Lyan Shephard and Helen Priest, while Anne Williams won the pot of gold.

Sunday was sponsored by Gardners Earthmoving and the winner was Nathan Adams on +2 with runner-up Fred Simmonds on +1.

Novelties went to Wayne Hadley and Dennis Kenworthy.

It was great to have Fiona come up and present the trophies with her

promise to come and play one day.

Scroungers results

Tuesday's winner: Pat Cunningham 23, runner-up M Watts, 22, third Jim Swarbrick, 21; nearest pin: no.2 Gavin Foster, no.6 Nick Dornan.

Friday's winner: Peter Austin, 38, runner-up Tom Payne, 39, third Bill Ipsen, 40; nearest pin: no.11 Fred Simmons, long putt: Tom Payne.



Winners: Joan Garstone, Sue Bloxam and Shirley Swarbrick.

SPORT

Head to head between clubs

By Matt O'Connell

MARGARET River and Augusta Golf Club's went head-to-head in the first of two "tests" on the weekend as the Label World Stableford was played.

Margaret River came out on top with 31.37 points to Augusta's 25.5 and Billy Pascoe of MR was the shining star with 43 points to his name.

Coming a distant second was Craig Foy of MR, 39 points, and third John O'Connor of MR with 38.

Captain Mal Bromley of MR won best gross prize.

Sunday's mixed stableford was sponsored by Barry House and winning the men's division was Peter Boyanich.

Rosie Burnett took out the women's category while next best was Nick Liebenberg.

On Friday, Megan Booth continued her rise in the local golf rankings with a winning performance in the missed 9-hole comp.

Megan scored 19 points to beat second placed, Jim Taylor (18) by one point.

Tuesday morning's veteran's nine-hole event was won by Jim Morris with 15 points over Alan Dale on 14.

The annual Dave Burges Scroungers was held on Thursday and the bad weather subsided for a small field to enjoy a competitive event.

Mike Basford did just enough to edge out Dean Taylor on a countback with a score of 37 points.

Taylor's consolation was the winning of the best gross with 32 gross points.

Third place went to Colin Andrews with 36. Billy Pascoe showed that he is hitting solidly by winning the longest drive prize.

The women's event last week was the second silver spoon for 2013 and Rhonda Hearn came out on top in trying conditions with 75 nett.

Libby Dawson was second with 80 nett and Rosie Burnett third on 81.

B-grade's stableford winner was Genny Broadhurst with 35 points. Helen Priest was second on 32 and Michele Boyanich third with 31.

Bloxam blows the boys away

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

Margaret River Golf Club's annual Lilliput Cup event was a battle of attrition last Thursday as the scores suited the theme - little.

Three players managed to top the scoring with just 35 Stableford points, but it was Andre Botha who stood tallest at the event's presentation, winning the competition on a countback.

Mike Lawson and Peter Boyanich were the unlucky runners up and the best gross honour was awarded to Jim House, who racked up 29 gross points.

John Bell bounced back from a medial score at Thursday's competition to win Saturday's Fermoy Estate Men's Monthly Medal with a solid net 72 round.

Bell's handicap-equaling round was enough to hold Dave Benson and Jim Triglone (73) at bay.

John Banting was the winner of the

gross prize with a score of 78 strokes.

Sue Bloxam was the best of an average bunch in Wednesday's Women's Stroke event. Bloxam's net 77 proved to be enough on a testing day of golf, in which Rosie Burnett and Mel Larsen were relegated to second with net 78 rounds. Bloxam also won the gross prize with 82 strokes.

Tim Jackaways ran away from the field at the Clownfish Wines Mixed 18-hole Stableford event on Sunday, recording 39 points to beat his nearest competitors, Rosie Burnett (35) by four strokes.

Julie Campbell and Allison Kelly were the next best finishers on 32 points.

Tuesday morning's veteran's event was a Stableford format and it was Richard Deshon who took out first place with an impressive 21 points.

Close behind was Mike Beale on 20.

The in-form Mike Herbert scored 18 Stableford points to narrowly win Friday's mixed, nine-hole competition, beating Val Mowbray (17) by one stroke.

Stellar field for Pro-Am

By Matt Campbell

MARGARET River Golf Club is buzzing with talk of the Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am on May 30.

Following the success of last year's inaugural event, which saw Margaret River voted the state's best Pro-Am, a stellar field of 32 professionals have entered this year's competition.

There are a limited number of spots left and so anyone interested in teeing up alongside the likes of Scott Hunter, Stephen Dartall and Michael Long can enter a team by contacting the club on 9757 2197, or emailing mrgolf@westnet.com.au.

The Thursday Pro-Am will be followed on the weekend by the ever-popular annual Margaret River Hotel 36-hole individual stableford.

Last Saturday Murray Wilson won the Fermoyle Estate Men's Monthly Medal with a solid 71 nett, edging out young Nick Liebenberg and winning a four-way countback with 72 nett.

Third place went to "the smiling

assassin" Mike Lawson and the gross prize went to Wayne Clarke with 82 strokes.

A hardcore group of golfers kitted out in snore and flippers in Wednesday's atrocious weather to compete in the women's club event.

The winner, Rosie Burnett came in with 34 points.

Losing the countback to take second place was Wendy Campbell (34) and third, also on 34, was Barbara Webster.

Webber's good form continued on Friday when she won the mixed nine-hole event with 18 stableford points over Lorna West with 17.

In Tuesday's Vets stableford, Gerry Hunt's 24 points gave him the win over Trevor Hunt and Ray Atcheson.

The rain stayed away last Thursday for the annual Trade Hire Scroungers event.

It enabled Steve Britton to do just enough to claim first on 38 points. Scar Campbell was second (37) while in-form Murray Wilson came in third with his 36.



Winner: Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am winner from last year, Jason Carr, with Preston House.

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Norris prevails in Pro-Am test

GOLF

■ Matt O'Connell

South Australian PGA professional Jason Norris reigned supreme at The Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am at The Margaret River Golf Club last Thursday.

Shooting an impressive 68, Norris handled the atrocious weather conditions better than most to hold off young Canadian Tour player Jason Scrivener (69) for the win.

Scrivener won the pre-game nearest to pin shootout, while the Stephen Dartnall took out the long drive competition with a 269m effort.

Local knowledge proved valuable in the amateurs combined Stableford event, with local greenkeepers Mark Lewis, Will Norris, and Callum Hitching claiming the title with 92 points.

Gordy Riggir, Steve Turner and Todd Gault placed second with 88 points.

Settlers Liquor Store Director Preston House said despite poor weather blemishing the event again, it would be back next year for a third instalment.

The annual Margaret River Hotel Open weekend kicked off with The Cooper's Ambrose twos event and Stuart Currell and John O'Connor fared well in better conditions last Friday, shooting 63.75 nett to win the event over Paul Chrystal and Peter Carlaw.

The 2013 Margaret River Hotel 36-hole individual Stableford event started last Saturday and junior golfer Nick Liebenberg took the early lead with 39 points in the men's division while Bette Healey of Pinjarra posted the women's best score of 35 points.

But Liebenberg was overtaken by Dean Mills on Sunday, whose 41 Stableford points combined with his 35-effort from Saturday took out



Jason Norris

the men's prize.

Nick House's impressive 40 points on Sunday was enough to elevate him to second with a 73-point total.

The women's competition was a tale of two golfers, with Healey and Royal Perth GC's Kelly Taylor striding five shots clear of the field on 68 points.

It was Taylor who was eventually crowned the winner on a countback over Healey.

Steve Owen won the men's gross score prize with 53 points and Sue Bloxam (50) was the women's category winner.

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Festival of golf is on at Margaret River Golf Club

By Matt O'Connell

THIS week's events at the Margaret River Golf Club can be described as a "festival of golf" with more than 600 competitive rounds to be played starting with the Settlers Liquor Store Pro-Am on Thursday and concluding with the Margaret River Hotel's 36-hole open stableford weekend.

Course superintendent Mark Lewis has been working overtime to prepare the course and has crossed his fingers, toes and legs in the hope that the golfing gods grant dry weather.

Last week's scroungers was sponsored by the 'Mad Painters', Mark Tugwood and John Ritchie.

The scores were solid on a whole but none more so than Dave Glasson with 40 points to win first prize.

Craig Foy was second with 38 points and Graeme Payne third on 37.

Mark Kevill shot the best gross of 30 points.

Members are reminded that this week's scroungers has been cancelled due to the Settlers Liquor Pro-Am.

Normal transmission resumes on June 6 with the last round of the scroungers Ambrose twos championship.

A large field turned out for Saturday's Settlers Liquor Store men's stableford in beautiful golfing conditions.

Gavin Leiper enjoyed it more than most while scoring 38 points and win-

ning first prize.

Steve Britton (37) did enough for second prize and Laurie Bedford beat a group of four to claim third prize on a countback.

Graeme Bedggood's new driver is obviously dialled in because his 25 gross points won the best gross prize.

Sunday's mixed stableford was sponsored by Edwards Wines and winning the men's division on 37 points was Nigel Gallop.

The women's winner was Cheryl DeJong with 31 points and next best overall was John Bell.

Steve Owen eagled the par five, second hole but it was only enough to help him into a share of fourth place.

Tuesday's vets' event was a nine-hole stableford comp and David Benson came up with an excellent 22 points to win over John Webster on 19.

Friday's nine-hole mixed stableford was won again by Megan Booth with a fine 21 points.

Daylight was second while Matt O'Farrell was next on 16 points.

Di Gordon (square) did enough to win the A-grade of Wednesday's women's par event.

Val Wyld came second with minus one.

In the B-grade, Val Mowbray mirrored Gordon's score of square to win and Genny Broadhurst was second on minus one.



Wilson's score inspires

By MATT O'CONNELL

MURRAY Wilson recorded the score of the week at the Margaret River Golf Club on Saturday.

He was competing in the men's Wholagan Building Inspiration Stableford braving the winter conditions to collect a fine 41 points.

Nick Liebenberg's 38 points would have been enough to win most events of late but he had to settle for second prize, while Dan Hunt's 35 was good enough for third place.

The ever-popular Down South Wholesale Scroungers on Thursday had Adrian Castle come up trumps with 38 points for a win.

Dave Coates with 36 pipped Mark Tugwood, also 36, on a countback for second place.

Jim House had the best gross score of 28 points.

Tuesday's nine-hole veteran's competition was a Stableford format.

Mike Beale with 19 points handled the wet conditions best.

Mike Lawson came second on 18.

On Friday morning, Matt O'Farrell, 18, and Val Mowbray, 18, got their noses in the photo finish of the nine-hole Stableford.

O'Farrell was the eventual winner on a countback.

Wednesday's women's event was also a Stableford.

The scores weren't flattering but it was a close finish in A-grade as Leonie Bell edged Wendy Campbell out on a countback with 30 points.

Penny Foy's 29 gave her third place.

B-grade's Helen Priest was a clear winner with 34 points over Genny Broadhurst (31).

Joan Garstone came third on 30 points.

Wet conditions don't phase golfers

DESPITE the wet winter to date, golfers at the Margaret River Golf Club have been enjoying what is a somewhat soggy but still stunning golf course.

The silver lining to the grey clouds of late is the replenishment of the lakes and wetlands as a habitat for a variety of fauna.

The annual Cape Landing men's scroungers was played last Thursday and it was Jon Beales with 37 points who came out on top of a good field.

The "dark horse", Jim House is always thereabouts and his 35 points was enough to give him second prize and force Jeremy Wixon into third on 34 points.

Marc Halsall is another who rarely has a bad round and it was he who shot the best gross of 29 points.

Sponsor Larry DeJong was ineligible to win the event but that didn't

stop him from winning the long-drive prize for the day.

Saturday's Men's 4BBB event was sponsored by Landmark Margaret River and teaming up to blitz the rest of the field by four strokes was Terry Halsall and Russell Pratt with 45 points.

Dave Benson and Peter Nicholls (41) snared second place on a countback from local 4BBB specialists, Cody Laskey and Dave Goodall (41).

As so often happens in golf, players sometimes get on a roll and so it was for Dave Goodall in the Southern Workwear Mixed Stableford on Sunday.

Coming off a third place finish on Saturday, Goodall kept it going to win the men's division with a fine 37 points. Angie Burges managed 33 points which was enough to take out the women's section and Mark

Worth flew in to grab third place overall on 36 points.

In the women's event on Wednesday morning a small field turned out in wet weather and as is often the case.

The cream rose to the top with Sue Bloxam winning the Stableford comp's A-grade with 33 points.

Mandy Farrell was surprised that her 27 points gave her second place.

B-grade was won with a similar score of 32 points with Michelle Boyanich beating second placed, Genny Broadhurst (29).

The veteran's 4BBB comp on Tuesday was won by Jon Agnew & Robin Lea. Second place went to Alan Dale and Roy Hobson.

Val Meleri was the women's winner of Friday's mixed nine hole event on 19 points and Matt O'Farrell's 14 points was enough to be best man.

Winter golfing conditions prevail

By Matt O'Connell

A WET track greeted players teeing it up last weekend at Margaret River Golf Club with 143 millimetres filling the local rain gauge for two days.

Obviously mud-runners Laurie Bedford and Tim Jackways didn't mind one bit after winning Saturday's "Yallingup Yobs" men's fourball better ball par event with a score of plus four.

They didn't have it all their own way though, having to win a tense countback over the combinations of Ray Scott with Jim Triglone (plus four) and Mike Rogers with

Craig Foy (plus four). Apart from the inclement weather, the event was a good "dry-run" for the forthcoming men's fourball better ball championship last weekend.

Sunday's scheduled competition had to be cancelled as the course was unplayable due to rain.

At this time every year, the Thursday Men's Scroungers Winter Solstice hosted by Ray and Jenny Scott is played off the red (women's) tees.

Afterwards, a begrudging respect for the girls' ability is generally reborn with many a player

finding that the course isn't just shorter from the red tees, but tighter as well.

Ray Barker laughed at this suggestion however after winning a three-way countback to claim first prize on a score of 64 nett.

Mark Tugwood (64) and Jim Triglone (64) had to settle for second and third respectively.

Dean Taylor fared best in the gross division, winning with 70 strokes and two-under par.

Bone Farrell's score suggested he was just too long for such a tight layout.

The Eithne Lagan shield was up for grabs in Wednesday's

women's event and it was Doris Arthur who carved another piece of history in winning the annual event with 33 stableford points.

Helen Priest (32) was second place on a countback from Allison Kelly (32).

Friday's nine-hole mixed stableford event saw Joan Garstone win with 20 points while Lorna West was second with 18.

Tuesday morning's veterans' event was a fourball better ball format and Matt O'Farrell teamed-up most successfully with Mike Croxford to win.

Greg Byrne and John Agnew came second.

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Bedggood wins medal

GOLF
By Matt O'Connell

Graeme Bedggood won Saturday's men's Monthly Medal event at Margaret River Golf Club, with net 72.

Bedggood capped off a stellar day out by also winning the gross prize and the prize for the least putts (24).

Dave Noske and Mick O'Hara won the inaugural Halsall and Associates Scroungers Ambrose twos championship, scoring 128.5 in the best two of three-rounds competition that culminated at last Thursday's Scroungers competition.

Will Norris and Jules Ashton won the final round with an excellent 62.75 net, which was enough to get them into second place overall. Last Tuesday's veterans' nine-hole competition was dominated by Alan Dale who posted 22 points.

Friday's mixed nine-hole event was won by Chris Combes on 22.

The women's Jubilee Foursomes was played in memory of Kath Scott last Wednesday morning and Vicki Dryden and Kath Solonec won the round with 36 points.

Combes continued her good form on Sunday to score 33 points in the Foy's mixed Stableford event, scoring 33 points to win the women's division. Tim Jackways was the best of the men on 30 points. The male Foursomes Championship on Sunday starts at 8.30am.



Will Norris and Matt O'Connell were crowned MRGC Foursomes champions last Sunday.

Team New Zealand take crown

GOLF

■ Matt O'Connell

Will Norris and Matt O'Connell were crowned Margaret River Golf Club's Men's Foursomes champions on Sunday after battling it out for 36 gruelling holes of golf.

The field of 13 pairs experienced four seasons in one day as the early morning chill gave way to warm sunshine, then rain and strong winds and a thunderstorm late in the day.

It wasn't just the rainclouds that were all-black though, as "team New Zealand", Norris and O'Connell, mixed birdies with double

and triple bogeys for a total of 172 strokes.

Championship runners-up and four strokes behind the winners on 176 points was the team of Dan Hunt and Kim Hewton.

Mick O'Hara and Bill Guest took out net honours with a 153 total, which was enough to beat Cowaramup's Graeme Bedggood and Ray Scott's 154-point total.

In the afternoon's mixed 18-hole event Dave Burgess won with 37 points and Penny Foy came second on 35.

Scar Campbell could lay claim to golfer of the week after shooting back-to-back 41 stableford points

in Thursday's and Saturday's Men's events.

Winning Saturday's Home Timber and Hardware Stableford, Campbell left second placed Henri Liebenberg for dead with a four-shot win.

Even an eagle on the par-five second hole didn't help Liebenberg challenge Campbell. It did, however, help him snare the gross prize for the day with 27 points.

Bill Guest finished in third place on 34 net points.

Campbell overcame a fast finishing Michael Skivinis (39), to win Thursday's scroungers competition.

Skivinis' score was enough to win the gross prize (31) and Billy Pascoe grabbed third prize with a solid 36 points.

In the women's stableford event on Wednesday morning the Silver Spoon net winner was Kerry Farrelly on 76, beating Chris Combes (76) on a countback.

Maggie Foy's 34 points was just enough to win the Stableford event's A-grade category on a countback from Val Wylde (34). Combes was third with 33 points.

In the B-grade, Joan Garstone's 32 was enough to give her the win over second placed, Helen Priest (30). June Home was third on 29.

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Strong golf representation

EIGHT Margaret River women competed in a large field at the 2013 South West District Ladies Golf Association (SWDLGA) 36 Hole Foursomes Championship held in Bridgetown last weekend.

Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly were triumphant with a score of 180, three shots clear of Sharon Koch and Marion Fraser from Busselton.

It was the first time Margaret River have won the elusive trophy which dates back to 1964.

Margaret River will host the event next year, which will coincide with the 80th anniversary of the SWDLGA.

Kerry Farrelly dominated the local event last Wednesday in winning the last round of the 2013 silver spoon with a 71 net.

The overall event, played over five rounds of stroke, was won by Michele Boyanich who will represent the club at Royal Perth GC next month.

A stableford comp was also played on Wednesday with Kerry Farrelly (37) winning A-grade, and Val Mowbray (38) taking out B-grade.

In the men's monthly medal event sponsored by Fermoy Estate Wines, Bill Guest was the clear winner by five strokes with a 68 net.

Winning the countback over two other play-



Champions: Margaret River golfers Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly receive the SWDLGA Foursomes Shield after winning by three strokes in Bridgetown last weekend.

ers and coming second was Dave Goodall (73).

Third prize went to Dave Glasson (73).

The best gross score for the day was achieved

by Dan Hunt with 79 strokes. The popular annual Energy Surfboards men's scroungers was played on Thursday and winning with 39 points

on a countback was Mike Lawson. Coming second on the same score was Dave Noske.

Third, and a further four points back, was Graeme Payne (35). The best gross score of 30 points was also achieved by Dave Noske.

The Treeton Estate mixed stableford was held on Sunday afternoon with Sanctuary GC junior golfer Connor Butlion scoring 34 points to come out on top of the in-form Mike Lawson (33) to win the men's division.

Mel Larsen's 32 was enough to earn her the win in the women's division.

Two nine-hole comp's are held every week at Margaret River Golf Club.

The veteran's event on Tuesday was a Bisque Par format and Vic Solonec ended up winning on a countback over Ray Atcheson with a score of +4.

Friday's mixed 9-hole event was won by Matt O'Farrell (18 points) who reversed last week's order and consigned Val Meleri to second place on 17 points.

The next major event coming up is on Saturday, August 24.

It is the Annual Toro Combined Irish Stableford (teams of four) event.

Entry forms to this popular event are available at the club or by emailing admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

Noske in return to form with double appearance

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

In a remarkable effort this week, Dave Noske won the Dave Burges Scroungers Stableford event on Thursday with 39 points and the Labelmakers World Stableford event on Saturday, also with 39 points.

Runner up on Thursday at the

Dave Burges Scroungers was Trevor Hunt (39) with Greg Cura (36) third.

On Saturday, Dave Noske (39) was a clear two points ahead of the field with Gavin Leper (37) second and Terry Halsall (37) third.

With the golf course being closed on Monday and Tuesday for the Regional Seniors Ladies event, the Vets and Ladies teed it off on

Wednesday for a mixed competition day, great fun was had by all.

Sunday's Barry House Stableford event was unfortunately badly affected by inclement weather.

On May 29, the club will see the playing of the annual Pro Am.

Anyone interested in teeing it up with a professional can contact the club on 9757 2197 or admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

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Winning spots spread around

MARGARET River Golf Club's scroungers event was dominated by David Burges on Thursday with an excellent 39 points.

Ray Baker was second on 36 while Robin Lea was third on 35.

In Wednesday's competition Angie Burges won the Cheryl DeJong/Dorothy Gallop sponsored ladies' stableford event with 36 points on a countback from Penny Foy (36) and Michelle Boyanich (36).

Tuesday's veterans stroke event was won by Niall Carey with a nett 28 from Robin Lea (34) and Alan Thwaites (35).

Saturday's Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association stableford event was won by Dave Goodall with 36 points on a countback from Graeme Bedgood (36) with Greg Cura (35) third.

Sunday's Edwards Wines stableford event was won by Rhys Owen with 36 Points from Laurie Barker (35) and Matthew O'Farrell (35)

Keen golfers line up

GOLF

The annual Pro-Am was the big event on the Margaret River Golf Club calendar and the *Times* was there last week as professionals and spirited amateurs mixed it up.

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Committee members Henri Liebenberg and John O'Connor.



Nathan Browner and Terry Halsall.



Matt Jager from Perth with Steph Smith from Melbourne.



Peter Norris and Gary Evershed.



Well done: Pro-event winner Stephen Dartnall receives his cheque from sponsor Preston House.

Pro-Am great success

THE primed course, weather and golf shaped up to make the Settlers Liquor Pro-Am a great success at the Margaret River Golf Club on Thursday.

Professional golfer Stephen Dartnall shot a sensational 66, 6 under par to win, equalling the course record set by Wayne Smith.

The teams played a combined Irish stableford format.

Amateur first-place winners were Gordon Riggir, Preston House and Nic

House. Second place went to Graeme Payne, Alex Williams and Craig Foy.

In third spot were Mal Gray, Dave Goodall and Mike Kelly, followed by Jules Ashton, Stuart Currell and Mike Skivinis.

Thanks to volunteers Mark Lewis, Will Norris, Jason Johnson and Laurie Bedford for their work on the course ahead of the event.



First team in: Winners Gordon Riggir, Preston House and Nic House.

Top score at pro-am

GOLF

■ Rolf Goff

The weather was kind for the third Margaret River Golf Club Pro-Am competition played last Thursday, with the conditions helping one player equal the course record.

With the course in magnificent condition, the club welcomed 38 professional golfers and 90 amateurs to the event.

The day was started by the professionals competing in two showcase events.

Taking place in front of the crowd eating breakfast at the clubhouse, Clint Rice from WA provided the best shot at the pin on the ninth green, and fellow WA player Stephen Dartnell smashed the longest drive to over 270m.

Leading professional on the day was Dartnell, who pocketed a cheque for \$1796 for a score of 66, which tied the course record set by Wayne Smith.

Tying for second with a score of 68 were Mitchell Brown (NSW), Anthony Brown (Victoria) and Grant Thomas (NSW).

For the amateurs, the winners were the team of Preston



Danial Bringolf and Troy Murphy.

House, Nick House and Gordy Riggir with an astounding 101 points. Second, with a score of 98 points, were Graeme Payne, Craig Foy and Alec Williams.

Third with 92 points was Michael Kelly, Dave Goodall and Mal Gray, while fourth was Stuart Currell, Jules Ashton and Michael Skivinis with 91 points.

In addition to the main prizes, professionals Jason Scriviner, Tristan McCallum, David Branson and Josh Younger and their teams won generous prizes for hitting closest to the pins on the four par-three holes.

■ For pictures from the Pro-Am, see Page 22 or visit www.infogo.com.au

PRO-AM



1 Steph Na (SA) teeing off No.1



2 Anne-Lise Caudal (France)



3 R. Duggan, B. Pascoe, G. Duggan & Anne-Lise Caudal



4 B. Devitt, Lee-Anne Pace, B. Earl, N. Earl, A. PERUS



5 A. Burges, L. Bell, Steph Na & C. De Jong



6 S. Moore, P. Woollams, V. Lemon & Bree Arthur (O)



7 Beck - Journalist (M.R. Times)



8 Danielle Montgomery (WA)



9 S. Thompson, D. Randall, Jessica Whitting (WA) & W. Austin



10 G. Lybrand, P. Norris, Sarah King (Vic) & J. Quinn



11 J. O'Connor & Danielle Montgomery



12 D. Goodall, R. Holt, Jo Kilfoil (WA) & M. Worth



13 M. Foy, Nicha Thanissorn, M. Boyanich & P. Foy



14 Simon Skivinis – it went in!!



15 Steve & daughter Jo Kilfoil



16 Brian Devitt & Lee-Anne Pace on No.9



17 Kate Goddard (WA)



18 Lee-Anne Pace



19 Locals



20 D. Kelly, Alysha Keir (WA), M. Booth & B. Granville



21 Lee-Anne Pace



22 Jenny Sevil (Qld), S. Catchpole, G. Guile & M. Slade



23 Eric Barnard & Kristie Smith



24 Kristie Smith Drives off No.1



25 M. Skivinis, Danielle Montgomery (WA), S. Skivinis & J. O'Connor



Winning Team – M.Kevill, Kristie Smith (WA), S. Hughes & M. Halsall



27 Mark Halsall & Kristie Smith



28 T. Arnautovic, R. Coates, Annette Coote (WA) & M. O'Hara



29 M. Bonnette, Bronte Colbert (WA), S. Air & J. Wholagan



30 Kristie Smith & Mark Kevill



31 G. Holme, M. O'Farrell, Kate Goddard (WA) & J. Holme



32 G. Payne, T. Prickett, Jessica Speechley (WA) & P. Hou...



33 Jessica Speechley driving off No. 10



34 K. White, Ashlee Dewhurst (TAS), G. Mott & J. Gardiner



35 K. Hebert, A. Carrick, B. McKay & Emma de Groot (NSW)



36 Coleen & Michael Marks



37 Stacey Shannahan (WA), M. Basford, R. Basford & W. Campbell



38 J. Anderson, G. Marshall, Shani Waugh (WA) & M. Larsen



39 H. Liebenberg, Desi Gardener (WA), D. Gordon & M. Lewis (Super)



40 S. Britton, Fiza Errington, C. Hendrie & R. Pratt



41 P. Jenkins, G. Linfoot, Claire Elvidge (WA) & R. Warren



42 Nadine Smith (WA), Alex Brooks, A. Jenkins & S. Bickett



43 L. Jenkins, D. Warren, D. Linfoot & Whitney Hillier (WA)



44 G. Hinkley, Chloe Beckwith (WA), Dave Glasson & R. Baker





45 Nadine Smith Driving off No.10



46 K. Thorpe, Hira Naveed (WA), K. Darragh & C. Foy



47 Nadine Smith – SNAG Golf





48 John O'Connor Driving off No.1



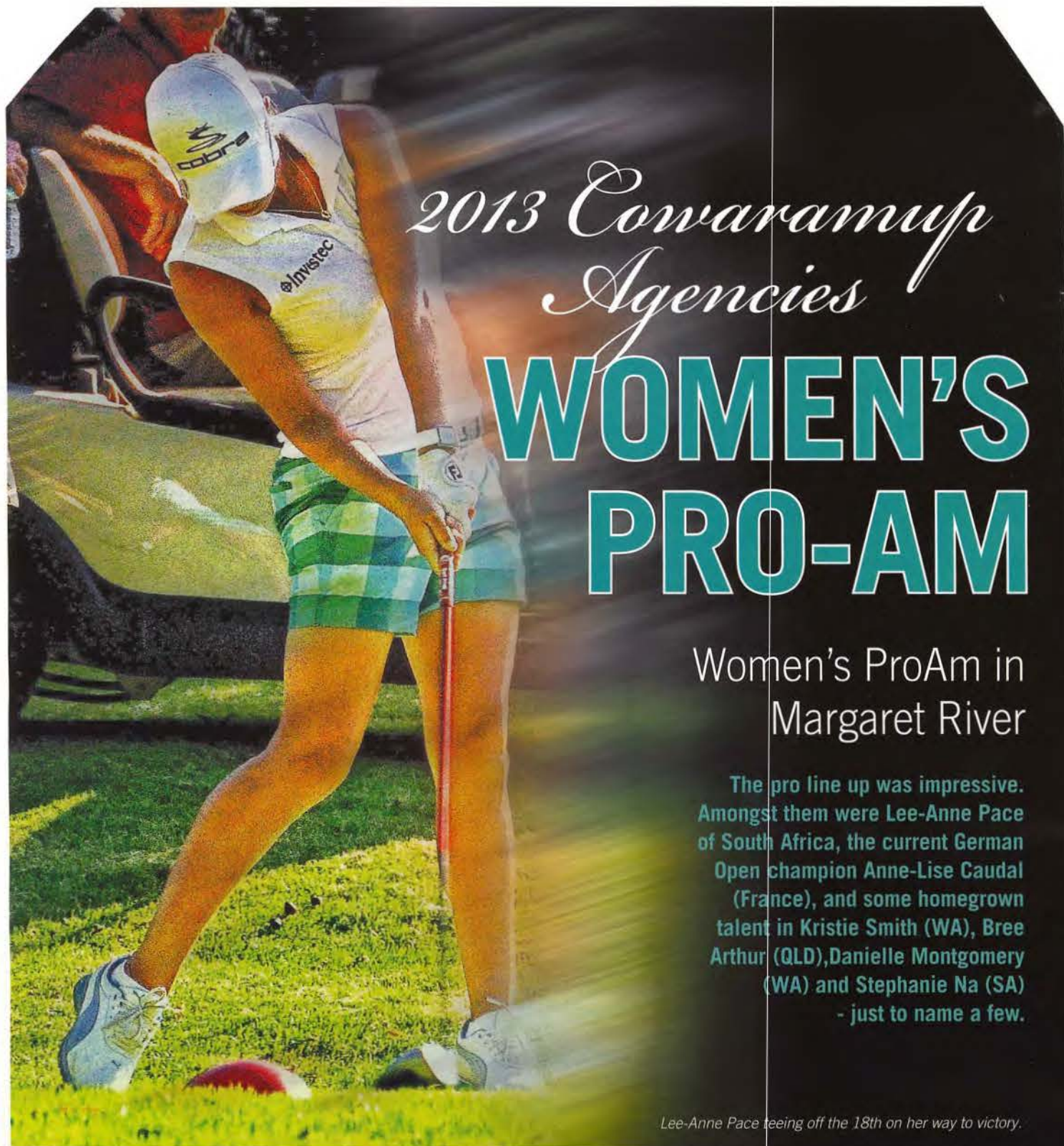
49 A. Kelly, M. Croxford, Claudia Pisano (WA) & S. Bloxam



50 Danielle Montgomery driving off No.1



51 Mike Skivinis driving off No.1



2013 Cowaramup Agencies
WOMEN'S PRO-AM

Women's ProAm in Margaret River

The pro line up was impressive. Amongst them were Lee-Anne Pace of South Africa, the current German Open champion Anne-Lise Caudal (France), and some homegrown talent in Kristie Smith (WA), Bree Arthur (QLD), Danielle Montgomery (WA) and Stephanie Na (SA) - just to name a few.

Lee-Anne Pace teeing off the 18th on her way to victory.

Story by Jon Farrell
Margaret River Golf Club

The beautiful "Margaret River Golf Club" is situated in the heart of the famous Margaret River wine region and only 2 minutes away from Surfers Point, where world surf tour events are held. Recently the club held it's first ever women's Pro-Am. It was a mix of Pros, junior state squad members, other rising stars who could be inspired by rubbing shoulders with Pro's and of course sponsors, club members and visitors.

Shani Waugh, ALPG president, operates a golf school in Bunbury at "The Sanctuary Resort". She travels down to the Margaret River GC to teach

once a month. She has been a huge asset to the club. The members love her teaching there and golfers well south of Margaret River come up for lessons.

Over the last few years Shani has organized a corporate day at "The Sanctuary Resort". She has invited a lot of high profile women professionals from the LET (Ladies European Tour) Laura Davies, Gwladys Norcera, Veronica Zorzi and Tania Elosegui to mention a few and also a lot of great Australian players who are on the ALPG, LET, LPGA, Symetra Tour and the Japanese Tour.

Shani discussed with the Margaret River G.C. the possibility of having a Pro-Am at Margaret River the day after the Sanctuary's event. The club agreed, the next step was to seek sponsorship.

Fortunately one of the clubs major sponsors Neil Earl and Rod Duggan from a local agricultural company, Cowaramup Agencies came forward. With many minor sponsors coming on board as well, the date was set for Wednesday 27th February 2013.

Shani then contacted Clayton Bell and Sue Thomson at Golf WA and organized a state junior squad camp in Bunbury and Margaret River. She worked really hard over the following months trying to secure the professionals. The golf days were scheduled the week between the Victorian Open at Thirteenth Beach and The World Golf Championship at Mission Hills in China. It was fantastic to see the girls support Shani and the two golf days.

LADIES GOLF



Above, from the left: Neil Earl, Lee-Anne Pace (accepting award) and Rod Duggan.
Right: Shani Waugh, event organiser and ALPG president.



State Junior Squad Members with Anne-Lise Caudal & Emma de Groot...from the left: Hira Naveed, Alyssa Keir, Nicha Thanissorn, Anne-Lise Caudal, Claudia Pisano, Emma de Groot, Jessica Whitting and Chloe Beckwith



Left: Anne-Lise Caudal having a go at SNAG golf
Right: Kristie Smith approaching the 14th green



The pro line up was impressive, Lee-Anne Pace (South Africa), current German Open champion Anne-Lise Caudal (France), Kristie Smith (WA), Bree Arthur (QLD), Danielle Montgomery (WA), Stephanie Na (SA), Emma de Groot (NSW), Sarah King (VIC), Jessica Speechley (WA), Whitney Hillier (WA), Ashlee Dewhurst (TAS), Jenny Sevil (QLD) and Shani Waugh (WA).

The day started with a light lunch followed by the W.F.I. \$500 Nearest the Pin and introduction of each professional to the gallery. Jessica Speechley, who will be playing the Japanese tour this year put her shot to 60cm from 125m away to take the prize. Then it was off to the tees for a shotgun start. The Margaret River G.C. measures 5216m from the red tees and 6092m from the blues. The front nine is reasonably flat with a few water hazards. The back nine is undulating and winds its way up the coastal Leeuwin Ridge, which offers spectacular views from the 18th tee.

There was a SNAG golf demonstration near the tenth tee. This provided a lot of fun at the turn. SNAG (Starting New At Golf) is a fantastic new way to get people started in golf. It is very new to Western Australia and will be a great stepping stone for developing new stars of the future.

Lee-Anne Pace won the Pro Section with a 3 under 69 (new course record) followed by Kristie Smith, Ashlee Dewhurst and Bree Arthur all on 72. The best Amateur was Alyssa Keir 77, runner up Claudia Pisano 80. Best Amateur nett score was

Jessica Whitting 74. At the presentation dinner both Lee-Anne and Alyssa were presented a beautiful glass trophy from the Melting Pot Glass Studio. Kristie Smith who lived most of her teenage years in Margaret River won the Team Trophy alongside some of her old mates who put together 94 points.

The day was a total success. Having some of the nation's best women golfers visiting Bunbury and Margaret River is a real help in promoting women's golf in the southwest.

The following day Shani Waugh, Jenny Sevil and Whitney Hillier held a golf clinic at the club. This was a real first for the area, having three professional women golfers instructing at the same time.

Players are already looking forward to next year. Lee-Anne Pace said she would be back to defend her title. She said "It was a very special time with friendly people and I loved the Kangaroos!"

SPORT

Ladies named pennant champions for South West

A-Grade women's pennant
MARGARET River Golf Club's A-grade Women's pennant team have been crowned The South West Pennant Champions for 2013.

In a one-sided battle Margaret River GC accounted for Capel GC 5-0 in the last match for the year at Margaret River last month to force a count back which the local team won narrowly.

The victory marks the first win for Margaret River since 2002.

Wednesday's regular women's event was a stableford format and Val Wyld was A-grade's clear winner with 37 points.

Di Linfoot's 33 was enough to give her second prize on a count back over two others.

B-Grade women's pennant

B-grade was a closer hit out and Helen Priest's affair with the winner's podium continued after she won on a count back over Carolyn Scott with 30 points.

Men's 4BBB Championship

This weekend saw the playing of the 2013 Margaret River Golf Club's Men's 4BBB Championship sponsored by Margaret River/Cowaramup Electrical Services.

With a 36 hole total of 91 points the duo of Cameron Lawrence and Mike Herbert lapped the rest of the field, scoring 91 points and winning the handicap event by a margin of 10 stableford points.

Coming second with 81 points was Cowaramup's Graeme Bedgood and Ray Scott.

The Mixed stableford event on Sunday was won by Peter Boyanich (36).

Helen Priest continued her good form to take out the Women's Division on 34 and Penny Foy was third overall with 33 points.

Men's scroungers

Local Real Estate guru, Kim Hewton of Acton South West sponsored last Thursday's men's Scroungers event.

In a low scoring event, Dave Goodall shot 35 points to win.

Marc Halsall rarely has a bad round and again did enough to come second with 34 points.

Dave Coates's 33 points put him in third place.

Marc Halsall scored 31 gross points to win the gross prize.

Veterans stableford

The Veteran's 9 hole stableford on Tuesday morning saw Matt O'Farrell score a fine 20 points and win first prize.

Abe Huisken (19) and Jon Beales (19) were second and third respectively.

Colleen Marks (18) did enough to hold off Lorna West (17) on Friday morning to win the weekly 9-hole mixed event.

Lilliput Cup

Margaret River Golf Club's annual Lilliput Cup event was a battle of attrition last Thursday as the scores suited the theme, little.

Three players managed to top the scoring with just 35 Stableford points.

In the end it was Andre Botha who played the part of Gulliver, standing astride the field like a giant and winning the event.

Mike Lawson and Peter Boyanich were the unlucky ones also on 35 points to come second and third respectively.

The best gross came from our own real life giant, Jim House, with 29 gross points.

Although Barry Granville's stature could be included in the category of giant, his score on the day was one that might be described as "Lilliputian".

Fermoy Estate men's monthly medal
The event was played on Saturday morning

and one competitor whose golfing fortune has experienced a growth spurt this week is John Bell.

Coming off a relatively pint-sized score in his own sponsored event on Thursday, Bell's solid 72 nett to win the medal over Dave Benson and Jim Triglone (both 73 nett) reeked of "good timing".

John Banting was the winner of the gross prize with a score of 78 strokes.

Women's stroke event

Sue Bloxam was the best of an average bunch in Wednesday's women's stroke event.

Scoring a 77 nett to win a competition is not a common occurrence but it proved to be just enough on the day.

Rosie Burnett and Mel Larsen came close with 78 nett and Kath Solonec had 79.

Bloxam also had the best gross score of 82 strokes.

Clownfish wines stableford

The Clownfish Wines Mixed 18-hole stableford was played on Sunday afternoon.

The clear Men's winner was Tim Jackways on 39 points.

Rosie Burnett went one better than Wednesday's second place with 35 points to win the Women's division.

Julie Campbell and Allison Kelly were the next best overall on 32 points.

Veteran's stableford

Tuesday morning's veteran's event was a stableford format and it was Richard Deshon who took out first place with an impressive 21 points.

Close behind was Mike Beale on 20.

On Friday morning the mixed 9-hole event was dominated by the in-form Mike Herbert scoring 18 Stableford points and holding off Val Mowbray on 17.

CONGRATULATIONS



"A" Grade Pennant winners for the SWDLG

July 2013

Committee Business

1. Thanks to the VETS for the bonfire cleanups on 3 & 4.
2. The Committee has recently investigated the cost of repairing the driveway (\$23,000 to \$37,000). Committee has decided to patch up potholes for now (budgeting up to \$2000) with a view to building a new driveway in the coming years.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2013

Life member emerges leader of pack

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

The score of the week at Margaret River Golf Club came from life member Laurie Bedford on Saturday.

Bedford was pushed all the way in the men's Stableford event by in-form Dan Hunt, but his impressive 41 points was enough to win, also settling for best gross score of 33 points.

Geoff Barrett again took the prize for longest drive leaving others to wonder why he doesn't win more often. Last week's Scroungers was a low-scoring affair due to rain.

John Ritchie coped with the conditions, best scoring 36 points to win by one over green-keeper Will Norris (35).

Norris won the prize for the best gross score of 29 points.

Wednesday's women's Stableford event A-grade was won by reigning club champ Penny Foy with a fine 35 points to beat Rhonda Hearn (31) by 4.

B-grade wasn't much closer where Colleen Marks scored 33 points accounting for second-placed Carolyn Scott (29).

The last ever Minot Wines Mixed Stableford was played on Sunday and again it was a case of 36 points being first prize.

Mark Worth was the grateful recipient this time on 36 points to win the men's division, while Megan Booth kept her good form going with 33 points to win the women's category. Jo Broadhurst was third on 32 points.

Abe Huisken won the veteran's nine-hole event on Tuesday morning with a solid score of 19 points.

Mike Beale was second on 18 points.

In Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event, Megan Booth stole the show with an impressive 21 points.

Second place went to Val Meleri with 15 points.

Keen pursuit of popular contest

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted the second annual Toro Mixed Irish combined stableford on the weekend.

A small but eager field turned out in teams of four to compete in what is fast becoming a popular competition format.

The day's honours went to Jeff Hedstrom, Helen Priest, Tony Foy and Penny Foy with 102 stableford points.

Just four points behind, in second place, were Di Linfoot, Graeme Linfoot, Denise Warren and Roy Warren on 98 points.

Also on 98 points and rounding out the competition's top three was the team of Mel Larsen,

Megan Booth, Cam Lawrence and Craig Dawe.

Difficult conditions were experienced by Thursday's scroungers competition and just two players bettered their handicaps.

The day was won by Nic Taplin on 37 points closely followed John Ritchie on 36 and Dean Taylor on 35.

Dean Kemp's recent hard work on his handicap gave him an inclusion in the 18 and over handicap, in which he also won the longest drive award.

Last week's women's stableford was led in by Rhonda Hearn who blitzed a large field, finishing on 35 points.

Kerry Farrelly came in second on a countback from three others.

In the B-grade tournament Helen Priest shot a 33-point game to win by three over Mary Taylor on 30.

The highlight of the club's week was in last Tuesday's Vet's 9-hole event with Mike Lawson's score of 21.

Robin Lea's 18 points were an honest effort but wasn't a challenge to Lawson's game.

In the nine-hole mixed stableford on Friday, Jim Taylor did just enough for first place with 17 points to beat Val Mowbray by one.

Championship off to fine start

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted the opening round of the 2013 Women's Championships last Wednesday.

The championships follow on from the men's title having been declared last Sunday. The first round of three (54 holes) indicates this championship will be a hotly contested battle.

Gale force winds and horizontal rain greeted competitors as they teed it up on Wednesday morning but they played on regardless.

Dogged determination always pays off for somebody and on this occasion it was two players who distanced themselves from the rest of the field.

Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly had 84 and 85 respectively while the peloton is at least seven strokes behind.

In the nett competition, Joan Garstone has managed to get one shot ahead of Farrelly (75) with a fine 74 in tough conditions. There is still a long way to go however, and it remains to be seen what

the weather will dish up this week.

On Thursday the Schiavello Constructors Scroungers was played and it is the familiar name of Halsall that refuses to be pushed out of the limelight. Terry Halsall, fresh off a strong performance in the Men's Championship, carded a solid 38 points to beat Stuart Currell on a countback to win the famous \$500 Schiavello office chair for first prize.

Mick O'Hara missed the men's champs, but is still playing off his 'championship handicap' and picked up third prize with 37 points.

Tuesday's Vet's nine-hole Bisque Par competition was won by Roy Hobson (+3) over Greg Byrne (+3) on a countback.

Shirley Becker won Friday's mixed nine-hole competition with 17 points.

The Wealth Plus Financing Mixed Canadian Foursomes is coming up over the weekend of September 28 and 29. To enter go to mitournament.com.

Barrett wins with consistent strokes

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

Geoff Barrett will take a big lead into the final two rounds of the Margaret River Golf Club championship's net event this weekend after a stellar performance in the first 36 holes.

Barrett's net 70 and 74 rounds gifted him a nine-stroke lead in the Paddy Barrett title race.

Tony Combes performed well on Sunday only to be beaten by Barrett on a countback.

Dan Hunt went a shot better on Saturday to win, but neither could beat Barrett's overall consistency.

Terry Halsall is looming as Barrett's main contender on 153 net strokes.

Only six strokes separate the top nine players at the halfway mark of the gross event.

After round one on Saturday it was Dan Hunt who set the standard by playing to his handicap in gale-force winds with 80 strokes.

Heavy rain late last Sunday forced some late finishers off the course due to flooding, but Tony Combes stood up to the test with 79 strokes to win the day's event.

Current club champion Marc Halsall leads the field after 36 holes of the 72-hole event on 166 strokes.

Thursday's Leeuwin Ridge Roof Plumbing Scroungers was played in good conditions and it was men's captain Mal Bromley who dominated the leader board with a 39-point round.

New member Peter Joyce played well to come second on 36 points and Tony Byrne's 35 was enough to earn him third prize.

Bromley also snared the gross prize with 27 points.

Penny Foy prevailed in a close contest at Wednesday's women's Par event over Kerry Farrelly (-1).

Michele Boyanich won the B-grade with -3 and Helen Priest earned second prize in the division with -6.

Matt O'Farrell (17) won the men's division of Friday's nine-hole event and Jo Pyatt (17) took out the women's crown.

Dale continues to edge out ahead

AT the Margaret River Golf Club last week, Alan Dale's form during Thursday's Eat More Beef scroungers event continued on from that of Tuesday.

In Tuesday's veterans competition he scored an impressive 20 points over nine holes to edge out Matt O'Farrell (19) by one.

His 36 points on Thursday was enough to go two points clear of another old-timer, Jim Taylor (34) and give him his second win of the week.

Tony Foy was third (34) while Dean Taylor and Steve Hughes bul-

lied the rest of the field to win the longest drive prizes.

Marc Halsall demonstrated again that class is permanent and from is temporary as he shot the best gross score of 29 points.

It was another Veteran in Bob Imray who took out first prize on Saturday in Kim Hewton's Acton South-West stableford event with 36 points.

A shot back in second place was Preston House (35) who beat four others on a countback for third prize.

In Sunday's mixed event, the Hedstrom/Priest stableford, Dan Hunt shot the score of the week to win the men's division on 38 points while Di Linfoot accepted the prize for the best in the women's category with 29 points.

The next best on the day was Vic Solonec with 37 points.

It was Deja vu all over again on Friday morning when Val Meleri's 18 points was good enough to beat Matt O'Farrell's 17 and win the event.

Wednesday's women's event was cancelled due to bad weather.

SPORT



Margaret River Golf Club's Jon Farrell says despite major flooding during the past fortnight, fairways are holding up even though some bunkers have become lakes. Picture: Becky Felstead

Sporting grounds battered by winter rain

■ Rhys Dickinson

Local sporting club players raised concerns about fields' ability to withstand downpours nearing 100ml last Sunday, but Shire of Augusta-Margaret River recreation centre manager Dylan Brown said the region's sports surfaces held up well.

"There was some temporary pooling on the grounds due to the large amount of rain in such a short amount of time, but it drained away quickly and everything is looking pretty good for use this coming weekend," Mr Brown said.

Although Football Margaret Riv-

er sides slogged out matches against Blackwood in muddy conditions last Sunday, Jon Farrell said the Margaret River Golf Club was forced to close three holes on consecutive days to protect them from further damage.

"The last three holes of the front nine were a no go and the men's ninth tee was bad," the resident Golf Shop owner said.

"People (could) play holes one to six, but we had the course closed to 1pm (last) Saturday."

Mr Farrell said the club's greenkeepers worked overtime to repair flooded bunkers and clear fallen trees and debris from fairways.

"It's nothing that the boys can't

repair," he said.

"Basically the biggest problem we had was sand bunkers washing out."

The whole course had since opened for play.

Mr Brown said the Shire regularly monitored its grounds to make sure they were up to scratch.

"Weekly meetings are conducted between parks and gardens staff and recreation officers," he said.

"If the grounds are tired or need repair the recreation staff will reschedule any sporting activities for that week or move them to alternative locations.

"So far this year rescheduling has only been necessary twice."



Augusta Margaret River Times
Friday, September 13, 2013

Times Sport 27

Unstoppable Halsall lifts fourth crown

GOLF

The 2013 Margaret River Golf Club Men's Championship final round was played on Sunday with an absorbing battle over four rounds of golf in some testing conditions.

Marc Halsall was eventually crowned club champion for the fourth time in the past six years.

Halsall, a no-nonsense golfer blessed with natural ability, picked up a back injury during Saturday's warm-up.

He displayed the X-factor only champions possess by holding off the eventual runners-up Matt O'Connell and Rob Dewar in a tense final 18 holes.

Starting the day four strokes behind, O'Connell played steady golf to draw even with Halsall after birdying the par three 8th hole.

From then on, the pair traded blows all the way to the par four 17th green, where Halsall went for the knock-out punch with a classy birdie.

O'Connell kept fighting hard to force the eventual champion into having to hole a testing three-foot putt to avoid a play-off and claim the title.

Rob Dewar finished in third place, six strokes behind O'Connell.

In the nett competition for the



Club captain Mal Bromley and John Farrell watch as Gary Wightman tees off.
Pictures: Becky Felstead

Paddy Barrett Cup, Geoff Barrett prevailed over runner-up Mal Bromley and third-placed Nic Liebenberg.

Capping off a highly competitive day of championship golf, the Paddy Barrett Cup also went right down to the last putt of the day.

To the surprise of many the "sometimes suspect" putting action of Barrett had the last laugh.

Having to hole another testing three-footer to beat the ever-pre-

sent Mal Bromley by a single stroke, Barrett showed nerves of steel.

In other competitions last week, Dave Noske (38) beat Tony Byrne (38) on a countback to win scroungers on Thursday.

Rhonda Hearn (39) and Jo Pyatt (32) took out the Women's A and B grades respectively on Wednesday.

Ken Miles won Tuesday's vets' comp and June Home won Friday's nine-hole mixed competition.



Mark Halsall



Henry Liebenberg



Cameron Lawrence



Daniel Hunt



Top pair: Margaret River Golf Club men's championship runner-up Matt O'Connell congratulates champion Marc Halsall.

Halsall shows his mettle

TESTING conditions over four absorbing rounds saw the Margaret River Golf Club decide the men's championship.

For the fourth time in six years Marc Halsall was crowned club champion.

No-nonsense golfer Halsall is blessed with natural ability and can turn his hand to any number of sports.

He picked up a nasty back injury during Saturday's warm-up but displayed the x-factor champions possess for the weekend.

He held off runners-up Matt O'Connell and Rob Dewar in a pressure-cooker final 18 holes after starting the day four strokes behind.

O'Connell played steady golf to draw even with Halsall after a birdie on the par-three eighth.

From then on the pair traded blows all the way to the par-four 17th green where Halsall went for the knockout punch with a classy birdie.

O'Connell kept fighting hard to force the eventual champion into having to hole a testing one-metre putt to avoid a playoff and claim the Championship Cup.

Rob Dewar finished in third place, six

strokes behind O'Connell.

In the Wightman Building Company nett competition for the Paddy Barrett Cup it was Geoff Barrett who prevailed over runner-up Mal Bromley and third placed Nic Liebenberg.

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Having to hole another testing metre putt to beat the ever-present Mal Bromley by a single stroke, Barrett showed that same x-factor champions possess.

In other competitions last week, Dave Noske (38) beat Tony Byrne (38) on a countback to win the Howard Park Wines Scroungers on Thursday.

Rhonda Hearn (39) and Jo Pyatt (32) took out the Women's A and B grades respectively on Wednesday, Ken Miles won Tuesday's Vet's competition and June Home won Friday's nine-hole mixed event.

Weather makes play hard

back.

In Wednesday's nett event Phylliss Harper (69) and Michele Boyanich (70) cleaned up the field to take first and second prize respectively.

Leading the nett division after two rounds is Phylliss Harper (148) over last week's winner, Joan Garston (149).

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THURSDAY was the day for play of the Margaret River Golf Club scroungers event and a countback had to be employed to separate John

Ritchie and Tony Byrne, both on 36, at the top of the leader board.

John Ritchie had the stronger finish and claimed first prize, while young Nick Liebenberg continued his development and finished strong in third place on 35 points.

Tony Byrne was the beneficiary of another countback however - winning the prize for the best gross with 27.

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Margaret River Golf

ROUND two of Augusta Margaret River Golf Club's 2013 Women's Championship was played last Wednesday and Sue Bloxam leads by eight strokes going into the final round.

Bloxam appears to be making an attempt at 12 championship wins from the last 16 years and is well on her way to doing so.

Her closest competition comes in the form of Kerry Farrelly and Penny Foy who are tied in second place, eight shots

THE Brumby's Margaret River men's stableford went ahead on Saturday after being rained out last week. It was a closely fought affair, but nothing was really ever going to stand in the way of winner Jo Broadhurst on 36.

Showing consistency to grab second place was Nick Liebenberg (34), while third prize went to Jeff Hedstrom (33) on a countback from Dave Coates (33). Broadhurst's performance was also good enough to give him the prize for the best gross score (24).

Augusta Margaret River Times
Friday, October 4, 2013

Bloxam adds win to score of 11 for championship

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

Sue Bloxam was crowned Margaret River Golf Club's women's champion of 2013 last Wednesday after capping off a consistent performance over three rounds.

Bloxam, now a 12-time winner of the event, defeated nearest rivals Kerry Farrelly and last year's champion Penny Foy by 12 shots.

Michele Boyanich won the net competition with a score of 222, coming from behind to beat Joan Garstone on 223.

Last week's net leader Phylliss Harper passed up an opportunity to win the net crown to attend last weekend's AFL grand final.

The Wealth Plus Finance Mixed Canadian Foursomes was played at the weekend over 36 holes and Helen and Tony Siroen (147.5) from The Vines came from behind to pip Penny and Tony Foy (148) by half a stroke to claim first prize.

The gross winners were Preston House and Andy Riggir with 168 strokes.

In other events last week, Robin Lea (42 points) outshone the field in the Margaret River Tank Cleaning/Lago Wines Scroungers to win by four points over Laurie Bedford (38) and Brett Gilbert (38).

Gilbert also had the best gross score of 30 points.

Team Stableford sees award nabbed by visitors

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

Nick Liebenberg overcame a list of seasoned competitors and trying conditions to win Saturday's Stableford event at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Inspired by a visit to the Perth International tournament at Lake Karrinyup this week, Liebenberg produced a solid 36 points in to fend off low handicappers Rob De-war and Dan Hunt kept (35).

Sunday's event was a two-person combined Stableford format and winning on a countback with 69 points was Royal Fremantle Golf

Club's Norm and Rosemary Burd. Tony Combes and Allison Kelly (69) were done out of top prize on a countback, but were good enough to relegate Vic Solonec and Leonie Bell (67) to third place.

The Women's event on Wednesday morning was an 18-hole stroke competition and Rhonda Hearn proved her love for the traditional format, easily winning the A-grade division with 72 net. Libby Dawson placed second with a 75 net score.

B-grade was a closer affair, but was won by another purist, Doris Arthur, with 75 net strokes.

Geoff Barrett continued his club championship net winning for

with a win at last Thursday's scroungers event.

Barrett's 39 was good enough to topple eventual runner up John Ritchie (38) and Jeff Hedstrom (37).

Dean Taylor shot a classy 77 to take out the gross honours.

Fridays mixed nine-hole Stableford competition was won by Jo Pyatt on 19 points over Jim Taylor on 18.

In the Vets nine-hole 4BBB events on Tuesday morning the winning pair was Colin Andrews and Peter Brennan with an excellent 24 points. Jim Morris and Peter Clift placed second with 23 points.

Classic features tight battles

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

Joondalup Country Club's Pam Gray dominated the Margaret River Golf Club Women's Classic 36-hole Stableford tournament at the weekend, recording back-to-back rounds of 40 points to beat runner-up Shelly Terrill by four shots.

Leonie Bell flew the flag for MRGC, finishing in fourth position with a two-round tally of 74 points in the event which featured 230 competitors.

Chelsea Babbe of Royal Perth Golf Club won the gross event, finishing at just three-over-par on 69 gross points after 36 holes.

An 18-hole Canadian foursomes Stableford affair on Friday preceded the main fixture and a strong field of 120 players teed it up for a chance to win a helicopter flight straight after the game.

Wendy Austin and Debbie Randall had the honour as winners after shooting 39 points to defeat Margaret River's Rhonda Zanich and Jennie Freeman (37 points).

Rhonda Hearn (33) edged Penny Foy (32) at Wednesday's regular weekly event's A-grade fixture and Jo Pyatt (35) did enough to win B-

grade over June Home (33). MRGC's male members took a back seat last week due to the annual influx of classic entrants but still managed to squeeze in their weekly scroungers hit on Thursday.

Mick O'Hara topped the field with 41 points, defeating runner-up Mike Lawson by two shots.

Dean Taylor was third and took home the gross prize with 38 points. Peter Brennan shot the lights out at Tuesday's veterans' nine-hole event, recording 23 points to account for the in-form Mike Lawson by two strokes.



Deb Tanham from Lake Karrinyup.

SPORT

Pair take out championship

MARGARET River Golf Club crowned Matt O'Connell and Sue Bloxam its mixed foursome champions for 2013.

On the weekend the duo ran away from the field with a 36-hole gross of 157, edging out second placed Penny Foy and Nick Liebenberg.

The 36-hole nett champions were Gen and Jo Broadhurst, on 145.

The in-form Mike Basford shot an impressive round of 44 points to win the day and take the first round lead of the Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup, while David Goodall, continuing his run of good form, took out second place.

On Wednesday Barbara Webster won the A-grade women's tournament with 36 points, ahead of Maggie Foy on 35, the runner-up on a countback with Mandy Farrell.

The day's B-grade winner was Carolyn Scott 36, just ahead of Helen Priest on 34.

John Agnew shot 20 sensational points on Tuesday, narrowly defeating Vince Home on a brilliant 19 points.

SPORT

Basford revels in conditions

By Matt O'Connell

CORED and sanded greens aren't usually much fun to play on but the pleasure was all Mike Basford's on Thursday at The Margaret River Golf Club.

His 32 points was enough to give him 72 in total and a win in 2013 Garden Basket Sanded Greens Championship.

He was just two points ahead of the ever-present Dean Taylor (70) and the sometimes-present Mick O'Hara (70).

Steve Pease lamented what could have been in scoring an impressive 39 points to win the day after not playing in the first round way back in March.

Kim Fish looked as if he scored a lot of pars in coming second to Pease with 37 points, while Nathan Browner held off three others on a countback to take home third prize.

Taylor won the prize for the best gross with 31 points. Saturday's event was sponsored by Plasterboard Margaret River.

Daniel Hunt had no complaints about the sandy

greens after shooting 42 points to hold off Dave Glasson (42) on a countback and third placed, Nick Liebenberg (41).

Hunt's 35 gross points (one over par) was the day's best.

Sunday saw the playing of the "masquerade ball" mixed hidden pairs event where contestants teed off the first tee wearing a mask.

Nick Liebenberg and Angie Burges revealed their true golfing ability to team up and win the event with an aggregate of 73 stableford points, while Genny Broadhurst and Russel Pratt's 71 earned them second place.

In Friday's mixed nine-hole comp, Jan MacAulay won first prize with 19 points and Matt O'Farrell was second one point back.

Tomorrow is the first round of the Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup to be played over the next four Thursdays (three to count).

Players are encouraged to tee off early (from 11.30am) to avoid congestion.

SPORT

Visitors take out Watershed title

TOP honours at the weekend's annual Watershed Premium Wines Open Golf Event went to Royal Perth Golf Club member Alex Wallace and Lexie Sutton of Pinjarra Golf Club.

Margaret River Golf Club member Dave Coates was unlucky to lose to Wallace on a countback after both ended up on the same score of 74 stableford points.

Third in the men's division was local man Rhys Dickenson with 71 points.

Dickinson also shot the lowest gross for the event with 63 gross stableford points (nine over par).

In the women's division Mary St Peters of Melville Glades Golf Club came second on 69 points and was just three points behind winner Lexie Sutton (72).

The course has never been in better condition and competitors from far and wide commented on how lucky the local residents were to have a world-class golf course in their backyard.

In other events last week, Steve Britton won Thursday's Fennessey's Holden scroungers with a whopping 43 points.

Nic Taplin's fine form continued with his 41 points, and Jim Trigone's smooth swing served him well as he placed third

on a countback, also finishing with 41.

Rod Bedford blew in and won the gross prize with 34 points (or two over par).

Rhonda Hearn has hit a rich vein of form lately.

She easily accounted for the A-grade field on Wednesday in scoring 41 stableford points.

Kath Solonec was second on 39.

Helen Priest did enough to win B-grade over second-placed Lesley Folkard (36).

Of last week's nine-hole events the Vet's was won by Vince Home with 21 points after a countback from Peter Brennan (21) and Jim Morris (21).

In the Friday mixed event, Val Mowbray did it again, scoring 18 points to win the Women's prize.

Matt O'Farrell's 15 points was enough to give him the men's prize.

This week sees the playing of the second round of the annual scroungers Garden Basket Sanded Greens Championship.

Mike Basford is leading after 36 holes, with his 40 points.

Mick O'Hara, Mark Bonnette, and Tim Jackways are all four points back on 36.

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Festive golfing winners grin

GOLF

by Matt O'Connell

Henri Liebenberg was crowned Margaret River Golf Club's master of Stroke on Saturday.

Liebenberg came out on top in the annual Fermoy Estate men's Monthly Medal Playoff, which brought together winners from the monthly medalist competitions throughout 2013.

His net 72 round helped him fend off John Bell (73) and Grame Bedgood (73) to win the title.

The best score of the day came from non-qualifier Rob Baker, who shot a net 68, which was also the best gross score of the day (79).

Course greenkeeper Will Norris was also announced as the MRGC Golfer of the Year at the presentation ceremony. Nick Liebenberg was awarded the 2013 South West Knockout shield and Mick O'Hara and Graham Farrell received their trophy for winning the 2013 Canadian Foursomes matchplay event.

The club hosted its annual Berry Farm Ambrose event on Sunday and a large field turned out in perfect conditions for a fun day of golf.

Beck O'Connell, Linda Henri, Matt O'Connell and Danny O'Connell proved too strong for the field with a bogey-free round of 64 strokes (54.25 net) to take out the title.

Doris Arthur, Sue Bloxam, Pierre Every and Matt O'Farrell placed second with 65 strokes (55 net).

In the second round of the 2013 Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup Jon Beales and Henri Liebenberg both scored 40 points to improve their standing markedly in the four-round event.

Beales was crowned the weekly winner on a countback and Jo Broadhurst's 39-point round earned him third place honours.

Professional golfer Kerrod Gray won the best gross score with his 74-stroke round.

Henri Liebenberg (77) holds a one point lead over the ever-present Dave Goodall (76) after the two rounds of the competition, and Jon Beales sits in third place (75).

Ray Atcheson, John Agnew, and John Webster tied for first place in Friday's nine-hole veteran's event with 21 Stableford points.



Margaret River Golf Club Mixed Ambrose winners Danny O'Connell, Matt O'Connell, Linda Henri, Beck O'Connell with Mike Skivinis of The Berry Farm.

Basford thrives in difficult conditions

GOLF

■ Matt O'Connell

Mike Basford thrived in difficult conditions last Thursday, notching up 32 points to help capture the 2013 Garden Basket Sanded Greens Championship by two points over Dean Taylor (70) and Mick O'Hara (70).

Basford proved the master of cored greens by amassing 72 points in the 36-hole event while Steve Pease lamented what could have been in scoring an impressive 39 points to win the day after not playing in the first round way back in March.

Kim Fish looked like he could have a lot of pars in coming second to Pease with 37 points, while Nathan Browner held off three others on a countback to take home third prize. Taylor won the prize for the best gross with 31 points.

Saturday's event was sponsored by Plasterboard Margaret River and Daniel Hunt had no complaints about the sandy greens after shooting 42 points to hold off Dave Glasson on a countback and third placed Nick Liebenberg (41).

Hunt's 35 gross points was the best score of the day.

Players contested a "masqueraded ball" mixed hidden pairs event where contestants had to tee off the first tee wearing a mask.

Nick Liebenberg and Angie Burges revealed their true golfing ability to team up and win the event with an aggregate of 73 Stableford points, while Genny Broadhurst and Russel Pratt's 71 earned them second place.

In Friday's mixed nine-hole competition Jan MacAulay won first prize with 19 points and Matt O'Farrell placed second on 18 points.



Dave Glasson.



Mel Gray.



Mike Lawson.



Margaret River's Geoff Barrett.



Graham Farrell. Pictures: Becky Felstead



Michael Davidson from Rottneest.



Mick O'Hara.



Matt O'Connell.



Experience: Margaret River Golf Club's veterans turn out each Tuesday for the veterans' competition for ages 55-85.

Good weather helps run of strong Scrounger scores

By Matt O'Connell

THE Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup continued at the Margaret River Golf Club last week, with the third round of four played on Thursday.

The summer conditions helped, with many fine scores being recorded.

Michael Rogers' excellent 42 stableford points to edge out Graeme Linfoot (41) won the day, though both failed to qualify for the cup, having only played one round, leaving the day's third place-getter Mike Basford to add 40 points to his first-round score of 44 and regain top spot on the leaderboard after three rounds.

There are still a number of

players who can challenge Basford next week, with Kim Hewton, Geoff Hedstrom, Dave Goodall, Henri Liebenberg and others all within striking distance.

Saturday's men's event was the Lea/Harveson Stableford and again the scoring was high.

Geoff Barrett came out on top with 39 points, while Steve Britton (38) came a close second, and Dean Taylor was awarded the prize for the best gross score of 33 points.

Sunday saw the playing of the Coates Stableford and the clear winner, shooting one over par off the stick, was Steve Owen (41 points).

The women's winner was

Lyn Glasson (38), while the next best overall was Mike Herbert (38).

In Tuesday's veterans' nine-hole event, the scoring improved further, with Ray Atcheson smashing the field on his way to a fine 24 points.

Richard Deshon (21) and Jim Morris (20) played well but in the end were reduced to spectators as Atcheson's pedigree showed, as it has so often done throughout a fine local sporting career dating back to the 1950s.

Friday's nine-hole competition did not miss out on the points spree, with Megan Booth (20) winning, Colleen Marks (19) second, and Mary Taylor (19) third.

GOLF GOSS

MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB

This month we welcome four new members to the Margaret River Golf Club

Max & Chesne Cox
(Country Members)

Chris Jarrot (Provisional)

David Greenspan
(Provisional)

THANK YOU

Volunteers: Ray Atcheson & Gordon Smith.

Rain, Hail or Shine, these two stalwarts of the Golf Club, volunteer their Fridays every week to empty the recycle bins (18) on the course. Starting at 6.30 a.m. sharp, Atchey & Big G, hook up the trailer and scour the bins on the course for recyclable cans and bottles. Not much stops these two from the job at hand. Once finished they pop into the Shop for a well deserved Cappuccino, chat and an occasional email joke.

Well done and thank you from all the members.



Legends, Ray Atcheson and Gordon Smith, enjoying an early morning Coffee, after doing their recycle bin round at the Golf Course.



MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB VETERANS 2013

BACK (Left to right): Richard Deshon, Neil Carey, Alan Dale, Jim Morris, Mike Beale, Colin Andrews, Kevin Parker, Bob Imray, Gerry Hunt, Ray Atcheson, Matt O'Farrell, Alan Thwaites, Noel Wernman, Geoff Harveson, Dave Benson, Abe Huisken, Cliff Garstone, Roger Last, Laurie Bedford, Peter Brennan, Gordon Smith, Roy Hobson, Steve Owen, Brian Taylor, Peter Clift.
FRONT: Mike Lawson, Bill Ivey, John Webster, Jon Beales (capt), John Agnew, Rob Baker.

SPORT

Open inspires fierce rivalry

CONDITIONS were good and competition fierce at the Margaret River Golf Club as a strong field teed up at the Margaret River Hotel Open on the weekend.

In the end it was the local knowledge of Graeme Bedggood and Denise Warren that won them the respective men and women divisions.

Bedggood's excellent 38 points on Saturday was followed by a solid 36 on Sunday to give him a 74 nett, enough on a countback for him to hold off an unlucky Nic Liebenberg (74) and Peter Brandis (74).

Michael Lucas of Harvey Golf Club shot an excellent 36-hole total of just one over par off the stick to win the gross prize from local Marc Halsall.

Denise Warren's win was a little more clear-cut as her 67-nett total was two points clear of Vicki Haunold of Dunsborough CC (65).

Local champion Sue Bloxam won the gross prize with 55 points from Penny Foy.

Friday's entire event was the Coopers Ambrose 2s and again it was the locals who showed their mettle.

The team of Mike Croxford and Allison Kelly won with an outstanding 61 nett.

John Ferguson and Ian Metcalfe were second on 63.75 nett and local greenkeepers Will Norris and Jason Johnson employed their intimate knowledge of the course to earn third prize (64.75).

The club thanked the team at the Margaret River Hotel for its support.

In other events last week, Matt O'Farrell won the Taylor/Farrell Scroungers on Thursday with 38 points on a countback from four others.

In the Margaret River Basics Women's event, on Wednesday, Marg Scott won the A-grade (37) and Jo Pyatt (36) won the B-grade.

On Tuesday Mike Beale won the Veterans Bisque Par competition with plus-4, ahead of Roy Hobson.



Winners: Successful golfers all, Leslie Folkard, Penny Foy, Denise Warren, Nic Liebenberg, Preston House, Steve Hughes, Vicki Harnould and Graeme Bedggood.

SPORT

Wixon wins, beats Worth

GOLF
■ Matt O'Connell

Round 1 of the Garden Basket's "sand greens" cup was played at Thursday's Scroungers day and Jeremy Wixon scored 37 points to win first prize over Mark Worth (36) and David Massie (36).

The best gross score of 29 points came from Dean Taylor.

Margaret River First National Sponsored the Men's Stableford on Saturday and winning first prize was Peter Nicholls on an impressive 41 points.

Geoff Barrett's putter worked well as he scored an excellent 40 to come second, while Dave Benson's 39 gave him third prize.

The gross prize went to Matt O'Connell with 29 points.

On Sunday at the Tate Constructions Goomalling Golf Club Brian Carter topped the men's division with 35 points and Penny Foy won the Women's category with 34.

In Friday mornings mixed 9-hole Stableford, Jo Pyatt took out first prize with a fine 20 points while Jim Taylor came a close second on 19.

Burnett steals limelight

By Matt O'Connell

ROSIE Burnett is developing a knack of stealing the limelight at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Burnett scored her second hole-in-one for the year at the Boyanich's mixed stableford competition on Sunday, succeeding on par three, eight hole.

Onlookers said there was none of the usual "flukiness" that Burnett normally displayed on the golf course; it was just a great shot that landed softly on the green and rolled calmly into the cup.

The ace helped her to win the women's division that day with a solid 36 points.

Cam Lawrence won the men's division with 36 and Sue Bloxam was third overall on 33.

Saturday's men's stableford event was sponsored by Danny O'Connell and it was another Danny who came up trumps on the day.

Daniel Hunt shot a fine 39 points to claim prize of tickets to Mrs Brown's Boys in Perth next month.

Second place was Dave Benson with 38 points.

John Bell completed an error-free round to score 37 points and claim third prize.

Mal Bromley's 28 points off the stick was enough to give him the gross prize.

In the Energy Surfboards scroungers on Thursday, the cream rose to the top with some of the club's best golfers battling it out for the first prize.

Rob Dewar, Dean Taylor and John O'Connor all finished on 36 points and had to be separated by a countback.

In the end they finished in the aforementioned order and Dave Greenspan took out the gross prize with 29 points gross.

Wednesday's Women's 4BBB stableford event was sponsored by Aspenz.

Barbara Webster and Jean McCarthy made a mockery of the leader board, scoring 48 points on their way to a nine-point win over Penny Foy and Carolyn Scott (39).

In the vets' ambrose event on Tuesday morning, Mike Lawson and Bob Mofflyn shot 31.75 to win over Peter Clift and Mike Lawson on 34.125.

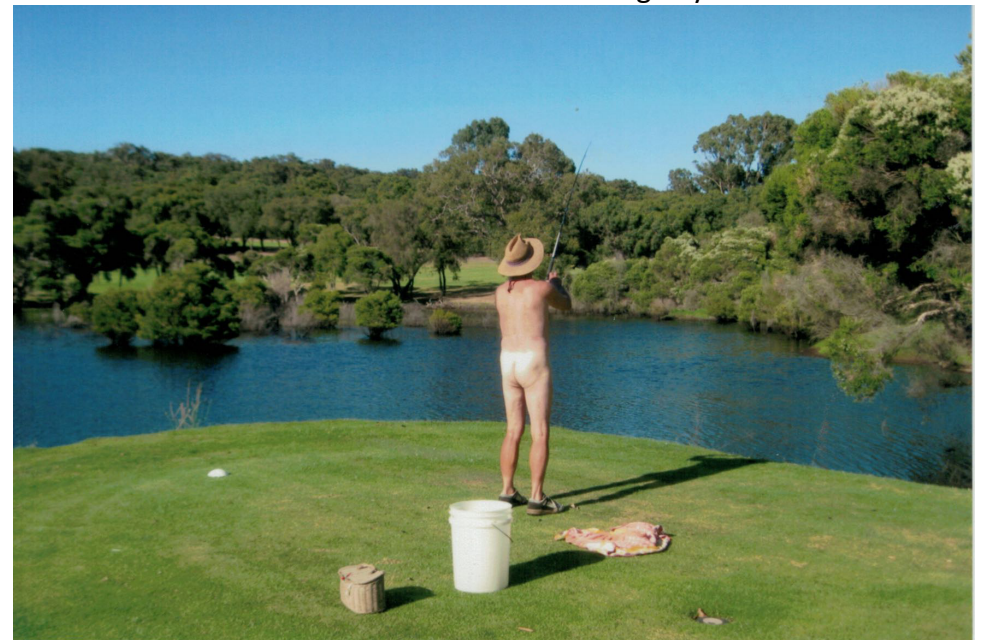
In Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event Jean McCarthy carded an excellent 22 points to win by five over Gerry Hunt (17).



2014 Veteran's Xmas - Cliff Garston receiving Ray Atcheson Shield



Opening day 2014 with Doris Arthur, patron hitting off



Hickey makes point

THE women's golf season was underway at the Margaret River Golf Club last week.

On Wednesday, Nola Hickey made a solid statement with a massive score of 51 stableford points to win the B-grade over Carolyn Scott on 35. Mandy Farrell won the A-grade with 38 points, beating second-placed Penny Foy by two.

The great scores just kept coming on Thursday with Dean Kemp's Down South Wholesale scroungers.

David Massie shot 44 points to pip Craig Foy by a single stroke.

Dean Taylor again showed his class in shooting four over par off the stick to win the gross prize.

In Saturday's Home Hardware stableford, Carl Marais of Bunbury snuck in and snuck out with first prize after scoring a fine 41 points. Damien Bullock's 40 points were enough to comfortably hold off Jeff Hedstrom (38) and win second prize.

Dan Hunt reminded everyone of his

ability with 32 gross points to win the gross division.

Nic Liebenberg continued his development as a promising South West junior in scoring another sub-80 round of 39 points, claiming first place in Sunday's mixed stableford with 39 points.

Penny Foy won the women's division with 36 and Tim Jackways was third overall on 35 points.

Other juniors and beginners enjoyed a fun day of learning the game with SNAG golf in Reuther Park on Sunday.

Look out for more sessions in schools and at the club in coming weeks.

The scoring in the vet's nine-hole stableford on Tuesday morning was high as Abe Huisken won with 22 points over Rod Bishop (21).

Friday morning's mixed nine-hole event saw another vet, Gerry Hunt, the clear winner with 19 points.

He was three shots clear of second-placed Val Mowbray.

Keogh wins monthly mug

MIKE Keogh came up trumps with 71 nett at Margaret River Golf Club's men's monthly mug on Saturday.

In a log-jam for second place, Bill Guest (74) beat out Peter Norris (74) and Bill Pascoe (74) on a countback.

Steve Owen continued his good form to win the gross prize with 81 strokes. Graeme Bedgood won the prize for the best putter with 27 strokes.

Watershed Premium Wines sponsored the event.

On Thursday, the Liebenberg scroungers was played. It turned out to be a day out on the green for greenkeeper Jason Johnson, who scored 39 points and took out Mark Kevill (39) on a countback.

Alan Dale was third on 38 points, while Jeff Hedstrom won the gross

on 29 points.

Wednesday's women's event was sponsored by GolfBox Bunbury and the girls kept on producing the great scores with Rosie Burnett winning the A-grade on 41 stableford points over second placed Wendy Campbell (39).

The B-grade was won by the in-form Jean McCarthy on 34, while Joan Garstone was second with 33 points.

The Flinders Bay Wines mixed stableford teed off on Sunday afternoon and again the scores were high with Daniel Hunt shooting 40 points to win the men's division.

Helen Priest had 37 points and won the women's division. The next best overall was Steve Owen on 37. Dan Hunt's one over par off the stick was enough to win him the gross prize for the day.

The first round of the annual R. Atcheson veteran's matchplay trophy got underway last Tuesday with a field of close to 32 taking part and 16 players progressing to the next round, which will be played next month.

In the stableford event, Roy Hobson shot 19 points over nine holes to win the day. Second place went to Mike Lawson, one shot back on 18 points.

Friday's mixed nine-hole event saw Megan Booth win by four with 20 points over second placed Shirley Becker (16) and Matt O'Farrell (15) third.

Next month will be the annual Settler's Liquor Store Pro Am. Anyone interested in teeing up with a pro can contact the club on 9757 2197 or email admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

Teen streaks ahead of pack in stableford

NICK Liebenberg showed the ANZ Margaret River men's stableford on Saturday that he is quickly becoming a master of his own golf game and may be on the road to "masters" of another sort.

Scoring an excellent 40 points (76 strokes) and winning the event, the 13-year-old has continued to improve his handicap at breakneck speed to its current 6.5.

Coming second on 38 points was Tim Watson, with Jules Ashton on 36 taking third spot. Liebenberg won the gross category also, with 32 points.

The Burges mixed ambrose 2s was held on Sunday and the team of Mike Skivinis and Steve Britton proved to be the clear winners on a fine score of nett 61 strokes. Mike Kelly and Penny Foy were second on 64.

Thursday's scroungers was sponsored by Smik Cleaning and the scoring was close with Geoff Barrett, Terry Halsall and Kim Hewton all finishing on 38 points.

In the end, after a countback, they finished in that order (Barrett the winner). The big winner on the day, however, was Mark Worth in shooting 37 points to win the gross (29) and beating some of his more fancied rivals.

In the women's stableford on Wednesday, the A-grade was another hard fought battle with Allison Kelly (73 nett) pipping Di Gordon (74) to claim first place and the silver spoon.

In the B-grade, Nola Hickey continued her meteoric rise in the rankings to win with 77 nett over Colleen Marks (80).

Tuesday's nine-hole veteran's event saw Ray Atcheson dominate with 22 stableford points over Mike Keogh (21). Friday's mixed nine-hole event was also a stableford competition and Gerry Hunt (20) did enough to see off Rod Bishop (19) and Colleen Marks (17) to win.

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Seniors tee-off at top event

GOLF

By Rebecca Parish

More than 200 women were on the green at Margaret River Golf Club earlier this week for the two-day Women's Regional Seniors Competition.

The annual event is a highly anticipated event on the Golf WA calendar, according to women's tournament co-ordinator Sue Goundrey.

"It is the most popular women's tournament," she said.

"This year, 100 ladies had to be eliminated by age with the youngest going first."

Women travelled from as far as Albany and Geraldton to get involved in the event, with the youngest competitor 65-years-old.

The seniors tournament has run since 1992 and player Eileen Dix — who won the very first event — is still playing in the tournament today, as well as seven past winners.

Although rain drenched the field on Monday morning, those playing in the afternoon and Tuesday morning were not affected.



Rockingham Golf Club's Mary Freeborn.



Moora Lake View Golf Club's Shirley O'Brien warms up on the green.



Rockingham Golf Club's Laurel Carter takes a swing.



Isla Lord, of Capel Golf Club.

Plenty of action in monthly mug game

GOLF

By Rolf Goff

The Men's Monthly Mug Stableford was held on Saturday and John O'Connor came up trumps with 38 points.

In second place was Mick O'Hara (36) and third Dave Goodall (35) beat out Stephen Britton (35) and Jo Broadhurst (35) on a countback.

Scroungers was played on Thursday and it turned out to be a day out on the green for greenkeeper Will Norris, who scored 37 points and took out Dean Taylor (37) on a countback, while Dave Greenspan was third on 36 points. Wednesday's Silver Spoon

Women's event was sponsored by Kerry Farrelly and Joan Garstone and the girls kept producing the great scores, with Helen Priest winning the A-grade with a nett 73 over second-placed Rosie Burnett (74) and Diane Gordon third (75).

B-grade was won by the in-form Helen Priest on 77, with Renae Lee second and Joan Garstone third.

The Mixed Stableford event teed off on Sunday and Graham Farrell shot 37 points to win the Men's division from Bruce Darby (34).

Allison Kelly won the Women's division.

Another round of the annual Veterans Matchplay Trophy began

last Tuesday, with a field of 33 taking part.

In the Stableford event, Rod Bishop had a great day with 24 points over the 9 holes, while second place went to Colin Andrews, one shot back on 23 points.

In Friday's mixed nine-hole event, Matthew O'Farrell won with 18 points over second-placed Gerald Hunt (17) and Jan Macaulay (17) in third.

On May 29 we see the playing of the annual Settler's Liquor Store Pro Am.

Anyone interested in teeing it up with a pro can contact the club on 9757 2197 or admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

Noske in return to form with double appearance

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

In a remarkable effort this week, Dave Noske won the Dave Burges Scroungers Stableford event on Thursday with 39 points and the Labelmakers World Stableford event on Saturday, also with 39 points.

Runner up on Thursday at the

Dave Burges Scroungers was Trevor Hunt (39) with Greg Cura (36) third.

On Saturday, Dave Noske (39) was a clear two points ahead of the field with Gavin Leper (37) second and Terry Halsall (37) third.

With the golf course being closed on Monday and Tuesday for the Regional Seniors Ladies event, the Vets and Ladies teed it off on

Wednesday for a mixed competition day, great fun was had by all.

Sunday's Barry House Stableford event was unfortunately badly affected by inclement weather.

On May 29, the club will see the playing of the annual Pro Am.

Anyone interested in teeing it up with a professional can contact the club on 9757 2197 or admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

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Winning spots spread around

MARGARET River Golf Club's scroungers event was dominated by David Burges on Thursday with an excellent 39 points.

Ray Baker was second on 36 while Robin Lea was third on 35.

In Wednesday's competition Angie Burges won the Cheryl DeJong/Dorothy Gallop sponsored ladies' stableford event with 36 points on a countback from Penny Foy (36) and Michelle Boyanich (36).

Tuesday's veterans stroke event was won by Niall Carey with a nett 28 from Robin Lea (34) and Alan Thwaites (35).

Saturday's Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association stableford event was won by Dave Goodall with 36 points on a countback from Graeme Bedgood (36) with Greg Cura (35) third.

Sunday's Edwards Wines stableford event was won by Rhys Owen with 36 Points from Laurie Barker (35) and Matthew O'Farrell (35)

Keen golfers line up

GOLF

The annual Pro-Am was the big event on the Margaret River Golf Club calendar and the *Times* was there last week as professionals and spirited amateurs mixed it up.

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Committee members Henri Liebenberg and John O'Connor.



Nathan Browner and Terry Halsall.



Matt Jager from Perth with Steph Smith from Melbourne.



Peter Norris and Gary Evershed.



Well done: Pro-event winner Stephen Dartnall receives his cheque from sponsor Preston House.

Pro-Am great success

THE primed course, weather and golf shaped up to make the Settlers Liquor Pro-Am a great success at the Margaret River Golf Club on Thursday.

Professional golfer Stephen Dartnall shot a sensational 66, 6 under par to win, equalling the course record set by Wayne Smith.

The teams played a combined Irish stableford format.

Amateur first-place winners were Gordon Riggir, Preston House and Nic

House. Second place went to Graeme Payne, Alex Williams and Craig Foy.

In third spot were Mal Gray, Dave Goodall and Mike Kelly, followed by Jules Ashton, Stuart Currell and Mike Skivinis.

Thanks to volunteers Mark Lewis, Will Norris, Jason Johnson and Laurie Bedford for their work on the course ahead of the event.



First team in: Winners Gordon Riggir, Preston House and Nic House.

Top score at pro-am

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

The weather was kind for the third Margaret River Golf Club Pro-Am competition played last Thursday, with the conditions helping one player equal the course record.

With the course in magnificent condition, the club welcomed 38 professional golfers and 90 amateurs to the event.

The day was started by the professionals competing in two showcase events.

Taking place in front of the crowd eating breakfast at the clubhouse, Clint Rice from WA provided the best shot at the pin on the ninth green, and fellow WA player Stephen Dartnell smashed the longest drive to over 270m.

Leading professional on the day was Dartnell, who pocketed a cheque for \$1796 for a score of 66, which tied the course record set by Wayne Smith.

Tying for second with a score of 68 were Mitchell Brown (NSW), Anthony Brown (Victoria) and Grant Thomas (NSW).

For the amateurs, the winners were the team of Preston



Danial Bringolf and Troy Murphy.

House, Nick House and Gordy Riggir with an astounding 101 points. Second, with a score of 98 points, were Graeme Payne, Craig Foy and Alec Williams.

Third with 92 points was Michael Kelly, Dave Goodall and Mal Gray, while fourth was Stuart Currell, Jules Ashton and Michael Skivinis with 91 points.

In addition to the main prizes, professionals Jason Scriviner, Tristan McCallum, David Branson and Josh Younger and their teams won generous prizes for hitting closest to the pins on the four par-three holes.

■ For pictures from the Pro-Am, see Page 22 or visit www.infogo.com.au

Week of play affected by the elements

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

In a week marred by inclement weather, John Wholagan's nett 61 was the standout score of the week at the red tee Scroungers stroke event. Wholagan won from Preston

House (64) and Bruce Downing (66).

At Sunday's Stableford event, the best man was Thomas Grant with 36 points on a countback from Laurie Bedford (36).

The best woman was Rhonda Hearn for the second week in a row on 29 points from Wendy

Chidgey (25). In Wednesday's 4BBB event, the winners were Jo Pyatt and Judy Anderson with 42 points from Kerry Farrelly and Shirley Swarbrick (40).

Wendy Campbell and Lyan Shepherd were third (39).

Tuesday and Saturday were washed out.

Massie wins as eagles fly at Cup event

GOLF

Last Thursday's Lilliput Cup Scroungers competition at the Margaret River Golf Club featured two eagles on hole 7 by Jeff Hedstrom and Will Norris.

The winner on the day was David Massie with 38 points from Tony Byrne (37) and Daniel Hunt (37).

Meanwhile Saturday's Watershed Premium Wines event was won by Laurie Bedford with a score of nett 72 from Michael Rogers (73) and Larry Dejong (73).

Wednesday's Michelle Bojanich-sponsored ladies event saw Allison Kelly come out on top with a nett 74 from Elizabeth Dawson (79) and Rhonda Hearn (79).

Tuesday's Ray Atcheson Shield Stableford event for the veterans competition went to Rob Edwards with 19 points from Niall Carey (18) and Peter Brennan (17).

SPORT



Winners are grinners: Dave Glasson and Thomas Grant.

Championship pair

MARGARET River Golf Club held its annual 4 Ball Better Ball Club Championships at the weekend.

Overall winners of the two-day event with an excellent 82 points were Dave Glasson and Thomas Grant, from runners-up Bill Guest and Russell Pratt 81.

First day winners were Bill Taplin and Danny O'Connell with 42 points from runners-up Tony Foy and Michael Kelly 41.

Second day winners were Bill Taplin and Matt O'Connell with 42 points from runners-up David

Jeffrey and Ray Barker 41.

Thursday's scroungers stableford event was won by Nic Taplin with 37 points from Preston House 33 and Stuart Currell also 33.

Wednesday's ladies stableford event was won by Sue Bloxam with 33 points from Wendy Campbell 32 and Kerry Farrelly 30.

Tuesday's Vets nine-hole stableford competition was won by Bill Taplin with 20 points ahead of Jim Morris and Roy Hobson both on 17.

SPORT

President wins again

By Rolf Goff

MARGARET River Golf Club president Mike Basford has been on a lucky streak lately.

He took out Thursday's scroungers event with 39 points from Pierre Every (36) and Mike Kelly (35).

The win backed up Basford's success in winning the scroungers game in the week prior.

Saturday's Canadian Foursomes

game was won by Dave Goodall and Tom Grant with 70.63 from Daniel Hunt and Rob Dewar (71.88) and Mike Keogh and Matt O'Connell (72.5).

Sunday's stableford competition was won by Tom Grant with 37 points on a countback from Peter Bojanich (37). Best lady was Sue Bloxam (33).

Wednesday's sponsored ladies' event was won by Wendy Chidgey with 32 points from Sue Bloxam (30), B-grade winner was Val Maleri with 32 points.

Grant eagle the Stableford highlight

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

Sunday's club-sponsored mixed Stableford event featured an eagle by Tom Grant on the 14th hole.

The event was won by David Jeffrey with 37 points from Bill Taplin (36) and David Glasson

(35). Best lady was Di Gordon.

Saturday's Stableford competition was won by Henri Liebenberg with 34 points on a countback from Bill Taplin (34) and Mike Linfoot (33).

Thursday's scroungers was won by Jonathan Beales with an excellent 41 points from Brent Burton (38) and Tony Byrne (38).

Wednesday's ladies event was won by Laurie Barker with 33 points from Patsy Bedford (32).

B-grade was won by Lyn Glasson with 28 points from Doris Arthur (27).

Tuesday's veterans competition was won by Niall Carey with 18 points from Abe Huisken (16) and Michael Beale (16).

SPORT

Mixed foursomes pair champions

LEONIE and John Bell are the gross winners of the Margaret River Mixed Foursomes Club Championships after Sunday's round two.

They finished with scores of 84 and 88 from their two rounds, a total of 172. This was just one ahead of Kerry Farrelly and Mark Pope who scored 91 and 82 (173) while Sue Bloxam and Will Norris were third with 82 and 92 (174).

The overall nett winners were Patsie and Laurie Bedford with 78 and 74.5 (152.5) from Laurie and Ray Barker with 80.5 and 73.5. Third were Rhonda Hearn and Dave Goodall with 77.5 and 77 (154.5).

Thursday's Bare Rooted Wines event was won by Mal Bromley with 39 points from Michael Skivinis (38) and Brent Burton (37).

Saturday's stableford event went to Dave Glasson with 38 points from Michael Hake (36) and Geoff Barret (35).

Wednesday's Ladies par event was won by Aileen Budge with an all square score on a countback from Sue Bloxam (square) and Phyllis Harper (-1).

Tuesday's Veterans event was won by Robin Lea with 19 points from Richard Deshon (18) and Laurie Bedford (17).

SPORT

Championships kick off

THE opening two rounds of the Margaret River Golf Club foursomes championships were played on Sunday.

Winners of the best gross score on the day were Will Norris and Sue Bloxam with 82 strokes from John and Leonie Bell on 84 and Nick Liebenberg and Penny Foy 87.

Winners of the best nett score were David Coates and Angie Burges with 74, on a countback from John and Leonie Bell and Cam Lawrence and Margaret Scott 74.5.

The Graham Payne-sponsored scroungers event on Thursday was won by Rob Baker with 37 points from David Burges 36 and Jules Ashton 36.

Saturday's Kim Hewton-sponsored Stableford event was won by Gerry Keogh with 36 points from Henri Liebenberg 34 and Pierre Every 33.

Wednesday's ladies event was won by Maggie Foy with 35 points from Phyllis Harper 33, B Grade was won by Val Meleri 30 from Renae Lea 29.

Sunday is set aside for the conclusion of the foursomes championships.

Nominations are now being taken for the Mixed Irish Stableford Toro

Open being held on August 23.

Augusta Golf

Results:

Augusta Golf Club men's pairs championship day one, Saturday gross winners: Joe Italiano and Tommy Payne 86, Graham and Jack Challis 86 and Jim Swarbrick and Dennis Kenworthy 86. Nett winners Les Castle and Robin Dunbar-Smith 72.5. novelties Graham Challis, George Leonard, Nick Dornan and Les Castle. Day two, Sunday gross winners: Joe Italiano and Tom Payne 83, runners-up Jim Swarbrick and Dennis Kenworthy 84. nett winners Les Castle and Robin Dunbar-Smith 72.5.

Championship winners: Gross winners Joe Italiano and Tom Payne 169, runners-up Jim Swarbrick and Dennis Kenworthy 170. Nett winners Les Castle and Robin Dunbar-Smith 145, runners-up Pat Cunningham and Nick Dornan 146. Novelties Kim Darragh, Jim Swarbrick, Dennis Kenworthy and Tom Payne.

Fixtures:

Saturday men's sweepstakes; Sunday mixed stableford.

SPORT

Keen golfers brave weather

A BRAVE crew of 41 starters played in miserable weather at last Thursday's scroungers event.

The winner on the day was club captain Dave Glasson with 37 points from Kim Hewton (34) and Mick O'Hara (34).

Saturday's competition was won by Michael Keogh with 40 points from Dave Goodal (38) and Maurie Shinnick (36).

Sunday's Stableford event was won

by junior player Nick Liebenberg on 34 points on a countback from Kim Hewton (34) and Ray Barker (33).

Wednesday's ladies' stroke event was won by Kerry Farrelly with a nett score of 74 from Kath Solonec (75) and Vicki Dryden (75).

Entry forms for the Margaret River Ladies Classic to be held from October 24-26 will be sent to golf clubs for distribution to their members next Monday.

SPORT

Devitt in a close one

By Rolf Goff

MARGARET River Golf Club's Brian Devitt was relieved to win Thursday's scroungers event after a very tight finish.

With 38 points, he won on a countback from Mark Keevil (38) and Mike Lawson (37).

Saturday's monthly mug went to Michael Keogh with a nett 72 from Bill Guest (74) and Jamie Piotrowski (74).

Sunday's mixed comp event was claimed by Daniel Hunt with 37 points from Ray Barker (35) with best lady

Laurie Barker third on 34 points.

Wednesday's ladies event went Kath Solonec with 33 points from Christine Combes (32) and Di Gordon (31).

Tuesday's Veterans competition was won by Michael Beale with 23 points from Rob Baker (21) and Terry Halsall (20).

Entry forms for the Margaret River Women's Classic were sent out this week. Held October 24-26, this event is always oversubscribed with a full field of 320 players so people are urged to get entries in early.

SPORT

Major events well attended at club

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted two major events last weekend, the Toro Open on Saturday and Daffodil Day on Sunday.

The Toro Open winners were Greg Cura, Dave Jeffrey, Graeme Bedgood and Bill Guest with 98 points.

Second placed were Jill Cassidy, Sue Kelly, Margaret Doyle and Frances Fairweather with 96 and third on a countback were Henri Liebenberg, Nick Liebenberg,

Megan Booth and Mike Skivinis also with 96.

Daffodil Day, in ambrose format, was won by Jeff Pitts, Jeremy Rule, Steve Kilfoil and Gail Kneale from Bunbury Golf Club with 56.375 from Megan Booth, Cam Lawrence, Mike Herbert and Craig Dawe with 56.625. Third were Laurie Barker, Ray Barker, Di Linfoot and Graeme Linfoot with 56.750.

Thursday's Priceline sponsored

scroungers event was won by John Beales with 42 on a countback from Matt O'Farrell (42) with Barry Granville running third (38).

Wednesday's ladies event was won by Kerry Farrelly with 33 on a countback from Phyllis Harper (33) and Patsy Bedford (31).

Tuesday's veteran's competition was won by Colin Andrews with 22 from Ian Chidgey (19) and Gordon Smith (18).

Bloxam and Farrelly win foursomes

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

Margaret River Golf Club held its annual women's 36-hole foursomes championships last Wednesday.

Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly were the gross winners with a score of 167, with runners-up Penny Foy and Allison Kelly on 183.

The net winners were Rosie Burnett and Doris Arthur with a score of 156, from runners-up Rhonda Hearn and Patsy Bedford on 159.

Thursday's Schiavello-sponsored men's scroungers event saw a runaway win to Mike Lawson with 44 points from Nick Carroll (38), who snatched second on a countback from Jeremy Wixon.

Saturday's men's event saw Robin Lea on 37 points edge out Mike Lawson (37) on a countback, with Brent Burton third on 36 points.

Sunday's Mick O'Hara-sponsored mixed competition saw Megan Booth win with 38 points from Steve Britton (36) and Craig Foy (35).

Tuesday's veteran's event saw Gerry Hunt come out on top with 20 points from Neil Carey (19) and Terry Haywood (19).

Entries are open for the mixed Canadian foursomes event on September 27 and 28.

Busy weekend on the golf course

GOLF
■ Rolf Goff

Margaret River Golf Club hosted two big events last weekend, the Toro Open on Saturday and Daffodil Day on Sunday.

The Toro Open in Irish Stableford format was won by the sponsor's team, who passed on the prize spoils.

The winners were Greg Cura, Dave Jeffrey, Graeme Bedgood and Bill Guest with 98 points.

Second placed were Jill

Cassidy, Sue Kelly, Margaret Doyle and Frances Fairweather (96) and third on a countback were Henri Liebenberg, Nick Liebenberg, Megan Booth and Mike Skivinis.

Daffodil Day in Ambrose format was won by Jeff Pitts, Jeremy Rule, Steve Kilfoil and Gail Kneale from Bunbury Golf Club, with 56.375 points, from Megan Booth, Cam Lawrence, Mike Herbert and Craig Dawe (56.625), with third placed Laurie Barker, Ray Barker, Di Lin-

foot and Graeme Linfoot (56.750).

Thursday's Priceline sponsored scroungers event was won by John Beales with 42 points on a countback from Matt O'Farrell with Barry Granville running third (38).

Wednesday's Ladies event was won by Kerry Farrelly with 33 points on a countback from Phyllis Harper.

Tuesday's veteran's competition was won by Colin Andrews with 22 points from Ian Chidgey (19) and Gordon Smith (18).

SPORT

Bloxam wins for a record 13 times

THE Margaret River Golf Club Championships for ladies and men came to an impressive end last week with new records being set within the club.

Sue Bloxam won the ladies event for the 13th time, setting the new club record.

Bloxam won the gross division on 236 followed by Kerry Farrelly on 259.

Bloxam also won the net division, finishing on 220 with runner-up Rhonda Hearn on 224.

The men's tournament saw Tom Grant take out the champion place, only just edging out John Bell on a 19th extra hole after the pair ended all square.

The plate division winner was awarded to Nick Liebenberg with Will Norris taking silver.

A Reserve winner was Mal Bromley followed by Graham Farrell, B Grade went to Kim Hewton followed by Terry Halsall and C Grade was awarded to Dave Burges, runner up Michael Herbert.

Last Thursday's scroungers event ended with a triumphant David Reid winning with 39 points, just topping Roy Hobson and Nick Bull, both on 38.

Roy Hobson had previously won the Tuesday's veterans event, finishing on 20 points, followed by Alan Dale (19) and Michael Keogh (18).

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Players: Some of the women at the post Margaret River Classic bash.

Classic attracts big field

WITH the 19th edition of the Retravision Ladies' Classic happening the weekend before last, 232 golfers from all over WA ventured to the Margaret River Golf Club to display their skills.

Winner of the 36-hole nett event was Nicole Mizen from Albany beating Royal Perth's Pat Tamminga by a stroke.

The gross position was taken by Tammy Chiselberti from Mandurah with Melville Glades' Leanne McVey nabbing second.

Lorraine Smith and Helen Pullinger took out the Friday Canadian Foursome event, followed by Jan Churchill and Patricia Robertson, just

stealing second position from Lorraine Metcalf and Patricia Walker.

On the Tuesday, Richard Deshon won the veterans competition from runners up John Agnew and Jim Morris, all who finished on the same score.

Lesley Folkard was a force to be reckoned with at the Doris Arthur/Shirley Becker Past Members Day event, taking out first place by a point from Rosie Burnett and Rhonda Hearn on Wednesday.

The annual scroungers event attracted 78 players this past week, with Daniel Hunt carding a gross 74 for 40 stableford points, beating Will Norris by one point.

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Father-son team a winner

A FATHER-SON combination worked brilliantly to take out a two-day contest at Margaret River Golf Club on the weekend.

The Laurie Bedford Foursomes Club Championship was contested over 36 holes on Saturday and Sunday by a small but elite field of golfers.

Terry and Marc Halsall claimed the win, coming from behind to pip Graham Farrell and junior Nick Liebenberg.

The overall nett was won by Geoffrey Barratt and Jim Triglone from Rob Baker and Ian Chidgey.

Sarah Roddy and Bruce Darby won the Sunday mixed competition, each scoring 37 points. Third



Well done: Marc and Terry Halsall, centre, with Graham Farrell and Nick Liebenberg.

was Laurie Barker on 36 points.

Jocelyn Pyatt won Wednesday's Women's competition on 38 points, beating Kath Solonec by one. Meanwhile Ray Atcheson won the Vets

Tuesday competition from Peter Clift by the same margin.

Thursday saw Mick O'Hara win on 34 points on a countback from Graham "Bone" Farrell and Mark Bonette.

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Champion genes

THE term "Like father, like son" can be proudly said of Henri Liebenberg and his son Nicholas.

They are making their mark thanks to a prestigious trophy at the Margaret River Golf Club.

In 2011 Henri was crowned Margaret River Golfer of the Year.

That was the year Nicholas, 11, took up the game.

Over the past three years the 14-year-old Margaret River Senior High School student's progress and form have been exceptional.

As a result of his performance, Nicholas was named the 2014 golfer of the year.

Club members and coaches applauded the teenager's dedication and commitment to his sport.

It is not the first time a father and son have been named golfer of the year.

Among others there have been Laurie and Rod Bedford as well as Terry and Mark Halsall.

However, it is the first time a father and son have independently won the trophy.

During the past three years Nicholas has accumulated numerous club competition wins and this year added the Club Championship Plate medal to his trophy case as well as coming in runner-up in the Foursomes Club Championship with partner Graham Farrell.

Other club success stories this year include David Jeffrey winning the 2014 Eclectic Trophy and Jim Triglone the West Knock-out Matchplay trophy.

In regular club activities Wendy Campbell and Di Linfoot both scored 38 points in Wednesday's ladies competition with Wendy taking home the spoils on a countback.

The Thursday Scroungers Cup is heating up with the second leg of the competition going to Mick O'Hara, who won on a countback from Michael Rogers after



Bright future: Nicholas Liebenberg emulates father's feat three years ago as golfer of the year.

both finished with 41 points. The annual monthly medal playoff trophy was played on Saturday with a solid display of patient golf by Michael Keogh who came home with a 71 gross score to win.

Sunday's four ball ambrose attracted a maximum field of 96 golfers.

The winning combination comprised Dean Taylor, Graham Farrell, Tim Watson and Scar Campbell.

Children's chance for golf

The Margaret River Golf Club is now hosting golf coaching sessions for juniors and ladies.

The move by the club aims to get more people involved in the sport and to extend the reach of the club locally. Co-ordinator David Noske said children started with plastic, snag equipment to learn the fundamentals of the game before eventually moving on to proper golfing gear.

"The great thing about golf is, that it is a life sport," he said. "You can pick up a club aged four and still be playing until you die, and there aren't many sports like that."

"The clinics have been very popular, so there will be spots available for early next year or you can come and have a look at the clinics every Friday from 4pm.

The children's clinic runs from 4pm to 5pm at the Golf Club on Fridays.

To get involved or to find out more information, email admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

Women who are interested in contacting a coach can contact Linda Henry on 0409 017 709.

Competitors enjoy busy week of play

GOLF

The final round of the annual Scroungers Cup at the Margaret River Golf Club took place on Thursday.

This very popular event was run over four weeks, with the best three rounds deciding the overall winner.

For the daily competition, Dave Burges came in with 41 points to win, with Brian Devitt second on 40 points and John Bell third on 39.

For the overall winner, David Reid from Augusta, took out the honours on a countback from Terry Halsall, both on 114 points, and Dave Noske was third on 112.

Saturday's American Foursomes event was won by Ray Mann and Dean Becker, with a score of 67 net.

Cody Laskey and golfer of the year Nick Liebenberg were second on 68.25, with Jeff Hedstrom and Russell Pratt third on 72.375.

There was a big turnout on Sunday for the Irish Stableford event, which was enjoyed by all.

The winners were Scar Campbell, Laskey, Craig Foy and David Reid with 108 points from Cameron Kelly, Sue Bloxham, Lucas Kelly and Tim Kelly on 105.

Megan Booth, Cam Lawrence, Mel Larsen and Michael Herbert were third on a countback from the sponsor's team with 100 points.

Tuesday's Vets competition was won by Rolf Goff and John Agnew, with Bill Ivey and Rod Bishop runners-up.

A full program of golf is scheduled over the holidays, with the Christmas Cup run over three events on December 27 and January 1 and 3.

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Opening Day 1955: Gerald Ryan, Paddy Barrett and Wally Waters.

Golf club marks 60th birthday

WHAT better way to celebrate the 60th year of the Margaret River Golf Club than with a photo story?

The club's Mandy Farrell dug up photos dating from 1955 to 2008 to share with fellow club members this week in a video montage.

Looking back on the faces of original members such as Paddy Barrett and Wally Waters, she hoped they would be fondly remembered in years to come.

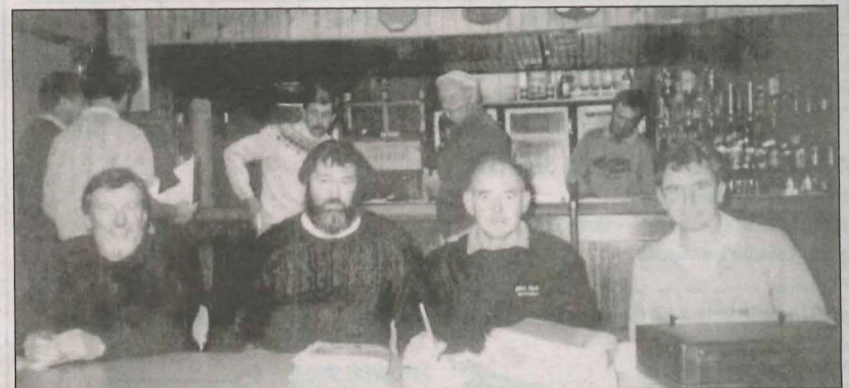
"Their hard work has made the course what it is today," Ms Farrell said. "It has changed a lot in 60 years."

To see more photos, find the video on the Margaret River Golf Club Facebook page.

Club manager Josette van Kalmthout said there were no plans yet for a formal celebration of the anniversary, but members would discuss the possibility of an event in their next meeting.



Preparation: Smiler Gale and Arthur West prepare the No. 2 green in 1985.



Meeting: R McFarlane, I Bedford, R Atcheson and R Mann gather for the new grass greens meeting in 1992. At the bar are S Owen, D Phillips-Jones and P House.

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Young golfers take to the course

By Josette van Kalmthout

MARGARET River Golf Club's first junior golf contest for the year teed off on Friday afternoon.

Players aged six to 15 were all determined to do well in the four-hole event, however it was Samuel Glynn and Xavier Skivinis who came out on top with a 4BBB score of 22 strokes.

Second prize went to Kalani Bate-Henry and Gracie O'Connell with 27 strokes.

Beau Halsall and Alby Rogers took third prize with 28.

This Friday's junior competition will start at 4pm, followed by a sausage

sizzle at 5pm. Entry is free for members, visitors are welcome with a participation fee of \$10.

There will also be a one-day coaching clinic and snag sizzle for juniors this Friday from 2pm to 5pm. Cost is \$35. For information, email admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

While children are enjoying these events, all parents, members and guests are invited to Twilight Golf every Friday from 4pm onwards.

If you don't feel like playing, come along simply for the barbecue after the game. Yummy steak, salads and drinks will be on offer.



Well done: Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly receive the gross winner trophy from South West District Ladies president Wendy Joyce at Saturday's foursomes championships.

Seasiders win double

By John Sullivan

Championship league Geographe Seasiders beat FMR 2-0

THE Championship's South West soccer cup final promised to be a cracking encounter, with Margaret River taking on the Geographe Seasiders.

The game began at a frenetic pace between this year's two top sides in the league.

Geographe showcased pace and strength in the early exchanges.

Margaret River were left stunned only seven minutes in when a forward player slammed home a goal from the edge of the box.

Thanks to a penalty awarded to Geographe when Margaret River handled the ball, the opposition were soon able to make it 2-0.

The game looked to be going all Geographe's way until one of their players was red-carded for kicking out after a tussle near the corner flag.

This reduced Seasiders to 10 men and Margaret River sensed they had a way back into the game.

Margaret River had a chance on the break to score after 31 minutes, only for Geographe to palm away a stinging shot.

Geographe held their 2-0 lead at the break and looked in a defiant mood.

Even with 10 men the Seasiders looked the better side in the second half with FMR constantly frustrated at the lack of opportunities in front of goal.

However, neither side had many more chances during the second period.

The final whistle blew, sending Geographe supporters into raptures as they captured the league and cup double for their first time in their history.

Locals in great form

By Rolf Goff

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted the South West District Ladies Foursomes Championships on the weekend.

A feature of the day was Wendy Chidgey's hole in one on the eighth hole.

The local players came up trumps, winning the top three placings in the gross competition.

Gross prize winners were Kerry Farrelly and Sue Bloxam, staving off runners-up Leonie Bell and Rick Coates.

Penny Foy and Allison Kelly also played well

and were placed third in the gross.

Winners of the nett overall were Sue Wallace and Penny Tweedie (Boyup Brook) ahead of Sharon Williamson and Joanne Vergone (Waroona) and Denice Nock and Linda Fulham (Bridgetown).

Adrian Castle was the runaway winner in Thursday's Wine for Dudes-sponsored stableford event.

His outstanding 44 points put her well ahead of runner-up Mark Tugwood (37) and Brian Devitt (37).

Wednesday's ladies club trophy went to Ricky Coates with 34 points on a countback from

Allison Kelly (34) and with Kerry Farrelly (33) close behind.

Tuesday's veterans competition was won by Peter Clift with 21 points ahead of Dave Benson (19) and Matt O'Farrell.

Shirley Becker came through the winner of Friday's stableford event with 19 points, one ahead of runner-up Rob Hearn (18) and Matt O'Farrell (17).

This weekend is set aside for the Wealth Plus mixed Canadian foursomes.

Entry forms for the two-day event are available on the Margaret River Golf Club website.

Championships kick off

By Rolf Goff

MARGARET River Golf Club's Men's Championships kicked off with the first round of 36 holes early in the weekend.

Competitors hoped to seize the Paddy Barrett Trophy and it was Mike Skivinis who eventually won the honour, winning the overall 36 holes with a nett 141 from Larry DeJong second (145) on a countback from third placed Greg Cura (145).

Day one winner was John O'Connor with a nett 71 from Rob Dewar (72) while day two winner Matt O'Connell scored a nett 73 from runner-up Peter Nichols (74).

Next weekend will host the conclusion of the Men's Club Championships with a 36-hole match play format played over five division grades.

Last Thursday's scroungers event had a field of 75 payers compete with a feature being a hole-in-one by Dean Taylor on the eighth hole.

Nick Bull won the day by a clear margin on 42 stableford points from runner-up Bruce Downing (38) with Michael Keogh (37) running third.

Last Wednesday's ladies' event was the second round of the Ladies' Club Championships and was won by Michele Boyanich with a nett 68 from runner-up Rosie Burnett (71) and Patsy



Smiling success: Mike Skivinis, centre, receives the Paddy Barrett trophy from Dave Glasson and Terry Halsall.

Bedford (72). The final round of the Ladies' Club Championships concludes this week.

Last Tuesday's Veterans' event was won by Noel Wenman with 20 points on a countback from Jim Taylor (20) with Terry Haywood third on 19 points.

Tasty stableford for Burgess

Joe Setter

AS volunteers go, Margaret River Golf Club's Angie Burgess knows a thing or two about a good round.

Particularly when it comes to bread and making sandwiches for the hungry horde of scroungers every Thursday.

In fact, she's rated first class.

So it was widely welcomed when she shelved her kitchen duties and, just for a change, sliced up the field instead to win the recent Preveli Wines mixed stableford with a tasty 39 points.

She was five points ahead of Judy Anderson with Megan Booth a point further adrift.

Steve Britton didn't loaf around

either and was top man with 38, two ahead of Ian Chidgey, who edged out John Bell on a countback.

The scrutineers were kept on their toes in the McHenry Hohen Wines nett competition.

Countback No.1 confirmed Tim Watson was the winner from Bill Guest after they had both carded impressive rounds of 71.

They were called on again to determine the other minor placings as Graham Farrell pipped Daniel Hunt, one shot further behind.

A lot of work went on behind the scenes last week as the greens were spiked and sanded.

This led to some inconsistent

putting when the scroungers took to the course in the Mike Basford-Mike Skivinis sponsored stableford.

Not that it worried Tony Coombes.

He reckoned the greens were as good and true as ever as he romped away to record 43 points.

Coombs was three clear of Bill Pascoe with Stephen Hughes two points further adrift in third place.

And the conditions were better still for Rob Hearn in the nine-hole mixed stableford a day later.

He took the prize again with an impressive 21 points, one better than Jean McCarthy who got the verdict over Jim Watson on a countback.



Young golfers: Amelia and Harry Otto, Ava Murphy, Isaak Arnold Miller and Joe Murphy at the SNAG event.

Youngsters relish clinic

GOLF could appear dull to some people - but not if they witnessed the SNAG children's clinic at the Margaret River Golf Club on Friday.

Children aged between five or six squealed with delight as they ran about the golf course and threw tennis balls at a Velcro target.

The target happened to be worn by

Starting New At Golf (SNAG) instructor Ron Trezise, who joked he would avoid that particular activity in future.

As well as practicing their aim, the youngsters had a go at swinging mini golf clubs, playing frisbee, and catching balls thrown high into the air.

"It's all about having a bit of fun," Mr Trezise said.

While the clinic took place, about 18 junior golfers aged up to 15 were out on the course, playing their regular Friday's contest. Mr Trezise said most of these juniors had once participated in the SNAG program and he was proud to see them advance into "real golf".

SNAG clinics are held on occasion during the school holidays.

Hunt sizzles to take day

DAN Hunt dominated Saturday's Wrenoir Wines men's stableford hosted by the Margaret River Golf Club.

He shot a sizzling 44 points (37 gross) to claim first prize.

Daylight was second, then came Jeremy Wixon (39) and Mal Bromley (38).

In Sunday's Rosily Vineyard stableford Dave Goodall, Dan Hunt, Di Linfoot could not be separated after each scored 35 points.

After a countback Goodall was announced the winner.

The Little House Scroungers on Thursday was won by the "hot and cold" Larry Dejong with 43 stableford points.

Back one point was Jim Watson on 43 for second prize, and Robin Lea was third with "a paltry" 41 points.

In Tuesday's Vet's nine-hole stableford the scoring was also hot.

Gerry Hunt (23) won first pick from the "booty table", Gordon Smith (22) was second, and Kevin Parker came third with 20 points.

In Friday's regular junior competition, a four-hole, par 14, 4BBB, Gracie O'Connell and Josh Doe won first prize after shooting 10 nett.

Billy Blackburn and Jake O'Connell were unlucky to come second on a countback, also with 10 nett.

Third prize went to Sophia Bate-Henry and Cassidy Powell (17 nett).

Sam Glynn and Xavier Skivinis won best gross (21 strokes) by one from the Halsall boys, Beau and Koa.

Baker makes it five in ones

By Joe Setter

FOUR, five, five, if your name is Rob Baker, then that's the tantalising key to becoming an exclusive member of the hole-in-one set at Margaret River Golf Club last Thursday.

It was the fourth hole on the course, the fifth time in his career he had achieved the feat he used his trusty five wood to do the deed.

Baker's bonanza on the teasing 182-metre fourth came in the recent Bare Rooted Wines stableford and, to make it even more memorable, it means he has now carded his five aces on five different courses around the South West.

It wasn't enough, though, to completely take the day's honours.

They went to Geoff Barrett with a fighting 39, one ahead of Ray Scott who was followed by Greg Cura on 37.

And Baker? He finished with only 34. Strangely, he didn't seem to mind at all.

Vice-president Barry Granville had his moments too, defying the thunder and lightning to win the Kevill Electric scroungers stableford with a sparkling 41.

Craig Foy came out on top of a three-man countback with Alan Dale and Bradley Simms, a visitor from Melville Glades, for second place on 39.

Steve Owen found his winning ways with 38 points to take out the mixed stableford sponsored by the club's popular husband-wife team of Peter and

Michelle Boyanich.

Tom Grant was runner-up on 37, with Laurie Barker the top woman with a similar return.

It was tough at the top for the veterans as farmer Ken Miles carded 21 to pip Russell Pratt by one point, with Rod Bishop a further point away in third place.

Jim Taylor romped away with the mixed nine-hole event, scoring 20 points - five ahead of Rob Hearn.

The top woman was Shirley Becker on 17, one ahead of Joan Garstone, who edged out Lorna West on a countback.

There was action aplenty on Friday afternoon when the juniors took part in a beginners' open day conducted by SNAG golf WA.

Kiwi junior golfer Lydia Ko has won the Australian and NZ opens in the past two weeks but she is not the only one turning heads.

Our own local crop is beginning to sprout with Charlie Seberry (26 strokes) coming third in the weekly four-hole short-course competition.

Elsie Lee went one better, shooting 23 to grab second prize, and 10-year-old Gracie O'Connell is beginning to raise eyebrows with a winning with a fine 20 strokes.

The session was a taster for a six-week beginners clinic which begins on Friday at 4pm at a cost of \$95.

People can register at admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au.

Mail Sport

Bloxam takes champ title for 13th time

By Joe Setter
Margaret River Golf Club

AUSTRALIA Day week - a time for heroes. But down Wallcliffe Road way it has been about a heroine.

Take a belated bow Sue Bloxam, proud women's club champion for the 13th time, all in the space of 17 glory years.

Bloxam carded her 54-hole 236 to beat runner-up Kerry Farrelly by 17 shots. Bloxam also had the best nett return of 220, four better than Rhonda Hearn.

Getting more up to date, there's no dispute about the Man of the Moment. Evergreen veteran Gordon Smith really cleaned up again.

Each week Smith and fellow octogenarian Ray Acheson make a daybreak start not only to empty the bins around the course, but also to sort the rubbish for its designated destination.

He even found time to play a couple of games and collected in both of them, winning the nine-hole veterans competition on Tuesday and fol-

lowing it with super success in Thursday's Mad Fish Wines scrungers event.

The veterans competition was a practice round for the coming club championship, a stroke event played off the blue Tiger tees, but Smith took it all in his stride to record a nett 34 - two better than Jim Watson.

Smith did even better in the scrungers, setting a sizzling-hot pace with 40 stableford points, one ahead of Nick Taplin, who edged out Cody Laskey in the countback.

Congrats also to Dave Goodall and Di Linfoot, respective winners in the recent mixed Rosily stableford.

Goodall pipped Daniel Hunt on a countback after they both recorded 35 points, while Linfoot, also with 35, relegated Maggi Foy into second place with 34.

Aussie heroine: Sue Bloxam has stunningly been named Margaret River Golf Club's club champion for the 13th time.



SPORT

Benson in winner's circle

By Joe Setter

GOLDEN oldies Dave Benson and Rob Hearn turned back the clock in some style at Margaret River Golf Club to make it another week to remember on February 19.

First to take an overdue bow in the winner's circle was the battling Benson, who carded a well-earned 38 to take the Leeuwin stableford by one shot from Graeme Bedggood - a fitting reward for a long fight to recover form as well as fitness.

Hearn's mission, while not as daunting, was executed with similar top-billing precision. His 20 points saw him blitz a smaller-than-usual field in the nine-hole mixed stableford - by a staggering six points ahead of husband-and-wife competitors Jim and Mary Taylor.

Now step forward Mike Kelly, Greg Cura and Abe Huisken - three more impressive winners.

Confident Kelly took the Chapman Grove mixed foursomes with a fighting 38 points, two ahead of Cam Lawrence.

Top woman was Kath Solonec, who also claimed third place overall on 35 after a four-way countback involving Penny Foy, Laurie Barker and Cottesloe visitor Patricia Buckley.

Cura's memorable moment came in the scrungers competition, sponsored by club president Mike Basford. It was not that easy, though, and he grabbed glory only after the scrutineers gave him the nod ahead of another fitness fighter, Bill Taplin, and David Heaton, after they all finished on 37.

Huisken, Birdsong vinticulturist when he is not seeking vintage performances on the course, uncorked some of his best form to win the nine-hole veterans event with 21 points, one ahead of Gerry Hunt who pipped Jon Beales on a countback.

For the second week running Di Linfoot won the women's 18-hole prize, this time with 38 points, with Penny Foy runner-up on 37.

The nine-hole plaudits went to Joan Garstone with 17 from Shirley Becker with 16.

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News and views from the 19th at golf club

By Joe Setter

IT WAS elementary for Jim Watson.

He simply knew he was not too old to learn.

It didn't need a sleuth of the Sherlock Holmes calibre to solve his problems, either.

When his form went missing he decided to have lessons and now he is one of the most improved players at Margaret River Golf Club.

After winning the veterans nine-hole stableford competition for the second week running, slim Jim admitted: "A few months ago my game was going only one way - backwards. But now, thanks to PGA professional Kerrod Gray and his tuition, I have cut seven shots off my handicap."

After a career in banking, Watson retired and moved down from Perth 15 months ago.

Now he is having a telling effect on his personal golf ledger - underlined by his 20 points in this latest success.

He managed to hold off former club captain Mal Bromley, who pipped Mike

Lawson after they both finished one point adrift.

Fly in fly-out member Trevor Hunt slipped into cruise control for the Downsouth Wholesale Scrungrers.

He celebrated one of his rare appearances to handsomely win with 42 points, from Jules Ashton (40) and Ray Barker (37). Dean Taylor's 32 was the best gross.

The husband-wife "team" of Jim and Mary Taylor almost made it a one-two in the nine-hole mixed stableford.

Jim won the day with 18 points, and Mary was the best woman with 14.

But in between was Kevin 'Spoilsport' Parker with 16.

Mary also beat Matt O'Farrell and June Home on a countback.

Just to continue the family trend, sisters-in-law Penny and Maggi Foy sponsored the weekly women's competition which saw Denise Warren win the A-grade event with 36 points - one ahead of Megan Booth.

The spoils in the B-grade went to Jan Macaulay (34) from Kim Robson (33).

Mail Sport

Bredenkamp tops points table in scroungers

By Joe Setter

THE Fines Department at Margaret River Golf Club's Thursday scroungers games just love to swell their coffers with your frustrations.

This often-embarrassing but always-entertaining prelude to the weekly prize presentation is really all for a good cause.

So much so that last year the handsome proceeds financed a new upright freezer worth more than \$1200, for the club's kitchen.

The moral: get angry, pay up, and look cheerful.

Popular Don Bredenkamp didn't lose his cool in last week's event, though.

He carded 39 stableford points to pip Ray Scott for first place on a countback.

The scrutineers had to do their sums again for third place, professional visitor Paul "Misty" Morgan, from Bunbury, edging out the omnipresent Matt O'Farrell on 37.

Incidentally, there were 86 starters - an encouraging turnout.

Good to see club president Mike Basford standing tall.

He won the Acton South West mixed stableford event, also with 39 points, one ahead of Geoff Barrett.

Leading the women's charge was Sarah Roddy on 37, which was good enough for third place overall.

Former men's captain Mal Bromley also found the winning touch.

He paired up with Jim



Farewell: Groundsman Will Norris will take up a position in Canberra after a great ride with the Margaret River Golf Club.

Triglone to win the recent American foursomes stroke event by seven-eighths of a shot from Bone Farrell and Dean Taylor, who in turn claimed the runners-up berth from Dave Noske and Mark Worth on a countback.

John Agnew proved himself top Veteran this week, carding 23 points from the nine-hole stableford event, three points clear of second-placed Russell Pratt.

Talking of veterans, sincere wishes to captain Mike Lawson for a speedy and full recovery following his recent car-

diac problems. Congratulations to Jean McCarthy, whose 21 points landed her in top spot in Friday's mixed nine-hole stableford.

Runner-up was Barbara Webster with 16, while Jim Watson was the top man on 20.

Finally, farewell and good fortune to assistant groundsman Will Norris, who is to take a position on a 27-hole complex in Canberra.

Apart from being a more-than-useful golfer on a single-figure handicap, he will also be missed for his fast-bowling abilities in local crick-

et circles. The scores in Friday's weekly junior foursomes (par 14 course) are encouraging with many children breaking their handicaps again this week.

This week's placegetters were dominated by the girls with Elsie Lee and Chelsea Roddy winning with a nett score of 10 under par (21 gross).

Maya Blackburn and Gracie O'Connell were second with nett 8 under par (24 gross). Sophia Bate-Henry and Jake O'Connell came third with 2 under par (30 gross).

SPORT

Keogh sets red-hot pace

By Joe Setter

FARMER, computer whiz and an occasional golfer of some note, Mick Keogh did not need the luck of the Irish as he set a red-hot pace in the opening round of the 2015 Veterans Club Championship.

He carded a nett 33 on the tough top-nine, one shot ahead of Alan Dale, who pipped Terry Halsall on a countback.

Shirley Becker had happy returns again in Friday's mixed nine-hole event, winning with 18 stableford points.

Runner-up was June Home with 14, while top man was Ray Matthews, also on 18.

Still with our women members, Erica Coates really tagged the Label Makers World mixed stableford event with 39 hard-earned points, one ahead of Wendy Chidgey. Kim Hewton was the man-of-the-day, edging out David Jeffrey and Nick Carroll on a countback after they finished on 37.

A strange thing happened at the start

of last Thursday's scroungers.

It actually rained - but not heavy enough to prevent Dave Greens from reigning with 39 stableford points to edge out Daniel Hunt on a countback.

In-form Mal Bromley was just a point behind.

Congrats are also due to Graeme Bedggood on his nett 68 which was easily good enough to take the rec Saturday stroke competition.

He was, in fact, three ahead of Steve Britton, who pipped Ryan Grigsby again on a countback.

Last Friday's regular junior competition saw a large field of 25 players compete in a foursomes event.

Kalan Bate-Henry and Wilbur Grantham came out on top.

Second place was awarded to George Bennett and Elsie Lee and in third place was Sam Glynn and Andy Nikulinski

SPORT

Halsall claims veterans win

By Joe Setter

TERRY Halsall brushed aside months of frustration when he claimed the 2015 Veterans Championship last week.

Narrowly beaten for top place in the prestigious Cowaramup Agencies event a few weeks ago, tenacious Halsall proved consistency can have its rewards when he carded rounds of 34 and 35 to become top vet again.

He was two shots ahead of Alan Dale, who edged out in-form Jon Beales on a countback.

Winner of the second round was Colin Andrews with 34, one ahead of Beales, Halsall and Gerry Hunt.

Take a bow Bill Guest, whose 69 earned him the Watershed Monthly Mug from Graeme Bedggood on 71 and Tony Byrne 72, while Steve Owen's 40 points landed him the Berry Farm mixed stableford event.

Neil Owen was runner-up with 36 on a countback from Steve Britton and top woman was Denise Warren with 34.

It was tough at the top in the Wednesday women's stableford event.

Di Linfoot finally came home with a winning smile after a three-way countback with Erica Coates and Wendy Campbell after they carded 35 points.

Russell Pratt hit peak form just at the right time to take the scroungers event.

His 43 points saw him finish five clear of Geoff Stephens, while Robert Dewar pipped Matt O'Connell and Pat Anderson for third place after they all finished on 37.

Jim Watson took the mixed nine-hole stableford competition with 18 points, one ahead of Matt O'Farrell and Jim Taylor and Colleen Marks proved top women with 16.

Youngster swings well to win weekend

Joe Setter

HE came. He saw. He conquered. And he is only 14.

Talented teen Dean Lucas, from the Dunsborough Lakes Resort club, stamped his potential all over the 36-hole Margaret River Hotel Open tournament at the weekend as he tamed a 140-strong field with a nett score of 72 points.

In fine but at times blustery conditions, Lucas, playing off a handicap of seven, kept his nerve – and his impressive swing – over the two tension-filled days to outgun two “home” members. Retired GP Graeme Linfoot was runner-up on 71, with Mike Kelly a point further behind in third place.

Another visitor, Paul Chrystall, from Gosnells, took the honours in the gross section with 54 – one ahead of popular home player Steve Owen.

At least one Margaret River member managed to repel the raiders. Denise Warren carded 69 to take the women’s nett award from Royal Perth’s Jenny Coad (67) and Sarah Roddy (66), but Nedlands visitor Cath Belmore was too good for the gross award. Her 55 saw her romp home from Sue Bloxham (50).

Individual Saturday winners were local man Pierre Every (40) and Theresa Smart (38) from the Western Australia GC, while on Sunday Bill Guest (38) and Penny Foy (35) ruled the day.

The gala weekend started with the Coopers Ambrose 2s on Friday when Mick O’Hara and David Rogers combined to win the day with 63.5,

though there were no extra prizes on offer for guessing that the runners-up, Steve Hughes and Mark Kevill, collected an equally good ovation for their 63.75. Steve is top man at the Margaret River Hotel, sponsors, of course, of what is becoming one of the most popular weekends on the WA golf calendar.

Just for the record, husband-wife team of David and Ricky Coates (64.75), and Geoff Wilson and Lee Bridge (65.5), filled the other minor placings.

What a week for the veterans of the club, too. And leading the way was Ray Bennett, who took the Pharmacy 777 scroungers stableford with 39 points – one ahead of Dave Greenspan, who edged out Jim Triglone and Tony Coombes on a countback.

Then there was Matt O’Farrell, who paired up with Philip Coles to win the mixed Ambrose 2s, sponsored by Jo and Genny Broadhurst, with 62.25 from father-son combination Graham and Charlie Farrell on 63.

Jim Watson was in the winner’s circle again, too, claiming the veterans’ weekly nine-hole stableford with 20 hard-earned points – two ahead of cheeky chappie Gordon Smith.

Congratulations go to Daniel Hunt, winning of the AMR Mail stableford on 36 points – two ahead of Michael Rogers – and to Kim Robson and Libby Dawson, who took the women’s 4BBB on 42 points after a countback from Rosie Barnett and Chris Coombes.

News and views from the 19th at golf club

By JOE SETTER

NECESSITY, they say, is the mother of invention, which possibly explains the coming of Medalford, a little used and intriguing competition introduced by club captain Dave Glasson to “provide something different and to add a bit of excitement”.

Briefly, it is a two-in-one sort of thing. The first nine holes are played as nett stroke, and the second nine in stableford mode.

The winner is determined by the lowest score when the stableford points are deducted from the stroke totals.

Could anything be so easy to follow?

Eventual winner Matt O’Farrell said: “To be honest, I didn’t really know what was going on until I finished... and that probably explains why I was so relaxed and enjoyed a pretty good round. It was good fun, though, and I wouldn’t mind playing the same format again.”

O’Farrell, a true son of the Emerald Isle, finished with 17, one ahead of Bill Taplin.

The women’s prize went to Kath Solonec (20) from Judy Anderson (22).

The final word from Glasson, who sponsored the event with wife Lyn: “We first tried this competition a year ago, and I think people generally enjoyed the slight change from the usual straight stroke or stableford. Will we introduce something similar again? You never know...”

The Home Hardware stableford was

dominated by two of the four visitors from Albany.

Greg Herbert carding an impressive 41 to pip fellow traveller John Durack by one point.

Best of the “home” players was Mal Bromley on 39.

No holding back Ray Bennett these days.

After taming a large field to win the recent scroungers competition, he kept the pressure on to also take the Veterans Captain’s Trophy for good measure.

He edged out retired farmer Ken Miles on a countback after they each returned 20 stableford points, and even pocketed the prizes for two of the three novelties.

Peter Brennan finished third on 18 after a countback with Colin Andrews and Laurie Bedford.

Step forward and take a bow Helen Priest.

She was a comfortable winner of the women’s stableford, sponsored by Golfbox Bunbury, with 40 hard-earned points – four ahead of Maggi Foy, with Jane Taylor one shot further behind in third place.

The scroungers committee is wondering if it should call for a special test to be carried out on Larry De Jong after his stunning 43 points won last week’s competition – particularly after he finished bottom of the heap with only 12 points just seven days earlier.

Happy Larry was simply too good this time for Sean Howard (42) and Mark Bonnette (41), with Dean Taylor again carding the best gross of 33.

News and views from the 19th at Margaret River Golf Club

By Joe Setter

MEGAN Booth, like the West Coast Eagles, is flying high.

She is more of a top-form Jason Day than a 10-goal Josh Kennedy as she proudly led the Easter parade with a cracking double display.

First she partnered Mel Larsen to win the Kelly’s Vineyard 4BBB against 31 other teams, and followed up with an A-grade triumph in the Wednesday women’s Stableford.

Megan, who works in real estate when she is not building a big reputation for herself on the golf course, is certainly in striking form. Her pairing with Larsen realised 44 points – one ahead of father-son outfit Preston and Nick House, who pipped Graeme Payne and Craig Foy, Mike Croxford and Mike Kelly, and Steve and Rhys Owen on a countback.

It was tough for her too, in the women’s event. Her 73 points was

one better than Rosemary Basford and Erica Coates in the ‘A’ section, but the day’s top honours went to ‘B’ grader Helen Taylor with 70, with Kim Robson three away as runner-up.

A foxy footnote: Though there is a strong Collingwood allegiance in the Booth household, Megan asks to be excluded. But if the whispers are right she will not be too disappointed if the Dockers win next weekend’s derby.

It was a bumper holiday weekend with a further 76 players taking part in the Calvin Ko Trinix Lawyers Stableford. Wayne Clarke was a worthy winner with 40 points and managed to outgun Frank Harwood, a visitor from Dunsborough, who finished two adrift. The women’s prize was collected by Wendy Chidgey with 36.

Michael Herbert reigned as the weather turned decidedly damp in Thursday’s scroungers. In fact, only 39 of the 67 starters finished

the 18 holes because of the overdue downpour. Credit the bar staff for lighting the wood-burner stove so that the drenched “survivors” could at least dry off in comparative comfort.

Herbert made light of the adverse conditions to record an impressive 43 points, well ahead of other leading diehards Steve Britton (39) and Mick O’Hara (38).

The countback scrutineers were kept on their toes in the weekly Veteran’s nine-hole stableford. First they had to determine that Ian Colmer pipped Colin Andrews for first place after they both finished with 19, then came more decision-making as Matt O’Farrell got the verdict over Alan Dale and Mike Beale with all three carding 18.

O’Farrell was there again in the mixed nine-hole stableford, heading a smallish field with a modest 15 points after a countback with Lorna West. June Home was third, one point behind.

Bedford double almost a triple

GOLF

■ Josette van Kalmthout

Laurie Bedford impressed his fellow Margaret River Golf Club members with two wins and a near-miss in a special demonstration of consistent power play this week, and made him the top contender for the club’s man of the week.

Bedford’s first win was for the monthly mug when he carded a net 70 to come in one ahead of Jules Ashton, who edged out Mark Pope and Bill Pascoe on a countback.

Number two was achieved 24 hours later when he triumphed with wife Patsy in the Patron’s Day Canadian 4s – otherwise known as the Doris Arthur Day – with another perky performance.

The Bedfords finished the day with 73.8, which was too good for runners-up Rhonda and Rob Hearn who managed 75.

Alison Kelly, who partnered former club president Preston House, filled the other minor placing with 77.

In the scroungers, it looked as if Bedford had hit the jackpot again when he came in early with an impressive 40 points.

But it was not to be.

Club captain Dave Glasson, rapidly finding his own best form again, knocked him back with a 41, and to add to Bedford’s frustration, he had to share the runners-up berth with Tim Jackways.

Glasson back for more

By Joe Setter

DAVE Glasson is back - and now it's official.

But before you start to applaud the popular club captain with a rousing "Hip-hip-hooray" just stop and think for a moment. He doesn't want to be reminded of the "Hip" part now or at any time in the future.

Dedicated Dave recently spent over six months battling a chronic hip problem that at one time threatened his ability to play again.

Following a second operation in January, he speedily got rid of his crutches and started to walk the course before joining the veterans weekly nine-hole competitions "just to get back into the swing of things". Now it's all systems go.

For instance, playing in the Watershed-sponsored Monthly Mug, Glasson carded only 25 putts

for the 18 holes.

He then went even better in the Fraser Gallop mixed stableford the following day, just being pipped by Matt O'Farrell on a countback after they both finished with 38 points.

Michael Herbert got the verdict over Meagan Booth for the minor placings on 36 after another countback.

Winner of the Monthly Mug was Scar Campbell with 71 - one ahead of Mick O'Hara, Matt O'Connell and vets captain Mike Lawson.

Talking of the veterans, octogenarian Mike Croxford went zinging in the rain to take the weekly nine-hole stableford with a sparkling 21 points - and that was five better than his nearest rival Alan Dale.

The Campbells came again in the Wednesday women's stableford.

This time it was Wendy Campbell's turn as she took the "A" Grade prize with 37 points ahead of Meagan Booth (34).

"B" Grade queen was Jo Pyatt on 27 after a countback with Shirley Barker.

Competition continues to get tougher in the popular weekly Scroungers event.

Just ask Brian Devitt. He had the battle of his life to card 39 points - and that was just enough to edge out Dave Greenspan and talented teen Nick Liebenberg, who were tied just one point adrift.

Canny Scot Jim Taylor offered his very own golfing version of the "Highland Fling" in Friday's mixed nine-hole stableford as he blitzed the field with a cracking 20 points, ahead Rob Hearn (19) and Jim Watson (18). Best woman was Jean McCarthy on 17.

Golf club rides high

By Joe Setter

IT'S not just the world-class surf down the road at Prevelly that's proving to be the top attraction in the area at the moment.

Margaret River Golf Club is riding high too, with several visitors making big waves of their own.

Take Chris Carey, from Lake Karrinup, who travelled over to play in the ANZ Margaret River stableford.

He took the award for the best gross, 33, but bombed out for a minor placing, being pipped by Matt O'Farrell on a four-way countback which also included Graeme Bedgood and Larry Dejong after they all finished on 36 - one behind delighted winner Mick O'Hara, who also needed a countback to edge out Bill Guest.

Trevor Gladwin and John Knutsen came even further - from the eastern states, in fact. They turned up to play in the weekly veterans nine-hole stableford and went home with happy memories and a couple of prizes.

Again, though, the scrutineers had to be called in with Gladwin getting the nod for second place just ahead of home hero Alan Dale, with Knutsen next after they had carded 19 points each. Winners was in-form vets captain Mike "The Smiling Assassin" Lawson with a commendable 22.

But the shot-of-the-day came from the

men's locker room when one of the guests was heard to comment: "Until today I always thought the best courses were in Victoria."

Last week club captain Dave Glasson was the man of the moment.

This week his wife Lyn must take a big and well deserved bow.

She proved herself top woman in the Flinders Bay Wines mixed stableford with 34 points, pipping Megan Booth after a count back.

Overall winner was Daniel Hunt on 35 - just a point in front of John Bell.

Talking of the women members, Helen Priest is really enjoying herself - and the course. She took the honours in the Wednesday Par event on +1 after a countback with Carolyn Scott, with the seemingly irrepressible Megan Booth all square and in third place.

The weekly Scroungers stableford competition, sponsored by popular member Dave Burges, went to Alec Williams with 40 points. He managed to head off a determined charge by Dave Noske (39) and Michael Herbert (38). The award for best gross went to Mark Pope with 28.

Matt O'Farrell may have been unlucky in the earlier ANZ event, but he made some amends by taking Friday's mixed nine-hole stableford with 18 points. Minor placings went to June Home (17) and Shirley Becker (16).

Super gran strikes again to win shield

News and views from the 19th at Margaret River

Joe Setter

THE golfing super gran from Prevelly has struck again.

That's Ricky Coates, proud new winner of the Eithne Lagan Shield, one of the most prestigious competitions on the Margaret River Golf Club calendar.

Coates managed to come out on top of a 35-strong field to take the honours following a nailbiting countback with Allison Kelly after they both finished on 38 points.

Angie Burges was next best with 37. A retired schoolteacher, Coates is now playing off a handicap of only 10.

And as much as she enjoys her time on the course - something she shares with husband David, who is also a keen playing member - she gets even more satisfaction from her other duties as a doting grandmother.

At least she now has another adventure story to tell.

Factual footnote: The Eithne Lagan Shield has been played since 1978, some 29 years before Eithne and her husband John, who were both doctors in the town, were made life members of the club.

They were also former owners of the Xanadu winery.

David, incidentally, almost set the standard for what would have been a wonderful winning week for the Coates clan.

He fell just short in the Moss Wood mixed stableford, having to be content with a runner-up berth after a four-way countback with Terry Halsall, Kim Hewton and Brian Robinson.

They finished on 36, two points adrift of proud winner Jeff Hedstrom.

It was a tough battle for the 55 starters, and a lot of credit was also due to Kath Solonec, who took the women's prize with 34 after a countback with Rosemary Basford.

More success too for Mick O'Hara: he stormed to a four-point win in the Anzac Day Leimac Building stableford.

His nearest rival was talented teen Nick Liebenberg, who pipped Steve Britton on a countback after they both carded 38.

Graeme Bedgood's 29 was the best gross.

Terry Halsall continued his run of fine form in the weekly veterans' nine-hole stableford, making light of a special 'handicap'.

Only three clubs were allowed to be carried, including the putter, but he still recorded 20 points.

And that was one better than Laurie Bedford, who beat Robin Lea on a countback.

But the highlight of the day was provided by former footy star Peter Panegyres, who managed to eagle the par 4, 316-metre, 10th.

He took his hybrid off the tee and recalled: "It went pretty well but with only three clubs I had to use it again for my approach shot."

"I thought at first I had gone through the green, and it was only when I got nearer that I realised what had done."

"It felt good." Scar Campbell felt good, too, particularly after winning the First National-sponsored scroungers.

His 40 points was just too much for Jo Broadhurst (38) and club captain Dave Glasson (37).

Brent Burton's 29 was the best gross. There were low scores but red-hot rivalry in the nine-hole mixed stableford.

Shirley Becker came out on top with 17, followed by Jan Macaulay one point behind.

Rob Hearn took the other minor placing on 14 after a four-way countback, which also involved Lorna West, June Home and Richard Deshon.

Bromley pips Noske by one

By Joe Setter

DAVENOSKE almost had a big week to remember in the latest MRGC shake-up, but little did he know that ex-club captain Mal Bromley was going to spoil his fun.

It started full of promise as bang-in-form Noske took the Ross Squire Homes stableford with a fighting 40 points, to relegate Daniel Hunt (39) and Jeremy Wixon (36) into the minor placings, though Steve Owen's 25 was the best gross.

And it looked even better in the Dave Burges-sponsored Scroungers event when Noske carded another creditable 37. But then enter Bromley – and dynamic Dave's double hopes crashed as he was pipped by just one point. Pierre Every was next on 36, edging out Peter Joyce and Ray Barker on a countback.

A busy few days for the women members. Because of the South West Women's Veterans 4BBB stableford, the usual veteran men's competition was delayed 24 hours so they could "join the ladies" for a mixed two-ball Ambrose – and a good time was had by all. So much so that this form of mix-and-match could become a regular date on the MRGC calendar.

Despite a disappointingly low field of only 60, the South West event was still hailed a big success with Dunsborough Country Club pair Christine Guthridge and Dot Carmody winning the day with 44 points. Runners-up were Carole Mole and Kath Slattery, from Busselton,

with 43, while the best home combination was Denise Warren and Diane Gordon with 38 after a countback with fellow club members Joan Garstone and Jo Pyatt.

The mixed event – again with 61 starters – was played over nine holes, though all the course was used. Front nine winners were Allison Kelly and Kevin Parker with 31 1/2 from Sue Bloxham and Bob Mofflin (31 5/8) and Megan Booth and Mike Croxford (33 7/8).

Back nine honours went to Jan Macaulay and Laurie Bedford (32 5/8) with Libby Dawson, Jon Beales and Bill Taplin (32 3/4) and Judy Anderson and Dave Benson (35 1/8) taking the minor prizes.

Tony Coombes found his winning touch again in the Riverview Tourist Park mixed stableford, leading home the field with a battling 36 points. President's wife Rosemary Basford took runners-up honours on 35 after a three-way countback with Sarah Roddy and Dunsborough visitor Jennifer Cook.

And talking of winning ways and fine form ... it's Shirley Becker again!

The Shirl Girl was just too good in the nine-hole mixed Stableford as she carded 21 points – two better than runner-up Matt O'Farrell. Jim Taylor got the nod for third place after a four-way countback with Jo Pyatt, Ray Atcheson and Mary Taylor.

Club farewells a real stalwart

By Amy McKie

A SILENT yellow tractor sits on the green turf of Margaret River Golf Club, a moving tribute to life member William 'Roy' Hobson, who passed away two weeks ago.

Mr Hobson joined the golf club in 1973 and went about making his mark on the club ever since.

A member of the Margaret River Districts Club for 65 years, community was at the heart of Mr Hobson, particularly when it came to tending to the beloved green.

Every Monday and Friday for 20 years he would drive his tractor, first a green one he'd bring from work then years later the iconic yellow tractor to the turf.

From there, he would go about assisting to fill sand bins, water tanks and everything in between.

Mr Hobson even played a part in installing the first irrigation system at the club.

"I can still remember his hand drawn maps in pencil," course superintendent Mark Lewis said.

"He easily contributed about 12 hours of voluntary work to the club a week."

Mr Hobson was made a life member of the club in 1998 after years of proving what a valuable asset he was.

A captain, winner of the first Veterans Champion Shield and a con-



Vale, Roy: Life members Laurie Bedford and Ray Atcheson with course superintendent Mark Lewis bid farewell to their comrade. **Inset:** Roy Hobson's life membership to the club will remain on the walls in memory.

sistent player across the board, members of the club recall the way he played his golf was a reflection of the way he went about his life.

"He was very quiet and he got the job done," Mr Lewis said.

"He had a no fuss approach to life." Life member Laurie Bedford said Mr Hobson was renowned as a good golfer throughout the South West, not just within their own club.

He laughed while describing Mr Hobson's no-nonsense approach to his game, striding forward and commencing play with no practise shots.

Fellow life member Ray Atcheson described Mr Hobson as completely

consistent; he had to do everything for himself and wanted to assist others too.

Beneath the no-nonsense exterior lay a soft heart, with Mr Hobson bringing along the paper and something sweet every Friday for his fellow golfers to enjoy.

Rumour has it he had a very soft spot for his beloved West Coast Eagles too.

Leaving behind seven children, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a club who will always remember his wonderful contribution, his mark on their lives is irreplaceable.

Tributes flow for Hobby

By Joe Setter

FLAGS at half mast and a sad, sorry week down at 599 Wallcliffe Road with the passing of life member Roy 'Hobby' Hobson.

But, just as the man himself would have wanted it, the game goes on and on and on.

Almost as a salute to absent friends, Mark Pope set the ball rolling as he took out the AMR Tourist Association stableford with a fighting 38 points – one better than Jeremy Wixon who edged out Mark Leavesley on a countback. Best gross was Tony Coombes with 27 following another countback.

Then there was Peter Joyce. He also carded 38 stableford points to come out on top of the Edwards Wines mixed event.

Top woman was Allison Kelly who finished runner-up with 37 after a countback with club president Mike Basford.

It was before the veterans nine-hole event that the tributes to Hobby really began to flow. It was appropriate that Terry Halsall won the day after reading out an emotional poem that he felt compelled to write about his long-time chum.

As with the pen, his ability with his golf clubs was just as prolific as he charged to 20 points, two more than runner-up

Basford. They were followed by four others on 17 – Kevin Parker, Mike Beale, Colin Andrews and Ray Atcheson.

Full marks here also go to popular Veterans member Noel Wenman, who donated the bonus prizes of laminated wood.

The Wednesday women's event saw red-hot competition in the captain and vice-captain's Irish stableford competition.

The winning trio were Kerry Farrelly, Nola Hickey and Joan Garstone on 95 – five better than Leonie Bell, Libby Dawson and Helen Priest. Wendy Campbell, Aileen Budge and Jane Taylor combined for a respectable 89 and third place.

Hobby's funeral and wake were held on Thursday and, again, almost as a further tribute to the man who did so much for the club, there were over 60 starters in the First National Scroungers.

And what a tough, tight tussle it was, too. Honours eventually went to Robert Allison, a visitor from Dunsborough, with 35, but only after a nail-biting countback with home-club heroes Michael Herbert and John Bell.

Bang-in-form Terry Haywood romped away with the mixed nine-hole stableford. In fact, his 20 points meant he had six to spare over his nearest rival – Matt O'Farrell, who got the nod ahead of Jim Morris and June Home on a countback.

Young claims victory

Joe Setter

A SOGGY Scroungers event almost turned into a complete wash-out.

The day, sponsored by Ray and Jenny Scott, was a bit different all round for everyone.

For a change it was a stroke event played off the women's red tees, which was just to the liking of Rob Young.

He was simply zinging in the rain to come out on top with a nett 66 – three ahead of Steve Britton, who edged out Dave Jeffrey and Nic Carroll on a countback.

Dean Taylor's 78 was the best gross.

At least Jeffrey's wife, Angie Burges, now one of the club's most popular female members because of her culinary craft of high-class sandwich-making, had a less nerve-jarring week.

She finished top woman in the mixed stableford, sponsored by Helen Priest and Geoff Hedstrom, losing a countback for second place to Bryan Robinson on 33.

Winner, and just one point better off,

was Nick Ritchie, a visitor from Dunsborough Lakes.

A good time was had by all in the Lexus of Perth stableford as Mark Leavesley took the main honours with 39.

Geoff Barrett finished in second place on 36 after a countback with Greg Cura.

It was that man Taylor again with 30.

Even the veterans moved away from the norm to stage a 4BBB competition on the bottom 9.

Peter Clift and Colin Andrews were the pair with the flair to carry the day with 22 points – and just one ahead of Laurie Bedford and Bob Mofflin in second place.

Retired farmer Ken Miles returned from his fishing trip to Shark Bay to hook another reasonable catch.

His 20 points in the mixed nine-hole stableford was just too good for the rest of the field, though Mary Taylor ran him close with 18.

Matt O'Farrell edged out Jim Morris for the minor placing after they each carded 16.

Magnificent Seven best in the district

By Joe Setter

THE Magnificent Seven are riding high again – and they have the South West Division 1 Pennant for the second time in three years to prove it.

Step forward and take a big bow Sue Bloxham, Penny Foy, Wendy Campbell, Ricky Coates, Maggi Foy, Sarah Roddy and Allison Kelly.

Members and friends of Margaret River Golf Club are justifiably proud of you.

This sensational septet made sure of the title in the final at Capel Golf Club when they not only battered Busselton 3½–1½, but also indelibly labelled themselves the very best in the district.

Their rivals – and they also included sides from Bunbury, Capel, Dunsborough Lakes and Collie – can now only look on with awed respect, as the Margaret River marauders majestically made up for last year's runners-up berth after previously winning the title in 2013.

Well done, girls. Here's to next time.

At club level, in-form Terry Haywood got that winning feeling, too, as he took both nine-hole stablefords. For starters, his 20 points was good enough to win the veterans event by one mark from Noel Wenman in a competition that was run in conjunction with the first round of the Ray Atcheson Stroke Shield. Haywood was not included in that, but other winners, apart from Wenman, were Bill Ivey,

Kevin Parker, Robin Lea, Laurie Bedford and Dave Glasson.

Haywood went one better with 21 in the mixed competition, though he needed a countback to pip the persistent Parker. The top woman was Lorna West with 16, ahead of Aileen Budge on 13.

Laurie Bedford was another man in fine form as he took the Fennessy Holden stableford with a fighting 37 points – one better than Robin Lee, who edged out Harvey visitor Malcolm Manton on a countback. Graeme Bedgood's 28 was the best gross.

Husband-wife team of Rob and Rhonda Hearn were just too good in the MR Accommodation Guide 4BBB with 41 points. Trailing one behind were Jeff Hedstrom and Helen Priest, but they, too, needed a countback to edge out Graeme and Di Linfoot, Mike Basford and Scar Campbell, who also doubled-up with Rhys Owen.

It was oh-so-close in the women's Scott Family Jubilee foursomes as Mandy Farrell and Judy Anderson combined to win the day with 30 – just one more than Ricky Coates and her partner Joan Garstone.

A knife-edge finish, too, in the Graham Payne-sponsored Scroungers. Honours eventually went to Robert Young on 38 from Steve Pease, who trailed by one point. And one further back was Daniel Hunt, who got the nod ahead of Michael Herbert on yet another countback.

Pascoe crows

Joe Setter

PAST president Preston House ruled the roost again at the Margaret River Golf Club in the Watershed Monthly Mug.

But most of the crowing was done by one of his biggest rivals, Bill Pascoe.

He had good reason to puff out his chest after becoming one of the few men to eagle the tricky par four opening hole – a real 316-metre teaser. But then if you drive for show, and somehow manage to hole your approach shot, you deserve all the praise that comes your way.

Popular members Penny and Tony Foy sponsored the mixed stableford which was won by Rob Hearn with 39 points.

Minor placings went to Dave Jeffrey (36) and Mal Bromley (35) while top woman was Lyn Glasson, who took time off from her extra duties as stand-in club secretary to post a respectable 33.

Rhonda Hearn and Val Mowbray put up the prizes on ladies' day and they were both in the share-out in the end.

Mowbray, in fact, took out the B-grade honours with 74, to pip Michelle Boyanich by one shot, while in the Silver Spoon, won by Rosie Basford, Hearn was just edged out of second place after a countback with Boyanich.

The big shot of the day was Maggi Foy, who took out the A-grade with 73 – one ahead of the consistent Basford.

It was a ding-dong finish to the Smartline Scroungers with Dave Burges getting the nod ahead of Rob Dewar after they both finished on 42 points. President Mike Basford was hot on their heels, just one behind.

Retired surgeon Jim Taylor cut it fine in the mixed nine-hole stableford stitching up the winner's tag after a countback with Matt O'Farrell when they carded 14 points. It was a similar return which ensure Lorna West was the top woman after a countback with Jo Pyatt.

News and views from June 19

By Joe Setter

CAGEY veteran Mike Croxford believes in keeping things in the family and he proved it by linking up with daughter Allison Kelly to win the 4BBB mixed stableford sponsored by The Linfeet.

They combined to card an impressive 43 points, two better than runners-up Scar Campbell and Rhys Owen.

It's been a busy time for the scrutineers at Margaret River Golf Club.

Starting on Saturday it was a four-way countback in the Yallingup Yobs 4BBB stroke event. Eventual winners, on 73, were Bill Guest and Greg Cura, from Jim Triglone and Mal Bromley, Dave Burges and Dave Jeffrey, and Mal Gray and that man Laurie Bedford.

It was neck-and-neck in the Wednesday's women's stableford as club champion Sue Bloxham got the nod ahead of Wendy Campbell on 35 points.

Maggi Foy was next with 34, while Judy Anderson took the B Grade honours with 30.

It was then a three-way tie in the Acton, Kim Hewton-sponsored scroungers, as Mark Bonnette pipped John Bell and David Massie after they had all finished on 39.

At Tuesday's vet's, Abe Huisken returned refreshed from a European holiday to take out the nine-hole stableford with 20, one ahead of Laurie Bedford, and in Friday morning's mixed, Richard Deshon won with 17. Runner-up was Jim Watson (14), while Aileen Budge was top woman on 16.

Leavesley, Pope take honours

Joe Setter

IT was always going to take top marks to win the club's 4BBB championship, and Mark Leavesley and Mark Pope duly obliged.

The mighty 'M' men toughed out this 36-hole battle, sponsored by Margaret River Electrical Services, to card 85 points – just one ahead of the Laurie Bedford-Mal Gray partnership, who edged out Jules Ashton and Terry Halsall on a countback.

A successful and interesting few days, too, for women's champ Sue

Bloxham. Almost as an appetiser for another main course, she took the mixed stableford with 37 points, five ahead of Allison Kelly, with Stan Anderson third on 29 after a countback with Laurie Barker.

Super Sue's next "big one" was the President's Trophy three days later, which she carried off in similar style. Her 73 was one better than Leonie Bell, while Judy Anderson took third place on 78 after a three-way countback with Di Gordon and Patsy Bedford.

The scrutineers were called in again for the scroungers' Lilliput

Cup with Peter Joyce getting the nod ahead of Peter McGovern after they both recorded 40 points.

Jules Ashton was next best with 38.

Top veteran of the week was Ken Miles after his creditable 22 points was quite enough to take top place in the nine-hole stableford. Runner-up and two behind was Jim Taylor after a countback with Russell Pratt.

Rob Hearn was also in form to win the mixed nine-hole event on 17, one ahead of Terry Haywood, who pipped Jim Morris and Lorna West on a countback.

Challis wins in difficult conditions

GRAEME Challis took out the BP Augusta trophy stableford in difficult conditions on Saturday with 37 points after a count back from a determined Brian Bowden with George Leonard third on 36 points after a count back from Les Castle.

Nearest to the pins were won by Barry Brown on No. 2, David Read on No. 6, Graeme Challis on No. 11 and Kim Hadley on No. 18. Best third on No. 9 was Robbie Milentis,

with best second on No. 17 Wayne Hadley.

Sunday was the Home Hardware Margaret River trophy day with a big field playing in tough conditions that didn't reflect in the scores. Graham Bodycoat stormed home literally with a great 40 points for the win, with Robbie Milentis on 38 points second and Shirley Swarbrick third on 37 points.

The winner of the nine-hole scroungers consistency trophy for

May was George Leonard, a fitting reward for some good golf.

Last week Tuesday's scroungers saw Kent Kingdon the winner on 24 points from Barry Brown second and George Leonard third after a five way count back on 21 points. The Friday saw George Leonard continue his good form taking the win with a net 38 from Nick Dornan after a count back, third was Mal Williamson net 39.

O'Farrell's luck of the Irish

IRISH eyes were smiling this week as Matt O'Farrell hit the winner's enclosure again – despite almost losing part of his right thumb in a domestic mishap, but now he has vowed to reassess his priorities in relation to keeping his fingers green in the kitchen or on the golf course.

Or simply keeping his fingers.

It was while grating some vegetables on an ultra-sharp mandoline that ever-present Matt faced what could have been a real culinary catastrophe, but with the damaged digit heavily strapped he gave a defiant thumbs-up to play in the mixed nine-hole stableford, and won the day with a battling 20 points.

His score was four better than runner-up Mary Taylor who, in turn, was one ahead of Val Mowbray. The nearest male competitor to a delighted O'Farrell was Terry Haywood with 14.

"It was a bit uncomfortable," admitted O'Farrell. "I'll just have to be a bit more careful in the future."

Jeff Hedstrom was careful, too, in the mixed stableford, sponsored by popular Cowaramup coffee bar Smithereens, as he easily came out on top with 38 points. Runner-up was Mal Bromley with 35, while in the women's section Rosemary Basford carded 36 – one better than Megan Booth, who pipped Judy Anderson on a countback.

Top veteran of the week was Niall Carey, who took the nine-hole stroke

event with 33.5, beating Colin Andrews by one shot. Despite the fact that several of the regulars were away doing battle in the South West Veterans event in Donnybrook, competition was still red hot.

Club champion Sue Bloxham was the "A" Grade winner in the women's stableford, sponsored by club members Jo Pyatt and Phylis Harper, but only after a countback with Patsy Bedford after they both finished on 33. The scrutineers were called in again to determine the minor placings, one point further back, with Maggie Foy getting the nod ahead of Rosie Burnett.

The "B" Grade was more clear-cut as Kim Robson carded 39 to beat Carolyn Scott by five points. Next came Val Mowbray with 29 after a countback with Shirley Becker.

There was another good field for the Tuggy – JR Scroungers. Guess what... Tuggy, alias Mark Tugwood, even won! His 39 points was just too good for battling Bill Pascoe (37) and Brian Devitt (36), who edged out Rhys Owen on a countback. Dean Taylor's 32 was the best gross.

PARTING SHOT to Roy "Hobby" Hobson. Sleep well, old friend. You will be sorely missed... and those Tuesday arvo "conferences" in the greenkeeper's shed will never be the same.

News and views from the 19th hole

Joe Setter

PATIENCE, they say, has its rewards and retired chief roads engineer Bob Mofflin won't argue with that.

He reckons it has taken him five years to seal an overdue win in the popular veterans event.

Battling Bob, now in his 80s, managed to pave the way to take top honours in style. He dug deep to card a best-for-a-long-while 18 to win by one point from Mike Keogh, who pipped Jim Morris on a countback.

Success, though, is no stranger to Penny Foy. She won the women's A Grade stroke event after a countback with Sue Bloxam after they both finished on 79, and also won the Silver Spoon for good measure.

B Grade honours went to Lyn Glasson for her 72, two ahead of Mandy Farrell who gained splendid consolation by winning the putting event with only 25.

Jim Triglone continued his recent run of fine form with a fighting 38 points to take the Barry House-sponsored stableford. Runner-up was Peter Nicholls (36) from Daniel Hunt (35), while Steve

Owen's 28 was the best gross.

Club captain Dave Glasson hit the glory trail again to take the Morries mixed stableford with 36 points, which was two ahead of Dunsborough visitor Nick Ritchie. Best woman was Laurie Barker on 32.

Popular member Pierre Every sponsored scroungers and was happy to hand over the spoils to Jo Broadhurst. His 38 gave him a one-point advantage over Rhys Owen, while one just further back was John Ritchie, who won a four-man countback against Bruce Downing, Mike Lawson and Andrew Host.

Mike Skivinis had the best gross with 27.

The mixed nine-hole stableford was almost another women-only day. They filled four of the top five places as Colleen Marks got the scrutineer's nod for top spot ahead of Matt O'Farrell after they both finished on 18.

Minor placings went to Lorna West with 16 and June Home beat Shirley Becker on a countback, one point further adrift.

Mofflin reaps the rewards at last in veterans' event

Barrett claims mug victory

Joe Setter

CLAP your hands because here comes Geoff Barrett, proud winner of the latest Watershed Monthly Mug.

But like most events at the Wallcliffe Road venue these days, it was tense, it was tough and it was tight.

Battling Barrett carded an impressive 70 in this stroke competition and that was just one better than Jim Triglone, who pipped Scar Campbell in a nerve-jangling countback.

It was certainly tense: only hours later in the mixed stableford, Steve Britton got the nod ahead of Penny Foy after they both finished on 34.

Mal Bromley was granted third spot with his 31, thanks to a sporting gesture by Russell Reynolds, from sponsors Clownfish Wines, who opted out of the prize-getting even though he recorded 32.

It was tough too, as Megan Booth found it hard going in the women's sta-

bleford and needed a countback to win the spoils from Chris Combes.

They were tops with 32 – one better than in-form Sue Bloxam.

It was tight for the Veterans: Laurie Bedford's 18 saw him home in this nine-hole competition.

The real challenge came from four men just one point adrift, with club captain Dave Glasson getting the countback verdict ahead of John Agnew, Mike Keogh and Mike Beale.

Peter Joyce was the man of the moment in the Alan Dale-sponsored Scroungers.

His 39 points was just too good for the two men just one behind, Mark Worth winning the minor placing from David Jeffrey.

Rob Hearn was there again to win the nine-hole mixed stableford with 17.

One point adrift was top woman Diane Yates, while Jim Taylor and Jo Broadhurst both notched 15.

News and views from the 19th hole

Joe Setter

WHO needs the rub of the green when you are already a qualified groundsman?

Ask Rhys Owen.

He certainly knows the answer – and proved it with a fighting finish to take the Cape Landing Scroungers event.

It was a tight finish as consistent Owen, son of popular member Steve Owen, carded a brilliant 41 – just one ahead of big-hitting Tony Byrne with Don Bredenkamp one further back in third place.

Best gross was recorded by Mike Skivinis with 30.

The eagerly-awaited Cullen Wines mixed stableford was sadly washed out, but 24 hours earlier David Coates produced a storm of his own to take the Geograph Earth Moving event with 39 points.

Runner-up was club captain Dave Glasson on 36, while Mark Leavesley took the three-man countback, one point further behind, from Chris Carey, a visitor from Karrinyup Golf Club, and Micko O'Hara.

Wendy Chidgey was the women's "A" Grade winner in their stableford competition. Her 32 points was just too good for Sue Bloxam (30), but the real heroine was Mandy Farrell, who took time off from her duties in the club shop to cash in again.

After starring with the putter the previous week, Farrell shone with her all-round game this time to comfortably take the "B" Grade with a splendid 38 – two ahead of runner-up Chris Combes.

It was two-ball ambrose time – stroke play over nine holes – for the Veterans and another nail-biting finish.

The perky pairing of Colin Andrews and Mike Croxford did the trick as they romped home with only 28 3/8 – a mere half a mark ahead of Jon Beales and Niall Carey.

That man Rob Hearn was in command again in the mixed nine-hole stableford.

His 21 points gave him overall glory with Richard Deshon the next-best man with 15.

Among the women, Mary Taylor, who outgunned husband Jim, was best with 18, one better than Val Mowbray.

News and views from the 19

Joe Setter

VETERAN Dave Benson has a simple philosophy as far as golf is concerned - just go out and enjoy every minute of it, even when things are not going your way.

Good health and Dame Fortune have not been his closest allies these past couple of years, but battling Benson can boast a broad smile to go with his theory after suddenly bouncing back to form and favour with a vengeance.

First, he came within a whisker of claiming the Watershed Premium Wines monthly mug. Benson carded a highly-respectable 72, to be pipped only on a countback with Craig Foy - and another countback was needed for Rob Baker to edge out bang-in-form Rhys Owen, one shot further behind.

The Veterans' nine-hole stableford was much more clear-cut.

Benson ruled with 21 points, one ahead of Terry Halsall. Baker was there again, too. He finished with 19 and had to be content with yet another countback to beat Colin Andrews for third place.

Club captain Dave Glasson also the winning touch, and he needs the blessing of the scrutineers to take Treeton Estates mixed stableford.

He finished with 39 and came on top of a three-player decider from woman Ricky Coates and Ian Chidzey.

Rosie Burnett made no mistake in the A-grade women's stableford.

recorded 34, three ahead of runner-up Leonie Bell. B-grade honours went to Michelle Boyanich with 29, with I Priest beating Shirley Becker on a countback to be runner-up, one further behind.

Scar Campbell won the day and took a larger-than-usual field in the Scroungers with a fighting 38 points.

That was one in front of David McFarrell who got the nod over Des Russell on a countback.

Women ruled in the mixed nine-hole stableford.

Diane Yates was voted winner after they all came in on 16.

Top man, and one point behind, Matt O'Farrell.

Chidgey takes Michael in four-way countback

Joe Setter

IT might have been the Michaels' Day down Wallcliffe Road way but really it was Allison's week.

Margaret River Golf Club members named Michael chipped in to sponsor a special stableford event, followed by a barbecue, which all went down well until one of the Michaels' married daughters stole the show.

Taking the Mickey was Allison Kelly, pride and joy of Mike Croxford.

First she was top woman in the Southern



Trophy: Ian Chidgey won the Michaels' Day handicap.

Workwear mixed stableford, and then went on to take the A-grade award and putting event in the women's stroke competition to lay a strong and confident claim to be the

player of the moment.

Craig Foy was tops in the under-18 handicap section with 37 points, one ahead of Mike Skivinis, who won a countback with Bill Pascoe.

Also on 37, in the over-18 handicap grouping, was Ian Chidgey, winning a four-man countback against Mike Lawson, Greg Cura and Mike Herbert.

Croxford finished with 34 in the mixed event, which was won by Rob Hearn (39) from Laurie Bedford (37) and John Bell (36), but better, much better, was to come.

In the women's stroke, she won the A section with 73, one ahead of Penny Foy, and had only 24 putts to take that prize as well.

Jo Pyatt's 72 made her No.1 in the B group, three ahead of runner-up Lyn Glasson.

Ken Miles was top veteran of the week, taking the nine-hole stableford with 25, well ahead of Dave Glasson, who pipped Kevin Parker on a countback after they both finished on 19.

Former West Coast Eagles star Dean Kemp dropped by for his Down South Wholesale-spon-

sored scroungers and passed the top prize to veteran Alan Dale.

His 40 points was just too good and two ahead of Rob Edwards, who beat Bill Taplin and club president Mike Basford on a countback.

Kemp himself had a reasonable round but was happy to hand over the gross award of 76 to Mark Halsall, one of his playing partners.

Jim Taylor carded 17 to comfortably take the mixed nine-hole stableford competition, four ahead of runner-up Shirley Becker.

Baker good form for win

ROB Baker was in good form again in Saturday's Solar Gain's men's stableford at the Margaret River Golf Club with 36, two ahead of Brent Burton who came second with 34 on a countback from Laurie Bedford.

The Sunday was won by Helen Priest with 37 and Nick Liebenberg second with 36.

Third went to Sunday's captain Ian Chidgey with 33 on a countback from Mark Worth.

Jon Beales was first in the vets' stroke nine-hole, 33, and Jim Watson second with 35.

Linda Henry was the winner in the ladies' A-grade stableford with 31;

Rosie Burnett came second with one point less.

The B-grade was won with 33 points by Carolyn Scott on a countback from Kath Solonec.

The Jims turned out to be the winners in the second half of the week.

Veteran Jim Taylor was hard to beat at the Leeuwin Ridge Roof Plumbing Scroungers event with 37, one ahead of Jim Triglone.

Third place went to Cody Laskey 35 who just beat Mike Skivinis on a countback.

Jim Watson was best man on Friday and took first place in the mixed nine holes.

Triumph Taylor-made

News and views from the 19th

Joe Setter

AGE is no real handicap in some sport. Just ask Brien Taylor, at 91 the oldest playing member at Margaret River Golf Club.

Taylor, a retired solicitor from Katanning, presented his case in some style in the veterans' nine-hole stableford.

He got the unanimous verdict, too, with a highly respectable return of 23 points.

And this was three shots better than his closest rivals led by Mike Croxford, a man in his 80s, who won a countback from the even younger Noel Wenman and Rob Baker.

This Taylor-made triumph was the feat of the week, though Di Linfoot staked her claim with a super success in the mixed stableford.

Her 37 was four better than the return of Dave Noske, with Angie Burges one further behind in third place.

Sean Howard came out on top of the Kim Hewton-sponsored stableford, though he had to battle all the way.

He carded 39, one ahead of Craig Foy, with Geoff Barrett next with 35.

Best gross went to young Nick Liebenberg with 25.

The Wednesday women played a par competition with A-grade honours going to Libby Dawson, who finished all square, ahead of Maggie Foy with -1.

Michele Boyanich continued her run of fine form to take the B-grade with +1, from Val Mowbray -1.

Heads down, the raiders are on the prowl again.

David Reid, a visitor from Augusta, certainly enjoys playing at Wallcliffe Road and proved it again by winning the Bare Rooted Wines scroungers stableford.

His 41 points was just too good for home-based hero Russell Pratt on 39, with Jim Watson one further back and taking third spot following a countback with Rhys Owen.

Matt O'Farrell was the man of the moment in the nine-hole mixed stableford.

His 21 points was just enough to edge out the persistent Jim Watson, who pipped Lorna West on a countback after they both recorded 20.

Sweet revenge for Bedford

Joe Setter

HOW sweet is revenge?

Ask Laurie Bedford.

He wiped away 12 months' frustration when he won the Ray Atcheson stroke championship for veterans, finishing two up against Ken Miles in the nail-biting final.

Last year, in the inaugural event, battler Bedford was also in the sudden-death nine-hole decider, only to lose five and four to another high handicapper, Cliff Garstone. This time, though, there was no mistake, despite Miles' fine fight.

Meantime, the other vets had their own stableford competition which was won by Matt O'Farrell on 21 after a countback with Dave Glasson. Another countback was needed to place Terry Haywood ahead of Alan Dale after they both carded 20.

Talking of Haywood, he carried on the good work to take the mixed nine-hole stableford with 18 ahead of Shirley Becker, who pipped Rob Hearn and June Home who all finished one behind.

The father-son team of Terry and Mark Halsall

linked up with Jeff Hedstrom and Helen Priest to win the Frankie's Folly four-ball aggregate stableford with 101, four ahead of Rob and Rhonda Hearn, who were partnered by Penny Foy and Matt O'Farrell.

Mal Bromley came out on top of the Dave Burges-sponsored stableford with 37, two points ahead of Gavin Leiper.

Peter Nicholls was next on 34 following a countback with Craig Foy and Dave Glasson.

Not that Mrs Glasson was going to be outdone. Lively Lynn was the No.1 woman of the week when she was outright winner of the Wednesday stableford with 32 points.

A-grade honours went to Chris Combes on 31, one ahead of Mandy Farrell who beat Patsy Bedford on a countback.

Lynn Glasson was B-grade best and one better than Caroline Scott, who edged out Jo Pyatt.

Congratulations also to Rhys Owen, who triumphed in the Howard Park Wines stableford with an impressive 40 points.

Mark Worth was runner-up on 39 with Graham Farrell, 36, getting the nod over Dave Noske for third place.

Guest reveals fine form

Joe Setter

HE might have won the Watershed monthly mug, but battler Bill Guest was anything but, and proved it in some style by carding a magnificent 66 to blow away the rest of the field.

This was three shots better than runner-up Rob Baker, with Dave Benson claiming third place following a countback with Mike Keogh after they both finished on 71.

And talking of Benson, who is also in fine form, he was just off target again in the veteran's nine-hole stableford a few days later.

Though he collected 20 points, it was not quite enough to upset winner Terry Haywood, who finished one ahead of him.

Jim Watson won a three-man countback with Robin Lee and Mike Croxford for the other minor placing, one further back.

Fun, games and sportsmanship featured in the Kelly's Vineyard Irish stableford, won by the team of Rhonda and Rob Hearn, Matt O'Farrell and Gerry Hunt with 99 points. Sponsors Mike and Allison Kelly, playing with Mike

Croxford and Mike Lawson, took third place after losing a countback to Mal Bromley, Rob Williams and visitors Kevin Wheeler (Capel) and Khanungnit Wheeler (Bunbury) on 95, but they opted out of claiming their own prizes.

This let in a surprised but grateful quartet of Kath Solonec, Cody Laskey, Craig Foy and David Reid, though we are reliably informed the unlucky Croxford and Lawson did not go home empty handed, either.

Quite a week for Solonec too. She followed up her good work by recording 99 in the first round of the women's club championships, which gave her both the gross and nett (72) awards in the B-grade.

A-grade gross winner was reigning champ Sue Bloxam with 80, while the nett honours went to Libby Dawson (69).

Tough, tense and tight at the top in the Wine For Dudes Scroungers.

There was a three-man countback for the bragging rights, with Ray Warren pipping Rhys Owen and Nic Taplin at the post after they defied the threatening weather with 35 points apiece. Dean Taylor's 28 was the best gross.

O'Farrell seals his fame

Joe Setter

MATT O'Farrell recorded his longed-for hole-in-one last week, 41 years and over 4000 rounds of competitive golf since he swung his first club in hope as much as anticipation.

Now this septuagenarian from the Emerald Isle, with a brogue still in his voice and an extra spring in his step, knows he has sealed a place in the Margaret River Golf Club's history.

It was a day he will never forget ... and if he does there's always the king-size bar bill as an extra reminder.

Playing in the Geograph Earth Moving two-ball ambrose with veterans captain Mike Lawson, Irish eyes suddenly smiled as O'Farrell used his number five wood with precision and purpose to tame the 142 metres of the par-three eighth hole.

A self-confessed golf "nut", he once distributed calling cards which proclaimed: "Matt O'Farrell – golf enthusiast. Have clubs will travel".

Now this man-of-the-moment can add his latest achievement if he decides on a reprint.

Winners of the event were the father-son pairing of Terry and Mark Halsall with 65.75, one clear of Mike Skivinis and Cody Laskey.

Just 0.25 further back were Rhon-

da and Rob Hearn after a countback with Mandy Farrell and Dave Goodall.

O'Farrell was almost there again in the veterans nine-hole stableford, but his 18 points was not quite enough to upstage the in-form Terry Haywood, who won for the second week running with 20.

Colin Lovelady, a visitor from Lake Karrynup, came, saw and conquered in the Brumby Margaret River stableford.

His 37 points was too good for club captain Dave Glasson (36), while three further adrift was Dave Benson, who edged out Mark Leavesley and Bill Taplin on a countback.

Patsy Bedford was the star in the second round of the womens' championships with an impressive nett 74 – one shot ahead of Rosie Burnett, who pipped Kerry Farrelly in another countback.

Craig Foy carded 39 points to win the scroungers event from Rhys Owen (38) and Rob Young (36), while Wayne Smith's 33 was the best gross.

The mixed nine-hole stableford event was comfortably won by Jim Taylor with 18, putting him three clear of Shirley Becker who got the nod over Ken Miles on a countback for the minor placings.

News and views from the 19th at Margaret River Golf Club

Joe Setter

SPLENDID, sensational, or just plain super? They all fit the bill as far as soar-away Sue Bloxam is concerned, the so-proud winner of the MRGC women's championship for the 14th time over the past 18 years.

Her latest success was as convincing as ever when she carded a 54-hole gross total of 249 – seven shots ahead of runner-up Sarah Roddy. B-grade honours went to Michelle Boyanich with 321, ahead of Kim Robson (327).

The appropriately-named Sue Bloxam Trophy, for the best nett score, went to Kath Solonec, who beat Wendy Chidgey on a countback after they both returned 226.

If the brilliant Bloxam was justly the outright personality of the week, then the man-of-the-moment title belonged to another brave battler, Bill Taplin.

It started in the Vice Squad stroke event when he took the runners-up berth, one shot behind winner Wayne Clark, with a satisfying 70 after a countback with Gerry Keogh, a visitor from the Dunsborough Lakes club.

But it got even better, first with a win

in the weekly Veterans nine-hole competition and then better still with another stunning success in the MR Tank Cleaning/LAGO Wines Scroungers.

Taplin's 21 in the Veterans was too good for Brien Taylor, who finished one behind and pipped Abe Huisken on a countback. Happy returns indeed for Brien who celebrated his 91st birthday only a day before.

Then came the Scroungers stableford, and tip-top Taplin was hot again to record 39, two points in front of Dave Benson, who edged out Tim Watson on another countback.

Kim Hewton hit the winner's circle, too, with 38 points to take the Kiss Chasey Wines mixed stableford.

Runner-up was Rosie Burnett with 34, followed by Matt O'Farrell, who got the nod over Dave Glasson, Rhonda Hearn and Mike Lawson after they all finished with 33.

There was no stopping Jim Taylor, either. He won the mixed nine-hole stableford for the second week running with 19 points. Terry Haywood was runner-up on 18 after a countback with Jan Macaulay.

Mrs Coates finds her touch twice in a week

Joe Setter

RIKKIE Coates found the winning touch on the golf course again this week, not once but twice. First she partnered husband David to win the Laurie and Ray Barker-sponsored mixed Ambrose pairs, before going solo to take out the women's A-grade stableford in some style. In the Ambrose event the Coates 'carded an impressive 62.75, which was too good for runners-up Helen Priest and Jeff Hedstrom, who finished on 64. Another husband-wife pairing of Lyn and club captain Dave Glasson were next best with 65.5.

It was in the individual competition that Rikki really came into her own with 37 points, pipping Wendy Chidgey on a countback. In the B-grade Carolyn Scott was best with 35, outgunning Diane Yates, who got the nod over Jo Pyatt after they both returned 34.

But it wasn't all disappointment for Dave Glasson, though. A day earlier he won the Watershed monthly mug with a fighting 69 – two ahead of Bill Guest, who beat Daniel Hunt on a countback.

Retired farmer Ken Miles didn't quite

reach the winner's circle, but he certainly harvested a lot of praise when he eagled the par 43.16-metre 10th, rated the third-hardest hole on the course, during the veterans nine-hole stableford. His second shot did the trick after his drive went into the rough on the right-hand side. A shrewdly hit four iron was steered through the fork of a tree on to the green and into the hole.

That was certainly the talking point afterwards, as was the 22 points which won the day, with back-to-form Laurie Bedford edging out Ray Bennett on a countback in an exciting event sponsored by Abe Huisken of Birdsong Wines.

Nigel Gallop had a day to remember, too, as he took out the Busselton Hyundai Scroungers stableford with 37 points. He was two ahead of Daniel Hunt with Mike Keogh next on 34 after a countback with Mark Pope and Stuart Currell.

The scheduled mixed nine-hole stableford turned to be an all-woman affair with June Home claiming the honours with 20. Next best was Lorna West, two behind, after a countback with Jo Pyatt.

News and views from the golf club

Joe Setter

MAYBE, after all, it really is a woman's world – certainly along this stretch of Wallcliffe Road.

For the second week running the women completely dominated the mixed nine-hole stableford competition after bang-in-form Penny Foy set the pace by taking out the Cullen's mixed 18-hole event.

Foy carded 37 points to finish one ahead of Michael Rogers, who edged out Helen Priest on a countback.

Foy was in the mix again in the women's Par event "A" Grade, eventually won by Wendy Chidgey on a countback with Barbara Webster after they both finished on -1.

It was tense and tight, too, in the "B" Grade with three players finishing on +3.

June Home got the vote to come out on top, from Joan Garstone and Judy Anderson.

As for the mixed nine-hole event, the few male players on

parade got their marching orders as Shirley Becker (21) romped home from Mary Taylor (19) and Lorna West (18).

At least there were some meritorious manly manoeuvres, too. Gary Wightman took out the Dave Goodall-sponsored stableford with a fighting 41 to outgun Fred Murton, who took the runners-up berth on 38 after beating club captain Dave Glasson on a countback.

And in the scroungers event, hosted by the popular Jim Triglone, Brent Burton got the nod over Daniel Hunt after they both recorded 39.

Nic Taplin was next with 38. Sobering thought from the Veterans Par Plus competition.

The three players who tied for first place on +3 had a combined age of around 240.

The youngest of the trio, Terry Haywood, got the verdict from the oldest, Brien Taylor, with John Agnew in third spot.

Granville takes over reins as club president

NEWLY-elected Barry Granville forecast of a bright and breezy future for Margaret River Golf Club as his two-year reign as president unfolded at last week's general meeting.

Taking over from Mike Basford, Granville has the qualities and qualifications to maintain the club's reputation among the pace-setters of the South West.

He moved to the area in 1988 and two years later moved into real estate.

Today he is a principal at Margaret River Real Estate First National and one of the most experienced consultants in the shire, with several notable awards to his name.

And already Granville has assembled a likely-looking team to pave the way for what he hopes is a glittering future.

Joining him as vice-presidents are Dave Noske and Angie Burges, while the indefatigable Dave Glasson is staying on as captain. New women's captain is Wendy Chidgey and David Jeffrey takes over as scroungers captain. New committee members are Jules Ashton (two years) and Basford and Ian Chidgey (one year).

As the club sets off with a new leadership team, there have some memorable moments on the course too, such as the prestigious Women's Classic.

Lorraine Smith from Wanneroo was a real champion in this 36-hole event. She carded a winning score of 82, which was eight ahead of her nearest rival Jill Cassidy (Nedlands).

Royal Perth's Chelsea Babbe had the best gross with 65, followed by local champion Sue Bloxam on 58.

Full marks to all concerned for making the occasion such a success, and, believe it or not, the Margaret River women still found the time and energy to get involved with their own weekly competition – a stableford event sponsored by Judy Anderson.

The A Grade winner was Barbara Webster on 37, four ahead of Leonie Bell, who edged out Wendy Chidgey and Penny Foy on a countback. B Grade honours went to Kath Solonec (35), five in front of Helen Priest, who got the scrutineer's nod over Di Yates and Michelle Boyanich.

It was tough at the top for the veterans too as they staged a nine-hole four-ball-better-ball. Again a countback was needed to separate two teams that each finished on 25. Rob Baker and Ray Bennett pipped Ray Barker and Noel Wenman.

Wayne Clark won the Three Amigos Scroungers with 41 points, three ahead of Rob Foy and Ken MacKenzie.

Pope takes trophy win

Joe Setter

IT has been an exciting week at the Golf course with the first weekend of the men's championship played and the Paddy Barrett Trophy up for grabs.

Mark Pope got his name engraved this year with 136 points.

Overall runner-up went to the sponsor and very talented Marc Halsall (Halsall and Associates).

The men's championship is decided after four rounds of 18 holes Stableford, played over two weekends.

In the Sunday mixed Judy Anderson took the honours with 33 points on a count back from Sarah Roddy.

Third place went to Rosemary Basford with only one point less.

The seniors had to fight for best player this week with Gordon Smith, coming out on top with 19 points on a count back from Terry Halsall, Abe Huisken, Mike Keogh and Terry Haywood.

The women's A-grade was won by Rosemary Basford with 36 points, who seems to be on a winning streak, with Rosie Burnett second with 35.

Carolyn Scott won the B-Grade with 36 points on a count back from Kim Robson.

Thursday's Mal Gray and Gary O'Meara's Stableford saw Sean Howard taken home first prize with 40 points just too good for Peter Bojanich, who beat Michael

Thompson on a count back with 38 points.

Rob Hearn scored best on Friday's mixed Stableford event with 20 points, one too good for Jocelyn Pyatt who beat Jim Morris on a count back.

Farrelly aces course

Joe Setter

A ROUND of applause was due for Kerry Farrelly, the newest member of the Margaret River Golf Club's hole-in-one club.

Farrelly's magic moment came in the women's weekly stableford when she aced the par-three fifteenth hole.

She also took the A Grade honours with a fighting 38 points, four ahead of Maggie Foy, with Perry Fox next on 33 after a countback with Wendy Campbell.

B grade plaudits belonged to Diane Yates who carded 45 clear of Renata Lea who finished on 33.

Mandy Farrell took third place with 32.

James Sidders won the Griffiths Cup par competition on +4 after a nail-biting countback with Graeme Bedgood.

Next best was Andrew Host on +2. The Swings and Roundabouts mixed stableford produced another

tight finish with Jeff Hedstrom getting the nod over Geoff Harveson after they both finished on 37.

Penny For was the top woman, two points adrift.

If you care to ask Jon Beales to name his favourite day of the week he will undoubtedly say Tuesday and the veterans nine-hole stableford.

Bealzie was there again to take the spoils with an impressive 23 points, though Ken Miles was snapping at his heels, just one point behind.

Ken Mackenzie's run of good form continued too, as he won the scroungers competition with a hard-earned 41, just ahead of Mick O'Hara, who finished one point behind.

Dave Scott was next on 38 after a countback with Rob Dewar.

Matt O'Farrell also found his winning touch again, taking out the mixed nine-hole stableford with 17.

Next came Jan Macaulay, one point away, after a countback with Terry Haywood.

SPORT

Experience, youth combine to blitz field

TAKE the steady hand of experience, add the potent potential of teenage talent and you have the fearsome formula for stunning success.

So it proved in the Laurie Bedford-sponsored Foursomes Championships, played over two days and 36 holes, as the perky pairing of Mike Skivinis and young Nick Liebenberg strode to an impressive win.

Their aggregate score of 161 simply blitzed the field and they confidently finished eight ahead of the runners-up, Jeremy Wixon and John Bell.

Overall nett winners were Matt O'Farrell and Mike Herbert on 143 – six in front of Mick O'Hara and Bill Guest.

Mike Keogh and Craig Foy took the day one nett honours with 72, while Ray Scott and Graeme

Bedgood carded 72.5 to be best on day two.

And while the fours were fighting it out, there was also a mixed stableford event won by Megan Booth on 40, from veteran Geoff Harveson (35).

Though the course was closed for three days to enable the greens to be cored and sanded, there was still plenty of action when play resumed with Stuart Currell taking out the Mike Skivinis-Mike Basford Scroungers with an impressive 41 points. New captain Dave Jeffrey was next on 39, with Mick O'Hara one adrift in third place.

That man Matt O'Farrell confirmed his return to full fitness and form with another win in the mixed nine-hole stableford. His 22 points was too good for nearest rivals Richard Deshon (18) and Diane Yates (17).

SPORT

Dejong takes lead

Joe Setter

THERE'S no happier chappie than Larry Dejong.

After two rounds in the Cowaramup Agencies Classic, with two more to go, Dejong took the lead after posting a brilliant 42.

This was two points better than Dean Taylor who pipped guest and former professional Paul Morgan on a countback.

All told 'Misty' was just one of eight visitors with credit going to Horst Hesse, who travelled from Bathurst and finished in fourth place on 39.

Club captain Dave Glasson and his wife Lyn sponsored the mixed event and reintroduced their medalford.

The first nine holes are played stroke and the second nine stableford.

To determine the winner, the stableford points are deducted from the stroke total.

Still with us?

Geoff Harveson certainly is being named hands-down winner with 18, four ahead of Mike Herbert, who also finished runner up the day before.

That was in the more-usual Podmores stableford, won by Andrew Frost with 40.

Then came Herbert on 39 with Mike Basford getting the nod in a four-man countback with Jeremy Wixon, Jules Ashton and Rob Dewar, all on 37.

The women's stableford was quite a family affair as Penny Foy pipped her sister-in-law Maggi in a close finish.

Penny's 36 was one point too good.

Sue Bloxam took the minor placing on 33 following a countback with Kim Robson and Rosie Burnett.

Terry Haywood is still in fine form, particularly in the nine-hole competition.

Having finished as runner-up in the veterans stableford, he romped away to a comfortable win in the mixed event.

He carded 20 among the veterans, but couldn't upset tough-as-teak octogenarian Mike Croxford who went one better.

It was easier in the mixed where his 23 was just too good for Shirley Becker who got the verdict over Kevin Parker after they both finished on 19.

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Mail Sport

O'Hara returns to top form

Joe Setter

THEY say you can't keep a good man down and here's MRGC's own cheeky chappie, Mick O'Hara, to prove the point with a stunning return to top form.

First the irrepressible Micko turned on full burners to win the Plasterboard MR stableford with a fighting 41 points, just one ahead of Daniel Hunt, with David Crafter, one of seven visitors from Hatfield Country Club, taking out the gross honours with 32.

Some 24 hours later, in the mixed stableford sponsored by his pal Steve Britton, he almost pulled off another creditable win, but had to be content with the runners-up berth.

His 35 meant he had to get the verdict over Mike Lawson in a countback as Mike Smith took

the day with 38.

Top woman was Megan Booth with 33, again only after a countback with Wendy Chidgey.

There was some intriguing competition for the veterans as they staged an ambrose 2s event. Slim Jim Watson teamed up with Mike Beale to win the day with 30 7/8 and outgunned the Mick Keogh-Kevin Parker combination by just half a shot. It was also the start of a nail-biting few weeks for the scroungers, the first round of four for the annual Scroungers Cup sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies, with competitors eventually being judged on their best three scores.

Roy Warren got off to a cracking start to be the early pacemaker with 41 points. Two ahead of Dave Noske, who beat Greg Cura on a countback. Dean Taylor's 32 was the best gross.

Special praise must also go to the much

feared, but well-known, scroungers' Fines Committee.

New captain David Jeffrey decided all proceeds should go to the Esperance Fire Relief Fund and more than \$320 was raised.

As one wag commented, "A flaming good show, chaps."

There were good shows, too, in the women's stableford, with Kim Robson taking out the A Grade with 38, two ahead of Penny Foy.

But the real star was Diane Yates with 41 in the B Grade - some eight points clear of Jennifer Clark, who edged out Jo Pyatt in a countback.

Determined Yates was almost tops again in the mixed nine-hole stableford when she carded 21, but had to be content with second place after being pipped by Terry Haywood in yet another countback.

Home honoured with his club's life membership

Joe Setter

CHRISTMAS came early for 83-year-old Vince Home last week when he became the 18th life member of Margaret River Golf Club.

"This has come as a complete surprise. I never thought it would happen to me and I feel so proud and just as proud off the magnificent course we have created here," Home said.

He was one of the tireless band of volunteers who helped to model and pave the way for what is the present-day showcase of South West country golf.

Perhaps better known in the district for his association with Prevelly Park Caravan Park and the family-owned and well-respected Preveli Wines, Home's golf has been restricted in the past couple of years because of illness and injury, but his wife June still regularly plays in the Friday mixed nine-hole competitions.

Meanwhile, on the course it was another week to remember for Mick O'Hara and Larry Dejong.

O'Hara carded 71 to take out the Watershed Monthly Mug championship from Geoff Harveson (72) and Ray Scott (73), who pipped Andrew Host on a countback.

Other major honours went to Mark Pope, who was named Golfer of the Year, and Daniel Hunt, who took out the eclectic title.

Graeme Bedggood became the West Knockout champion after a ding-dong tussle with Terry Halsall.

And Dejong, for the second week running posted an awe-inspiring 42 points – this time to win the third round of the Scroungers Championship.

And, with one round still to go, he is odds-on

favourite to win the Cowaramup Agencies classic.

It was tougher this time as he had to rely on a countback to see off Clinton McGregor, with Tym Wholagan in third place on 38.

Big-hitter Mike Skivinis was also a show-stealer as he eagled the par-five 14th hole during the popular ambrose 4s – sponsored, appropriately, by his own Berry Farm.

His second shot on the 503 metre tester got to within 90m of the green and his trusty pitching iron did the rest.

Craig Foy, Graeme Payne, Alec Williams and David Reid were the winners on 54¼ – some ⅝ better than Ricky and David Coates, who were partnered by Allan Duke and Pat Quinn.

There was heavy scoring in the veterans nine-hole stableford with the club's oldest member, Brien Taylor, winning on 23 after a countback with Dave Benson.

Four other players – Ray Atcheson, Gordon Smith, Terry Haywood and Mike Beale – finished on 22.

Rosemary Basford was the top woman with 16.

Sue Bloxam and Mandy Farrell combined to win the women's nine-hole ambrose 2s with 32, just beating Wendy Campbell and Roz Cummings who were ⅞ behind.

The mixed nine-hole stableford competition went to Richard Deshon with 22 points, well clear of runner-up Kevin Parker (18).

The top woman was Diane Yates on 15.



2015 - Neil Eary catching bus to Cowaramup Ag day in Dec



Memorial to Roy Hobson, passed away 26/5/2015. Laurie Bedford, Ray Atcheson and Mark Lewis in front of old yellow tractor.



2015 Vince Homes and Ray pontificating of the old days - Vets Xmas



2015 Laurie Bedford receiving the Ray Atcheson Shield

McGregor round stuns the pundits

Joe Setter

GOLFER Clinton McGregor is sure to be feeling a little merry heading into the silly season after he pulled off one of the shocks of the year.

McGregor left everyone at the Margaret River Golf Club stunned when he pipped a disappointed Larry Dejong by one point to win the scroungers championship in a nail-biting fourth and final round.

With the best three scores counting for the title, Dejong was in the box seat with two successive returns of 42, which earned him two weekly prizes.

Sadly when the crunch came, he could only manage a final round score of 29 to enable McGregor to steal home with an impressive 39 for a three-round aggregate of 119.

Dejong's scant consolation was that he was able to fall back on his first-round 34 to take the runner-up title with 118.

Dean Taylor (112) rounded out the top three.

The last day winner was Damien Bullock on 40 after a countback with new veteran's captain Rob Baker.

It was touch-and-go in the stableford competition with the scrutineers again working

overtime. First they determined Michael Rogers just beat Craig Foy for the title after they both finished on 38 and then met again with Mark Bonnette and Tony Byrne tied on 37.

Jeff Hedstrom just got home in the mixed stableford with 38, one ahead of visiting Gingin golfer Brian Carter.

The top woman was Sarah Roddy on 35 after a countback with Ian Chidgey.

Retired farmer Ken Miles maintained his recent run of fine form with another win in the veteran's nine-hole stableford, harvesting an impressive 23.

Mike Beale took the runner-up spot on 20 following a five-man countback.

Captain Wendy Chidgey ruled with 38 in the women's stableford, one ahead of Leonie Bell.

Rosemary Basford pipped Christine Combes on a countback after they both carded 33.

Club patron Doris Arthur once again defied the years to make one of her now rare appearances with some style.

With partner Matt O'Farrell she posted 42.5 to win the mixed nine-hole ambrose twos almost six shots ahead of the second-placed team of Rob Hearn and Diane Yates.

Mail Sport

Roddy takes tough win

Joe Setter

THEY call the par four 5th "The Avenue" down Wallcliffe Road way, but suddenly it became no more than a walk in the park for Sarah Roddy.

The tree-lined 302 metres tester is demanding, yet Roddy still managed to record a rare eagle during the mixed stableford, sponsored by new women's president Angie Burges and husband Dave.

It really was some achievement and helped Roddy to 40 points, and third place behind David Coates (43) and Mike Basford (41).

The Cheeky Monkey stableford produced its moments, too. Only one point separated the top seven, and that meant overtime for the scrutineers.

The eventual winner was Gary Wightman, who pipped Peter Nicholls on a countback, after they had both finished on 38.

And then came the rush on 37.

Minor honours were claimed by Nick House, who narrowly got the verdict over Wayne Clark, Jules Ashton, Robin Lea and Connor Taylor.

Close, too, in the veterans' nine-hole stableford with Ray Bennett claiming the most festive cheer with 22 points.

Again a countback was needed to determine John Agnew's second place, just ahead of new vice-captain Mike Keogh, after they both carded 21.

Special mention for Niall Carey's 20 after his long walk to the starting tee.

Fortunately for him he did manage to "get a lift" as his three playing partners were all in dive-along carts. Now that's real holiday spirit.



Yates shows off skill

Joe Setter

IT was bully for Diane Yates as the former hockey ace produced a couple of special pre-Christmas crackers.

First she was bang on target in the women's stableford, carding a sensational 47 points, 12 ahead of her nearest rival Helen Priest who just got the nod over Maggi Foy on a countback.

Two days later, deadly Di struck again to take the mixed nine-hole event with 21.

Barbara Webster was runner up on 20 and one further back came Jim Taylor as the leading man.

It was Ambrose, Ambrose and then even more Ambrose in other events, with the two-ball competition claimed by visiting pair Tony Hagan and John Burrell from Mosman Park.

They combined to win the day with 62, just ahead of home duo Nick

Liebenberg and Rob Baker who finished on 63.5

Baker's 68 was the best gross.

The popular Daffodil Day mixed four-ball afternoon featured talented teenager Liebenberg once more.

This time he shared first place with Mike Skivinis, Steve Britton and John Britton after they recorded 53.37.

Runners up were Roz Cummings, Steve and Rhys Owen and Stuart Currell.

The veterans added a little variation by staging a combined Ambrose with Dave Benson and Terry Haywood running away to a two-point win.

Their 38 was just too good for Ian Colmer and Rob Baker.

Rob Dewar finally got the verdict with 40 but only after a countback with Robert Foy.

Bruce Downing was third, just one point adrift.

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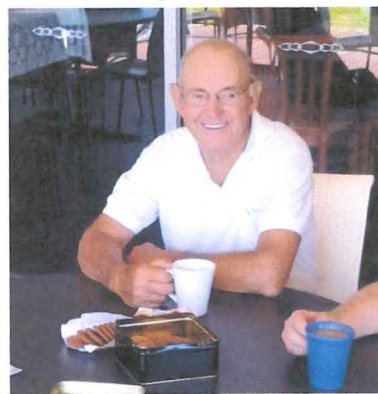
1980 - the drain on Number 7, being only approximately 1.5m wide, was claiming plenty of golf balls so it was resolved that Colin Duggan cover it with chicken wire - problem solved - that is until the wire started to deteriorate!!!

1984 - 1985

The drainage problem on No 4 resulted in the drain being enlarged to allow the flow of water to get away.

1985

The writer had a spare tray of Karri tree plants which had "fallen off the back of a truck". These were planted at the end of the practice tee east and west and can now be seen from the Clubhouse.



1985

Mr Peter Brennan donated the cost of ploughing, seed, fertiliser and couch planting for the first 150 metres from the Tee of No 3. This area was causing concern because of its sandy nature which made pulling buggies through it difficult.

1985 - 1986

Preston House suggested a Caretaker House be built from Club resources to curb break-ins and non-payment of green fees. A building committee costed it out and reported for a three bedroom, with carport and veranda, and an office. Allowing for donations, labour etc - total \$13,695.

1987

To prevent unauthorised use of the toilets, Vince Home agreed to unlock them in the mornings and Smiler Gale to lock them on his way home in the evenings.

Very kindly provided by Ray Atcheson

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"Did you Know" ?

Fencing and the Sheepish Mowers

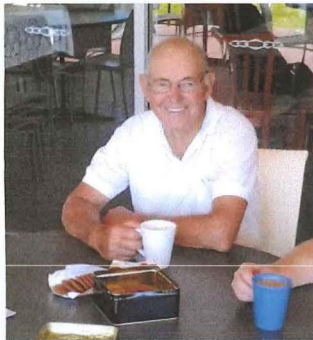
1965 - Norm Scott and Bob Palmer took it on themselves to fence the Club's boundary, put a cattle hut in at the front gate then introduced sheep to take care of the "mowing".

This of course posed a problem of how to keep the sheep off the sand greens. Solution - a single wire, approximately 18" high erected around each green. Didn't always work but the sheep did an excellent job of the mowing until 1972.

Around about that time the Club purchased a Massey Fergie and Slasher and used these for many years and then a Chamberland tractor which was used by Volunteer operators.

Clubhouse Lighting

The Club's first lighting was provided by a lighting plant purchased from the Margaret River Hotel. Sometimes it did the job - sometimes not! On occasion, as much as it was cranked, it just would not start. Consequently, many meetings were held by Tilly Lamps and later on, gas light.



"Did you Know" ?

The "Lake"

During heavy winter rainfalls in the 50's, 60's, the "Lake" would often overflow on to number 10 and then follow a course across number 9, then on to number 1, toward Walcliffe Road.

When 10 was first opened up for play and the "Lake" overflowed timber face cuts were obtained from Ryan's Mill, Cowaramup and placed in the water course in the gully of 10 so that Members could keep their feet dry (some even wore short rubber booties). This water was deemed "casual water".

In 1967, a polly pipe was connected to the "Lake", across to the fairway on 6 and then into a drain on 7 but in 1972 the pipe became blocked. Volunteers from the Margaret River Fire Brigade, with Ray Bell in charge came over and managed to clear the blockage with their equipment. Problem solved!

More to follow next month.....

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Ray Atcheson

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Atchies Archives - Did you Know

MRD Fiat Tractor 170

1 January 1985

Ray arranged for the Shire to Tender so that the Golf Club could purchase this tractor for \$3,500.00.

31 January 1985

The tractor was purchased for \$3,500.00 - Tender having been won by the AMR Shire Council.

5 February 1985

Ray went to Bunbury and picked up the tractor from MRD Low Loader.

It cost the club a bottle of Scotch for the MRD Plant Supervisor, Ken Kidd for his help and input so that



the Shire could win the tender. Tractor of course was then sold to the Golf Club for \$3,500.00!

The tractor's first job at the Club was to help Ray and Laurie to work on the left hand side of Hole 1 - 2 1/2 hours clocked!

How the Club first got Indian Runner Couch

May 1st 1995. Ray Atcheson organised with Lionel Scott, farmer of Capel, to get Indian Runner Couch from his farm.

Those with trailers or Utes - K Holben, C Garstone, J Purdue, A Campbell, J Brennon, R Smith, N Purvis and R Dunbar all drove over to collect the Couch then returned to put it down on No 13 and No 14 fairways. C Garstone rotary hoed it in on the side of the fairways.

Very kindly provided by
Ray Atcheson

Highlighting our Wonderful Veterans

How would you celebrate a hole-in-one?

Laurie Bedford, Life Member and mentor to many at Margaret River Golf Club, picked up a shovel and rake and went off with his band of volunteers to sort out a few troublesome spots on the bottom nine fairways. It's the sort of work they do every week after the vet's comp.

Laurie aced the tricky par 3 15th playing with Mike Croxford in an Ambrose 2s event - his THIRD hole-in-one on the course.

He previously had similar success on the 15th in 1997 and then added the 12th to his "collection" in 2008.



A retired schoolmaster, Laurie was also a fine all-round sportsman in his younger days, representing Australia at hockey in World Cups in Pakistan and New Zealand. He also played some top-grade cricket in the Perth area.

Extract taken from the wonderful penship of Mike Beale

M.R.G.C. VETERAN'S 2015-2016.



BACK ROW

M. KEOGH (Vc) W. TAPPIN. R. BARKER. C. ANDREW. M. O'FARELL. K. PARKER. T. HAYWOOD. A. HUESTON. R. BENNETT.

K. MILES. R. HOST. J. BENSON. L. BEDFORD. R. BAKER.

J. BOLMER. T. HASSALL. M. BEAL. R. PRATT. A. DALE. J. CHIDGEY. M. CROCKFORD. J. HUNT. R. ATCHESON.

W. J. VEY. N. CAREY. J. BEALES. P. CHIFF. J. HARVESON.

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R. MOFFLIN. J. AGNEW. J. MORRIS. J. TAYLOR. B. TAYLOR. N. WENMAN. M. BROMLEY.

Family pairing works well

Jo Setter

CHRISTMAS is traditionally family time and former Margaret River Golf Club president Preston House and his son Nick got into the holiday spirit with success.

The perky pair chose the Gary Wightman Quality Inn double-header to showcase their combined talents, claiming the two-ball ambrose event a few days after finishing runners-up in the four-ball aggregate competition.

The win came as they defied a breezy afternoon to card a splendid 62.5 – 1.5 ahead of Mark Griffiths and Ken Miles.

Talented teenager Nick Liebenberg and his partner Mike Skivinis took third place with 64.5.

Earlier in the week the House team found their 73 was not quite good enough to upset Margaret River Golf Club “old boy” Matt O’Connell and his partner Mick O’Hara.

O’Connell, the club’s former secretary-treasurer who is now playing his administrative abilities “down the road” at the Busselton club, certainly did his bit as

they recorded the day’s best 76.

The Wayne Clark – Luke Woodgate pairing took the other minor placing with 72.

Other holiday highlights were provided by bang-in-form Geoff Harveson and Terry Halsall – and again, just to keep it in the family, another father and son were among the prizewinners.

Harveson took the Christmas Eve scroungers event, sponsored by Aquatic Visions, with a hard-fought 37 after a three-man countback involving Michael Keenan and Nic Taplin.

And it was Nic’s dad Bill who made a really good effort in the nine-hole veterans stableford, just one point adrift of winner Halsall’s 20.

Sadly, though, Taplin Senior missed out again for the second-place prize as he came out the wrong side of another three-man countback with Jim Watson and Peter Clift.

Tight margins at Stableford

GOLF

■ Josette van Kalmthout

In last Saturday’s Stableford Tony Foy came out best with 39 points, closely followed by Sean Howard with 38 and Graham Farrell on 37 from a countback.

Kim Hewton walked away easily with a few bottles of wine at the mixed Stableford with 41 points, four ahead of his rivals.

Penny Foy just pipped Alan Miller with 37 points.

It was an exciting day for the veterans, who played their first round of the nine-hole championships.

Captain Rob Baker finished on top with 33 points, with Matt O’Farrell in second place on 36 after a five-person countback with Steve Owen, David Benson, Billy Taplin and Mike Lawson.

Anything could still happen in round 2.

Rhonda Hearn easily took home the first prize on Wednesday’s 18-hole Stableford with 37 points.

Ange Burges got the better of Di Yates on a countback with 31.

Mary Taylor was the best woman in the nine-hole field with 15.

Mark Worthy took home the top honours with 43 points at Thursday’s scroungers.

It was the young gun against the mature veteran when Nic Taplin just beat Laurie Bedford with 41 points on a countback.

The Friday mixed nine-holes was won by Di Yates, who is getting back in the swing of things.

Taylor finished on 18 points, only one short of first prize, but enough to get the better of O’Farrell with 17 points.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

Pett, Broadhurst take ambrose victory

Joe Setter

DON’T say “Fore” to the Margaret River Golf Club Scroungers.

Try “Four” instead.

Because their on-the-ball Fines Committee, headed by captain David Jeffrey, have done it again and raised over \$400 for the Harvey fires relief fund.

And coming on top of the recent \$300-plus raised for similar misfortune in Esperance, this really was another top-notch effort.

So, too, was Michael Keenan’s 41 points, which landed him the overall first place in the event, sponsored by Dave Benson’s “The Little House”, and top honours in the “B” grade, ahead of Bill Taplin, who pipped Peter Norris and Kim Hewton on a count back after they all finished on 37.

Club president Barry Granville took the “A” Grade plaudits with 38 – two ahead of in-form teen Nick Liebenberg, who got the better of Marc Halsall after another countback.

More top prizes for top men; and hard-working club captain Dave Glasson bounced back to winning ways in the

Cheers Wine Tours stableford with an impressive 42 points – some five points ahead of nearest rival Ray Scott, with Phil McCann one further behind in third place.

Robert Pett and Jo Broadhurst combined to take the Ray Mann two-ball Ambrose with 62.75, leaving two husband-and-wife teams in their wake.

Rob and Rhonda Hearn were next with 64.25, just .25 ahead of David and Ricky Coates.

The women’s weekly competition was split into two divisions with Megan Booth winning the 18-hole event with 37 – two in front of Sue Bloxam, with Rosemary Basford one further adrift in third place.

The nine-hole prize went to Barbara Webster on 17, from Mary Taylor (15).

Kevin Parker was the top Veteran of the week, carding 22 in the nine-hole stableford.

Terry Haywood claimed the runners-up berth after a countback with Brien Taylor after they both finished on 21.

In the mixed event – and it was good to see a bigger-than-usual field – that man Ken Miles was there again to win with 24, outgunning Matt O’Farrell (22) and top woman Diane Yates (20).

Mail Sport

Visitor Neal scorches field

JOE SETTER

HE came, he saw and he conquered.

Just like one of those old-time marauders, big and bearded Brian Neal carried all before him in the weekly scroungers event.

This popular and regular veteran visitor from nearby Augusta created a heatwave all of his own as he carded 41 stableford points to leave the rest

of the field frustrated, and fatigued.

At least there was some consolation for the home-course hopefuls in this popular event sponsored by John and Mandy Farrell from the Margaret River Golf Shop.

With competition now graded, the “A” group honours went to Daniel Hunt on 37 after a countback, while top of the B list came Michael Herbert with a creditable 40.

And talking of veterans, retired farmer Ken Miles (or should that be “Smiles”) continued his recent run of good, improved form.

This time he chose the Ian and Wendy Chidgey sponsored mixed stableford to harvest his latest success.

His 38 points just won him the day – one clear of Allan Miller, who got the nod over talented teen Nick

Liebenberg on a countback.

Sadly for Miles, he couldn’t keep the momentum going in the nine-hole veterans competition. Honours this time went to Colin Andrews on a countback with Jim Taylor after they both finished on 22. Jim Watson’s 21 earned him third spot.

It was almost elementary, too, for another Watson, Tim Watson, in the Arc of Iris stableford.

He battled well to record 40 points, only to lose out to Wayne Clark on yet another countback.

Third place went to Jim House, one point behind.

Rosie Burnett started the New Year in winning ways as she claimed the womens’ stableford with 34 – one ahead Barbara Webster, with Maggi Foy next on 31.

Chidgeys win big trip

Joe Setter

IAN and Wendy Chidgey are the toast of Margaret River Golf Club after winning their way to the final of the nationwide Auto Club Championship.

The prize for this terrific husband and wife team is an all expenses paid trip for the decider at the RACV Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast later in the year.

Travel, accommodation and golf costs for three days to compete in the final are included.

It was tough, it was tense and in a nail-biting finish they managed to pip experienced Augusta pair Kim Darragh and recent Scroungers winner Brian Neal on a countback, after they finished equal on 73.

Congratulations are also due to Tony Dean, a visitor from Pineridge Golf Club, for his man-of-the-round 44, which earned him the individual title - six clear of his nearest challengers.

Craig Christie came out on top of a three-player countback on 38 for the runners-up berth from Darragh, and Ricky Coates, who was the top woman.

Coates, in fact, was involved in another earlier countback, in the Rosily Vineyard mixed stableford, only to be edged out of top spot by Clinton McGregor after they both carded 37, just one behind was Bruce Derby.

So tight, too, in the First National Real Estate stableford with three men in the final shake-up on 39.

The scrutineers' verdict was that Kim Hewton won from Rob Baker with Wayne Clark third.

Rain washed out the Veterans stableford, but there were no problem for the women's event a day later as Rhonda Hearn created a storm of her own to win on 36.

In-form Di Yates (34) and Maggi Foy (32) claimed the minor placings.



Jetting off: Royal Autoclub Championship winners Ian and Wendy Chidgey with Pat Walker.

In a week of crucial countbacks, there was another dramatic decider in the Mad Fish Wines Scroungers stableford with four men finishing on 38.

Eventually Ian Colmer got the

nod over Geoff Barrett, Craig Christie and Bernhard Abbott, who was also runner up in the "B" Grade section.

Second best in the A" Grade was Brian Carter with 37.



Winner: Jon 'Bealzie' Beales was crowned Margaret River Golf Club's top veteran for 2016.

Bealzie the club champ

Joe Setter

THE man they call "Bealzie" has earned the reputation of being a champion bloke.

Now he's a champion golfer too.

This likeable larrikin, alias Jon Beales, has become Margaret River's top veteran for 2016 following a nail-biting five-man countback when the final round of the two-week championship was completed.

Returns of 39 and 33 added up to an aggregate 72 and a proud Bealzie got the nod over Ken Miles, last year's winner Terry Halsall, Bill Taplin and Rob Baker to take the honours.

"It makes a nice change," he said.

"I never seemed able to win anything like this before, so it was a good job; my trusty old scrunger was working, mate!"

In layman's terms that means he was pleased with his approach shots, particularly with his 22 degree hybrid club.

In the second and final round, Peter Clift, who finished in last place the week before, came back to form with a vengeance, carding a nett 31 to win the day.

Then came Bealzie after a countback with Miles, two shots behind.

In the past Bealzie has won a lot of respect for his abilities as a welder, volunteer worker, playing darts for the district club and his knack of growing giant prize-winning pumpkins among many other things.

Now, at least, his name will never be forgotten in the golf club either.

There were other proud winners, like Tim Watson, who won the Leeuwin Estate Monthly Mug with 67, two ahead of Graeme Bedggood, who also took out the best gross with 76.

Mark Pope pipped Russell Pratt for third place on a countback after they finished on 70.

Then there was Rhonda Hearn, who took out the mixed stableford, sponsored by Julie Arthur and Mike Skivinis, with 38.

Almost a wife-husband one-two here, but Rob Hearn, one point adrift, was edged out of second place by Bill Taplin on a countback.

Sue Bloxam was there again, too, winning the women's 18-hole stableford event.

Her 36 was too good as Megan Booth finished runner-up after another countback with Helen Priest and Di Yates, one behind.

The nine-hole competition was won by Barbara Webster (16) from Marian Sqaunce (14).

Stu Currell came up smiling in the Keவில் Electrical Scroungers with a fighting 42 points.

Mark Pope got the countback verdict over Bob Williams for econd place after they both finished on 38.

Rob Hearn came out second best again after another countback, this time in the mixed nine-hole stableford.

Fred Murton edged him out after they both carded 17. The top women were Jo Pyatt and Di Yates on 15 apiece.

Mail Sport

Scott, Bedggood link up for results

Joe Setter

RAY Scott and Graeme Bedggood linked up for a cracker of a day.

Playing in the Laurie Bedford-sponsored Ambrose 2s, this pair were just too good for the big field with an impressive 63.75 for a win.

The in-form and much-fancied team of Rob Baker and Terry Halsall finished on 65, but had to rely on a countback to pip Jim Watson and Terry Haywood for the

runners-up berth. David Ellwood (Cottesloe) and Mitch Green (Rockingham) got together to take out the four-ball-better-ball event.

Jo Broadhurst was the bright spark in the mixed stableford and took the honours with 37 points - but only after losing out on a countback with sponsor Kim Hewton.

Minor placings went to Nick Liebenberg, who got the vote over top woman Rhonda Hearn.

Club champion Sue Bloxam won

with 33, one ahead of Wendy Campbell, Hearn and Maggi Foy.

The nine-hole competition was won with only 10 points, Aileen Budge edging out Wendy Holme.

A Grade honours went to Stuart Currell (39) from Dave Glasson (37), while Taplin was tops in the B Grade from Eric James (37).

Kevin Parker won the mixed nine-hole stableford with 20 points.

The junior golf event resumes this Friday, February 5, from 4pm.

O Farrell does it again

Joe Setter

IT took Matt O'Farrell 41 years to record his first hole-in-one but only five months to get his second.

Irish eyes were smiling again in the McHenry Hohnen Wines stableford when he aceed the uphill 128-metre par 3, 15th.

"I usually use my seven iron on this one," O'Farrell said.

"But this time I couldn't find it in my bag, so I used the eight instead and gave it just a bit more. It worked well."

Despite this latest milestone, O'Farrell failed to upset the pacemakers in the competition, with honours eventually going to Pierre Every with 38, two ahead of Mal Bromley, who pipped Mark Leavesley on a countback.

Mark Pope's 27 was the best gross.

O'Farrell came so close to glory again in the veterans nine-hole stableford, but missed out on the runners-up berth following a five-man countback, two behind winner Ji Watson's 21.

Richard Deshon got the scrutineers verdict from Laurie Bedford, O'Farrell, Mal Bromley and Mike Lawson.

Rob Foy was another man in fine form as he won the Chapman Grove mixed stableford with a fighting 36 points - two ahead of top woman Sarah Roddy, who beat Bill Taplin on a countback.

Talking of top women, Judy Anderson returned a stunning 40 to win the weekly 18-hole event, four clear of Rosemary Basford, with Megan Booth two further back in third place.

The nine-hole competition easily went to Mary Taylor on 16, with her nearest rival, Colleen Marks, four further adrift, edging out Barbara Webster on a countback.

The Tim Watson-sponsored scroungers stroke event went to A grader Preston House, after a countback with Bone Farrell, after they defied the windy conditions to card 71.

In the B grade, Greg Cura swept all before him with an impressive 72.

Fred Murton provided the winning ways in the mixed nine-hole stableford where his 19 points was just too good for Rod Bishop, who got the nod over Mary Taylor after they both finished on 18.

Anderson claims stableford

Joe Setter

ACRY went up after Judy Anderson claimed the Margaret River Golf Club's mixed stableford event.

She packed quite a punch as she battled her way to 37 points and then pipped Kilburn Booth in a nail-biting countback.

It really was tough at the top with three other players' only one point adrift of the leading pair.

Mike Skivinis got the nod ahead of club captain Dave Glasson and Mark Worth.

A top-form Bill Guest found it so much easier in the Bare Rooted Wines stableford as he eased his way to 40 - one ahead of Bone Farrell, with Dean Taylor, who also collected the gross award, one

further back in third place.

The scrutineers really had to work in the veterans event won by Mike Beale with 22, two ahead of Niall Carey.

A staggering eight players carded 19 with Mike Lawson finally getting the verdict for third place.

Leonie Bell found her winning ways again in the women's 18-hole stableford.

Her 35 was just too good for Sue Bloxam (34) and Megan Booth (32).

In the nine-hole competition, Barbara Webster clearly came out on top with 16 - four clear of Joan Garstone, who edged out Aileen Budge on a countback.

Things hotted up in the scroungers where Kim

Hewton took the plaudits and the A grade honours but only after a countback with Ian Colmer after they both recorded 38 points.

Colmer's consolation was that he bossed the B grade list, ahead of Dunsborough visitor Robin Roth on 37.

A similar return earned Jules Ashton the A grade runners-up berth.

Canny Scot Jim Taylor was the man of the moment in the mixed nine-hole stableford.

He shot 18 and finished four ahead of Rob Hearn, who came out on top of a countback with Matt O'Farrell for second place.

The top woman was June Home with 11.

Well deserved win for Bromley

Joe Setter

FORMER Margaret River Golf Club captain Mal Bromley put himself firmly in charge again in the weekly scroungers stableford, but it was a close call before he got the salute.

In an event sponsored by Dean Taylor and Bone Farrell, Bromley carded an impressive 38 and then had to wait before he got the countback verdict over Rob Young. There was another countback for third place as Geoff McPherson, a visitor from Mosman Park Golf Club, pipped Steve Owen after they both finished on 37.

It was quite a week for visitors. Finnish-born Raimar Laitinen, now based in Queensland, was a welcome guest at the veterans. He was picked to play with Colin Andrews in the ambrose pairs and they were comfortable winners

with 29.5 - three better than runners-up Laurie Bedford and Mike Beale.

Judy Anderson's recent run of winning returns came to an end in the women's 18-hole stableford, but only just.

She still did well to net 34 points to earn second place behind Penny Foy, who finished two ahead.

In the nine-hole competition Joan Garstone took the honours after a countback with Mary Taylor after they finished all square on 14.

The scrutineers were called on again in the nine-hole mixed event after close friends Rob Hearn and Matt O'Farrell were tied on 18. The verdict went Hearn's way, with Peter Brennan one point adrift in third place.

The leading lady was Colleen Marks with 16 after yet another countback, this time with Di Yates.

News & views from the 19th hole

TAKE a bow Jim Taylor the first Margaret River to win an away event South West Counties for many years. The deman Jim pulled success on a wet, w at Dunsborough L 40 stableford points a near 140-strong field home there were winners. Leading was Mark Bonner took out the First Scroungers, also w one ahead of Mike John Ritchie won back with Adrian R Richard Holt for the all carding 38. Mike hit top form to win mac Building stable 39, and club capt Glasson claimed t Wood mixed even Bedford was the top of the week. Her 40 Eithne Lagan Shiel good for Maggie H pipped Kim Robson countback after they one behind.

Owen in fine form at monthly mug

Joe Setter

FORMER fitter Steve Owen found the blueprint for success as he fashioned a deserved win in the Margaret River Golf Club's Leeuwin Estate monthly mug.

His on-the-ball 68 was just too good for Bone Farrell, who finished only one behind - but there was then a three-point gap before John Bell won a countback with Michael Herbert and Graeme Linfoot for the other minor placing.

There was fun and games in the two-ball ambrose, sponsored by Jo and Genny Broadhurst, before Bruce Darby and partner Rose Burnett grabbed the honours with a tidy 66.

Ray Barker and Jeremy Wixon were next best on 67.25.

Bumpy, sandy greens following a three-

day course closure because of coring, had several scroungers contestants cursing their luck or rather lack there of.

But it did not worry Rob Foy at all. In fact, he revelled in it.

To prove the point he carded a magnificent 44 points.

Though well beaten, Geoff Barrett's 40 earned him second place and B Grade plaudits ahead of Pierre Every with 37.

Tops in the A Grade was Rob Young with 39, closely followed by club captain Dave Glasson, who was just one point adrift.

Rod Bishop bounced back to something like his best form with 22 points to take the mixed nine-hole stableford, two ahead of consistent Rob Hearn.

The best woman was Shirley Becker with 18.

Top stableford for Owen

Josette van Kalmfrout

THE so-called 'Super' Steve Owen had a big weekend in the Fraser Gallop mixed stableford at the Margaret River Golf Club.

His elegant eagle across the water on the par 5 454-metre 7th went a long way towards landing him another big win alongside a three-shot trick which helped him to 41 points, four ahead of runner up Laurie Bedford.

Third place belonged to Rosemary Basford after a countback with Maggie Foy following their tie at 36.

The veteran Bedford looks to be rapidly regaining his best form and was just pipped in the Leeuwin Monthly Mug competition which was won by Nick Bull with 68. Bedford carded 70 - and then had to win a countback with Terry Halsall as young Nick Liebenberg took

the best gross prize with 77.

Rosemary Basford went even better on Women's day in the stroke-putting competition and won the Silver Spoon with a fighting 75.

A Grade honours went to Diane Gordon (70) from Barbara Webster (73), while President Angie Burges also had 70 to take the B Grade title.

Runner-up was Helen Priest on 75 who also shared putting honours with Kim Robson with 27 apiece.

It was tough at the top in the Veterans nine-hole event. Jon Beales triumphed on 21 following a countback with Matt O'Farrell.

B Grade player Peter Joyce stole the show in the Smik Cleaning Scroungers, winning the day with an impressive 42; two ahead of Michael Bolster, who was best of the A Grade players.

SPORT

Scott takes win in two-day event

Joe Setter

POPULAR Cowaramup beef farmer Ray Scott staked his claim to glory when he steered his way to first place in the two-day Margaret River Hotel Open over the weekend.

Rounds of 36 and 37 gave Scotty the spoils, just one ahead of consistent Jules Ashton.

The first day net winner was Gary Wightman with 38, while Peter Angelos put on his Sunday best with 39.

The 36-hole women's nett winner was Royal Perth's Pieta Woollams with a superb 69, following a countback with

Nola Desantis from Hammersley Ladies Club.

Special mention for another visitor, Lindsay Corless from Kwinana, for his magnificent eagle on the par four sixth.

The exciting weekend started in some style with a nail-biting countback for first place in the annual Coopers Brewery Ambrose 2s with home heroes Bill Guest and Sean Howard getting the nod over Jules Ashton and Matthew Craggs after both pairs finished on 64.5.

Another countback was needed to decide third place with Bridgetown visitors Duncan Costera and Joseph Evans

edging out Mike Skivinis and Stuart Currell, only 1.25 behind.

Still with the hotel connection, restaurant manager Patrick Quilty, one of Margaret River's newest members, certainly served up the goods in the Pharmacy 777 Scroungers with 42 points, and was an easy B grade winner.

A-Grade honours went to Preston House on 37 following a countback with Paul Perrott, who has also joined this club from Busselton.

Joe Italiano was runner-up in the B-grade after carding a respectable 35 in the breezy conditions.

Judy Anderson confirmed her recent return to tip-top form by taking the women's 18-hole stableford with 34, but only after a three-way countback with Sue Bloxam and Di Linfoot.

The nine-hole event went to Colleen Marks with 17, again after a countback with Joan Garstone.

Mark Pope was out on his own in the Mal Bromley-sponsored stableford with 39, though the scrutineers were called on again to give young Nick Liebenberg the verdict over Michael Rogers for the runners-up berth, only one point behind.

For the second time in three weeks Pierre Every earned the victory laurels, this time in the Tate Construction mixed stableford.

His return of 40 was too good for Penny Foy (37) and Allan Miller (35) who won a three-way countback for the minor placing with John Murt, a visitor from Joondalup Golf Club and Mike Skivinis.

Veterans captain Rob Baker showed his class to win the nine-hole event with 21, just one ahead of his second-in-command Mike Keogh, who just pipped Jon Beales.

SPORT

Never too old for golf

ACCORDING to the Margaret River Golf Club, you are never too old to play.

Proof of this fact was perfectly demonstrated at last week's nine-hole stableford where the combined ages of the winner and runner up was a staggering 178 years.

Finishing on top was the **sprightly 87-year-old Ray Atcheson** with an exceptional 24 points, three ahead of **91-year-old Brien Taylor**. **Niall Carey**, still in his 60s and a mere youngster in comparison took the minor placing with 20 points.

Bill Ivey, another 91-year-old who still prefers to walk rather than ride, was joined Atcheson as a playing partner and carded a commendable 19.

Among the somewhat younger members, Geoff Barrett took out the Brewhouse-sponsored stableford with 39 points - just one in front of Sean Howard, who won a three-man countback with Mal Bromley and Peter Joyce.

Club captain Dave Glasson hit top form in the *Augusta-Margaret River Mail* mixed event. His score of 38 points

was just too good though Steve Owen ran him close, one adrift, after a countback with Rob Foy and Roy Warren.

Lyn Glasson and Rhonda Hearn were paired as part of the "mystery partner" event and they easily romped in with 68. Four shots adrift were Penny Foy and Mandy Farrell, who just pipped Rosie Basford and Barbara Webster as the scrutineers were called on again.

A bit late for St.Paddy's Day admittedly, but Mick O'Hara still had Irish eyes smiling as he claimed top prize in the Dave Burges-sponsored Scroungers event - but only after another nail-biting countback with stylish Mark Bonnette and Mark Tugwood, after they all recorded 39.

This meant that Micko and Mark were also first and second in the B-grade ratings, while Tuggy was tops in the A-grade.

A-grade runner-up was past president Preston House with 38, but only after a countback with Geoff Harveson and Marc Halsall.

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Times News

Nod for NBN tower

Rezoning of a portion of the Margaret River Golf Club to allow a National Broadband Network phone tower has gone ahead despite objections from surrounding residents.

The Wilderness Drive proposal was approved by a majority of five councillors at Wednesday night's council meeting.

Resident Phillip McQueen voiced objections and Councillor Peter Lane voted against the item.



Jon Beales at Australia Day 2016 - sponsored by Laurie and Patsy Bedford



2016 - Alan Dale and Tanya Tebbit at Australia Day



2016 - Ray repairing original road by filling in potholes with gravel.



2016 - Melbourne Cup luncheon - Russell Pratt, Laurie Bedford, John Agnew and Bruce Darby



Ray and Gordon Smith dressed for St Patrick's Day at Veterans



Ray ready for the Melbourne Cup lunch



2016 - Jon Beales, the winner of the Ray Atcheson Shield



2016 - Jon always takes the biggest chicken leg he can find.

Tight race for Stableford title

GOLF

Bill Pascoe took out the weekend's Margaret River Golf Club Stableford event with 41 points — three clear of Jules Ashton, with club captain Dave Glasson one further adrift in third place.

It was quite a week for perennial women's champ Sue Bloxam, too. She partnered with Mike Basford to finish runners-up in the Patron's Day Canadian fours, and a few days later claimed the spoils in the second round of the Silver Spoon.

Kerry Farrelly and Nick Liebenberg were tops in the four, while in the spoon, which is a combined stroke and putt event, Bloxam's 79 was just enough to win.

The club's A-grade winner was Penny Foy (75) from Maggi Foy (76) after a countback, with Roz Cummings also on 75 to take the B-grade and putting

with an impressive 24. There were 113 starters for the first of two rounds in the South West Country Veterans Association competition, hosted by the local club.

President Steve Jolly, from Sanctuary, won the day with 41 — one ahead of Busselton's Nigel Coote, with home hope Bob Williams one further adrift in third place.

Robin Roth from Dunsborough made his mark in the Scroungers with 40. His performance was too good for Colin Clark, one behind in second place. Other good showings came from captain Dave Jeffrey and Mike Genders, who carded 36.

Among the veterans, Bill Taplin (23), Mike Beale (22) and Terry Halsall (21) led the qualifiers for the Ray Atcheson Shield, while Rob Hearn won the mixed Stableford event with 19 from Jim Taylor (15) and Kevin Parker (14).

SPORT

Golfing news and views in the region

AUGUSTA

Nick Dornan

THE first of the Augusta Golf Club championship events was held over the weekend with the running of the Men's Foursomes held over 36 holes. The weather conditions were difficult on Saturday for the first round with Fred Simmonds and his partner Don Ipsen handling the wind the best to record 77, closely followed by Jim and Mal Swarbrick with an 88. Tommy Payne and Joe Italiano were a further three shots back after a 91. Sunday saw conditions easier with most players improving their performances leading to a tight battle between the front runners. The pairing of Tommy Payne and Joe Italiano posted an 83, the best score of the day, to set the challenge for the two pairs in

the last group to try and get across the line. Tommy and Joe were crowned the champions after their 174 total turned out to be just too good for Jim and Mal Swarbrick to reach and they fell just short with a final round of 87 for a 175 total to take the runners up prize. Winners of the net trophy were David and Peter Reid, with Fred Simmonds and Don Ipsen runners up.

MARGARET RIVER

Joe Setter

THE reputation of great Aussie sporting double acts like Lillee and Thomson or McGrath and Warne is suddenly under threat, all because of John Ritchie and Greg Cura. These unlikely lads got together to form a terrific twosome to dominate not one, but two of the major competitions of the week.

First the Ritchie-Cura combo took out the Busselton Toyota 4BBB, and only a few days later finished second and third in the Stickpickers Scroungers stableford event - Ritchie being deprived of top spot only by a countback. They recorded 48 to win the 4BBB, one ahead of Mike Basford and Dave Burges. In the Scroungers Ritchie was edged out by Dave Jeffrey after they both finished on 42. Bruce Darby (32) won the nine-hole stroke competition from Colin Andrews (34), while Jim Taylor won a countback with Valerie Mowbray to take the mixed stableford event after they both carded 19. Wendy Chidgey was the A-grade winner in the women's stableford, pipping in-form Wendy Campbell after they both returned 37.

SPORT

Wendy takes out top trophy

News and views from the 19th

BY JOE SETTER

TAKE a bow Wendy Campbell, who is the proud new holder of the Margaret River Women's President's Trophy.

Winsome Wendy carded an impressive +3 in this prestigious par event, three ahead of Kim Robson.

Next came Roz Cummings on -1 after a countback with Di Yates, who simply loves this form of the game.

For only a few days later Di struck again with a magnificent +4 to win the nine-hole mixed event, two ahead of Colleen Marks after a countback with Kevin Parker.

It was petticoat power again in the Riverview Tourist Park mixed stableford, with Allison Kelly leading the way with 40.

Rob Hearn claimed the runners-up berth after a countback with Maggi Foy and Dave Jeffrey, after they all finished on 37.

There must be something about the water hazard on the par 5 seventh hole, because for the second time in the last few weeks a player has taken the big splash.

The latest victim being former president Geoff Scott while playing the second leg of the South West Country Veterans Association competition.

Far from having his enthusiasm dampened, Geoff simply drove back to the clubhouse, showered, changed his clothes and carried on like the good trouper he is.

Coming out on top of the 120 starters was Harvey's Frank Italiano on 41, followed by home hope Fred



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Joe Setter

Murton (40), who edged out Busselton's Ken Clarke on a countback.

Still with the home veterans, Matt O'Farrell won the weekly nine-hole stableford with 21 after a three-man countback with Gerry Hunt and Alan Dale, the man who did such a fantastic job co-ordinating the South West events.

Larry Dejong and Adrian Reilly were the two other major winners.

Back-to-form Larry Dejong took the Leeuwin Estates Monthly Mug with a fighting 66 to edge out Terry Halsall on 71, and Dave Jeffrey with 72.

While Reilly's 39 saw him home in the Down South Wholesalers Scroungers ahead of Jo Broadhurst (37) and Robin Roth (36).

Andrews makes an art out of golfing

COLIN Andrews is already well known in the area for his art, but right now he is drawing attention on the golf course. When he swaps his paintbrush for a driver then look out - as the fellow Scroungers in the Winter Solstice stroke event found to their cost. After finishing runner-up the previous week, wily veteran Andrews walked away with top prize after carding a brilliant 63, which also won him the B-grade ahead of Mark Bonnette (65). A-grade honours went to David Coates on 64, followed by Peter Joyce's 67. Brendan Powell was another man painting a picture of success, almost celebrating a notable double. With partner James Sidders, he was pipped on a count back for first in the Yallingup Yobs 4BBB par event (sponsored by Jim Triglone and Bill Taplin), but 24 hours later took out the Lexus mixed stableford - again after a count back.

- Joe Setter

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MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB

Joe Setter

THEY say you can't keep a good man down, and here's Jim Triglone to prove the point.

Following his recent success in the Country Veterans event at Dunsborough Lakes, jolly Jim has triumphed again, this time on his home stomping ground.

Triglone was alright in the Brothers of the Brush scroungers and romped home with 41 stableford points - one ahead of Mark Pope, who in turn was one

ahead of Brian Devitt. Terry Halsall, who missed an ace on the par 3 eighth by less than two inches, was fourth on 38.

Another man in tip-top form is scroungers' captain Dave Jeffrey, though he saved his very best for the Edwards Wines mixed event.

His 40 was just too good - with Wendy Chidgey some nine points away in second place.

Rosie Burnett pipped Bruce Darby on a countback for third place after they both carded 30.

Canny Scot Jim Taylor and his wife Mary almost cleaned up completely in the mixed

nine-hole par event.

Jim won for the second week running, this time with +2, while Mary was beaten on a countback for second place by Rob Hearn after they both finished all square.

Still with the veterans, in-form Kevin Parker was tops in the weekly nine-hole stableford with 22 - two ahead of Fred Murton, who got the nod over Russell Pratt on another countback.

Diane Gordon and her partner Wendy Campbell showed some fiery form to win the women's four-ball stableford with a superb 42 - two ahead of runners-up Rosie Burnett and Patsy Be-

ford.

A further two adrift were Judy Anderson and Diane Yates, who got the scrutineers' vote over Barbara Webster and Joan Garside.

A big pat on the back for James Sidders, too, for his big win in the men's stableford.

His 39 points really split the field with Jeremy Nixon on 32 points and Robert Dewar on 31 points, claiming the minor places.

MARGARET RIVER

by Joe Setter

IN-FORM Di Yates proved herself to be a real knock-out act with a smart one-two that left her rivals out for the count. First determined Di linked up with Joan Garstone to win in the women's Augusta Invitation 4BBB and followed up two days later with success in the mixed nine-hole stableford. The D-J combo carded 42 in the 4BBB event, pipping Roz Cummings and Cathy Carroll by one point, with Augusta duo Marian Harwood and Judy Anderson one further adrift in third place. It wasn't quite so easy in the nine-hole competition, for she needed a count back to edge home ahead of Cathy Carroll after they both finished on 20.

Rob Hearn saved the men's blushes when he came in third on 19. Bill Pascoe, with his popular LAGO wine label (does it really stand for Late Afternoon Golf Outing?) sponsored the Scroungers stableford - and came within only a few points of winning his own prize. John Bell had other ideas, though, and won the day with 39 - two clear of veteran Colin Andrews who

painted a picture of pure determination to get a count back verdict over captain David Jeffrey. Then came sponsor Bill on 36, though he also lost out on a scrutineers vote to Colin Clark.

Margaret River beat Augusta 3-0 in a men's challenge that was tied up with the AMR Tourist Association stableford - confidently won by Patrick Quilty with 42. Recently-appointed assistant greenkeeper Luke Thies was next with 38, while Rod Wylde beat Tony Foy on a count back one further behind.

The pairing of Jim Taylor and John Norman was a real winner when the Veterans staged their nine-hole 4BBB, for they blitzed the field with 25 - two ahead of runners-up Alan Thwaites and Colin Andrews. The Ian Chidgey-Gordon Smith duo were third, one further behind.

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Evergreen trio snare wins

GOLF

Local septuagenarians Kevin Parker, Matt O'Farrell and Mike Beale proved they were still in form at the Margaret River Golf Club last week.

Parker won the two veterans events in a sometimes wild and windy week, O'Farrell took out the mixed Stableford, and Beale shone in the Scroungers' Lilliput Cup.

And as it turned out, Parker had to pip O'Farrell on a countback for top spot in the nine-hole Stableford after they carded 21, with Alan Dale third on 20, though Parker found the nine-hole mixed competition less of a confrontation. His winning score of 19 was two better than Rob Hearn.

O'Farrell's latest magic moment was also tough and tense. He needed the scrutineers' vote to get the better of greenkeeper Luke Thies for the major prize after the pair recorded 38.

Visitors did well for themselves too, though Michael McFarlane from

Nedlands Golf Club was outgunned by Mike Kelly and Gary Wightman for the minor placing after they all finished on 36.

Frank Horwood, a guest from Dunsborough Lakes, fared much better and won the Leeuwin Monthly Mug with a fine 70 - one ahead of Ian Chidgey.

Beale recorded 40 to win the scroungers, with the A-grade going to Geoff Barrett (37) after a countback with David Coates. Rob Hearn got the nod over Steve Pease for the B-grade after they were tied on 35, with Dean Taylor having the best gross with 33.

Michele Boyanich won the stroke/putting competition, which was also the third round of the Silver Spoon.

Not only did Boyanich win the B-grade with 72 - 10 ahead of nearest rival Carole Crommelin - but she also took the honours for the spoon.

Leonie Bell starred in the A-grade with 71, two ahead of Wendy Campbell.

Greenkeeper shows his stuff on-course

GOLF

Margaret River Golf Club
- by Joe Setter

THEY'RE already saying Luke Thies knows the Wallcliffe Road course like the back of his hand, although he's been there only a few weeks; not surprisingly, as he's the new 21C greenkeeper. While his work on the course is pulling a lot of positives, it's his ability as a golfer grabbing most of the attention. This skill saw him win the Leeuwin Estate monthly mug with 69, to outgun Clinton McGregor (70) and Wayne Clark (71). His style also helped to produce an in-house success story in the Fathers and Sons Best

Mates scroungers two-ball ambrose - thanks to Ron and Andrew Host - when he and John Farrell easily won the day. Welcome, and carry on with the greenkeeping and big hitting Luke.

There's no stopping women's captain Wendy Chidgey either, winning the weekly A-grade stroke competition with 73, and taking the Silver Spoon. Sue Bloxam was runner-up, two shots behind. In the B-grade Roz Cummings was best with 79 after a countback with Carolyn Scott. The nine-hole stableford went to Val Mowbray on 13. It was a nail-biter in the mixed stableford with Gavin Leiper getting the nod over Kim Hewton after they both carded 34, and another countback was needed for third place with Wendy Chidgey pipping Russell Reynolds and Karen Sinclair from Cottesloe, one point adrift. Countback time, too, for the Veterans with Gordon Smith edging out Colin Andrews on 20, with Jon Beales one further back. Through to the semi-finals of the Ray Atcheson Shield stroke event are Beales, Laurie Bedford, Jim Taylor and Gerry Hunt.

SPORT



Margaret River Golf Club

Margaret River Golf Club, a delightful club three hours south of Perth, is in the middle of wine country and a couple of par-5s from stunning surf beaches.

"This famous region greets you with a wonderful village vibe surrounded by nice friendly people," said Inside Golf publisher and keen surfer Sam Arthur.

"I didn't know what to expect, but a number of people along the way to

Margaret River said it was a hidden gem."

The club's vice-president Dave Noske certainly agrees and is passionate about the golf club.

"We started travelling around Australia from Adelaide 20 years ago and arrived to this fantastic place and we have been here ever since," he said.

"We just love it and it's a great place to bring up a family.

"The golf course is a ripper. In fact, over the last few years the standard of the club and golf course has improved so much.

"The access to grey water means we have pure fairways and putting surfaces all year round."

When Inside Golf visited, the course was in outstanding condition and a joy to play.

The front nine allows you work your way into the game although there are some tight shots off the tee.

Accuracy is the key to a good round and

good course management tells you the smart play is to select an iron off the tee on many of the par-4s.

"Position is everything," Sam said.

A feature on the back nine is the Tea Lake, which comes into play on the 11th hole.

"The back nine really makes you appreciate this golf course. Holes 11, 12, 15 and 17 are superb," Sam added.

"You'll need all your cunning when you arrive on the 18th tee because it's a 404m brute of a hole from the blue markers.

"Margaret River's country hospitality is exceptional and the members are friendly and welcoming," Sam added.

Golf operation manager Jon Farrell and his wife Mandy run the golf shop, which caters for all golfers' needs.

"We are fully equipped and even have hire sets from standard to deluxe," Jon said.

"We certainly welcome visitors, who

can play here seven-days-a-week outside normal competitions times, of course."

The course, which has kikuyu fairways and bent greens, is 6092 metres.

Green fees are \$45 for 18 holes and \$27 for nine holes while golf care hire is \$40 and \$27 for 18 and nine holes respectively.

The clubhouse overlooks the golf course and there is an inviting deck for golfers to relax and reflect on their round over a cold drink.

Whenever you are in the area, make sure you set aside half-a-day to visit this now not-so-hidden gem of a golf course. You won't be disappointed.

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Golfing around the region

MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB

Joe Setter

THERE were rich pickings for Berry Farm boss Mike Skivinis in the Acton RS Scroungers stableford - but he cut it very fine. In fact, he needed a countback to get the nod ahead of Michael Thompson after they both carded 39. Runner-up to mighty Mike in A-grade was Daniel Hunt on 37, from Mark Pope one point behind, while in the B-grade Geoff Harveson followed Thompson on 35 after a countback with Adrian Reilly.

Women's captain Wendy Chidgey showed how to lead from the front, finishing all square to win the women's par competition, and also the A-grade section, from Wendy Campbell (-2). Cathy Carroll (-5) was best of the B-graders from Roz Cummings (-6), while in the nine-hole stableford shoot-out Val Mowbray was tops with 18.

Cathy and Wendy were locked in another tough battle in The Linfeet four-ball stableford, with Cathy claiming bragging rights after she and partner Matt O'Farrell blitzed the field with 47. Wendy, partnered with husband Ian, carded 41 and took the runners-up berth on a countback from Steve Britton and Mike Basford and three other pairs. Cathy was out of luck though in the mixed nine-hole stableford, hitting 16 and being beaten on a countback for third by Val Meleri. Di Yates won the day with 19 and O'Farrell was

runner-up on 18.

AUGUSTA GOLF CLUB

Nick Dornan

AUGUSTA'S first July weekend of golf got underway with the Monthly Mug, where the very informal George Leonard continued his winning ways with a comfortable win after a nett 68. Runner-up was Graeme Challis after a countback from Geoff Matthews and Nick Dornan all carding 72's. Tom Payne had the best gross of the day as well as Nearest the Pin on No.18, with Nick Dornan getting Nearest the Pin on No.11.

Sunday saw an American Foursomes played, where a good field played for the trophies in fine but cold conditions. The pairing of Jim and Shirley Swarbrick with a nett 68 and 5/8 just pipped the early clubhouse leaders Kim Darragh and Eric James who carded a good 69 and 1/2. Nearest the Pins went to No.2 Shirley Swarbrick and Joe Italiano, No.6 Trish Howells, No.11 Jim Swarbrick and Trish Howells and No.18 Craig Hadley.

Midweek scroungers saw wins for Don Ipsen on the Tuesday, with Nick Dornan runner-up, both on 19, with Barry Brown third on 17. Jim Swarbrick took the trophy for the most consistent player for June. Thursday's game saw Craig Hadley come home the winner with 18, followed by Peter Austin 17 and Tom Payne on 13 for third place.

MARGARET RIVER

Joe Setter

TAKE a bow James Siders and Brenden Powell, new men's Margaret River-Cowaramup Electrical 4BBB club champions. This popular two-day event was a high-tension affair, mainly because of the testing weather. The winning comb carded 83, two ahead of Terry Halsall and Gary Evershed, with Daniel Hunt, and partner Kim Hewton one further adrift in third. Bill Guest and Gavin Leiper won Day 1 on 39, four ahead of Dave Jeffrey and Dave Glasson, while Mark Herbert and Sean Howard were best on Day 2 after a countback with Laurie Bedford and Mal Grey. Di Yates stole the show at the mixed stableford with 34 to pip Rosie Burnett (33) and Wendy Chidgey (31).

It had to happen; a Davo winning Scroungers Davo's Day. The lucky man was David Massie with 39, three clear of the 61-strong field. A-grade went to Robert Young from Mark Tugwood, beaten on a countback by B-grade winner Don Bredenkamp, with Mark Bonnette getting the runners-up spot in this category. Jane Taylor hit top form with a vengeance in the Women's stableford, blitzing the field with 36 - four better than A-grade runner-up Di Gordon. Roz Cummings took out B-grade from Shirley Becker.

Margaret River - by Joe Setter

MEET the Wallcliffe Warriors - otherwise known as the hardy band of golfers who steadfastly defy the wintry weather to make sure the show goes on.

Like vice president Angie Burges, who won a thrilling countback with Jane Taylor to win the women's Bring and Buy stableford event after they were tied on 32. Rosie Burnett was next on 31, one better than Judy Anderson.

Like Brian Boyes, a visitor from Augusta, who won a three-man countback to take out the Pierre Every-sponsored scroungers stableford, an event where the back nine holes were played twice because of the waterlogged front nine. Battler Boyes carded 35 to edge out Ray Scott and Geoff Barrett, though he had the added satisfaction of picking up the A-grade honours ahead of Laurie Bedford (34). Mark Bonnette was tops in B-grade with 32, pipping close mate Steve Pease by one.

Like retired farmer Ken Miles, who claimed the Veterans top prize, but only after another countback with fit-again Russell Pratt after they both scored 19. Abe Huisken was next on 18, followed by Mike Beale, who was one further adrift. Like Matt O'Farrell, who won the mixed nine-hole event with a fighting 21 - two ahead of Kevin Parker, with Rob Hearn third (18). Like the rest of the battlers who failed to win the prizes. Good on you all.

Jane far from plain in fine streak of stroke-putting

GOLF

There is nothing plain about this Jane... Jane Taylor that is, the pride and joy and currently the most in-form player of the Wallcliffe Road club.

Over the past three weeks JT has twice won the women's competitions.

And in the one she missed out on, she was beaten for top place only on a countback.

The daughter of Brien Taylor, in his 90s and the club's oldest playing member, Jane's latest success was in the stroke-putting event.

Her 73 saw her take out the major prize, with Leonie Bell one behind and a close second.

B-grade honours went to Di Yates on 76 after a countback with Mandy Farrell, who also earned the Silver Spoon event.

Di Gordon won the putting, with Colleen Marks best in the nine-hole event on 16.

At least Di Yates had something else to smile about — she was again top in the mixed nine-hole Stableford with 21, two clear of second-placed Rob Hearn.

Next came Mary Taylor with 17 after a three-way countback with Jo Pyatt and Gerry Hunt.

Life member Laurie Bedford almost had a week to remember, too.

After being pipped on a countback for first place in the SW Quad

Repairs Stableford, he got some much-needed satisfaction by being in the winning partnership in the veterans' two-ball Ambrose.

Dean Taylor and Daniel Hunt forced him into third place after they all carded a respectable 37 — assistant greenkeeper Luke Thies was fourth, and only one point adrift — but Bedford made no mistake in the veterans event.

With partner Mike Beale he recorded 32%, well clear of Abe Huisken and Bob Williams, who were next best with 35%.

It was tough, tense and tight in the Labelmakers World mixed Stableford.

Top man was Alan Miller on 36, two clear of club captain Dave Glasson, who edged out Daniel Hunt on a countback.

Among the women, Judy Anderson ruled with 35 — one clear of Denise Warren, who edged out Sarah Roddy on another countback.

Popular Larry de Jong and Cape Landing sponsored the scroungers Stableford which saw Pierre Every bounce back to form and favour with a battling 38, even though it took a countback to separate him from Robin Roth, a visitor from Dunsborough Lakes Country Club.

The A-grade prize went to Bill Fiddian on 36 from Rob Foy on 35.

Roth was tops in the B-section, followed by Peter Joyce, also on 35.

Magic Mikes on a golfing roll at Margs

THEY have been taking the Mickey down Wallcliffe Road way - literally. First it was a memorable Michel's Day two-ball ambrose with a Michael winning and another Michael in second place. And just to keep the name-game rolling, a few days later yet another Michael took out the Dave Burges-sponsored scroungers event. There were some meaty prizes for the ambrose and with the club members named Michael all contributing to the sponsorship it was one of the most valuable events on the calendar. That pleased Mike Keogh, making a welcome return after his recent move to Australind, for he linked up with Bill Taplin to win the day with 68 - and that was .75 better than the Mike Skivinis-Nick Liebenberg pairing, who edged out Jeff Crouch and Dave Glasson on a countback.

In the scroungers Mike

Beale led the way with 38 after a countback with Gary Wightman, whose profitable consolation was to take out the B-grade from Ian Chidgey (34). A-grade honours went to Geoff Barrett on 36 following another countback with Colin Clark. Daniel Hunt's recent consistency paid off again when he won the Southern Workwear mixed stableford with 36, well clear of nearest rival Allan Miller (31) and Pierre Every (30). There was some low scoring in the mixed nine-hole event as Rob Hearn took the major honours with only 14. Two points further adrift, Mary Taylor got the nod after a countback with husband Jim. Top woman of the week was Leonie Bell, who took out the stableford with 35, followed by Roz Cummings (34) and Ricky Coates (32). Val Meleri was best in the nine-hole competition.

- JOE SETTER

MARGARET RIVER

Women rule, okay? At least, Megan Booth and Sarah Roddy reckon they do after they took out the 36-hole foursome championships with 178 - seven clear of runners-up Penny Foy and Allison Kelly. Nett winners were the "M" squad of Michele Boyanich and Mandy Farrell (160). AM honours went to Angie Burges and Lyn Glasson (80) while Aileen Budge carded 13 to take the prize in the nine-hole stableford.

Dave Glasson hit top form in the Leeuwin Estates Monthly Mug with a fighting 71 to pip Peter Nicholls by one shot. Brian McIntyre took third on 75 after a countback from Kevin Francis and local Jon Beales. Rob Hearn was man-of-the-moment in the Barry House mixed stableford, recording 34 to

outgun Wendy Chidgey (33) and Allan Miller (32), who got the nod in a countback with Marc Halsall and Bruce Derby.

Ken Miles took top-spot in the Veterans stableford for the second week with a mighty 25. Mike Lawson (21) was next, with John Norman coming out best in a countback with Abe Huisken and Mike Beale. The nine-hole mixed event went to Val Meleri (18) from Di Yates (15) and Hearn two back in third after a countback with Richard Deshon.

Des Russell chipped in with 36 and won after a countback with Bill Fiddian. Scrutineers were called to settle minor placings, with John Norman getting the verdict over Mark Pope and Mike Skivinis after they all carded 35.

News and views from 19th

TIM FOX and Mike Kelly seem to have one thing in common - they love playing the top nine twice in these trying wet and windy conditions. **PROOF:** Foxy Tim took out the Solargain Wet Weather 18 stableford with 36, one ahead of Laurie Bedford with Ray Scott three adrift. Nick Liebenberg had the best nett gross with 84. **PROOF:** Kelly was the hero in the Wet Weather Mixed with 32, two clear of Gary Wightman who pipped club captain Dave Glasson on countback.

It was back to normal later in the week, though David

Bell, a visitor from Royal Perth, was just as happy playing both nines, as he showed with his clear-cut win in the Leeuwin Ridge Roof Plumbing Scroungers. His 41 points was just too good with Ray Barker running a close second on 39 after a countback with Bill Guest. Best gross was Dave "Tiger" Noske's 27.

Top woman of the week was Kim Robson as she carded 33 to claim the major honours in the weekly stableford. Helen Priest was runner-up on 32 one ahead of Leonie Bell, who got the nod over Wendy Chidgey in

a countback.

So close among the Veterans as slim Jim Watson snatched the verdict in the nine-hole stroke competition with 31. Mike Beale (32) and Bruce Darby (33) claimed the minor awards - though they were both edged out by Ian Colmer in the putting competition after they all finished on 13.

Barbara Webster hit top form to win the mixed nine-hole event with 19, three ahead of Rob Hearn, with consistent Di Yates one further adrift in third.

- JOE SETTER



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Allan Ray Mandy.



WINNING COMBO: Nick Liebenberg and Penny Foy hold the winner's trophy as the new MRGC mixed foursomes champions.

Age no barrier on the course

STEP forward and take a bow Penny Foy and Nick Liebenberg - the new MRGC mixed foursomes champions. Perky Penny and talented teen Nick blitzed the field with 171 in this prestige 36-hole event, sponsored by Home Timber and Hardware, and romped home eight clear of runners-up Sue Bloxam and Steve Owen. Leonie and John Bell were third on 180. Denise and Roy Warren had the best gross with 149, from Angie Burges and Dave Glasson (153), while AM winners were Judy Anderson and Allan Miller on 80. Wendy

and Ian Chidgey were PM pacesetters on 77.5.

In the mixed stableford event played at the same time, Mike Herbert won with 32, with Adrian Reilly getting the nod over Bill Taplin for the runners-up berth after they both recorded 30. It was a winning weekend for Liebenberg as 24 hours earlier he carded 30 for the best gross in the Acton-Kim Hewton stableford. Top gun was Greg Cura on 37, one ahead of Fred Murton, who pipped Sean Howard on a countback. Life member Laurie Bedford hit peak form in the Bare Root-

ed Wines scroungers with 39. A-grade honours went to Nick Bell (35) from club president Barry Glanville (34), while in the B-grade Mick O'Hara (38) bettered Colin Andrews (36). Well done to Dean Taylor with the best gross of 27, which included a magnificent eagle on the infamous 384-metre par 4 No. 16. Retired farmer Ken Miles reaped the week's ace veteran with 21 points in the nine-hole stableford. John Agnew was next best with 20, with Brien Taylor defying his 90-plus years with 18.

- JOE SETTER

News and views from the 19th hole

GOLF

BY JOE SETTER

WOMEN'S captain Wendy Chidgey has posted an "I'm proud of you all" message to her eight team-mates following the recent Country Week competitions.

And first in line for the plaudits were Sue Bloxam and Kerry Farrelly, who finished runner-up and gross runner-up respectively in the events at Wanneroo and Mount Lawley.

Wendy herself took part in the Silver Spoon decider at Gosnells, while Sue Bloxam and Rosemary Basford reached the Jubilee 4s playoffs.

Sue's recent fine form was carried over to the more familiar green, green grass of home in the first round of the women's championships, sponsored by the Margaret River Golf Shop.

She started the quest for her fifteenth outright title

with a steady 73 - just one behind winner Cathy Carroll.

Sarah Roddy took third spot on 74 following a countback with Shirley Becker, with Pamela Hos collecting the nine-hole stableford prize with 18.

Tough going for the men, though, in the Dave Glasson-Griffith Cup par event.

Only one of the 36 starters managed to card a plus return - so step forward James Sidders.

His +5 was outstanding on the day, with his nearest rival, Marc Halsall, finishing all square.

Minor placing went to Rod Wylde on -1 after a countback with Ian Chidgey.

It was much closer in The Common-sponsored mixed stableford with James Kendra getting the nod over Damian Bullock after they both recorded 35.

Bruce Darby claimed third place, one behind.

The showery weather and

windy conditions didn't help the Scroungers too much, either - and it was certainly reflected in the lower-than-usual returns.

There were no complaints from Mark Worth though, as he claimed the main honours with 36 after a nail-biting three-way countback with Jon Beales and Vivian Booker.

Alan Dale became top veteran of the week when he took out the nine-hole stableford event with a fighting 19 points, two clear of John Miller, a visitor from the Pacific Dunes club.

Bob Williams won a six-man countback for third place with 16.

Gerry Hunt also found winning ways in the mixed event with 20 - two clear of Matt O'Farrell.

Cathy Carroll was the leading lady with 17, one ahead of Barbara Webster, who eased out Shirley Becker and Val Mowbray on a countback.

SPORT

Talented teen top scores

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE 19TH

BY JOE SETTER

Margaret River Golf Club

MINI marvel Nick Liebenberg was firing on all cylinders in the Fennessys Hold-en stableford to record a top-gear win...even though he's still not old enough to drive.

A motor vehicle that is, for this talented teen's off-the-tee ability helped him card a day's best 36 points - one ahead of wily Dave Burges, who pipped Andrew Host and Patrick Quilty in a nail-biting countback.

There were also fighting finishes in the two four-ball

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MINI marvel Nick Liebenberg was firing on all cylinders to record a top-gear win...even though he's still not old enough to drive.

Joe Setter

events, pride of place going to Geoff Harveson and Mandy Farrell, who took out the

mixed competition with 46.

Russell Pratt and Kerry Farrelly were next best with 44, while third spot went to Rob Hearn and Di Yates just two points further adrift.

Rosemary Basford and Sue Bloxam paired up to win the Scott Family women's Jubilee Fours.

Their 35 was too good for Kerry Farrelly and Allison Kelly, who finished on 32, with Ricky Coates and Leonie Bell next best on 31. The nine-hole competition was won by Val Meleri with 16 - seven clear of June Home.

It was a busy week for the veterans with the second stage of the Ray Atcheson

Shield stroke event intertwined with a stableford competition.

This was comfortably won by Gerry Hunt with 25, from Jim Taylor (20). Jon Beales won a four-man countback with Ian Colmer, Laurie Bedford and Niall Carey for third spot after their ball recorded 19.

Going through to the Shield quarter-finals are Hunt, Taylor, Beales, Bedford, Mike Beale, Terry Halsall, Russell Pratt and Bob Williams.

In the mixed 9-hole competition, Matt O'Farrell bounced back to form to take the spoils with 20 - two

ahead of Colleen Marks as Mary Taylor won a countback against Kevin Parker one behind.

Stroke play was the order of the day in the Watershed Premium Scroungers event.

This suited Adrian Reilly just fine, for his 68 saw him pip David Coates by two shots, with John Bell in third place, one further adrift, and another countback with Wayne Clark and Bill Pascoe.

Ian and Wendy Chidgey headed east to play in the final round of the RAC Auto Club Australian Finals last week and despite playing well, scores did not reflect accordingly.

Average scores of 25 points each day placed the duo in the top half of the field of 156 players. The six hour rounds were, according to Mr Chidgey "trying", but both agreed it was great to be on the Gold Coast for the event.

The national event runs at golf clubs across the country, with the winning players from each club day travelling to the Royal Pines course to compete against their counterparts.

This year was the first time Margaret River hosted an event in the competition, and a solid field of 104 participants has paved the way for another event in early 2017.

SPORT

Of visitors and intrepid stalwarts

GOLF MARGARET RIVER

Colin Lovelady and John Soroka brought their clubs to Wallcliffe Road, liked what they saw, and went home with most of the spoils.

Lovelady, from Karrinyup GC, played in the Brumby stableford and turned in a fine 39 - leaving home hopes scrambling for crumbs. Peter Nicholls was next with 38, with Gary Evershed on 37 after a countback with back-to-form David Benson.

Soroka, of Rockingham GC, was in the shake-up to take out the Wine For Dudes Scroungers. His 36 got him to the three-way countback but he was edged out by Adrian Reilly and David Coates.

Ken Miles's 39 won the Preveli Wines mixed stableford with Gerry Hunt on 36 and Bill Taplin on 35, but only after a countback with the day's top woman, Penny Foy.

John Agnew was tops in the nine-hole stableford with

20 points, two clear of Ian Colmer with the scrutineers' verdict over Matt O'Farrell. In the mixed event, Rob Hearn won with 17 with Mary Taylor (16) and Jim Watson (15).

Rosie Burnett was a clear winner in the second round of the women's championships, carding an impressive 73. Judy Anderson (75) and Wendy Chidgey (76) were next best, while Colleen Marks claimed the nine-hole stableford competition with 16 after a countback with Aileen Budge.

Times Sport

Women's champion crowned

GOLF

Sarah Roddy became the new Margaret River Golf Club women's champion last week.

Roddy stormed through to card a three-round tally of 246 to finish seven ahead of Sue Bloxam, who was chasing her 15th title.

The Sue Bloxam Trophy for the best net score went to Cathy Carroll on 221, while the B-grade gross award was won by Mandy Farrell with 315. Round 3 of this event was taken out by Wendy Campbell on 74, ahead of Megan Booth (75) and Di Yates (76).

Campbell was also part of the winning team in the Irish Stableford fours. Joined by Dave Goodall and Stan and Judy Anderson, Campbell helped to return 98, which was a two-point win over James Sidders, Brendan Powell, Sean Howard and Mike Herbert.

Bill Taplin, Andre Botha, Mike Lawson and Barbara Webster were third on 95 after a countback with Gary Wightman, visitor Mark Chamberlain from Gosnells, Wayne Clark and Kim Hewton.

Wightman went on to win the Scroungers with 37 after a three-way countback with Jeff Hedstrom and Michael Nikulinsky.

Colin Clark was A-grade runner-up on 36, while the second-best in the B-grade was Ian Chidgey after a countback with James Kendra after they finished on 35.

SPORT

Double victories set the pace

GOLF

ful win in the Four Amigos Scroungers. His 40 points saw him well clear of Ian Colmer (38) and Rob Hearn (37).

The First National Daffodil Day Ambrose was fun for all - particularly Megan Booth, Mike Herbert, James Sidders and Sean Howard, with a winning 56.75. They were pushed all the way by Mike Skivinis, Colin Clark, Mike Genders and Barry Granville on 58.75, with Jeff Crouch, Mark Worth, Bec Esler and Richard Holt .12 adrift. Daniel Hunt won a countback with Tim Fox to take out the Grand Final day stableford after both carded 31.

Rosie Burnett needed the nod from scrutineers in the womens par after she finished square with Rosemary Basford and Penny Foy. June Home was best in the 9-hole stableford on 17. Mixed-par event honours went to Kevin Parker from Cathy Carroll, Matt O'Farrell and Home. - **Joe Setter**

BILL TAPLIN enjoys watching and reading about his English soccer club Chelsea almost as much as he loves his golf. But there were no blues for him this week! Bill kicked in with two wins to suggest that his recent investment in a new set of clubs was a so-shrewd move. The first win came in the Veterans' 9-hole stableford with a pace-setting 21, one ahead of Kevin Parker, who got the better of Peter Clift on countback.

Two days later Bill snagged a second, more meaning-

SPORT



ALL ABOUT THE GIRLS: Penny Foy, winner Vicki Haunold and ladies captain Wendy Chidgey. Photo: Margaret River Golf Club

Players flock to tournament

IT WAS all about the 21st Retravision Women's Classic with over 200 ladies playing this week.

Lady members organised the golf, wholesome food and fun entertainment for 3 days, starting with our Ladies open day on Friday and the grand finale in Rio style on Sunday night, with some cheeky performers and lots of laughter. Many local sponsors donated goods and funds to assist in making this annual event another success. The winning team on the open day was Sue Bloxam and Jackie Dickson

from Margaret River and the top girl taking home the Margaret River Classic Trophy was Vicki Haunold (74) from Dunsborough Lakes. Runner up was Tricia Walker (72) from Wanneroo. Lynette Clohessy from WAGC took home third prize.

Michael Beale was top gun this week at the Veterans Stableford with 21, closely followed by that successful golfing farmer again, Alan Dale, with only 1 point less, who had to beat 3 others on a countback: Ken Miles, Mark Pope and Nigel Gallop.

Rio Performer extraor-

dinaire Megan Booth won the A grade on a count back from always smiling Jane Taylor (37) in the Ladies Stableford. The Taylors were in good form as Helen Taylor took home first prize in the B grade with 41, followed by Helen Priest (35).

Thursday's Brown Bag Men's Stableford by Gray/O'Meara attracted a large field and a tough competition. Veteran Mike Lawson played best with a score of 40, followed by "Royboy" Warren on a count back from Andrew Host.

- **JOE SETTER**

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Eyes on the prize



WINNING FOCUS: Margaret River golfer Tim Fox with the prestigious Paddy Barrett Trophy at the weekend. Photo: Margaret River Golf Club

BY JOE SETTER

THE Veterans played Par Plus, with Irishman Matthew O'Farrell a smiling winner with +2 on a count back from Jimmy Watson. O'Farrell kept smiling this week as he also won the Friday Mixed Stableford with 20 points. Megan Booth came second on a count back from Gerry Hunt with 18 points.

The ladies competed in a 4BBB Stableford event, with mum and daughter team, Ricky Coates and Jo Pyatt taking home the honours with 45 points, two more than Di Linfoot and Sue Bloxam.

The cheeky amigos sponsored 2 rounds of exciting Men's Stableford events. Bill Taplin celebrated as overall winner on both days with 74 points. Daniel Hunt came first on day two with

39 points.

The Halsall/Berry Farm Men's championships are in full swing with the first stroke round played and the Paddy Barrett Trophy up for grabs.

Local plumber Tim Fox got to hold the prestigious trophy with both hands and full of pride with best net of 139 points. Terry Halsall came in second with 142, and Steve Pease third (133).

Mike Herbert, aka 'Blind Freddy', was best on the Saturday and Jeff Crouch best on Sunday.

The men's champion will be determined next week after the Matchplay event. Lovely Lyn Glasson, glad to have her husband back after 3 years running as Club Captain, got the best of the Sunday mixed stableford with 41 point and just beat Penny Foy.

SPORT

House takes win



PLEASED AS PUNCH: Jim House celebrates his name on the Margaret River Golf Club Men's Championship trophy for 2016. Photo: MRGC

BY JOE SETTER

THERE was lots of excitement during the Men's championship this weekend, with sunny days and plenty of golf setting up a real fight in the play offs between the last 8 contenders. Sponsor Mike Skivinis played young gun Nick Liebenberg an extra 4 holes before the game was decided in Nick's favour. Semi finalists were Daniel Hunt, Nick Leibenberg, Jim House and Mark Pope. House and Hunt played the final game of a great weekend of golf with Jim House getting his name on the trophy as Men's Champion 2016. Jeff Hedstrom won the A Grade, B division was won by Terry Halsall, and C division by Ian Chidgey.

Veteran Bob Williams walked away with first prize

on Tuesday's Par Plus event with a score of +6, 2 more than retired winemaker Abe Huisken. We should mention that our always helpful farmer Alan Dale took out first prize at the country vets event in Binningup.

Allison Kelly came first at Wednesday's ladies Stableford with 37 points, Rose Basford came close second with only one point less on a count back from captain Wendy Chidgey.

Bill Fidian took home first prize as overall winner with 40 points in the Men's Stableford event. Dean Taylor had to fight for his glory and just tipped John Ritchie on a count back as A grade winner (37). Helpful farmer Alan got first in B grade (39). Friday mixed Captain Di Yates just pipped Ken Miles on a count back with 18 points.



CLUBHOUSE CABARET: Margaret River Golf Club members let their hair down at the sold out cabaret show. **Photo: Supplied.**

Clubhouse cabaret delights

A BUSY week for the Greenkeepers crew with three days of coring to ensure our course keeps in perfect shape all year around.

Thursday's Sand Greens Stableford round 2 was won by Dave Noske this year after an intense 18 holes stableford with the first three players all scoring 38 points.

Viv Booker came second followed by "El Presidente" Barry Granville. Ex Club Captain Dave Glasson got his name on the plaque as winner of the Sand Greens Cup 2016.

Matt O'Farrell is in good

shape as he came first in the Friday Mixed 9 hole stableford (21), Barbara Webster on second place with one point less, and captain Di Yates third with 18.

Saturday's Podmores 18 holes stableford was won by a local visitor: Bruce Blundell from Busselton stooled the show with 44. Kim Hewton settled for second place with 39. Paddy Barrett winner Tim Fox still showing good form (38).

O'Farrell could not quite get to first place on Sunday's stableford but managed to pip Bruce Darby to third

place on a count back with 40 points. Adrain O'Reilly got to take home first prize.

The Clubhouse Cabaret on Saturday night with the Margaret River Concert Band was the highlight of the week, featuring Doxy, Michelle Spriggs and Tony Barugh.

A mix of jazz, swing, latin, and classic rock/pop got everyone on the dance floor in their 50's outfits.

The first of the planned clubhouse concerts was a sellout event, and the club is planning another night to be held March/April of 2017.

- JOE SETTER

News and views from the MR 19th

GOLF

BY JOE SETTER

Margaret River

IT WAS another exciting weekend of golf down at the Margaret River Golf Club and after last week's fun and frivolity, it was time to get back into the game in earnest.

Russell Pratt played best golf on Tuesdays Veterans 9 hole stableford with 23 points, closely followed by Mike Beale (22) and Jim Watson (21).

This week, the ladies teamed up for a 2-ball Ambrose competition with exciting results.

Winning combinations seemed to be the mix of young and mature: Sue Bloxam and Libby Dawson first place, scoring a total of 63 points.

Ricky Coates and Shirley Becker played well and came second (65.75), while veteran player Barbara Webster came third alongside young



Winning combinations seemed to be the mix of young and mature, with Sue Bloxam and Libby Dawson in first place.

Joe Setter

gun Megan Booth (67.5)

Fennessy Holden's Mens Stableford drew a big field of players once again.

First prize as overall winner went to Bob Williams with 43 points, who was closely followed by Scroungers Captain Dave Jeffrey with only one point less, ahead of John Norman coming in at third place.

Pamela Hos took home

first prize at Friday's mixed Stableford competition with 23.

Saturday's Plasterboard Margaret River Men's stableford was taken out by the computer savvy Micko O'Hara with 41 points.

Mal Bromley scored one point less for second prize, and Geoff Barrett came third on a count back with Tim Fox.

New member Jim Kendra was top man for the Chapman Grove's mixed Stableford competition with 38 points while Acton's Kim Hewton received second prize.

Helen Priest was best lady and overall third scoring 35 points.

New players and members are always welcomed at the club, and bookings are essential to play the Margaret River Golf Course.

For more information, please visit www.margaret-rivergolfclub.com.au

Merry Christmas

Starter Nibbles

- Salmon roulade
- Grilled local chorizo with lemon & sourdough
- Potato & Brie tartlets
- Ariancini minted yoghurt

Buffet

- BBQ turkey fillet with peach chutney
- Roasted lamb rump with tomato and thyme
- 5 spice braised pork

- Fried polenta
- Potato gratin

- Lenzil and current salad
- Cauliflower cheese
- Garden Salad

Desserts

- Pear & almond flan
- Peach & polenta cake
- Italian chocolate rice cake
- Double cream
- Crème anglaise

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Vets annual dinner \$42 each

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End of year celebrations recognise Margaret River golfers

THE veterans teamed up this week for a 2 ball ambrose, where Richard Deshon and Mike Thompson proved a winning combo, followed by runners up Peter Brennan and David Benson. Pam Hos played her match of the season on Wednesday with 42 points while Megan Booth just pipped Patsy Bedford on a count back for second (40).

Round one of the Scroungers Cup kicked off last week; Overall winner of the round was Adrian Reilly (41) just pipped Mike Allenby.

Friday's mixed stableford was won by Jim Taylor on count back with Dave Goodall (21) and Cathy Caroll in third. Saturday saw huge celebrations at the club - The Leeuwin Monthly Mug was won by Bob Williams (66) to runner up Dave Glasson (73). The final of the Bell's West Knockout was played between Geoff Barrett and Jo Broadhurst. Both tough players showed a good battle, with Barrett taking home the title.

The prestigious title of Golfer of the Year went to Dave Glasson for consistent play all year around. Barrett did it again together with Jim Trigione - winners of the Men's Foursomes 2016.



PLEASED AS PUNCH: Winner of the Leeuwin Monthly Mug, Bob Williams. Photos: Margaret River Golf Club.



RECOGNISING THE BEST: Margaret River Golf Club Golfer of the Year Dave Glasson (left) with award sponsor Jim House.



CELEBRATION TIME: Men's Foursome Winners Marc Halsall and Jon Farrell with competition sponsor Laurie Bedford (centre).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

Competitors impress at clubs' Stableford action

GOLF

Niall Carey was all smiles after he came out on top in the Margaret River Golf Club's Veterans nine-hole Stableford with 26 points last week, six more than legend Gordy Smith.

Ian Colmer came third with 21 points just pipping Terry Halsall on a count back.

Ricky Coates was best woman

on Wednesday's ladies 18-hole Stableford (39).

Rhonda Hearn just beat Penny Foy on a count back with 37 points.

Young gun Nick Liebenberg took the honours on Saturday's men's 18-hole Stableford scoring 41.

Jim Watson came second place (39) and Dave Glasson third with one point less.

The secret number was 19 at

this week's mixed nine-hole Stableford as a three-way count back rewarded Jim Taylor in second place from Terry Haywood and Matt O'Farrell.

Richard Deshon played best with 21 points.

Luke Thies celebrated his moment at the mixed Stableford.

Bill Taplin scored 41 points to be rewarded second place and Graeme Linfoot third (40).

SPORT

Golfing news and views from the 19th

AS TOURIST season approaches there has been an influx in international visitors enjoying our fairways, the perfect place to get up and close to a 'roo or two.

Competition season is drawing to a close for some. The veterans played a 9 hole stableford, won by Niall Carey on a count back from Alan Dale with Peter Brennan in third. The ladies took to the course for their last 18 hole stableford with a bit of fun; the Reds played best and won the day by 7 points. Barbara Webster came first in the Captain's team with 35 on a count back from Penny Foy. Maggi Foy from the red team was top woman of the day with 40.

The boys competed in the second round of the Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Stableford. Congratulations go to Nick Bull scoring 45 points, Brent Burton in second with 42, followed by Clint Mc Gregor (40). The Friday mixed 9-holers enjoyed a great day of golf; Matthew O'Farrell just pipped Cathy Carroll, Sarah Roddy, George Ruthledge and Jo Pyatt on a count back, all scoring 17. Jeff Hedstrom and Dave



AWARDED: President Ange Burges and the winning red team, who won their day by 7 points. **Photos:** Margaret River Golf Club



GOLFING GREATS: (L-R) Barry Granville, Stu Currell, sponsor Mike Skivinis, Dave Reid, Dave Noske. **Photos:** Margaret River Golf Club

Coates sponsored the Saturday Mens Stableford which was won by Club Captain Ian Chidgey (41). John Bell came second (38) and Mal Gray third (37) on a count back.

The week ended with the annual Berry Farm 2 Ball

Ambrose, a fun day for novice and experienced golfers. The day was won by the Presidents team on a count back from the M-team of Megan Booth, Mark Bonnette, Mick Herbert and Mick O'Hara.

— JOE SETTER

SPORT



FRIENDLY FIRE: It was a battle between the veterans for the 2017 Championships at Margaret River Golf Course last week. **Photo:** Supplied.

Vets battle for championship

GOLF

THE Veterans had a real battle for the championships 2017.

The second stroke round was won by Bill Ivey on count back from Brien Taylor, both 34 points with Jim Watson coming in on third place.

The honours went to Laurie Bedford this year, proud winner of the shield with Mike Beale close second with only one point less.

Oldest player Brien Taylor came in third.

The women's Stableford was won by Kim Robson on count back from Anne Ken-

dra, both with a score of 36. Rose Basford only scored one point less for third prize.

Billy Pascoe played best in The Kevill Electrical Men's Stableford with 42 points.

Adrian Reilly followed (39) and Tim Fox just got the better of Dave Glasson (38).

There was a happy vibe and plenty of delicious cake at Friday's mixed stableford as Mary and Jim Taylor celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

What a wonderful achievement for the two club stalwarts!

Matt O'Farrell came first

(20), Lorna West second (19) and Di Yates (18) collected third prize.

Veterans champion Laurie Bedford showed off his new title at the McHenry Hohnen Men's Stableford and won the day with 37 points.

Jim Watson just pipped Geoff Barrett on a count back with one point less.

The Sunday mixed stableford was won by Terry Haywood (39), Linda Every was best woman of the day and overall second on a count back from Mick Herbert and Graeme Linfoot.

— JOE SETTER

SPORT

Golf news from the 19th hole

GOLFING

THE Margaret River Golf Club course was closed for coring for a few days this week to maintain the award winning fairways and greens, with work conducted by the tireless grounds keeping crew.

The first round of the Sand Greens was played on Thursday and won by that Tim Fox again with 39 points.

Dave Noske came a close second scoring 37 on a count back from Billy Taplin.

Matthew O'Farrell took the honours at the 9 hole Mixed Stableford with 21 points,

“The first round of the Sand Greens was played on Thursday and won once again by that wily Tim Fox with a solid 39 points.

Joe Setter

while Richard Deshon re-

ceived second place with 19 points on a count back from Val Meleri.

Ray Scott played best at The Brewhouse Men's stableford (39), Geoff Barrett just beat Rhys Owen for second place on a count back both scoring 37 points.

New members took out the top 3 at the Tate Construction Mixed Stableford.

Brian Thompson came out top player with 38 points, Linda Whyte received best lady (and overall third) and Ben Wightman was awarded with next best player.

— JOE SETTER

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FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

Double delight for Taylor

GOLF

Jim Taylor was the overall winner of two events this week.

He was awarded best player at the veterans' nine-hole Stableford with a score of 20 points on Tuesday as well as the mixed nine-hole Stableford on Friday, scoring 23 points.

Second place on Tuesday went to Peter Brennan (19), followed by Colin Andrews (18 c/b).

Val Meleri was best lady and overall second at Friday's mixed.

International member Jean McCarthy received third prize with 18 points on a countback from Rose-mary Basford.

Rosemary also scored best women's golfer at the Women's Openings

Stableford with a score of 38. Judy Anderson won second prize (35) and Rosie Burnett third with one point less. Val Meleri won the nine-hole competition with 18 points.

The scroungers on Thursday was won by an electric Mark Kevill with 39 points.

Brian Seed scored one point less to come second on a countback from Peter Joyce, who seems well recovered from injuries.

Mike Lawson just beat Mike Skivinis on a countback to score best at the Yallingup Yobs Mens 18-hole Stableford, both on 41 points.

It was a close battle during the mixed 18-hole Stableford, with Pierre Every just beating Billy Taplin on a countback.

SPORT

Junior golfers close season

BY JOE SETTER

SANTA Claus well and truly arrived this week at the Margaret River Golf Club, where a big week of play saw the junior competition come to a close.

First, the veterans indulged in a sumptuous Christmas lunch with all the trimmings after their 9 hole stableford, won by Richard Deshon with 24 points.

John Norman scored 22 for second place. Jim Watson played well enough for third on a count back. In between courses there was a big honor for Jon Beales who won the Ray Atcheson shield.

The ladies played a two ball ambrose as their end of winter season game and enjoyed fun Christmas celebrations with a present for every participant and plenty of food and bubbles.

The Thursday boys competed in the third round of the Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup. Dave Jeffrey played best on the day with 42 points, followed by Rob Hearn (41) and Steve Owen (40).

They will celebrate next



BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS: Junior golfers and their coaches at the Margaret River Golf Club. Photo: Supplied.

week when the overall winner of the 4 rounds will be announced. Rob Hearn is leading overall on 111 points, followed by Kim Hewton and our Irish Matt O'Farrell.

Santa was back on Friday to bring some Christmas cheer to the 9 hole Mixed

Stableford. Overall winner was Jim Watson, who just pipped Gerry Hunt on a count back with 19 points. Barbara Webster was best lady, also scoring 19.

Friday afternoon Junior golf enjoyed their last play on the course due to summer

holidays. All participants played a few holes under the supervision of master coach Mike Skivinis and helpers Dave Benson and Matt O'Farrell. Junior golf will recommence on Friday February 3 and new players are always welcome.

The Afcox Plumbing Mens stableford had to battle it out in the 30+ heat on Saturday. It was a great golf week for Jim Watson, as he also came first with 43 points, just beating Dave Jeffrey who got the better of Jim Triglone on a count back (40).

Stan Anderson played his best game of the season to win the Mixed stableford and just pipped new member Anne Kendra on a count back with 42 points. Sue Bloxam secured third position on a count back with Kim Hewton.

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Colourful day out



AUSTRALIA DAY FUN: Greenkeeper Luke Thies, course coordinator Jon Farrell, computer expert Mick O'Hara and new member Syd Cabba add some colour to the Margaret River Golf Course.

BY JOE SETTER

JANUARY has been a busy month at the golf course with plenty of golfers practicing their swing of the clubs. The Veterans played their 9 hole stroke and putting event with Ian Colmer scoring best with 32 points. Matt O'Farrell came in second, 33 on a count back from Richard Deshon. Penny Foy was first lady at the 18 hole women's stableford (37) followed by Di Linfoot, 36 points, and Jane Taylor (34) who just pipped Wendy Chidgey on a count back for third place.

Australia Day was played in style with a field of well over hundred players in the Bedford's Mixed Ambrose 2's. A close finish line: Mike Skivinis and Nick Liebenberg won on a count back from Tim Fox and Stu Currell,

both scoring 64 points.

Graeme Bedgood with partner Ray Scott also had to fight for third place by just getting the better of Mick O'Hara and Syd Cabban with a score of 64.5. Cathy Caroll was shining this week by winning the Friday mixed 9 hole with 19 points and being awarded best Woman at Acton's Mixed Stableford with 34 points.

Di Yates came second on Friday followed by Matt O'Farrell. Terry Haywood was rewarded Best Man on Sunday by tipping greenkeeper Luke Thies on a count back, both scoring 38.

As the holiday season draws to an end we welcome our juniors back on the course for Friday sessions every week between 4-5pm. Free sausage sizzle after the game.

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Twenty20 comp back
for new year

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Local golf tees off



REFLECTIONS: The stunning surrounds of the Margaret River Golf Club provided perfect conditions for a year of exciting golfing action between locals and visiting players. Photo: Supplied.

BY JOE SETTER

ANOTHER year of golf on our magnificent golf course has passed, with visitors increasing over the holiday season to take in the sweeping views and capture an image of a kangaroo, while enjoying our green fairways. The ladies played their last stableford of the year on Wednesday. Friday's captain Di Yates was on a roll this week, winning the ladies comp with 34 points as well as runner up on a count back in the Quality Inn Ambrose the next day, which attracted a field of 120 players. Micko O'Hara together with Matt O'Connell won the day with a score of 64.

Third place went to Wayne Clarke and Luke Woodgate who just got the better off Mark (Tuggy) Tugwood and Mike Lawson, both teams

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Terry Haywood won the day on a count back from Matthew O'Farrell.

Joe Setter

scoring 64.25.

Fridays Mixed Stableford delivered some more close scores once again; Terry Haywood won the day with 21 on a count back from Matthew O'Farrell, and second place, on another count back, went to Jim Taylor (20).

We would like to extend our best wishes to the community and beyond with a fantastic calendar of golf planned for the year ahead.

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Scroungers Cup goes to Norman after tense final round

GOLF

It was a tense week for the men during the final Stableford round of the Cowaramup Agencies Scroungers Cup at Margaret River Golf Club earlier this month.

The generous prize pool kept players focused and playing their

best. John Norman was the lucky man and will get his name on the Scroungers Cup this year.

Steve Owen played best on the day and was runner-up over the four rounds.

The close of the big day was celebrated with a barbecue on the deck. Ladies came first in the Tay-

lor household when husband-and-wife team won the mixed nine-hole Stableford.

Mary Taylor played one point better than husband Jim, who pipped captain Di Yates on a countback (17).

The Cheeky Monkey Men's Stableford was won by Jim House with

42 points. Wayne Clarke came second (39) and Gavin Leiper was third.

Richard Deshon got the better of Matt O'Farrell and won the Veterans' nine-hole Stableford on a countback with 19 points while Handyman Kevin Parker scored one point less to get third. Cathy

Carroll played for glory to score one more than Sue Bloxam (39) in the women's Stableford on December 14. Veteran Mike Lawson played his best game of the year to score 44 points in the December 18, 18-hole mixed Stableford.

Anne Kendra was first woman and second overall.

SPORT

Golfers dig deep



Ray "Atchy" Atcheson and Gordon "Gordy" Smith of the Margaret River Golf Club not only enjoy playing a round of golf, but have dedicated countless hours to maintaining the course.

BY JOE SETTER

NIALL Carey was all smiles when he came out on top in the Veterans 9-hole stableford with 26 points, six more than legend Gordy Smith. Ian Colmer came third with 21 points just pipping Terry Halsall on a count back.

The old boys don't only play great golf, they also volunteer many hours to the course.

Members could win a prize last week by guessing what Ray "Atchy" Atcheson and Gordon "Gordy" Smith are doing every Friday for the club.

These boys have been around for a while (about 80 years!), emptying the bins on the course, sorting out the recycling and patching up any potholes in need of repair.

Ricky Coates was best

woman on Wednesday's ladies 18 hole stableford (39). Rhonda Hearn just beat Penny Foy on a count back with 37 points.

Young gun Nick Liebenberg took the honours on Saturdays First National Men's 18 hole stableford scoring 41. Jim Watson came second place (39) and Dave Glasson third with one point less.

The secret number was 19 at this weeks Mixed 9 hole stableford as a 3 times count back rewarded Jim Taylor in second place from Terry Haywood and Matt O'Farrell. Richard Deshon played best with 21 points.

Luke "Stretch" Thies celebrated his moment at the Rosily Wines mixed Stableford. Yes, he is rather tall! Bill Taplin scored 41 points to be rewarded second place and Graeme Linfoot third (40).

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FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

Close race for Captain's Trophy

GOLF

The Captain's Trophy was played last Tuesday at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Colin Andrews came first with 20 points, Ian Colmer second with one point less and Mike Lawson third after a multiple countback with 18 points.

The ladies played their first Stroke Putting round. Rosie Burnett scored best (74), just one point better than Maggi Foy. Kath Solonec got the better of Rhonda Hearn and Jackie Dickson on a countback — all scoring 76.

The Scroungers Men's Stableford was won by young gun Nicky Lieben-

berg, playing of a handicap of 1.3. Veteran Terry Halsall came second, scoring one point less (38), and Jim Triglone came third(37).

The Friday mixed celebrated Easter in style after the game.

Richard Deshon beat Jo Pyatt on a countback for first place.

Matt O'Farrell scored third.

Brenden Powell was best golfer at the Men's Stableford on Saturday (40), three points ahead of Andrew Host and Bill Pascoe (third). The first prize for the mixed 18-hole Stableford went to visitor Jenny Nicol (39).

Allan Miller just beat Terry Haywood on a countback, both scoring 37 points.

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great start after the Easter long weekend with The Kelly's Vineyard Mixed 4BBB. Geoffrey Barrett and partner Gavin Leiper came in with a score of 45 while runners up were Rosie Burnett & Bruce Darby (44).

Third place on count back to Judy Anderson & Allan Miller. A full field of 80 players saw fantastic scores.

Alan Dale was the Veterans 9 hole winner (22) and is one of many of the volunteer helpers out on the course every week. Runner up was Terry Haywood (21) on a countback with Robert Williams (21).

sored by Jan Macaulay and Val Mowbray; The A-grade winner was Laurie Barker (37) with Wendy Campbell close behind (36). B-grade winner was Lynda Glasson (37) followed by Tania Easton (36). The 9-hole winner was Jocelyn Pyatt (17) and Renate Lea (16).

The Kymac Electrical and Refrigeration-sponsored Men's 18 Hole Scrounger Stableford event, won by Damien Bullock (38) from Robert Foy on a countback of 38 and also Graeme Payne (38).

Friday morning's 9 hole mixed competition, which seems to be getting better numbers each week, was

taken out by Richard Deshon (23), followed by Sarah Roddy on an amazing handicap of four (19) and Rob Hearn (18).

Saturday's 18 Hole Mod-house Stableford Mens event was won by Daniel Hunt with a score of 41, to sponsor Sean Howard's 40.

The Mosswood Wines Sunday Mixed Stableford had Dave Glasson coming in with a score of 41 to runner up Brian Thompson (37) on a count back to Rob Hearn (37). Penny Foy was the ladies winner with a brilliant score of 38, Kerrie Eichorn (36) came in with on a count back from Wendy Chidgey

(36). - Tania Easton

MARGARET RIVER

The week was off to a

Ladies 18 holes was spon-

SPORT

Number 36 proves lucky for golfers

GOLF

PERHAPS it was the summer storm brewing, but the number 36 proved a popular score at the Margaret River Golf Club this week.

It was all about that golden number at the Prideaus/TAB Bunbury's Men's Scroungers, which was won by Rod Wylde on a count back from David Reid, both ending with 37 points.

Keith Bourke got the best out of 10 - all scoring 36 points - and fortunately for the maths skills the count-backs are digitally counted these days. Must have been all that electricity in the air from the storm brewing.

Ian Colmer was best man on Tuesday, just scoring just one better than Laurie Bedford (31), while Gerry Hunt came in third place with an impressive 32 points.

The women's stableford was won by Di Yates on a countback from Leonie Bell

on 34 points.

Second place went to Rhonda Hearn who just pipped Rosemary Basford on a countback (32).

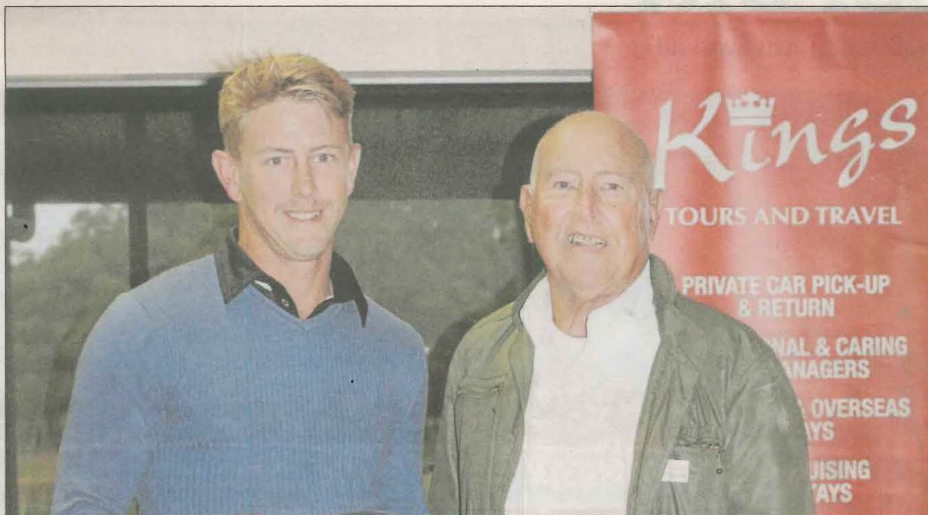
The Mixed competition on Friday was played best by Barbara Webster, but with the Taylor's close behind in second and third place.

It was a good weekend also for Rhys Owen, who played for first on the Kings Tours and Travel Men's Stableford, scoring 39, and third man on Sunday's mixed Stableford with a score of 36, just pipping visiting player Graeme Raper.

Micko O'Hara came second at the Men's event by just getting the better of visitor Chris Carey.

Greenkeeper Luke Thies scored 40 points to win the mixed event, and Rhonda Hearn was rewarded best woman with Pierre Every next best.

- JOE SETTER



TOP PERFORMER: Rhys Owen (left), winner of the Kings Tour and Travel Event held at the course last Saturday. Photo: Margaret River Golf Club



GLORY DAYS: The 2016 winners of the Margaret River Hotel Open. Photo: Supplied.



TOP QUALITY: The stunning course is a hot favourite for visiting and local players. Photo: Supplied.



STANDING TALL: Winners of the Margaret River Hotel Open, Judith Holme and Blair Duncan. Photo: MR Golf Club

Top results for golf winners

THE Veterans 9-hole stableford was won by Niall Carey with 21 points.

John Agnew came second with 20 points.

Shirley Becker came first at Wednesday's women 9 hole stableford.

The 18 holes was won by Roz Cummings on a count back from Leonie Bell (36). Maggi Foy came in third with 35 points on a count back from Wendy Campbell.

Garry Wightman was awarded best player on Thursday's stableford scoring 41 points. Stuart Currell got second best (38). Steve

Owen earned third prize with 37 points.

The annual Coopers Mixed Ambrose turned out to be a real battle in the heat amongst 80 participants.

Judith and Ivar Holm from WAGC won the day scoring 62.25 points.

Long term bar guru Tania Easton got awarded second prize with partner Brian Seed by just beating Rodney Gaffney and Allan Miller from Capel on a count back (63.25).

The Margaret River Hotel Mixed Open Stableford was played over 36 holes on Sat-

urday and Sunday.

Great food provided and plenty of prizes up for grabs over two days of great golf. Best Nett Men for the 2 days were Blair Duncan (73), Wayne Clark (72) and Dave Jeffrey (71).

Best nett overall women were Judith Holm (69), Cheryl Kowald (64) and Joanna Booker (64). Best Gross Men was taken out by Jarrad Tenni (65) with runner up Rhys Owen (52). Sue Bloxam (49) and Wendy Campbell (39) took out best Gross first and second respectively

— JOE SETTER

Region's golf course voted best in West

BY JOE SETTER

THE Margaret River Golf Course was awarded best regional course in WA at last week's WA Golf Industry Gala Awards.

Accepted by club super-intendant Mark Lewis at the ceremony in Perth, the award rates courses throughout the State based on nominations.

Wanneroo Golf Course was named the best metropolitan course while the Margaret River club took out the regional equivalent.

Terry Halsall won the Veterans 9 hole competition on Tuesday with 21 points, Gerry Hunt came in second on a count back from Alan Dale and Jim Watson, all scoring 19 points.

Maggi Foy was top woman in this week's women's stableford just beating Di



Mark Lewis (left).

Yates on a count back with 36 points.

Sister-in-law Penny Foy played for third place with 32 points on a count back from Jo Booker and Megan Booth.

The Pharmacy 777 Men's stableford was won by Paddy Barrett winner Tim Fox who just got the better of Don Bredenkamp both scoring

38.

Dave Benson came in third also on a count back from John Ritchie with one point less.

Barbara Webster was top woman at Friday's 9 hole mixed stableford by beating captain Di Yates and Gerry Hunt on a count back, all scoring 18 points.

The Barerooted Wines Mens stableford was won by Jim Watson on a count back from Geoff Harveson (38).

Mike Lawson came third (37) on a count back from Laurie Cransberg, a visitor from Busselton. The Wightman's played best at the Broadhurst Sunday Ambrose 2s with 64.25 points, Penny Foy and Mike Kelly received second prize with a score of 64.75 on a count back from Leonie and John Bell, who came in third.

SPORT

News and views from the 18th hole

GOLFING

BY JOE SETTER

IT WAS an action-packed week of golf at the Margaret River Golf Club thanks to a busy time in the region and some stunning weather to cap it off.

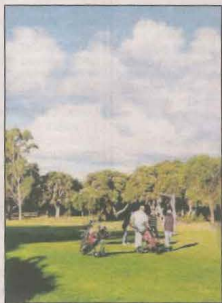
At Tuesday's 18 hole stableford, Peter Brennan claimed victory with his 20 points.

Mike Lawson came in second place, just beating Luke Thies on a count back where both scored 19 points.

Young Luke is not at age yet, but the greenskeeper invitation day was a chance to wish course superintendent Mark Lewis a safe holiday around Australia while enjoying his long service leave.

On Wednesday, the ladies gathered to play Canadian Foursome.

Di Gordon and Rose Basford scored best with 32, while pilates guru Jo Booker and Linda Whyte came sec-



ond with one point less.

Third prize went to Wendy Chidgey and Wendy Campbell, who ended with 30 points after a count back.

The Happy Dogs Mens Stableford on Thursday was won by mature player Rob Young with a great score of 43, while Mal Bromley just beat 'Brain Seed' for second on a count back (39).

The Trinx Lawyers 18 hole stableford was played on Easter Saturday and top hon-

ours were collected by Mike Basford who ended with a respectable 42.

James "Sid" Sidders scored one point less for second place and John Norman came third.

A large crowd gathered on the course on Easter Monday for a day filled with sunshine and great golf at the Kelly's Vineyard 4BBB.

The team of Geoff Barrett and Gavin Leiper team proved to be a winning combination, with the duo notching a score of 45 points. Rosie Burnett and Bruce Darby took home second prize with just one point less, while Judy Anderson and Allan Miller came third on a count back with 43 points.

The Club welcomes new players and member enquiries throughout the year and visitors to the region are also welcome.

Contact 9757 3161 or email admin@margaretrivergolfclub.com.au

SPORT



CLUB LEGENDS: Brien Taylor, Veterans Captain Bob Williams, Colin Andrews and Gerard McCabe at the Margaret River Golf Club. Photo: Supplied

Veterans' success on course

ANOTHER week of a successful Country Veterans Event last Monday with over 120 players in the field. The event was won by Jeffrey Pits from Bunbury Golf Club on a count back from Geoffrey Scott from Greenbushes Golf Club. Trevor Piggott from Harvey played best for third prize. The 'old' boys do a great job organising the event together with our great bunch of volunteers that look after the catering so nobody goes home hungry.

There was a small field for Tuesday's Veterans stableford won by Niall Carey on

23 points. Jon Beales took second and Jim Watson pipped Alan Dale on count back with a score of 19. Megan Booth was in good form in Wednesday's President's Trophy, winning the A-grade women's stableford (35).

Patsy Bedford was close second on 34. Kath Solonec was top woman in the B Grade, just beating Tania Easton on count back, both on 31.

It was a crispy morning on Thursday's Men's stableford. The secret score was 38, scored by all top three players: Tony Foy, by Jim Triglone

and on third Graeme Payne.

The mixed 9 hole players settled for a PAR event on Friday, won by Jim Taylor (+1) on a count back from Terry Haywood. Jo Pyatt scored best woman and overall third prize (0).

The White Elephant Café's men's stableford was won by Mal Bromley (38) with Triglone close second (37), just pipping John Bell on a count back.

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— JOE SETTER



March 2017 - Earthworks done to establish new lakes along 7 and 9 fairways



March 2017 - Enlarging the lake at the front of 8 green.



2017 - Ray and Gordon still maintaining the old driveway while waiting for the new entrance to be done.



2017 Opening Day. Doris Arthur finally reached a stage where she felt she could no longer hit off, so she putted off the start the season.



Unfortunately the original tree planted as a memorial to Roy Hobson didn't do so well, so a second tree was planted in 2017

Back Row - Bruce Darby, Matt O'Farrell, Richard Deschall, Abe Huisken, Colin Andrews, John Agnew, Mike Beale, Bob Williams, Dave Glasson, Ray Atcheson and Terry Halsall.
Front - Mike Lawson and Alan Dale



Ken Miles reflecting on Roy's contributions to the club while Terry Halsall reads a poem he wrote.

SPORT

Ladies' program to start Friday

GOLF

THANKS to a financial grant from the Western Australian Golf Foundation (WAGF), the Margaret River Golf Club will launch a specialised program aimed at introducing the game of golf to women who are new to the game.

Community Golf Instructor Mike Skivinis said the program was ideal for women who had never played before or who had never been a member of a golf club.

"We're just trying to establish a fun and non confrontational environment for beginners, especially women, to come down and learn the game of golf," he said.

"Anyone who's really interested in the game and hasn't had a chance to come down and see what we do here, it's a great way to learn.

The WGAFF grant has allowed the club to purchase six sets of women's golf clubs to allow the program to commence this Friday, May 5.

The program will be based on the same format that has guided the successful children's golf program which has been running at the club for over two years.

Sessions will be conducted under the watchful eye of Mr Skivinis, who has also been responsible for conducting the children's golf program with the assistance of club volunteers.

The free *Women's Introduction To Golf* program will be conducted on Friday afternoons throughout se-



TEE OFF: Coach Michael Skivinis, Jackie Dickson, Penny Foy, Jane Taylor and Josette van Kalmthout celebrate the announcement of the new program at the Margaret River Golf Club. **Photo:** Nicky Lefebvre

mester two and three of the school terms at the golf club between 1.30 and 2.30pm, and will cover all aspects of the game of golf.

The instructional sessions will cover the various skills required for golf, utilising the practice facilities at the club, and will also cover practical skills required on the golf course.

The sessions will be run for no cost to participants and club manager Josette van Kalmthout said she hoped program attendees would

feel inspired to become club members.

"I think there has been a sort of misunderstanding that golf clubs from history were a kind of elite sport," Ms van Kalmthout said.

"We are really not that, we are open for everybody, it's not just a 'rich club'.

"It's a great way to socialise, keep fit, walk around the course with your best mate and have a chat about what's happened in the week, while you're playing a game of golf.

"A lot of the players here

are good friends and there is a fantastic social aspect to being a member of the club, as well as the enjoyment of the game."

Women interested in attending the Friday afternoon sessions are encouraged to contact the golf club on 9757 2197 to confirm their attendance.

MARGARET RIVER GOLF CLUB OPEN DAY THIS SUNDAY

To celebrate their recent award for Best Regional Golf

Course in Western Australia, the Margaret River Golf Club will host an Open Day this Sunday May 5 from 3pm to 5pm.

The Open Day will offer a personalised tour of the golf club and all facilities, the chance to hit some balls, meet the members, have a drink and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

The day is aimed at adults who are interested in the game of golf and would like to check out the course to find out what it is all about.

For enquiries regarding the Open Day please ring the club 9757 2197 or Dave Noske 0488 170 892.

The popular junior golf program has recommenced at the club this week after school holiday break and will welcome the younger members of the club back to the course to begin sessions again.

To keep up to date with all the news from the club, visit [facebook.com/groups/Margaretrivergolfclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Margaretrivergolfclub)

- NICKY LEFEBVRE

Golf season officially open

GOLF

BY JOE SETTER

WELL over one hundred Veterans arrived on Monday to play off for the Country Veterans stableford in what was a perfect sunny day for the young men with plenty of great golf and food prepared by our hard working volunteers.

The day was won by Grant Girdler from Dunsborough Lakes (42). Alan Scott from Binningup in second (40) on a count back from Mal McAuley from the Capel Golf Club and Gus Miles also from Binningup.

Our veterans arrived again the next day to play the first round of the Ray Atcheson Shield.

The Women's stroke event was won by new member Jackie Dickson, a woman with many talents. Maggi Foy scored 74 points for second place in the A grade, just beating Denise Warren on count back.

B grade was won by our two catering champions; Lyn Glasson just pipped Ange Burges to second place (78).

It was Tim Fox who took



LOCAL LEGEND: Club patron Doris Arthur opens the 2017 Margaret River Golf Club season with a "golden putt". Photos: Supplied.

the honours in the Blind Freddy Men's stableford - nice way to celebrate a big birthday in style.

Mike Basford scored 3 points less for second (35), Daniel Hunt third on count

back (34).

It was a huge day at the club on Friday with 40 women signing up for the female golf program.

Accredited coach Mike Skivinis ran two hours of golf



ALL SMILES: Long time member and patron Mrs Arthur with Margaret River Golf Club's Ladies President Ange Burges.

tuition to the two groups, which due to funding from the Golf WA foundation is provided at no cost to the participants.

In the mixed Stableford, Terry Haywood came first

scoring 18 points, while Matt O' Farrell scored one point less for second place and Jim Taylor just got the better of Rob Hearn both with 16.

The Leeuwin Wines Men's Monthly Mug was won by

champion kitchen hand Mick Herbert (70).

Tony Combes picked up second place (71) and Mal Bromley third on a count back with 72 points.

But the week was not over yet - club stalwart Doris Arthur opened the golf season officially with a golden ball putt on her Sunday individual stableford.

Mrs Arthur has been club patron for many years and is widely respected by all members.

All players enjoyed her home made sandwiches and slices after the game and prizes were provided by Mrs Arthur for three best men and women.

'El Presidente' Ange Burges just got the better from 'Bar Guru' Tania Easton on a count back (36), who due to her long service behind the bar even has a glass named after her, a 'Tannie'.

Rosie Burnett came third with 33 points.

Mike Kelly picked up first prize of the men (38). Daniel Hunt just beat Mark Bonnette on a count back for second and third prize, both with 37 points.



GATSBY GLAM: Last year's Clubhouse Cabaret event was a sellout success. Photo: Supplied.

Gatsby party looking great

THE Roaring Twenties arrives in Margaret River this month thanks to the talented performers of the Margaret River Concert Band.

Held at the Margaret River Golf Club, the live music event features vocalists Michelle Spriggs and Tony Barugh and offers a diverse mix of swing, jazz, latin pop and classic rock tunes throughout the evening.

Last year's Clubhouse Cabaret was a huge success with tickets selling out quickly, and according to event organiser Bronwyn Granville, the next event is expected to

“Last year we sold out and the event is well supported by golf club members and swing dancers in the region, so we expect tickets will be popular again.”

be even more popular.

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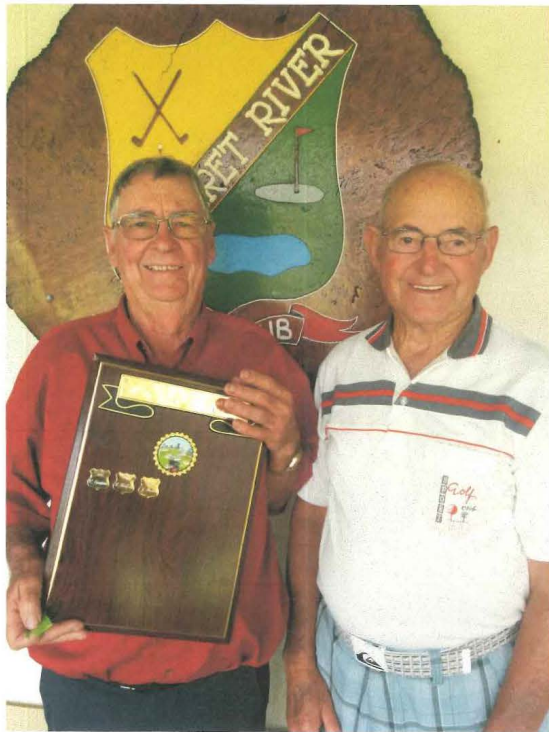
Tables of eight are available through the Margaret River Golf Club and partygoers are encouraged to “dress to impress” in line with the Great Gatsby theme. “Feather boas, sequins, hats and lots of glamour!”

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available through the club on 9757 2197.

— NICKY LEFEBVRE

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Duo takes foursomes win

GOLF

BY JOE SETTER

FINE weather and good player turnouts saw a busy and successful week at the Margaret River Golf Club.

The veterans enjoyed good playing conditions on Tuesday at the Veterans 9 hole stroke event.

Gerry Hunt was the winner of the day with 32 points, followed by club historian Ray Atcheson.

Ray has gathered and maintained an incredible collection of historic events of the Margaret River Golf Club, including newspaper clippings and mementos.

Jim Taylor scored two points less for third place on a count back (36).

Kerry Farrelly won the A grade women's stableford scoring 35 on a count back from Jane Taylor.

Visitor Clare Furness from Kingston Beach Golf Club took the honours in the B Grade (32) with Tania Easton on second place with 30 points.

Mary Taylor just beat Jan Macaulay to take first prize in the 9 hole women's stable-



AWESOME: Foursomes gross winners Stuart Currell (left) and Mike Skivinis with the winners' trophy. Photo: Margaret River Golf Club.

ford.

The Men's scroungers was kindly sponsored by "The Stickpickers", our group of veteran volunteers who, amongst other work, keep the course free of fallen

branches.

Daniel Hunt just pipped Mick Herbert for first place, both with 41 points.

Scroungers Captain Ray Barker scored one point less for third place.



SMILES ALL AROUND: Nett winners Graeme Bedgood and Ray Scott accepted their first place prize. Photo: Margaret River Golf Club.

Jim Taylor was top man at the Friday mixed competition by just getting the better of Gerry Hunt, who both ended with 18.

Di Yates was overall third and first woman with one

point less.

The Edwards Wines Men's stableford was played on Saturday in better weather conditions than expected.

Bill Smith took home first prize (37), while Peter

Nicholls scored well enough for second place with one point less and Mick Herbert was rewarded third prize with 35 points.

Sunday was a big day for the Men's Foursomes Championships kindly sponsored by veteran Laurie Bedford, who unfortunately was not able to participate due to injury.

It was a little wild and wet at times but the boys persevered and a cup of homemade soup kept them going for the 36 holes.

Junior and women's coach Mike Skivinis together with Stu Currell won the overall gross and nett with a score of 170.

Dave Glasson and John Bell scored the runner up title with 178.

As rules only permit winners to go home with one prize, Ray Scott and Graeme Bedgood were awarded overall nett winners on 158 followed by Rhys Owen and Bill Smith (159).

The club welcomes visiting players and new members, for more information visit www.margaretrivergolfclub.com.au or call 08 9757 2197.

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unbeatable again in the 9 hole stableford.

Michael Bolser was top gun in the Jason Windows scroungers, just pipping Terry Halsall on a count back, both with 38. Mal Bromley scored one point less for third place on a count back from Dave "Tiger" Noske and Craig "Absy". Richard Deshon was best man at Friday's stableford just beating O'Farrell on a count back (18). Jim Taylor came third with 17 points.

Another beautiful day for the Leeuwin Estate Monthly Mug. First prize to visitor Charles Caspall (70), Andrew Host second (72), and visitor Kim Grey third (73). Kath Solonec was best lady in the Down South Camping mixed stableford, Daniel Hunt best man and Dave Glasson overall best. - Joe Setter

MARGARET RIVER:

Gerard McCabe won the veterans 9 hole stableford with 24 points, two more than Matt O'Farrell ahead of Abe Huisken on count back. The women played stroke and putting and their third round of the silverspoon won by Sarah Roddy. Megan Booth was top in the A grade (70) while Roddy came second. Rosie Burnett received third prize (74). The B grade was won by Carolyn Scott with a glorious score off 69, second place went to Mandy Farrell (75), followed by Tania Easton (83). Jan Macaulay was

Close result at veterans' comp

GOLF

John Agnew had first pick of the prize table at Tuesday's veterans' nine-hole Stableford at the Margaret River Golf Club, finishing the day with 22 points.

Greg Byrne scored one point less for second place and Mike Beale was awarded third place.

The women played their fourth round of the silver spoon won by Kerry Farrelly.

The 18-hole stroke event was won by Megan Booth 66 (A-grade) and Libby Dawson 76 (B-grade).

Jo Booker and Megan Booth won the title of best putter for the day, both with 26 points.

A field of 75 players rocked up for Acton's 18-hole Stableford, with

the event won by Ray Scott (37). Michael Simpson just beat Adrian Reilly on a countback (35).

The sixth Leeuwin Monthly Mug stroke event was played in wet conditions.

Syd Cabban just scored one point more for the winner booth.

Rob Baker came second with a score of 74 on a multiple countback from Dave Noske, Sean Howard and Mick Herbert.

A lot of bells were ringing at the Burges' Sunday mixed Stableford, with John Bell (35 in a countback) scored best man while Leonie Bell was awarded top woman and overall winner of the day (38).

Graeme Bedgood and Cathy Carroll also scored 35 points for the runner-up prize.

SPORT

Reigning champs hold title

BY JOE SETTER

MOST Veterans were playing the Donnybrook course this week with a field of 145 players. Margaret River Men's Champion 2016 Jim House came in on tenth place overall - great effort.

The 9 hole stableford on home ground was won by Terry Halsall (18), Richard Deshon scored 17 points for second place by just beating Jim Taylor on a count back.

The women enjoyed the scenic views from the Augusta Golf Course this week as it was their turn to host the Margaret River Golf Shop's 4BBB annual event, proudly won by Judy Anderson and Barbara Webster with 41 points.

Jan Macaulay was way ahead of the rest of the field in the 9 hole stableford scoring 19 points, 6 more than Mary Taylor who came second on a count back from June Home.

The Brothers of the Brush Men's scroungers stableford was played in good conditions. Gary Wightman was in form to score top man (38) followed by Augusta's



ALL SMILES: (L-R) Net winners Gary Wightman, Roz Cummings, relief captain Dave Glasson, and gross winners Penny Foy and Nick Liebenberg.

Joe Italiano (36). Rob Young scored one point less for third place on a count back from Daniel Hunt.

Matthew O'Farrell won the Mixed 9 holes par event with a score of +1, just getting the better off Terry Haywood. Shirley Becker came in as

first woman and third overall with -2 on a count back from Gerard McCabe.

The Fennessy's Holden men's 18 hole event had to battle it out in a large field. Andrew Host was top gun and just pushed Sean Howard to second place, both

scoring 39 points. Daniel Hunt received third prize (38).

But the week was not over yet. The Home Timber and Hardware Mixed foursomes 36 holes championships were teeing off early in the morning for this honour

board event, smoothly run by relief Club Captain Dave Glasson.

Penny Foy and Nick Liebenberg successfully defended their title scoring 159 points in total.

Maggi Foy and Mike Skivinis got awarded the runner

up prize with 169 points.

Gary Wightman teamed up with Roz Cummings (who is fairly new to golf) to take home first prize as Nett winners (146). Ladies Champion Sarah Roddy and Dave Goodall came close runner up with only one point less.

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Close win for veterans' victor

GOLF

Brien Taylor took home first prize at the Margaret River Golf Club veterans 9-hole Stableford on Tuesday, only just beating Matt O'Farrell on a countback with a score of 20.

Jim Taylor received third prize with one point less, also on a countback.

The women's A-Grade Stableford was won by Jackie Dickson (36) followed by Kim Robson (35).

Carolyn Scott won the B-Grade with 30 points, Libby Dawson came second in the B-Grade (26).

O'Farrell scored first prize on Thursday's Elders Insurance Men's scroungers event (38), just one point more than Tony Combes who beat Jules Asthon on a countback.

The mixed Friday experienced slightly better weather conditions this week and Rob Hearn came out on top of the field (19), followed by Taylor who just beat O'Farrell on a countback for second place (18).

A wet day for the Chapman Grove's men's Stableford on Saturday saw a field of 25 players persevere.

Mark Pope scored 38 points for first prize, Brian Seed second (37) and Ray Scott scored one point less for third.

But the sun came out at Sunday's Arc of Iris mixed 4BBB.

Visitors Anne and Peter Slade just beat the Hearn's on a countback (41).

Angie Burges teamed up with Chris Carey for third prize with 40 points just getting the better of Stu Currell and Dave Noske.

Be at one with nature



□ WA's best regional golf course, the Margaret River Golf Club.

By **BETH JOHNSTON**

THE calm sweeping views and serenity provided by the Margaret River Golf Course (MRGC) gives no indication of the blood, sweat and toil that went into its creation more than 60 years ago.

But in the 1950s when a group of locals decided that their growing community needed a golf course, there was only one thing to do – get out there and make one.

They settled on a scenic site of cleared bushland near the mouth of Margaret River and Surfer's Point, planting trees by hand.

In the mid-1980s, members started

the process of converting the sand course into a grassed one with local labour ploughing the fairways and planting the grass by hand.

In 2011 the private club acquired access to recycled grey water, helping improve the condition of the 6092 metre, par 72 course and making it a world-class facility.

It has been well worth the effort, with the club recently winning the 2016 Best Regional Course at the WA Golf Industry Awards.

As with all regional courses, there are certain aspects that make the Margaret River course unique to its environment – for example, local wildlife is a regular feature and sometimes a hazard, and

the 17th hole is on top of an underground cave.

The course is described as not being heavily bunkered, but players are challenged with numerous water hazards, undulating fairways and large trees.

Club manager Josette van Kalmthout, who has been involved in the club since 2013, said the course had a great country feel and players felt at one with nature in the parkland course, which was one of its big drawcards.

"I feel very fortunate to work in such beautiful surroundings with kangaroos and a variety of birds outside my office window, close to home in a fantastic

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Teeing off

AS an award-winning golfer I was excited to see what stories Ripe journalists Beth Johnston and Linda Sharman would produce for this special on country golf courses.

Now when I say award-winning, don't get too excited.

The couple of times I was singled out for attention in the club house after spoiling a good walk, were for my lack of ability, earning me NAGA status.

Those who play the game know exactly what that means and what it says about my very limited ability.

It's been quite a while since I played the game, or more aptly, attempted to play it and embarrassed my team mates in corporate days, so maybe sometime soon I will make a comeback and see if I can add to my award tally.

Having read the stories in this magazine it is tempting to make that return sooner, rather than later.

It would prove quite a challenge for WA PGA Professional of the Year Kerrod Gray, who we talk to on page 18, to get me battle ready.

Some of the courses we have highlighted, such as The Cut, just south of Mandurah, Broome and Margaret River, have to be seen to be believed.

They are set in remarkable locations and provide something special for golfers to play on.

The story about the resurgence of the Tambellup club is a good one and highlights the important role sporting clubs play in country towns.

Any talk of my comeback won't involve the world's longest golf course, that is featured on page 6.

The Nullarbor Links is 1365 kilometres long and spread over two States.

There aren't enough golf balls for me to tackle that course.

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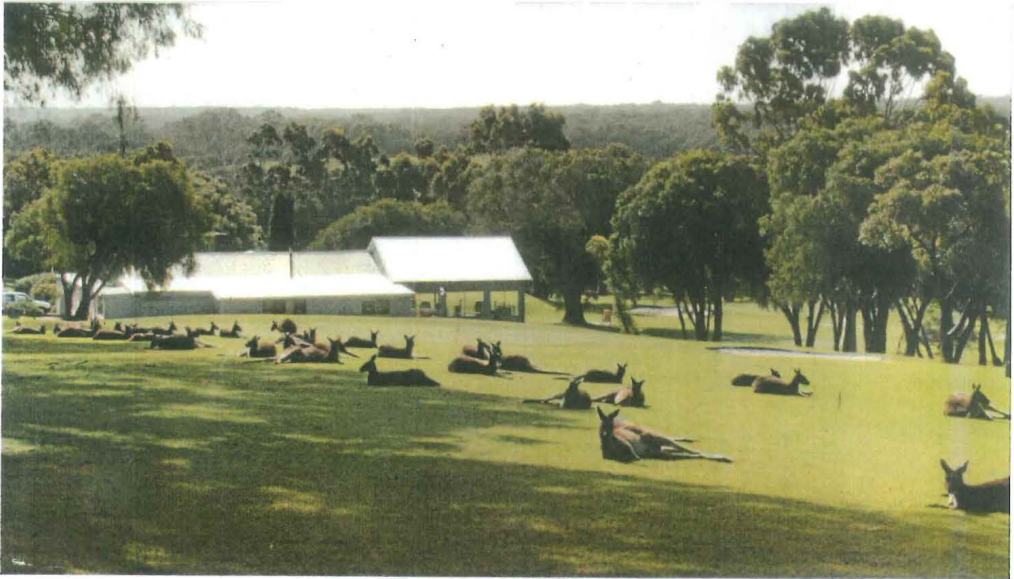
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□ Mind the locals. Kangaroos are a regular feature and occasional hazard at the Margaret River Golf Club.

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region with amazing natural beauty", Josette said.

"I try to ride my bicycle – yes, I am a Dutchy – as often as possible.

"It is a very scenic ride home with ocean views – pretty hard to beat."

The club has about 365 members, offering a variety of options from full membership through to a social one, including a new development membership for new golfers which is half price.

A weekly junior program is held on Fridays under the guidance of accredited volunteer coach Mike Skivinis.

The club has received funding from the Golf WA Foundation to conduct a women's program for two school terms.

With a big focus on player development, it's no surprise that over the years, the MRGC has churned out a few notable players – including two who turned professional – Kristie Smith and Kerrod Gray (see story about Kerrod on page 18).

The membership includes some of the original "old boys" such as Laurie Bedford and Ray Atcheson, who helped establish the course and Josette said they still played and volunteered with the course upkeep.

"Sports clubs, as we know

are a huge part of country living," she said.

"This club is just a great social meeting place for all interested in golf and as the only golf club and course for 50 kilometres, the MRGC is golf central for the Cape.

"The club is also very progressive.

"We have a lot of enthusiastic members and dedicated committee members to take the club forward."

Annual MRGC events include the club championship, the Margaret River Hotel Mixed Stableford Event, Coopers Mixed Ambrose Event and the Margaret River Ladies Classic, all of which attract a big field of golfers from around the region and interstate.

The events are all well-supported and sponsored by local businesses and members.

With such amazing views from the club house, Josette said they also offered the venue for event hire, as many players and visitors particularly enjoy the aspect from the deck.

The Golf Shop is also a highlight with positive online reviews mentioning Jon and Mandy Farrell and their excellent customer service.

The shop provides all the essentials, including clubs, baggies and carts.

"Jon and Mandy give people all the information they need



□ Players at the Margaret River Golf Club enjoy a 6092 metre, par 72 parkland course



Just chilling: A boomer relaxes at Margaret River Golf Club, home to more than 150 kangaroos. Inset: Allan Ross and his fence. Picture: Freedom Garvey-Warr

Biggest boom in 50 years prompts cull call

TREVOR PADDENBURG

A KANGAROO boom in WA's South West is causing chaos for gardeners and motorists, prompting calls from some local residents for a cull.

Wildlife experts say ideal breeding conditions and more vacant paddocks and farmland is behind the population explosion, which Augusta-Margaret River Shire president Ian Earl described as the

biggest boom in 50 years, creating a "serious road-safety issue".

A mob of more than 150 kangaroos now call the local golf course home, while hopping-mad residents have resorted to installing high fences. Among them are Margaret River acreage owners Zola and Allan Ross, who spent \$10,000 on fencing.

"It is just ridiculous. They were digging up the paddocks,

eating the fruit trees and, if the females were on heat, it was dangerous to be outside near them. We wouldn't let our grandchildren out of the house," Mrs Ross said.

Department of Parks and Wildlife said it had no plans to cull kangaroos in the South West but individual landowners could apply for a permit to call in a licensed shooter to reduce numbers on their property.

WA Conservation Council chief Piers Versteegen said a cull was a "touchy" subject but "if we're modifying the environment in a way that causes them to breed up and have environmental impacts, that is one of the solutions".

Margaret River Panel Beaters owner Andy King said he was repairing about one vehicle a week from a collision with a kangaroo. The RAC has fielded more than 1200 vehicle

claims for collisions with animals so far this year but the insurer does not have the figures for how many involved kangaroos in the South West.

Margaret River Golf Club operations manager Jon Farrell said a mob of about 150 kangaroos grazed the property but did not affect golfers.

"The international tourists love it and we get about 5000 visitors a year who just come



to look at the 'roos," he said.

Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association chief executive Pip Close agreed nature-based experiences were an "extremely important drawcard for visitors".

Ms Close suggested wildlife road signs could help tourists.

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to know about the course and facilities," Josette said.

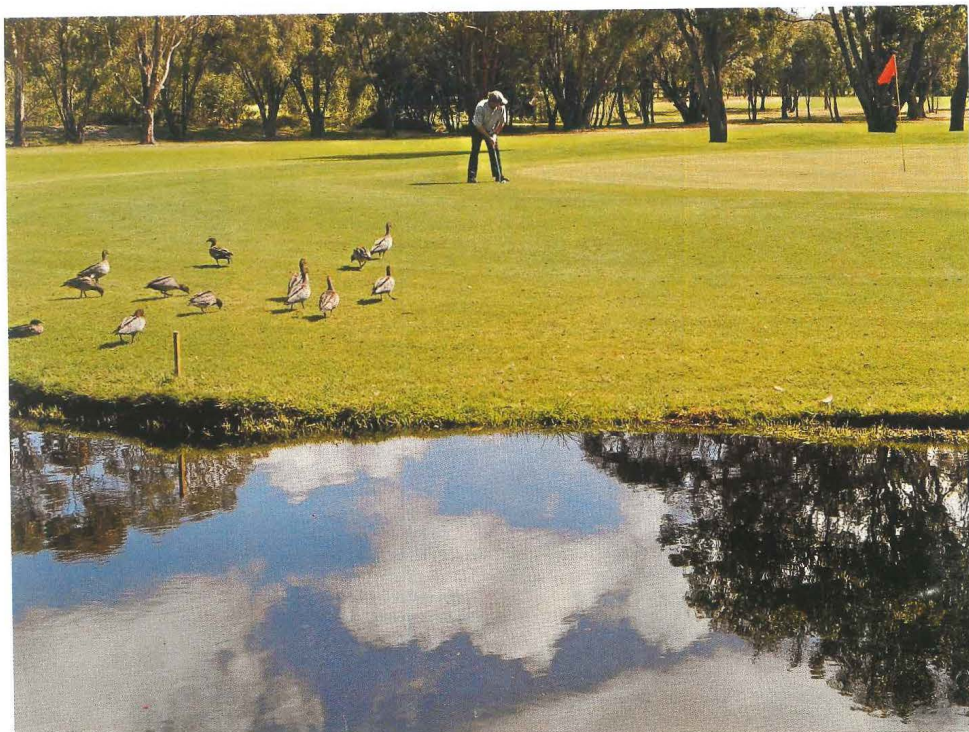
"We often receive comments about our warm and helpful country hospitality."

Josette said the club was extremely proud to win the best regional club award and now they have plans to develop the facility even more for the members and community.

"A lot of work has gone into the course over the years," she said.

"The community benefits by having a first-class golfing facility at its doorstep and the future promises exciting times for all.

"Part of that future includes hopefully extending our women's program and offering a tuition program for men."



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Events continue strongly despite the chill

GOLF

Its been a cold week with a few showers thrown in, but that wasn't enough to deter golfers this week.

Tuesday's veterans' nine-hole Stableford was won by Gerry Hunt with a great score of 19 on a countback, with Peter Brennan closely behind on 19 and Terry Halsall third on 18, on a countback.

In Wednesday's women's competition Linda Whyte was the top woman in the A-grade, scoring 34, and Allison Kelly was runner up on 33.

B-grade winner Carolyn Scott scored 31, while runner-up Cathy Carroll finished on 28.

Craig Abbs had another great week out on the course, finishing top man once again at Thursday's Watershed Wines scroungers event with a score of 68.

Marc Halsall on 69 on a countback, and Robert Williams both finished close behind Abbs.

Friday's mixed nine-hole par event saw best man Gerard McCabe come in first with a score of 0 followed by best women Di Yates on -1 on a countback.

Saturday's Dave Burges men's Stableford event, which also included the MRGC V RFGC Watershed Challenge, was unfortunately washed out.

Sunday's mixed Anne and Jim Kendra's event was won by Nick Liebenberg on 37. Kim Hewton was in second place on 36, with Luke Thies finishing third, scoring 35 on a countback.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Darby wins veterans event

GOLF

A week of sunshine has been welcomed by all golfers.

The Tuesday veterans nine-hole Stableford was won by Bruce Darby with 20 points on countback.

Alan Dale, missed out in the countback on 20 and third place went to Robert Williams on 19.

Celebrations were in full swing back at the clubhouse after the women's event as Sue Bloxam celebrated a hole-in-one with her fellow competitors.

Kim Hewton kindly sponsored the Wednesday women's event, which saw Jane Taylor top the A-grade, while Kath Solonec claimed the B-grade.

Toro's Thursday men's scroungers event enjoyed great weather.

Andrew Murphy from Bunbury Golf Club was best player of the day,

scoring 39, Rob Young came in second on 38 via countback, with Dave Noske missing out in third.

Friday's mixed nine-hole Stableford players were thrilled with the superb weather. Best man of the morning with a score of 20 was Gerard McCabe. No.2 Barbara Webster was best woman with a great score of 19, followed by Jim Taylor in third on countback, scoring 18.

The Larry and Cheryl de Jong-sponsored Saturday's men's Stableford event had Bill Fiddian winning with a score of 40, with John Bell close behind on 39 via countback and Jeff Crouch in third.

Sunday's Colonial Brewery Mixed Stableford enjoyed another day of great weather conditions.

First place was taken by David Glasson on countback with 38, Mark Pope was right behind and Tim Fox came in third.

sell Pratt both scored 19 c/b for second and third.

Wednesday's Ladies Championships Round 1 saw Kerry Farrelly come in first with 74 c/b along with Sue Bloxam in second place (74 c/b) closely followed by Kath Solonec (74).

The Tim Watson-sponsored Men's scroungers first place went to visitor Trevor MacKinnon from DLRL with a score of 39, Jeff Crouch took second place scoring 38 and Steven Pease third with 36 c/b.

Friday's mixed 9 hole stableford best man of the morning with a score of 17 c/b was Jim Taylor again, Barbara Webster was best woman on ground also with a great score of 16.

The Brumby's Men's stableford event had Adrian Walsh in first place with 39 points, while David Benson came in second also on 39, and third place went to Nick Liebenberg scoring 37.

Sunday's Mixed Stableford saw Mark Bonnette win first place with a score of 42, Mal Bromley came second scoring 37 and third place with 36 points was Lorna Johnson. - **Keeley Beddow**

MARGARET RIVER: Tuesday's Veterans 9 holes stableford saw Ray Atcheson take first place scoring 21 points. Jim Watson and Rus-

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Golfing news from around the region

SOME good scores in the Monthly Mug on Saturday had Jim Swarbrick just taking the win on count back (66) from Graeme Challis (73). Graeme's was the round of the day which he bettered on Sunday in the Augusta CRC day where he parred the course with a 72 for 42 stableford points. The fast improving Pam Winter took the win (44) relegating Graeme to runner up position after a count back from third placed Pat Cunningham. Nearest the pins on Saturday went to Jim Swarbrick x2 and Nick Dornan x2. Nearest the pins on Sunday went to Joyce Challis x2, Jim Swarbrick, Trevor Buller and Kim Darragh. Monday at the Augusta Club saw a round of the Country Veterans where 113 players battled it out in perfect conditions. Local knowledge came to the fore with Joe Italiano taking the win (38) after a count back from Fred Simmonds. Next week features a men's stableford on Saturday and the first round of the men's championship on Sunday.. - **Nick Dornan**

Congratulations Sue Blox-

am for your Hole In One on Hole 4 last week! Alan Dale won first place in Tuesday's Veterans stableford (20 c/b) with Michael Beale in second (20) and third to Abe Huisken (18). Wednesday women's event sponsored by Linda White and Tania Easton saw Kim Robson top woman in the A grade (35) and Roz Cummings A grade runner up (34). Fennessy's Holden Thursday Men's scroungers event enjoyed great weather conditions, Craig Abbs was best of the day (40 c/b) with Michael Allenby close behind (40) and Mark Pope in third (39). Friday's mixed 9 hole stableford man of the morning was Jim Taylor (19), Mary Taylor was best woman with (18 c/b) and Matthew O'Farrell in third (18). Saturday's Leeuwin Monthly Mug went to Trent Lister of Royal Perth Golf Club (71 c/b) m Peter Nicholls in second (71c/b) and third Mick Herbert (71 c/b). Sunday's Fig & Thistle Catering Stableford saw Marc Dickson in first (39 c/b) Geoff Barrett second (39) and Mick Herbert was third place (36). - **Keeley Beddow**

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of 25. Ken Miles was second from Terry Halsall, Jim Taylor and Abe Huisken. The Ladies 18 hole stableford was won by Judy Anderson on a count back from Kim Robson, both with 36. Allison Kelly came in third by one point. Always a fun Thursday at the four Ambrose 2. Jonny Farrell and Daniel Hunt teamed up and won with 63.75, beating Rhys Owen and Nicky Liebenberg (64). Keith Bourke and Wayne Smith finished third. Rob Hearn received best man at Friday's Mixed par event, Lorna West finished top woman.

At the Margaret River Golf Club Alan Dale was champion at the Birdsong wines Veterans stableford with a score



Sarah Roddy is this year's women's champ.

Roddy named champion

GOLF

Jon Beales got the better of Alan Dale on a countback last week at the Margaret River Golf Club, both finished on 19.

Peter Brennan picked the third prize (16) from a multiple countback.

In the final round of the women's championships, defending ladies' champion Sarah Roddy was successful and was crowned ladies' champion 2017 with a total score of 240.

Sue Bloxam, whose name is on the trophy a stunning 14 times, was runner-up for the gross (252) and

net score (225). Net winner was Penny Foy with 221.

Alan Dale just missed out again on first prize on a countback from Dave Coats in the men's Stableford last Thursday, both scoring 38.

Paul Perrott was third. Barbara Webster (20) was top woman and best overall at the Friday mixed comp and Matt O'Farrell was top man, also with 20 points. A small field played a friendly par comp on Saturday.

Dave Glasson came first with +1. Mark Leavesley won the Sunday mixed with 41 and Penny Foy had the highest score for the women with 38.

Golfing news from around the region

MARGARET River: Tuesday Veterans was a great turn out with Richard Deshon on first 1st place scoring 24, Alan Thwaites second with 23 and third place Michael Beale (21). Wednesday Ladies Captains Trophy was perfect conditions for a great day of golf seeing Diane Gordon come in first scoring 67 c/b, close behind was Roz Cummings with 67 third place was Judy Anderson on 69 c/b and Jackie Dickson fourth place with 69. Thursday's scroungers sponsored by Jim Triglone saw a great field first place was Mitchell Payne scoring 47, Jim Watson came in second (43), with Ian Colmer third place (41). We also celebrated the life of one of our lifetime members Vincent Home which saw an amazing turn out of well respected golf club member and community. The Friday Mixed competition best man was Matthew O'Farrell in with a score of 19 and first

woman was Barbara Webster (18). Overall third place was Vincent Connor with a score of 18 c/b. Saturday's men's Leeuwin Estate monthly mug stroke event saw Brian Seed in first place (70) closely behind was Bob Williams (71) with Jim Triglone coming in third (72). Sunday's mixed comp had beautiful conditions with the temperatures reaching 27. Jackie Dickson came in first on 38, Mal Bromley on 37 in second place, both Jen Murphy and Sue Bloxam scoring 36 c/b.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Excellent turnout, and quality competitions

GOLF

Tuesday Veterans had a great turnout at the Margaret River Golf Club, with Ian Colmer on first place scoring 22, Ian Johnston second with 21 and third place Gerard McCabe scoring 20 on countback.

Conditions were perfect during the Wednesday Ladies Stableford for a great day of golf.

Angie Burgescame in first scoring 38 on countback, close behind was Rosmary Basford with 38, third place was Sue Bloxam on 34 on countback and Denise Warren fourth place with 34.

Thursday's scroungers Davo's Day for all Davids saw a great field and at first place was John Murray scoring 39 on countback, Craig Abbs came in second on 39, and with a score of 38 was Lee Bridge in third place.

The Friday mixed competition first man was Gerard McCabe in with a score of 22 and first woman was Diane Yates on 17 on countback and overall third place was Terry Haywood with a score of 17 on countback.

Saturday's men's 4BBB championship event saw Craig Abbs and Sean Howard in first place on 47, followed closely by Graeme Bedgood and Ray Scott on 44 with Andrew Host and Michael Lawson coming in third on 43 on countback. Players from the Busselton club took part as well with the best Busselton team Paul Culane and James Howlett coming in on 44 on countback.

Sunday's mixed competition had four seasons in one day with the rain holding off for Tim Fox coming in first on 37 on countback, Denise Warren on 37 in second place, and Roy Warren with 38 on countback and Andrew Meares scoring 36.

Ross in first for Sunday's meeting

TUESDAY Veterans saw John Agnew take first (23), Gregory Byrne second (22) and third to Bill Taplin (20). Wednesday Ladies Sponsored by Royal Flush Plastering. First went to Laurie Baker (38 c/b) Denise Warren in second place with 38. Third place went to Pam Hos (37). David Burges was top man at First National Real Estate Thursday's scroungers with a score of 39, Peter Joyce got runner up with 38 c/b close behind in third place with the same score 38 c/b was Patron Laurie Bedford. Friday's comp was won by Pam Hos (26), best man was Jim Taylor (18) and second was Jocelyn Pyatt (20). Saturday's Leimac Building stableford saw Dean Taylor in first (39), second was Bill Smith (38) and third Jeremy Howieson (37). Sunday's After Hours Wines mixed stableford had Joan Ross first (38 c/b), in second place Leoni Bell (38) and third Matt O'Farrell (37).



Margaret River Golf Club's Rhys Owen & Nick Liebenberg

Golfing champs crowned at club

TUESDAY Veterans competition saw David Benson take first place (21c/b) Bruce Darby second (21c/b) and Richard Deshon third (21). Wednesday Women's 18 Hole Stableford had Anne Kendra first (35c/b) Leonie Bell second (35c/b) and Megan Booth third (35). Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stroke had Don Brendenkamp first (40c/b) Vivian Booker second (40) and Mark Tugwood third (39c/b). Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford saw John White First Man (23), First Woman Janice James (19) and third Richard Deshon (21). The Men's Club Championship Rounds were played over two days, where Nick Liebenberg was our Club Champion and Rhys Owen runner up. A Division Champion was Graeme Bedggood, runner up Brian Seed, while Dave Glasson took B Division honours to runner up Bill Pascoe. In C Division Dave Burges took the title from runner up Adrian Walsh. Sunday's 18-hole mixed had Kim Robson first (37), Jackie Dickson second (36) and Brian Thompson third (35).

— RENEE POTTER



WINNING SMILE: Women's Captain Wendy Chidgey with Captain's Trophy winner Rosie Burnett. Photo: Supplied.

Burnett nabs Captain's Trophy win

This week's golfing results

BY RENEE POTTER

IT WAS a busy week at the Margaret River Golf Club with the Veterans kicking the week off with their 9-hole stableford event.

Ken Miles took out first place with 22 points, Richard Deshon came in second place with 21cb points and Abe Huisken was close behind in third place with 21 points.

The Captain's Trophy Women's 18-hole Stroke event had Rosie Burnett in first place with 67 points, while in second place was Kerry Farrelly with 71 points. Third place went to Angie Burges with a score of 74cb points.

The Club would like to thank Margaret River Cowaramup Electrical Services for sponsoring the Men's 4BBB Championship event held over two days of play on Thursday and Saturday. The overall winners across the two days of golfing were Graeme Payne and Robert Young with 49 points, while

“While no one was lucky enough to score the biggest prize on offer, a brand new Lexus for scoring a Hole In One, the day was a great success with plenty of winning performances.”

Renee Potter

the runners up were Marc Dickson and Bernard Shaw who ended on 46 points.

Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford event had First Man going to Peter Brennan on 19 points.

First Woman was Mary Taylor with 20 points and Overall Third went to Colleen Marks on 19cb points.

The Lexus Cup was held on Sunday, where the region put on perfect weather conditions for the 18 hole mixed Stableford event.

A visiting group from Lexus were in town for the day with some prizes on offer, including the opportunity to secure a brand new car by landing a Hole In One.

While no one was lucky enough to score the biggest prize on offer, the day was a great success with plenty of winning performances.

Chris Watson from Marri Park Ladies Golf Club took out first place with 46 points, while Margaret River's Ash Barridge secured second place with 41 points. Third position was landed by another Margaret River club member, Michael Kelly, who ended with a score of 38cb points.

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A large field of 95 players headed out onto the course for round one of the Thursday Men's Scroungers event.

Margaret River golf results

THIS week's Tuesday Veterans 9 hole competition saw John Agnew in first place with 23 points, Jo Beales came in second place on 22 points and third place went to Abe Huisken on 20 points.

Wednesday Women's Stableford event sponsored by Meagan Booth saw Rosie Burnett come in first with a score of 41 points, while second place went to Rosemary Basford on 39 points. Rhonda Hearn scored 38 points to secure third place.

Round one of the Thursday Men's Scroungers 18 hole Stableford event sponsored

by Cowaramup Agencies attracted a big field of 95 players. Tim Fox was top man, scoring 45 points while second place went to David Fear from Nedlands, who scored 41 points. Bob Williams took out third place with a score of 39 points.

Our Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford event saw Peter Brennan First Man with 24 points, second place to Phil Potter on 20 points.

First Woman went to Mary Taylor on 17 points, while second spot was secured by Barbara Webster with a score of 16 (c/b).

Saturday's weather turned out well for the Men's 18-hole Stableford sponsored by Jeff Hedstorn and David Coates.

First place went to Brian Seed on 43 points, close behind was Gavin Leiper in second place with 42 points and third place went to Mark Pope on 41 points.

Sunday's 18-hole mixed stableford was sponsored by Rosa Brook Wines and saw Anne Kendra in first place on 40 points, Mal Bromley in second place on 36 points and Joan Ross third, scoring 35 c/b points.

— KELLEY BEDDOW

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A close result in the Veterans 9 hole competition saw first, second and third place all achieve the same score.

Margaret River golf results

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans 9 hole competition was a close round which saw Jim Taylor in first place (19c/b), Jo Beales in second place (19c/b) and Laurie Bedford in third (19c/b).

Wednesday Women's Captain V Presidents Trophy was a great turn out. Sponsored by Denise Warren, first place went to the Presidents team player Rosemary Basford (38), second was Kim Robson from the Captains side (37 c/b) and third went to Sarah Roddy (37), also from the Captains side.

Round two of Thursday

Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies attracted a big field once again boasting 90 players.

Andrea Botha was top man (4) while second place went to Jim Triglone (39) and David Benson in third (38).

Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford event saw First Man going to Terry Haywood (19), First Woman to Val Meleri (18c/b).

Saturday's Men's Mug of Mugs sponsored by Leeuwin Estate had Bill Ross first (66), Michael Lawson in second place (67) and third place

went to Mark Owen from Augusta Golf Club (68).

Sunday's mixed Ambrose 4's event sponsored by The Berry Farm attracted a big field of 93 players.

The first team's total score was 56.125 from Penny Poy, Lynda Glasson, David Glasson and Mal Bromley.

Second team in on 56.25 was Wayne Clark, Adrian Walsh, Ken Miles and Mark Owen.

Third place went to Roy Warren, Pierre Every, Donald Breckenkamp and Jeff Crouch with a team score of 57.25.

— KEELEY BEDDOW



2018 - Bar upgrade done by Simon Earl, Brad Kevill and Keith Burke



2018 - Veteran's Melbourne Cup lunch - Bill Ivey standing, unfortunately Bill died in 2019 and missed the next cup.



2018 - The new road put in as part of the NBN Tower deal. Compare to machinery used 33 years earlier



2018 - Ray standing next to the street sign erected by Jon Farrell to honour his road work, Ray organised the original road 33 years previously



2018 - Bruce Darby winner of the Ray Atcheson Shield



2018 - Bruce and Alan after Bruce won.



2018 Veteran's Christmas dinner, Jim Watson and Terry Haywood standing on either side of Ray.

Sun shines on Margaret River golfers

IT LOOKS like summer has finally arrived with a beautiful week of weather for the golfers at the Margaret River Golf Club.

This week's Tuesday Veterans competition we saw first, second and third place getters all come in on 19c/b before we held the Vets Xmas lunch.

However, in order it was First place Jim Taylor, Second place Jonathan Beales and Third place Laurie Bedford.

Denise Warren sponsored our Wednesday Women's 9-hole Stableford competition this week, where first place went to Leonie Bell on 19 points, second place went to Linda Lister on 18c/b points and third place went to Penny Foy also on 18c/b points.

Cowaramup Agencies have been our sponsors for the last three weeks for the Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event.

We saw Ken Miles in first place on 43c/b points, Terry Haywood second on 43 points and Jim Kendra came in third on 41c/b points.

Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford saw First Man going to Peter Brennan on 22 points, First Woman to Jocelyn Pyatt on 15c/b points and Overall Third place went to John White on 17 points.

Saturday's Men's 18-hole Stableford Event sponsored by 'The Little House - Dave Benson,' saw Nick House come in first on 39c/b points, Mal Bromley in second on 39 points and Terry Halsall third on 37c/b points. Sunday's 18-hole mixed stableford event sponsored by Priceline Pharmacy had a great field playing in amazing weather. First place went to Maggi Foy on 37 points, second place going to Wendy Chidgey on 35c/b points and third to Terry Haywood on 35 points.

—RENEE POTTER

Golfers in fine form for 2019

Results from the Margaret River club

BY KEELEY BEDDOW & RENEE POTTER

WITH beautiful Summer weather all week there's no better time for a game of golf down at the Margaret River Golf Club.

This week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition we saw first place going to our Vets Captain Jim Watson (21), in second was Michael Beale (19) and third place went to John Agnew (17). Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stableford competition had Leonie Bell first (40), Laurie Barker second (38c/b) and Anne Kendra third (37c/b) "Aquatic Vision - Matthew Webb" sponsored our Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event. First place went to Phil McCann (40c/b), second place went to Matthew Webb (40) and Colin Clark came in third (39c/b). Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford saw First Man going to Jim Taylor (17c/b), First Woman went to Joan Garstone (17c/b) and Overall Third went to Terry Haywood (17). Saturday's Men's 18-hole Stableford Event sponsored by "South West Quad Repairs - Mark Pope", saw Wayne Clark come in first place (43), Mervan Howe (Mosman Park GC) in second place (41) and Bill Smith in third (38). Sunday's 18-hole mixed stableford event sponsored by Southern Workwear had a great field playing in amazing weather with the ladies taking out first, second and third places on the day. First place went to Roslyn Cummings (38), second place going to

Joanne Booker (37c/b) and third to Wendy Chidgey (37).

Last week's results:

Another year of golf on our magnificent course has passed with visitors increasing over the holiday season to take in the sweeping views and capture an image of a kangaroo, while enjoying our green fairways. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! Thursday's men's scroungers sponsored by AFox Plumbing saw a great field of 99 players, first place went to visitor David Goyder (41) from Mosman Park Golf Club, second place went to Stuart Currell (39) and Eric James from Augusta Golf Club was third place (38c/b). The Friday Mixed Competition was won by Peter Brennan (18). Best woman went to Barbara Webster on (18). Saturday's men's stableford sponsored by Wayne Clarke saw Steel Cassidy come in first (40), second was Roy Warren (38) and third was Tim Fox (37). Sunday's Mixed 4BBB sponsored by Stay@MargaretRiver had a great turn out seeing players enjoying the last mixed game of golf of the year, everyone enjoyed themselves. First place went to our President Barry Granville and his partner Derek Simpson scoring a total of 50, in second place close behind with 49 was David and Ricky Coates third place went to our new Captain John Bell and his wife Leonie with a score of 44. From all the staff and members from MRGC we would like to extend our best wishes for 2019 to the whole community.

SPORT



Stunning weather has greeted golfers from the region and around the State keen to play the Margaret River course.

Barker wins on Wednesday

WHAT more could we ask for than beautiful summer weather for golf at the Margaret River Golf Club and Course.

This week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition we saw first place going to Tony Dean on 23 points, in second was Ray Atcheson on 22 points and in third place we had Peter Brennan on 21 points.

Wednesday's Women's 18 hole stableford competition was held this week, and Laurie Barker took first place on 38 points, while second spot went to Linda Lister on 37

c/b points.

Third place was secured by Maggi Foy on 37 points.

Thompson Estate Winery kindly sponsored our Thursday Men's Scroungers 18 hole stroke event.

In first place was Robert Young on 65 points, while second place went to David Reid on 69 points and Keith Bourke in third on 70 c/b points.

Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford saw First Man won by John White on 18 points.

First Woman went to Barbara Webster on 18 c/b points and Overall Third

place went to Jocelyn Pyatt on 16 c/b points.

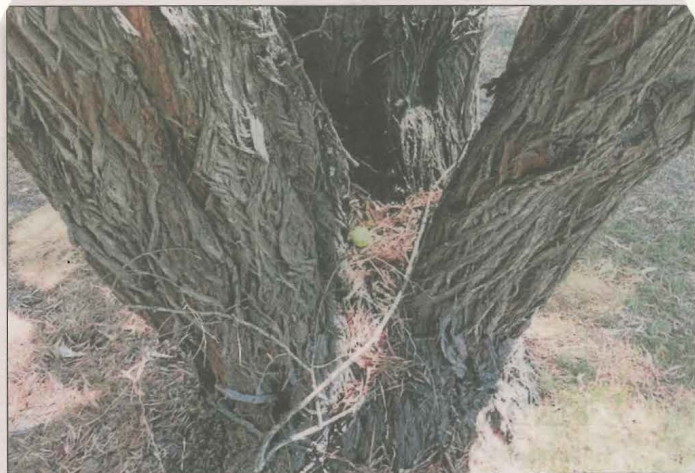
Saturday's Men's 18-hole Stableford Event was sponsored by After Hours Wine and Phil Potter.

The end of competition saw Peter Nicholls coming in first place on 38 points, David Glasson in second place on 37c/b points and John Bell in third on 37 c/b points.

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— RENE E POTTER

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Hmmm: How is Mike Lawson going to play this ball?! Photo: MRGC

Lawson wins Tuesday comp

GOLF

THIS week in the Tuesday veterans 9 hole Stableford competition we saw first place going to Michael Lawson on 23 points.

In second was Terry Haywood on 20 c/b points, and in third place was Ken Miles on 20 points.

Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stableford competition saw first place going to Kim Robson on 36 points, while Megan Booth was second on 34 c/b points and Maggi Foy in third on 34 c/b points.

Mike Basford sponsored

our Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event, where Dave Massie took first spot on 44 points, David Glasson secured second on 41 c/b points and Mark Worth was in third on 41 points.

Friday's mixed 9 hole stableford saw First Man to Peter Brennan with 23 points, First Woman Barbara Webster on 19 c/b points and Overall Third to Jim Taylor on 19 points.

With the weather for Saturday and Sunday in the high 30s we had great fields for both days.

Saturday's Men's 18-hole Stableford Event Sponsored by Barry Granville of Margaret River First National saw Geoff Harveson come in first place on 40 points.

Adrian Walsh came in second place on 39 c/b points and third place went to Bernard Shaw on 39 c/b points.

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole stableford event was sponsored by Ken Preston of Stocker Preston had first place going to Jim Kendra on 39 points, second to Roland Bott on 38 points and third to Di Linfoot on 36 points.

— RENE E POTTER

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Sponsors take top spots

GOLF

IT WAS a week for Sponsors to take out first place and second place on their own sponsorship days at the Margaret River Golf Club.

Last week's Tuesday Veterans Stroke 9-hole competition we saw Jon Bowden in first place with 33 c/b points, Rod Bishop in second with 33 points and Bill Taplin in third scoring 35 c/b points.

Wednesday women's 18 hole stableford competition had first place to Lorna Johnson on 41 points, second to Diane Yates on 35 points and third place to Maggi Foy with a score of 34 c/b points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event sponsored by Mark Kevill of Kevill Electrical had Mr Kevill himself taking out first place on 41 points.

In second place was Terry Halsall on 40 c/b points while third went to Dave Noske on 40 points.

Friday's mixed 9 hole stableford event saw First Man going to Matthew O'Farrell on 21 points, First Woman to Diane Yates with 17 c/b points and Overall Third to John White on 20 points.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by Kymac Electrical &

Refrigeration - Clint McGregor and had Jeff Hedstrom in first place on 41 points.

Clint McGregor was in second place on 38 points and Russell Goldsworthy of Gosnells Golf Club took third place with 37 c/b points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by The Berry Farm's Julie Arthur and Mike Skivinis.

Cathy Abbs came in first place on 39 points, while Daniel Hunt was second on 37 points and Tim Fox in third with 36 c/b points.

— RENE E POTTER

RAIN DELAY: All the latest results from the wet-weather-plagued Margaret River Golf Club.

Local golfers thunderstruck

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans Stableford 9-hole competition we saw Peter Brennan in first place with 22 points.

David Benson came in second place with 21 c/b points and third place went to Ken Miles scoring 21 points.

Wednesday Women's 18 hole stableford competition was called off halfway through the competition due to thunder and lightning, which unfortunately cannot allow play to continue due to safety risks.

Thursday's Men's Scroungers 18 hole stroke event was

sponsored by Dean Taylor and Graham Farrell, and had Vivian Booker in first with a score of 68 points.

In second place was Dave Noske on 69 points, and third place went to Steve Owen on 70 c/b points.

Friday's mixed 9 hole stableford event saw First Man going to John White on 20 points, while First Lady was Barbara Webster on 19 points.

Overall Third place went to Terry Haywood on 19 points.

Saturday's 18 hole men's stableford event was sponsored by Yallingup YOBS Bil-

ly Taplin and Jim Triglione, and had first place to Ray Mann on 38 points.

Bill Ross came in second place on 37c/b points and third place went to Richard Holt on 37 points.

Sunday's mixed 18 hole stableford event was sponsored by Morries' Dave Astbury and had the ladies taking out first, second and third place.

Roslyn Cummings came in first on 42 points, while in second place was Penny Foy on 41 c/b points and Kim Robson third on 41 points.

— RENE E POTTER

Basford & Lovelady win Aus Day

BY RENEE POTTER

TUESDAY Veterans 9-hole competition saw Ian Colmer in first place with 19 c/b points, Jonathan Beales in second place (19 points) and Peter Brennan in third on 18 c/b points.

Wednesday's women's 18 hole stableford had Kerry Farrelly in first place on 41 points, Kim Robson in second on 36 c/b points and close behind in third was Ricky Coates, also on 36 c/b points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Prideaus (Dave Noske) was a warm day for golfing. We had first, second and third placed golfers all coming in with 38 c/b points - Joe Italiano (Augusta), Michael Kelly and Craig Abbs taking the top three

spots.

Friday's mixed 9 hole stableford saw First Man to Peter Brennan on 22 points, First Woman to Diane Yates on 21 points and Overall Third was Mary Taylor on 19 c/b points.

Saturday's Men's first round of Monthly Mugs stoke event sponsored by Leeuwin Estate had Bernard Shaw in first with 69 points, Geoff Barrett in second on 71 points and Jim Watson in third on 72 c/b points.

Sunday's mixed stableford was sponsored by Dave and Lyn Glasson, and had Leonie Bell in first on 36 c/b points, Bruce Darby second on 36 points and Helen Priest third on 35 c/b points.

Last week's results:

Tuesday Veterans 9-hole competition - First was Ray Atcheson on 20 points,

Jim Taylor second on 19 c/b points and Ian Colmer in third on 19 points.

The Women's event was cancelled due to the weather. The Thursday Scroungers 18-hole Stroke event sponsored by Brian Seed & Fishbone Wines saw Viv Booker in first on 67 c/b points, Bruce Stewart in second on 67 points and Mark Bonnette in third on 69 c/b points. The Saturday Australia Day 2B Mixed Ambrose Event was sponsored by Laurie and Patsy Bedford and boasted a full field for the day. First place went to Rosemary Basford and Colin Lovelady on 63 c/b points, while second place went to Rhys Owen and David Goyder on 63 points. Third place was taken by Helen Priest and Jeff Hedstrom on 64 points.

Chidgey best of Sunday's golfers

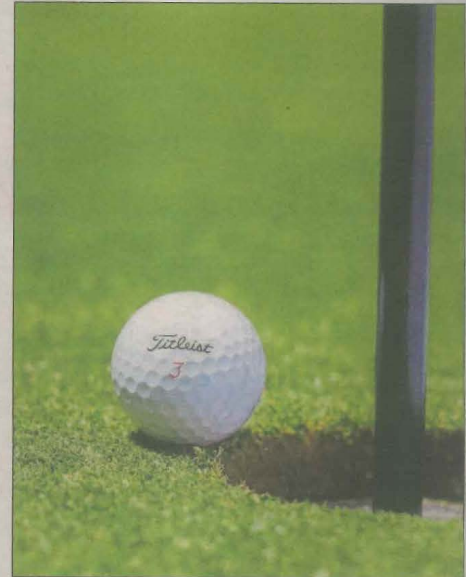
TUESDAY Veterans Stroke 9-hole competition at the Margaret River Golf Club saw Robert Williams secure first place with a score of 33 points. Terry Halsall came in second with 34 c/b points, and third was Ray Atcheson with a score of 34.

On Wednesday the women's 18 hole stableford competition had Elizabeth Dawson first on 36 c/b points. Second was Megan Booth also on 36 c/b points, Linda Lister third on 36 points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford was sponsored by the McMillian Nolan Group. It was a warm day for golf and Dave Glasson took first place honours on 38 points, while Mark Tugwood was second on 36 points and Tim Fox third on 35 c/b points.

Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford saw John White First Man with 19 points. First Woman was Janice James on 18 c/b points while Overall Third went to Peter Brennan on 18 points.

Saturday's 18-hole Mens Stableford event sponsored by Advanced Hearing had Jon Bowden in first place on 40 points. Robert Williams



Warm weather has kept golfers busy on the course at the Margaret River Golf Club this week.

was second on 39 points and Steve Owen took third spot on 38 c/b points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Margaret River Wellness Centre - Dr Clay

Farley. Ian Chidgey was first on 37 c/b points, Adrian Walsh was second on 37 points and Bonice Tollafield (Cottesloe Golf Club) was third on 36 c/b points.

- RENEE POTTER

Triple tie in putting event

THIS week's Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition at the Margaret River Golf Club had Bill Taplin in first place with 18 c/b points.

In second place was Michael Beale on 18 points, while Gary Evershed was third on 17 c/b points.

Thursday's men's Scroungers 18 hole stableford event was sponsored by Kymac Electrical's Clint McGregor, and had Jim Watson in first with a score of 39 points.

Second place went to Dave Noske with 38 c/b points and Mal Bromley was third with 38 c/b points.

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all Third Place went to Phil Potter on 18 points.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford Captain's event was sponsored by our Club Captain John Bell.

In first place with a score of 39 points was Michael O'Connor, Mal Bromley in second place on 38 c/b points.

Third place went to David Coates on 38 points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Barry Tate of Tate Construction and had John Bell First Man coming in with 40 points.

First Woman was Allison Kelly with 37 points, while

Ricky Coates took out Second Woman with 36 c/b points and David Coates was Second Man with 36 points.

Last Month:

The Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition on April 30 saw John Norman in first place with 21c/b points. Second place was Robert Williams with 21 points, while David Benson secured third with a score of 20c/b points.

The Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stroke/Putting event was sponsored by Rhonda Hearn & Di Gordon and was held on May 1.

Barbara Webster was first with 71 points, while Wendy Chidgey took second with

74 points. Third was a three way tie, with Rhonda Hearn, Maggi Foy and Kerry Farrelly all landing a score of 75 c/b points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event on May 2 was sponsored by Down South Wholesale's Dean Kemp, and had Michael Beale in first place scoring 41 points.

In second was Lincoln Reemeyer with 40 points and Mal Bromley close behind on 39 points.

Friday's Mixed 9-hole Stableford Event had First Man going to Terry Haywood on 20 points. First Woman was Lorna West on 17 points and

Overall Third place went to John White on 18 c/b points.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stroke Monthly Mug event sponsored by Leeuwin Estate Wines had Brent Burton in first on 68 points, Greg Cura in second place on 69 points and Wayne Clark in third with a score of 70 points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Stableford Patrons Day event was sponsored by our Patron Laurie Bedford.

First Man went to Charles Johnson on 40 points, First Woman was Leonie Bell on 36 c/b points, Second Man was David Glasson on 39 points and Second Woman was Linda Lister on 36 points.

Griffiths & Baker take RAC honours

BY RENEE POTTER

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans stroke 9 hole competition saw Robert Williams in first place with 23 points, while Mike Basford came in second with 20 points and Peter Clift was third with 18 c/b points.

Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stableford Competition had first place to Penny Foy on 34 c/b points, Roslyn Cummings in second on 34 points and in third was Kim Robson on 33 points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Down South Camping and Outdoors' Steve & Ros Cummings and saw Jon Bowden secure first place with 43 points, Dean Taylor was second on 42 points and third was Jeff Crouch on 40 points.

Friday's RAC Golf Invitation Mixed 18 hole Four Ball Aggregate Stableford event saw first team place going to Marc Griffiths and Rob Baker



RAC GOLF DAY WINNERS: Craig Abbs, Sean Howard, Rob Baker & Marc Griffiths. Photo: MRGC

with 74 points.

Second team place went to Craig Abbs and Sean Howard with a score of 71 points and in third team place was Mark Kevill and Marc Halsall on 67 c/b points.

It was a great day with over 40 teams on the course and the weather was perfect

for golfing.

The club wishes to extend its appreciation to the RAC for sponsoring this annual event with amazing prizes.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Monthly Mug Stroke event was sponsored by Leeuwin Estate Wines and had Gavin Leiper in first place on 67

points, Preston House in second on 69 points and Jeff Crouch in third on 70 points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Redgate Wines Stableford event had Wendy Chidgey in first on 37 c/b points, Bill Ross second on 37 points and Penny Foy secured third place on 36 points.



All the latest results from the Margaret River Golf Club.

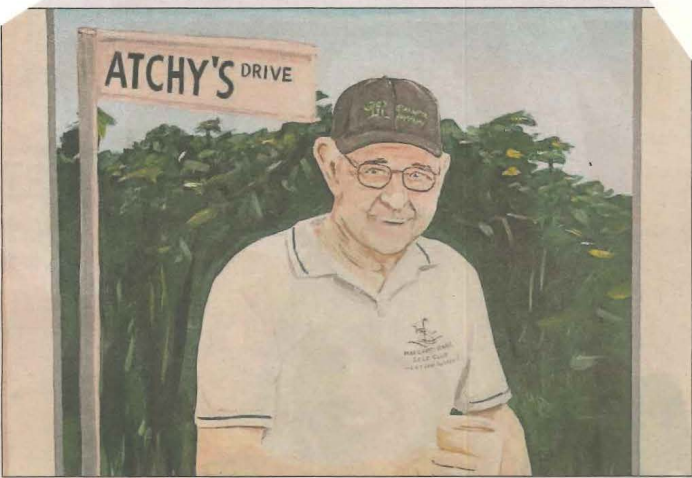
Roddy, Skivinis take out the title

TUESDAY Veterans 9-hole Stableford saw Gregory Byrne first (24), Garrick Masters second (19) and Laurie Bedford third (17). Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stroke comp had Roz Cummings first (70), Sharon Thompson second (71c/b) and Judy Anderson third (71).

Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford was sponsored by JR & Tuggy and saw David Coates first (39) followed by Graeme Payne (38c/b) and Bill Pascoe (38c/b). Saturday's 18-hole Mixed Stableford was sponsored by Fennessys Holden. Mark Pope was first (39) while Nick Liebenberg came in second (38 c/b) and third was Laurie Bedford (38).

Sunday's Mixed Foursomes Championship event was sponsored by MR Home Timber & Hardware and had amazing weather to hold the Championship. The Gross winners were Sarah Roddy and Mike Skivinis (167) who won in a playoff defeating Penny Foy and Nick Liebenberg (167). Nett winners were Linda and Rob Lister (150), followed by Rhonda and Rob Hearn (151).

- RENEE POTTER



LONG TIME CONTRIBUTOR: Portrait of Ray Atcheson, by John Farrell. Supplied.

Atchy's milestone 90 marked

TUESDAY Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition Niall Carey came in first place with 22 points, Ray Atcheson came in second place with 21 c/b points, and third was P Brennan scoring 21 points.

Wednesday Women's 18 hole stableford competition had Di Linfoot in first on 38 c/b points, Rosemary Basford in second with 38 c/b points and Elizabeth Dawson third with 38 points. Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Pharmacy 777's Andrea Botha and had Preston House in first place

on 39c/b points. In second place was Jeff Hedstrom on 39 points while third position went to Dean Taylor with a score of 38 points.

Friday's mixed 9-hole stableford saw First Man going to Matthew O'Farrell on 24 points. First Woman was Jocelyn Pyatt with 16 c/b points and Overall Third place was John White with 19 points.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by After Hours Wines' Phil Potter and had Ryan Grigsby in first on 41 points, Jon Farrell in second on 39

points and Geoff Barrett in third with 37 points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Ambrose 2's was sponsored by Jo and Genny Broadhurst and had Graeme Bedgood & Gavin Leiper in first on 63 points. In second was Mike Basford & Rosemary Basford on 63.75 points and third went to Bill Smith & Rhys Owen on 64.5 points.

The Margaret River Golf Club would like to wish Ray 'Atchy' Atcheson, one of our Life Members and a massive contributor, a very happy 90th birthday for last week.

— RENEE POTTER

Golfers face visitors in Hotel comp

BY RENEE POTTER

LAST Tuesday's Veterans 9 hole Captain's Trophy competition was a close round which saw John Norman secure first place with a score of 20 c/b points. Abe Huisken came in second place also on 20 points, while third place went to Geoff Harveson scoring 19 c/b points.

Wednesday Women's 18 hole Stableford Event was sponsored by Stocker Preston's Kim Hewton and had Rhonda Hearn in first place with 37 points. Second place went to Di Linfoot on 35 points and in third place was Sally Howarth with a score of 34 c/b points. Thursday's Men's Scroungers 18 hole stableford event was sponsored by Dave Burges and had David Coates in the top spot with 40 points. In second, Tony Foy had 39 c/b points and Ryan Grigsby was third with 39 points.

Friday was the start of the

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Overall First Man was Paul Cameron from The Vines on 77 points for the two day Margaret River Hotel competition.

Renee Potter

Margaret River Hotel weekend competition. The weather was amazing for the day's play, with the mixed 18-hole 2 Ball Ambrose Competition sponsored by Coopers.

First place went to Roric Coleman and Marc Kenly from the Kennedy Bay Golf Club with a score of 61.75 points. Runners up were Marc Halsall and Mark Kevill on 63 points. In third place

was Bill Smith and Tim Fox with a score of 64.5 c/b points.

The Margaret River Hotel event ran over the Saturday and Sunday, with players playing 18 holes each day. Overall First Man was Paul Cameron from The Vines on 77 points for the two day event.

First Woman was Beth Worrell from the WAGC on 75 points, while Second Man was Nicholas House on 75 points and Third Man was Rodney Rodwell from Monash Country Club on 73 points.

Overall Second Lady went to Janet Cameron from The Vines on 73 points and Overall Third Lady went to Kelly Taylor from Royal Perth Golf Club on 69 points.

The Golf Club would like to thank the Margaret River Hotel for sponsoring this major event with great prizes and wonderful food for the two days of competition.

Players collect over \$2700 in charity fun



Ladies from the Margaret River Golf Club celebrate a day of golfing and generosity in aid of River Angels.

PLAYERS at the Margaret River Golf Club for a special event to raise funds in support of local cancer charity, River Angels last month.

The day included morning and afternoon tea and plenty of action on the course, as well as a silent auction packed with donated items from members, local businesses and individuals.

Monies taken from the morning's Ladies Golf were added to the 'pot of gold' instead of being paid out to the winner, and in a reversal of fortune, 'winners' of the novelty prizes for the round

were instead issued with 'fines' to be paid back to the fundraiser.

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Sale items on tables around the club as well as the silent auction, featuring artwork, plants, wines, vouchers and more, continued the fundraising efforts. A number of cash donations were also made by individual members, further increasing the final tally.

In addition to the ladies contributions, River Angels also accepted more than \$300 from the Scroungers men on Thursday, bringing the total monies raised to over \$2,700.



2019 - Ray Atcheson's cutting the cake at his 90th Birthday at Vets



2019 Matt O'Farrell, Brien Taylor (94) and Ray Williams



2019 Niall Carey, Bill Ivey (93) and Renae Stammers Potter



2019 - Abe Huisken, Terry Haywood and Dave Benson cooking at the BBQ

Lifetime honour for Mann

BY RENEE POTTER

IT WAS a busy couple of weeks at the Margaret River Golf Club with Easter and Anzac Day weekends delivering amazing weather, allowing everyone to get out there for a game of golf.

Tuesday's Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition had Terry Haywood in first place with 21 points, while Ken Miles was second on 20 points.

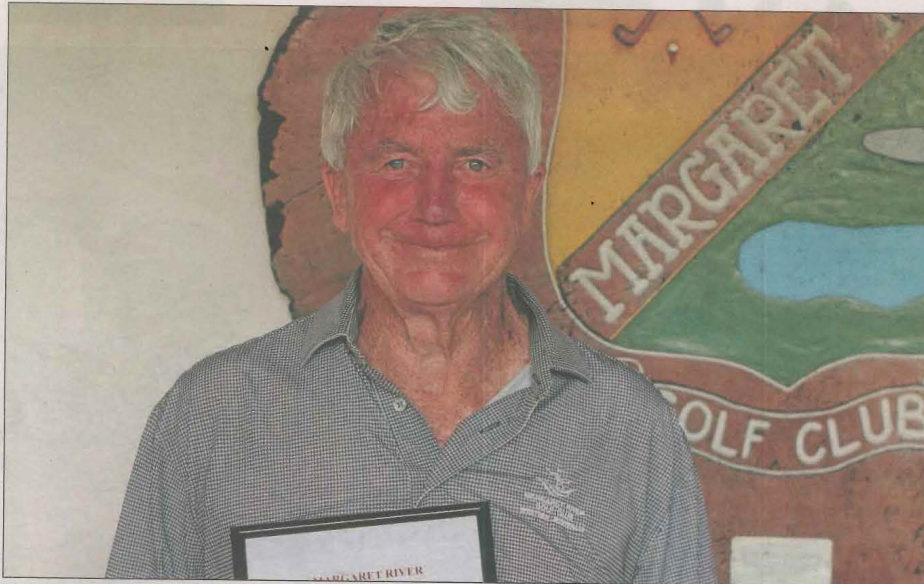
In third place was Ian Colmer on 19 c/b points.

Wednesday's women's 18 hole Eithne Lagan Stableford Event held on April 24 had first place going to Diane Gordon on 38 points, and Sally Howarth in second on 35 c/b points.

Third place went to Allison Kelly on 35 c/b points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers Anzac Day 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Margaret River First National's Barry Granville.

Mark Tugwood was in first place on 43 points, and second place was Bill Smith with 41 points. Graham Farrell came in third place with 40 c/b points.



HIGH HONOUR: Ray Mann receives his Margaret River Golf Club Life Membership for his many years of volunteer work with the club. Photo: Supplied.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by Watershed Premium Wines and saw first place going to sponsor Geoff Barrett on 39 points.

Barry Granville came in

second on 36 c/b points and in third was Peter Nicholls also on 36 c/b points.

Sunday's mixed 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Royal Fremantle Golf Club and had first, sec-

ond and third place getters all on 37c/b points - First was Matthew O'Farrell, second was Ian Chidgey and third was Rosie Burnett.

Last week's results: Tuesday April 16 was the

Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition. In first place was Bruce Darby (24 points), second place was Ray Atcheson (22 points), and third place was Ken Miles (20c/b points). Wednesday

Women's 18-hole Canadian Foursomes Event had first place going to Sally Howarth & Di Linfoot with 71.875, second place with 74.875 was Rosie Burnett & Penny Foy and third place with 75.125 went to Rosemary Basford & Rhonda Hearn. Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Happy Dogs - Stuart Currell and had Phil Potter in first place (40 points). Second place went to Ray Barker (39c/b points) and third was Gary Wightman (39 points). Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by Trinx Lawyers - Calvin Ko and had first place going to John Bell (39 points), Terry Halsall in second (38c/b points) and third place went to Matthew O'Farrell (38 points). Monday's mixed 18-hole 4BBB Stableford event was sponsored by Allison & Michael Kelly, Bill Smith & Jeremy Howieson took first place (48 points), Ian Chidgey & Wendy Chidgey came in second (46 points) and third place went to Cathy Abbs & Craig Abbs (45c/b points).

Local joins exclusive club

GOLF

BY JOE ROBINSON

LIKE a fine Margaret River wine, local golfer Mal Bromley keeps getting better with age.

Statistically speaking, shooting your age during a round of golf is harder than hitting a hole in one.

Mal Bromley would know, he's part of an elusive group of golfers to achieve both in his lifetime.

The Gracetown local put together an impressive round of golf to record 40 Stableford points and shoot 78 off the stick during his Sunday competition round at



Mal's golf journey started at age 10 when his cousin, the Sports Department Manager at Boans, gave he and his brother two or three golf clubs to play around with.

Joe Robinson

the Margaret River Golf Club.

Mal was thrilled with the achievement and placed it up there with his two previous holes in one as one of his most memorable days on the golf course.

Mal's golf journey started at age 10 when his cousin, the Sports Department Manager at Boans, gave he and his brother two or three golf clubs to play around with.

At aged 15, Mal's family moved into Wembley Downs, just up the road from Wembley Golf Course.

Mal self-taught himself the game of golf and he would often jump the back fence at Wembley to play several

holes undetected.

In 1972 Mal became a member at Nedlands Golf Club where he played in their Division Two pennant team.

The 123 metre 7th at Nedlands became the site of Mal's first official hole in one in 2004.

This was followed in 2012 with another hole in one on Margaret River Golf Club's 12th.

Even at 78 years of age Mal still plays regular competition rounds (off an impressive handicap of 10) at Margaret River Golf Club and his passion for the game has never wavered.

GOLF RESULTS CONTINUED:

The storms once again raged over the weekend, putting a damper on golfers at the club, but results were positive for those who braved the wind and rain.

Saturday's 18-hole Mixed Stableford event had first place to Geoff Barrett on 33 points.

Terry Halsall came in second place on 32 points while in third place, Brian Seed scored 31 points.

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Stableford Event had Trevor Sanders in first place with 32 points.

Cathy Carroll landed in

second place with 31c/b points and third place went to Ian Colmer on 31c/b points.

To stay up to date with the club news and events, search Margaret River Golf Club on Facebook or visit www.margaretrivergolfclub.com.au

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Gropers secure must-win match

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Golfing greatness



Sue Bloxam, Penny Foy & Kerry Farrelly of the Margaret River Division 1 South West Golf Pennants team.

THE members of the Margaret River Division 1 South West Golf Pennants team are celebrating their success after taking a win against Bunbury to collect the trophy for first place in the South West Golf Pennants tournament.

Club spokesperson Renee Potter said the achievement was particularly significant given it was won by a small country club.

The team consisted of Sue Bloxam, Penny Foy, Kerry Farrelly, Sarah Roddy, Ricky Coates, Maggie Foy, Linda Lister & Leonie Bell.

Last week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw John Norman in first place with a score of 20, while Colin Andrews came in second with a score of 19.

Third was John Agnew scoring 17c/b points.

Wednesday Women's

18-hole Jubilee Foursomes Competition was sponsored by Wendy Chidgey and had Patsy Bedford and Helen Priest in first place with 34 points.

In second was Judy Anderson and Diane Yates with 33c/b points, and in third place was Kerry Farrelly and Allison Kelly on 33 points.

Golfers competing in Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event wished the rain would go away but it only got worse.

With a starting field of 23 players, only 13 braved the storm to finish. First place went to Michael Moulton on 32c/b points, in second place was Derek Simpson on 32 points and third place went to Brian Seed on 28 points.

For more golfing news and results, see page 23

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The sun came out for the players at the Margaret River Golf Club after a long stretch of wild weather.

Margaret River Golf Club results

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw Colin Andrews in first place with 21 points, Bruce Darby in second place on 17c/b points and Ross Frazer in third with a score of 17.

Wednesday Women's 18-hole President Trophy Par Competition was sponsored by Lady's President Libby Dawson and had first place go to Roslyn Cummings on 0 (par). In second place was Ann Elias on -1c/b and in third was Kerry Farrelly with -1. Thursday Men's

Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Lago Wines. Players enjoyed much finer weather this week on the course and had a great day of golf.

First place went to Dean Kemp (42), second place was Roy Warren (41) and third place went to Colin Andrews (40).

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by Colin Lovelady and saw Donald Bredenkamp in first (40), Craig Abbs second (37c/b) and Brian Seed third (37).

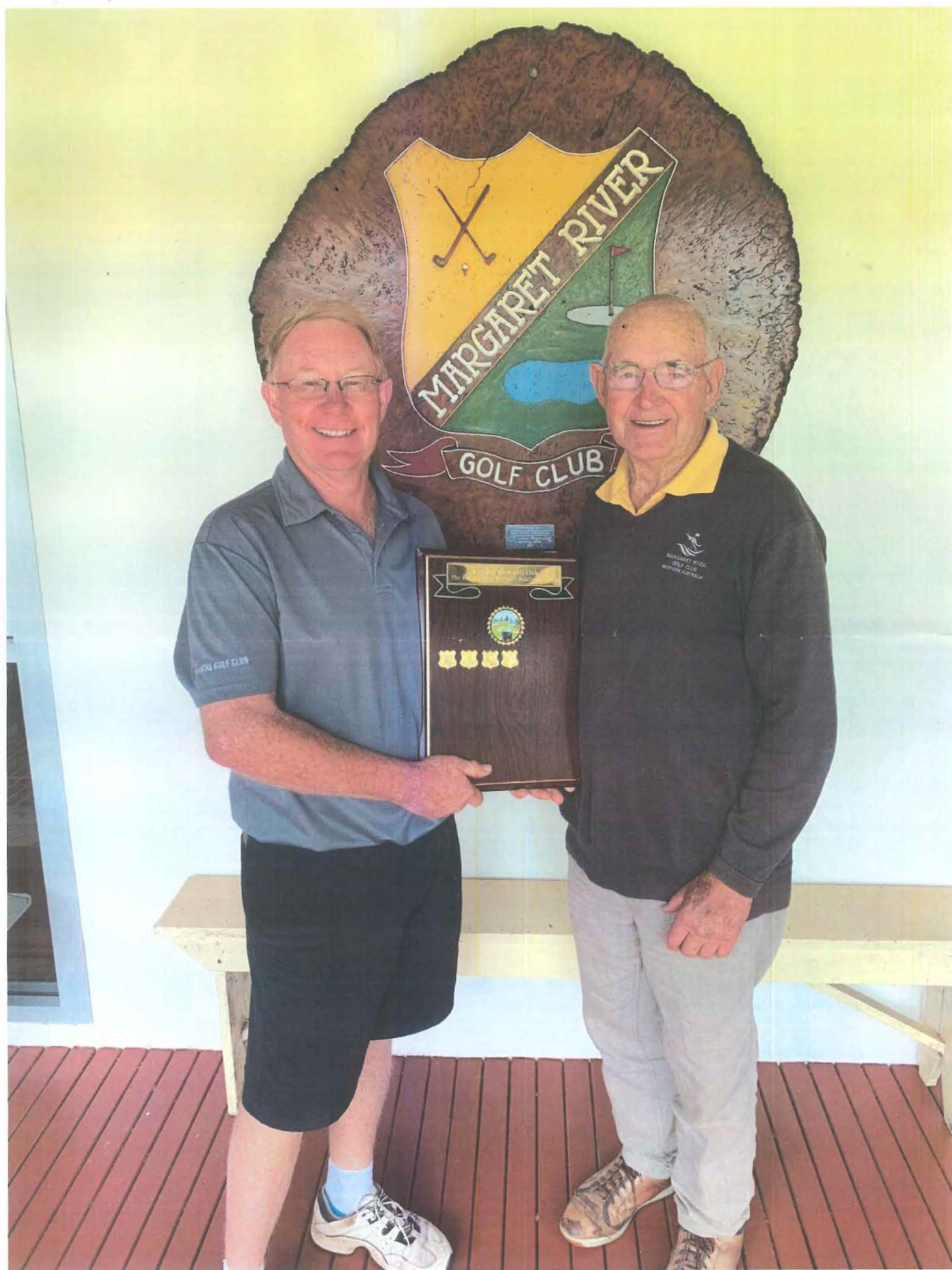
Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Stableford event was sponsored by Cowaramup/Clownfish Wines.

Marc Dickson was first (39c/b), Jules Ashton second (39c/b) and Roslyn Cummings third (38).

The Margaret River Golf Club would like to say a big thank you to all our sponsors throughout the year.

Your support is really appreciated by all, as a club without these amazing weekly sponsors it would be hard to give prizes out.

— RENE E POTTER



BRUCE DARBY - WINNER RAY ATCHESON KNOCK OUT TROPHY 2018,

The Annual Ray Atcheson Shield was presented to winner Bruce Darby back in December. (picture att Bruce Darby & Ray Atcheson)

We also held the Cowaramup Agencies Annual 4 Round Scroungers Cup during Nov/Dec with Mike Basford taking out the cup. A big thanks to Neil and staff at Cowaramup Agencies for supporting the MRGC. The Agency and Co-Sponsors Davey Pumps, Philmac, Waratah and Kleenheat donated sensational prizes all four weeks of the event (picture att: Tim Fox (runner up), Mike Basford (winner) & Neil Earl)

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Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole 4BBB event was sponsored by Elders Insurance and had a better weather than previous weeks.

In first place was Jeff Crouch & Mark Bonnette on 46, in second place was Ray Scott & Graeme Bedggood on 45c/b and third place went to Laurie Bedford & Terry Halsall on 45.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by Leimac Building and had Geoff Barrett first on 35 c/b points, Trevor Sanders second on 35 points and Bill Ross third on 34 c/b points.

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Junior golfers to compete in South West



Golfer Tommy McSkimming will take part in the 2019 Drummond Golf 54-Hole Junior Classic.

SOME of WA's best young golfers are set to converge on the South West to tee it up at the 2019 Drummond Golf 54-Hole Junior Classic.

The tournament will be played across three different South West courses and is set to be an exciting week of golf.

Margaret River Golf Club will play host to the opening round of the tournament on Wednesday, July 17. The course is set amongst natural bushland in the heart of the Margaret River region and will pose a challenge to all golfers.

Thursday's round will see

competitors travel North to play at the picturesque Capel Golf Club.

The final round of the 2019 tournament will be played at Bunbury Golf Course on Friday, July 19.

The Junior Classic offers young golfers the opportunity to play on new and challenging courses outside the metropolitan area. Many of WA's current leading professionals have their name on the trophy.

Minjee Lee, Min Woo Lee, Greg Chalmers, Curtis Luck and Brett Rumford have all won the South West event in

the past.

The Junior Classic has also proved to be a pathway to major championship success. Hannah Green, the current KPMG PGA Women's Champion won the event back in 2012.

GolfWA's Smarter than Smoking Junior Tour will be holding their own three-day event in conjunction with the 54-Hole Junior Classic.

The Junior Tour uses modified rules and caters for golfers aged 12 and under.

For more info visit www.golfwa.org.au

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Golfing news and results from the Margaret River Golf Club.

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Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford sponsored by Robert Oatley Wines had a great conditions for golf. First place was Alex Wallis (40), while Jim Watson was second (39c/b) and resident professional Lincoln Reemeyer third (39). Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event sponsored by South West Quad Repairs had Sean Howard first (39), Rod Wylde second (35c/b) and Mark Pope third (35). Mark gave third prize to David Glasson who ended with 34c/b points. Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Stableford sponsored by Labelmakers had Angie Burges first (33c/b), Tim Fox second (33c/b) and Rob Lister third (32c/b).

- RENEE POTTER

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Golfing results from the region

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Wednesday Women's 18-hole PAR competition was sponsored by Cathy Carroll and Mandy Farrell and had Lynda Glasson in first on +3.

Second was Carolyn Scott with 0c/b and third was Wendy Campbell on 0.

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Second was Ash Barridge on 36c/b points, and third was Colin Clark also on 36 c/b points.

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- RENEE POTTER

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PHOTO: Shutterstock.

Andrews secures top spot in 9-hole

MARGARET River Golf Club hosted its Veterans 9-hole stableford competition on Tuesday, September 3.

Colin Andrews secured first place with 19c/b points, Ross Frazer came in 2nd with 19pts and Ray Atcheson came 3rd with 18pts.

Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stableford Competition, sponsored by Di Yates, saw 1st place go to Sarah Roddy on 40pts, 2nd to Judy Anderson on 34pts and 3rd to Elizabeth Dawson on 33pts.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event, sponsored by All the Johns, saw 1st place go to John Ritchie on 42pts, 2nd to Jonathan Beales on 38pts and 3rd to Alan Dale on 37pts.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Monthly Mug Stroke event, sponsored by Leeuwin Estate Wines, saw 1st place on 71c/b go to Kim Hewton, Ray Scott in 2nd on 71 and Jim Watson in 3rd on 72.

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Stableford event, sponsored by The Common, had Cathy Carroll 1st place with 37c/b pts, Rob Lister in 2nd place with 37pts and Julian Lodge in 3rd on 36pts.

SPORT

Roddy and Skivinis Sunday's best pair

GOLF RESULTS

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw Bruce Darby in first place with 21c/b points. Michael Lawson came in second place with 21 points and third place went to David Benson scoring 20 c/b points.

Wednesday Women's

18-hole Stroke/Putting Competition was sponsored by Eden Aesthetics and had Wendy Campbell in first place on 67 points.

In second place was Leonie Bell on 73 c/b points and third place went to Kim Robson on 73 points.

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event

was sponsored by Wine for Dudes' John O'Connor and had first place going to Nicholas House on 38 c/b points.

Second place went to Damian Bullock on 38 points and third place went to Tony Foy with 35 points.

Friday's mixed 9-hole Mixed Stableford event had Val Meleri coming in first

place on 19 points, while Terry Halsall came in second with 17 points and third place went to Peter Brennan on 15c/b points.

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event was sponsored by Taylex Waste Water Systems and Tim Fox.

First place went to Nicholas House with a score of

38 points, while Bill Pascoe came in second place on 37c/b points.

Third was Bill Fiddian on 37 points.

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Ambrose 2's event was sponsored by Royal Flush's Marc Dickson and had Sarah Roddy and Michael Skivinis in first place with 64.5 c/b

points. Nicholas House and Preston House came in second place with 64.5 points and third place went to Lynda Glasson and David Glasson on 65 points.

Well done to all the players & thank you to all our Sponsors.

- RENEE POTTER

SPORT

Double win for couple of Roses

GOLF

TUESDAY Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw Alan Dale first (20), Terry Haywood second (19c/b) and Gary Evershed third (19).

Wednesday Women's 18-hole Ambrose 2's sponsored by Rosemary Basford & Rosie Burnett had Basford & Burnett take first place (67.5). Cathy Abbs and Ros Cummings were second (67.75c/b) and third was Penny Foy & Maggi Foy (67.75).

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by TORO and had first place going to Andre Botha (36), Alan Dale was second (35) and third was Bill Ross (34).

Saturday's 18-hole Men's Stableford event sponsored by Stocker Preston's Kim Hewton had John White first (35c/b), Jerry Cullity from Royal Fremantle Golf Club second (35) and third was Gary Evershed (33c/b).

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Stableford event was sponsored by Colonial Brewery and had Rosemary Basford first (36), Sharon Thompson second (35) and Graeme Bedggood third (34c/b).

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to our generous sponsors.

- RENE E POTTER

SPORT

Tight race for Scroungers Cup

GOLF

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw Ian Colmer in first place (23), Laurie Bedford second (22c/b) and Robert Williams third (22).

Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stroke Competition was sponsored by Sharon Thompson & Joan Ross and had Sharon Thompson in first (74c/b), Lorna Johnson second (74c/b) and third was Diane Gordon (74).

Round Three of the 18-hole Stableford Scroungers Cup was sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies & Kleenheat and had Dave Glasson first (41), Matthew O'Farrell second (40) and Adrian Reilly third (39).

This week is the final round and there is only one point separating the top of the field.

Friday's Mixed 9-hole Mixed Stableford event had Rob Hearn coming in first place (19), Diane Yates in second (17) and Garrick Masters in third place (16c/b).

Saturday's Men's 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by The Little House - Dave Benson and had Wayne Clark in first place (38). Graeme Bedggood was second (37) and third was Colin Lovelady (36c/b).

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Stableford event was sponsored by The White Elephant



Scroungers Cup Round 3 winner Dave Glasson (centre) with Tim Hallyburton and Neil Earl of Cowaramup Agencies.

Cafe and had Jeff Hedstrom in first (39), Penny Foy second (35c/b) and Mark Owen third (35c/b).

Well done to all the players and thank you to all our generous sponsors of the Margaret River Golf Club.

- RENE E POTTER

SPORT

Golf club names men's division champs

TUESDAY Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw Ken Miles first (22c/b), Michael O'Connor second (22) and third was Bruce Farby (20c/b).

Wednesday Women's 18-hole Stableford competition was sponsored by Helen Priest and Ricky Coates and saw Di Gordon first (37c/b). In second was Di Yates (37c/b) and in third was Megan Booth (37).

Thursday Men's Scroungers 18-hole Stableford Brown Bag Day was sponsored by Mal Gray and Ray Mann. First place went to Brodie

Bramich (39c/b), followed by John White (39) and Rob Hearn (38c/b).

Friday Mixed 9-hole Mixed Stableford event had Gary Smith in first place (18c/b), Terry Haywood second (18) and Joan Garstone third (17c/b).

Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Stableford had Dave Glasson first (36), Preston House second (34c/b) and Allison Kelly third (34).

We also had our Men's Club Championship Finals on Saturday and Sunday kindly sponsored by Halsall & Associates and The Ber-

ry Farm.

Club Champion went to Brent Burton with Rhys Owen the runner up.

The club also had the A Division finals with Graeme Bedggood champion and Daniel Hunt runner up.

In B Division the champion was Rob Baker and the runner up was Ray Scott while in C Division the champion was Roy Warren and Damian Bullock runner up.

Well done to all the players and thank you to all our sponsors.

- RENE E POTTER



Brent Burton was named Men's Club Champion at the Margaret River Golf Club this week.

SPORT

CRICKET Yobs claim thriller

P18



First Round Scroungers Cup Winner Dean Taylor (centre) with Ted Lord from Davey Pumps and Neil Earl from Cowaramup Agencies.



ROUND ONE WIN

Taylor claims first week of Scroungers Cup; P19

SPORT

Close call in Cup



Scroungers Cup Week 2 winner Trevor Sanders (centre) with Tim Hallyburton - Cowaramup Agencies and Paul Jones - Waratah.

GOLF NEWS

BY RENEE POTTER

TUESDAY'S Veterans 9-hole Stableford saw Ray Fyson of Rosebud Country Club first (23), Ian Colmer second (20) and Garrick Masters third (19).

Wednesday's women's 18 hole Stableford was sponsored by Margaret River Pro Shop's Lincoln and Shaye Reemeyer.

First was Joanna Booker (38), followed by Cathy Abbs in second (37) and Wendy Chidgey (34) in third place.

Week 2 of the Scroungers Cup was sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies and Waratah.

First was Trevor Sanders (38c/b), second Gary Wightman (38c/b) and third was Lincoln Reemeyer (38).

It will be great to see what

happens in the next two rounds as it has been a close competition in the Scroungers Cup so far.

Friday's Mixed 9-hole Mixed Stableford event had Terry Haywood in first (21), Joan Ross second (16) and Mary Taylor third (14c/b).

Saturday's men's 18 hole Monthly Mug stroke event was sponsored by Leeuwin Estate and saw Sean Howard first (66), Michael Rogers second (72c/b) and Rhys Owen in third (72c/b).

Sunday's mixed 18 hole Stableford was sponsored by Margaret River Pro Shop and had Di Gordon in first place (37), Bill Smith second (35c/b) and Vivian Booker third (35).

Well done to all the players and thank you to all of our generous sponsors.



Round 1 of the Scroungers Cup had the top three golfers on the same score.

Three land at top of the table

TUESDAY'S Veterans 9-hole event had Ian Colmer first (22), Ray Atcheson second (21) and Abe Huisken third (20c/b). Wednesday Women's Presidents vs Captains comp was sponsored by Dennis Warren & Di Linfoot and had the President's Team winning, with Penny Foy first (38), Kim Robson second (37c/b) and Patsy Bedford third (37). Thursday Men's Scroungers Cup was sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies & Davey Pumps and the first round had the top three golfers all finishing with 41/cb points. First was Dean Taylor followed by Garrick Masters and Daniel Hunt. Friday Mixed 9-hole event had Terry Haywood first (18), Jim Taylor second (14c/b) and Janice James third (14). Saturdays Men's 18-hole Mixed event was sponsored by Jeff Hedstrom & Dave Coates. Terry Halsall won the day (40), followed by Rhys Owen (38c/b) and Michael O'Connor (38c/b). Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed event was sponsored by Priceline Pharmacy and had Jackie Dickson first (42), Keith Bourke second (38) and Viv Booker third (37).

Bourke takes honours in Scroungers Cup



CUP CELEBRATIONS: Winner of the Scroungers Cup Keith Bourke (left) with Neil Earl of Cowaramup Agencies. **Photo: MRGC**

LAST week's Tuesday Veterans 9-hole Stableford competition saw Jim Watson first with 21c/b points. Ross Frazer was second with 21 points and third place went to Colin Andrews with 20 points. Wednesday Women's 9 hole stableford competition had Joan Ross in first on 19 points, while Pamela Hos was second (16c/b) and Kim Robson was third (16c/b). Thursday was the final of the Scroungers Cup tournament, sponsored by Cowaramup Agencies and Philmac. It was a very exciting afternoon with just one point sepa-

rating the top three golfers. Keith Bourke took out first place with 111 points over the four rounds, while Gary Wightman was hot on his heels in second place with 110 points. Dean Taylor was third on 109 points. Thank you to Cowaramup Agencies and the joint sponsors for the four weeks of competition.

Saturdays Men's 18-hole Stableford event was sponsored by Cheeky Monkey's Brent Burton and had Jonathan Beales in first place with 39 points. Bill Ross was second with 34c/b points and Luke Storer was third on

34 points. Sunday's Mixed 18-hole Mixed Irish Stableford event was sponsored by Della Fay Wines - Kelly's Vineyard and had Helen Priest, Penny Foy, Jeff Hedstrom and Andre Botha in first place with 102 points.

Di Linfoot, Jenny Nicol, Peter Jenkins and Linda Jenkins came in second place with 96c/b points and third place went to Sean Howard, Gavin Leiper, Gary Wightman and Colin Lovelady on 96 points. Well done to all the players and thank you once again to all our generous sponsors.

— RENE E POTTER