



THE VETERANS' VOICE April 2008

One of our "unfit to play" members, Scobie Beasley, is taking longer to recover than first anticipated. No doubt he will find a way to overcome his problems and be back in the field in the not too distant future.

For those that were "fit for play", our monthly mug event was played on the 4th April and attracted a field of 131. In Div 1 David Hendren had a welcome return to form to take the winner's spoils with 42 points. He also had the best score of the day and therefore was the recipient of the mug. Also on 42 points but beaten on a count back was Ian Sharman. Div 2 saw Ross Carrigan continuing his good form of late, taking the winner's voucher with 41 points. Runner up was Derek Baldwin with 40 points.

NTPs went to Gary Vardy, David Hendren, Rob McElligott, Ron Coffison and Derek Baldwin. Those with 34 or better figured in the run down.

Our next home fixture was on the 18th with a field of 129. Once again the top scores indicated quite a few members found a liking for the course. In Div 1 Patrick Heath returned the great score of 44 points off a handicap of 10 (of course now reduced) to score a comfortable win from vice captain, Ian Purdy, who beat Henk Reinking. They both had 41 points. In Div 2 Peter Sullivan went one better than Patrick having 45 points to clearly out point Noel Laverty "of Triple L fame", who finished with 41 points. NTPs went to Gary Vardy who's taken a liking to the redesigned 2nd, Henk Reinking 6th AND 15th, Robin McElligot, who seems to favour the 9th, and Geoff Cowell on the 11th. Ball run down went to 33.

We also had three away games in April, the first being a trip to Gympie on the 1st of April. Captain John reported a good roll up from Caloundra on a beautiful fine day with the course in good condition. Those who found some specks of gold were Geoff Corbett who ran third in A grade with 38 points and John Holmes, runner up in B grade with 41 points. Gary Vardy won a nearest the pin and John Massie, our smiling barman, won a lovely pink (his favourite colour) towel for his unusually low score.

It was then down the road to Horton Park on the 14th for their morning and afternoon shot gun starts. With fields of 130 am and 101 pm, with five clubs participating, it does not say much for this "Noosa Style" format. Apart from that it was once again a beautiful fine day and the course was in superb condition with fast, true greens.



Unfortunately Captain John did not have any results from the morning round, but in the afternoon George Dawson was among the Div 2 prize winners and only three Caloundra players figured in the run down, R Harvey, D Morse and D Rowe whilst A Dougan had a lucky ticket in the raffle.

It was off on a shorter trip to Cooroy on the 28th when 60 Caloundrians helped make up the field of 91. Once again the "Big Bloke up top" put on a magnificent day and Cooroy had their course in top condition with superb greens. The hosts ran separate competitions for Cooroy and Caloundra players. The winner from our group was Ken Farrah with 39 points with Russell Michael runner up on 38 points. Best first nine went to captain John Lynch with 22 points. (Don't like the back nine, John?) Tassi Woodard took a pin shot and five others figured in the run down. Also John Massie and Mick Magner (of 4M fame) each took home a bottle of medicine (port) from the raffle.

This month we start a **new segment** where any questions about improving your play, equipment, attire etc will be answered by our chosen panel of experts. As we only received two questions they will be answered by Dick "the Currimundi Kid" Munt and Caloundra's own man about town, Fred Lane.

Question 1 – I have just bought a battery-operated buggy. Can you tell me how far back would the battery be before the leads would not reach the lugs?

Dick's answer – If you and your buggy were in Cooroy and your battery was back in Currimundi, the leads would definitely be too short.

Question 2 – I play late in the afternoon fields and I find when I get to the 18th the sun is so low it affects my eyesight – any suggestions?

Fred's answer – Why don't you do what I do? Smear some mascara under your eyes as the footballers do in night games.

Scribe's note – And we all thought Fred was the victim of a jealous husband.

To any members who are "unfit for play" we wish you a speedy recovery.

Until next month take Norm's advice and **"Play golf while you can."**

Brian McNamara