

Crikey, two months of 2008 have already passed us by. Doesn't time go quickly when you are having fun? Of course a lot of this time was spent watching the rain tumble down or splashing your way through puddles, (the latter only if you eat Vita Wheat biscuits it seems). This terrible weather has played havoc with the club's dam project and this explains the extra grey hairs president Jim is sporting. Let's hope we get back to "normal" weather soon to enjoy the enhancements to the layout and the beautification of the course.

The rotten weather did abate enough for our monthly mug fixture on February 1st when a field of 147 members faced the starter. The scores returned on the day are an indication that the mug is greatly sought after by first time winners, as well as previous winners seeking to make up a set of them.

In division one Lyle Higgins was first past the post with 41 points, getting there in a photo finish (count back) from Richard Munt. Div two saw Bill Dalzell keep up his good form of late with a well compiled 44 points giving him the winner's voucher. He was also named Mug of the Month – sorry, Bill, I meant to say Mug Winner of the Month. Runner up was John Holmes with 42 points. NTPs went to "El Capitan", John Lynch, Neal Hobbs, Peter Jones, Ron Woodbridge, Robin McElligot, Murray Keane and Sel Gowlett. Run down went to 34.

Our next fixture on the 15th, the combined clubs host day, was once again a washout. Maybe the "Big Bloke up top" is trying to tell us something about this format, especially if the same thing occurs with the next one on September 19th.

Quite a few of our members are in the "out of action" department at the moment. Those we know about are Ron Woodbridge, Peter Meakin, George Stewart, Norm Smith "HB" and Chas Jones. We wish them all speedy recovery and look forward to getting them back in the fold.

On the 26th a contingent of members went north to Tin Can Bay for their host day. Unfortunately no Caloundrians made the major prize list but Bill Dalzell did win a NTP, which achievement got him one golf ball. We are spoilt!!!

Our last fixture for the month was on the 29th with 145 players in the field. The showers that were forecast for the day failed to eventuate which helped to make the day more pleasant for those who did not fire too well.

After Captain John had given us a rundown on his recent golfing holiday to the Apple Isle, he announced the winners for the day. In division one George Dawson took the course apart, coming in 8 under his age and taking the winner's voucher with 42 points. Runner up was George's mate, Nick Gedig with 41 points. In division two Tony Barker's 41 was good enough to get him home. Runner up was Doug Brill with 38 points on a count back. NTPs went to Robin McElligot, Ken Farrar, Alan Orchard, Reg Hansell, Rod Blake, Bob Donald and Bob Mullens. Run down went to 34.

No further news so, as usual I'll sign off with Norm's excellent advice. Play golf while you can.

Brian McNamara