



## THE VETERANS' VOICE – FEBRUARY 2009

Here we go again! January long gone – February just passed us by. No wonder Billy Dalzell has made a short dash back to Cockroach Land to stock up on his winter woollies. Winter will be with us as quick as you can say Bartholomew Whatshisname. Which reminds me – where is Bartholomew? Maybe Norm Smith knows something but is keeping it to himself! I might see if Pierce can get something out of him. They have been Veteran golfing companions since 1988 so he should know how to get around our "Founding Father".

Meanwhile back at headquarters, our first event for February was a club day on the 6<sup>th</sup> with a field of 138. In Division 1 the ever consistent, Dick Munt, just went one better to take the winner's voucher, beating Varmi Geyl on a count back. Both had 41 points. Stan Crook was in third spot with 40 points. In Division 2, Scobie Beasley showed the battery under his saddle still works to finish stronger than Tony Young, taking out the trophy on a count back with 39 points. Our new treasurer, John Fengler, had 39 points to finish third.

NTPs were won by Lyle Higgins, Mick Magner, Ross Veitch, Lenny "Tiger" Lambert and Gary Vardy. The run down cut off at 34.

As there were no results in the folder for the 13<sup>th</sup> I take it the event was a washout. There wasn't any rain where we were in "Lavery Country" – Dalby. No wonder Noel speaks so highly of his old home town. We intended staying overnight but ended staying three nights. Might be a good spot for a trip away, but in the cooler months.

I did see some results of Horton Park's two day event where Henk Reinking carried the flag for Caloundra taking out (I think ) Div 2 on one day and the overall 36 hole trophy for the division.

Ooops!! The 6<sup>th</sup> was a Monthly Mug day, so Dick has a new mug which he can fill with cold stuff as often as he likes.

Then on the 20<sup>th</sup> a new concept was tried – a 4BBB Stableford event that drew 130 starters (65 pairs). The winners were a couple of "early birds", Lyle Higgins and Ray Harvey who returned the good score of 51 points. In second place were Gary Murgatroyd and Kevin Burns with 50 points whilst Brian Rowland and Frank Cagney finished third on 48 points. NTPs to John Fengler, Ron Woodbridge, Tasi Woodard, Tom Jamieson and Allan Wright. Run down went to 44. Good to see Kevin Burns back on deck. Welcome back Kevvy!!



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Seems the call to eradicate the "golfers' curse", slow play, is being heard by most of our members. Maybe a few have not read the notice on the Vets' notice board. Remember slow play is nothing less than selfish play.

Some good news on the "out of action" group: firstly, as previously reported, Kevin Burns has returned after being out for "yonks". Then I am told by his B-in-L that Gavin Argo is on the way back. He has had a hit out with the Monday Club and his medical reports are on the positive side so it should not be long before Dave has his playing mate back in the fold.

Some very good advice from our Life Member, Norm Smith: "Play golf while you can." There is as yet no verifiable account of golf courses existing beyond the Pearly Gates.

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