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Our Christmas Gala Day once again produced a maximum field which in turn produced some keen competition for the goodies on offer. The winner was the ever consistent, without usually figuring in the major prize money, Noel Green with 42 points. That beat another consistent member, Patrick Heath, on a count back. Third and fourth went to John Howard and Ian Purdy with 41 points. John Massie took fifth spot with 40 points whilst on 39 and filling 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place were – Frank Allen, Peter Edelsten and Ron James. Ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> went to Tony Barker and Jim Dodd whose 38 points and better saw them take home a ham each.

NTPs went to Stan Crook, John Dunn, Les Stelling, Warren Fitzpatrick, Don Morse, Varmi Geyl (2), Rick Koski and John Edwards. The captain stated before hit-off that if the “Pelican Feeder” could muster 18 points or better, everyone would get a ball in the rundown. The feat was achieved (nine points each nine) and the captain kept his word.

To wind up the presentations a lucky draw was carried out and 14 “also rans” took home a ham each.

The break over Christmas no doubt took its toll on some members. They, may take a few games to get back into shape. However, on our opening day for 2008, 18<sup>th</sup> January, a few of the 144 starters got off to a flying start for the year. These included Ian Purdy and Ron Coffison who both returned 44 points in Division 1. Ian had the better count back to take the chequered flag and relegate Ron to runner-up.

In Division 2, Alf Bishop flew from the boxes and put together 47 points to win by 5 points from John Fengler. Alf lost 5 shots for his effort and Ian lost 3. As I have not yet caught up with Ron I do not know his fate. NTPs went to John Massie, Ed Wilford, Richie Colwell, Ray Densley, Ron Coffison, Frank Cagney and Barrie Jack. Run down went to 34 points.

With the start of a new year comes veterans’ subscription time. The annual subs are \$6 and can be paid on our club days or at the club office. If using the latter method of payment, please put the correct money (\$6) in an envelope with your name and membership number printed on it.

There is an order form for club shirts on the notice board. We still seem to have quite a few “muftis” in our fields. Maybe 2008 is the year to join the majority and put your name on the list.

With our captain, John Lynch, stating that he will have a joke to tell at each presentation, and given the quality of those told to date, maybe we should all make an effort to stay and listen to what’s current for the month and also, if we can remember them, make an addition to our humour repertoire.

We all know that when a mate buys a new set of clubs he treats them with kid gloves for the first couple of months. But on our last club day one member who has just bought himself a scooter was seen riding along with his clubs on his lap like a little baby. As I don’t know his score we won’t know whether his clubs returned his tenderness or not.

Remember Norm’s advice and “Play golf while you can.”

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