



THE VETERANS' VOICE - JULY 2008

You have all heard of those mechanical bucking broncos and bucking bulls that some pubs have for entertainment. Well one of our members has a bucking recliner chair. That's right. A while back he was watching the footy, comfortable in his recliner. At half time his wife decided she'd had enough and went to bed. About 2.00 am she woke and heard a muffled voice from downstairs. On investigation she found our member prostrate on the floor with his recliner on top of him. Fortunately his injuries were not as bad as first thought, but he has learnt a lesson. "Don't watch the Broncos sitting in a bucking chair." The good news is that Chas will be back playing shortly.

Another of our stalwarts, Mike Wass, after being sidelined for a couple of months by a bout of shingles, thought he would take a short holiday in Thailand and Vietnam before getting back to golf. Well, on his trip he contracted gout, a bad attack of diarrhoea and came home with a bad head cold. I wouldn't have him in a lotto syndicate for a while.

Back on course the July Monthly Mug was played on the 4th when 121 members did battle. Club president, Jim Burns, led the way to take the mug with a well compiled 42 points. This also gained him the Div 2 winner's voucher having finished stronger than Baden Hitchcock to claim the spoils on a count back. In Div 1 Frank Cagney had another return to form finishing with 38 points and taking the winner's prize. Runner-up with 37 points was Fred Bellamy. NTPs went to Lyn Roberts, Ross Veitch, Varmi Geyl, Les Barnes and Tassi Woodard. Run down went to 33.

Our next fixture was the annual "Good Behaviour Day", that is the Ladies Invitation Day with a field of 114 men and 24 ladies. I have been told all our members were exceptionally well mannered, with only one slip of the tongue reported.



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In Div 1 Jim Dodd relished the female company and put together a tidy 38 points to take the winner's voucher. Runner up was John Morison with 37 points. In Div 2 Allan Attwood decided it was time he lost some shots and his 40 points saw his wish granted as well as making him the winner on the day. Grant Bobridge was runner up with 36 points. The ladies' event was won by Maureen Jack, who finished on 34 points one clear of Maude Berry. NTPs went to Dorothy Allen, Allan Wright, John Wood, Tony Young and Mick Magner. Run down for all went to 29.

Our parent club has allocated 4 extra Vets' days for the latter half of the year. They are August 8th, September 26th, October 24th and December 12th which means there are only seven non-vets Fridays in this time.

With the extra fixtures in August and our Monthly Mug being on the 1st, I thought we could squeeze these results into this issue. With a field of 140 and the Big Bloke turning on a magnificent day, those who took full advantage of the conditions were – Div 1 winner Patrick Heath 40 points, runner up Anthony Brangwin 38 points. Div 2 winner was John Bradley 39 points on a countback from runner up John Fengler. NTPs Allan Wright, Howard Smith, Ray Densley, John Dickinson and Neil Hobbs. Run down to 33.

Norm's advice is still the same – “Play golf while you can.”

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