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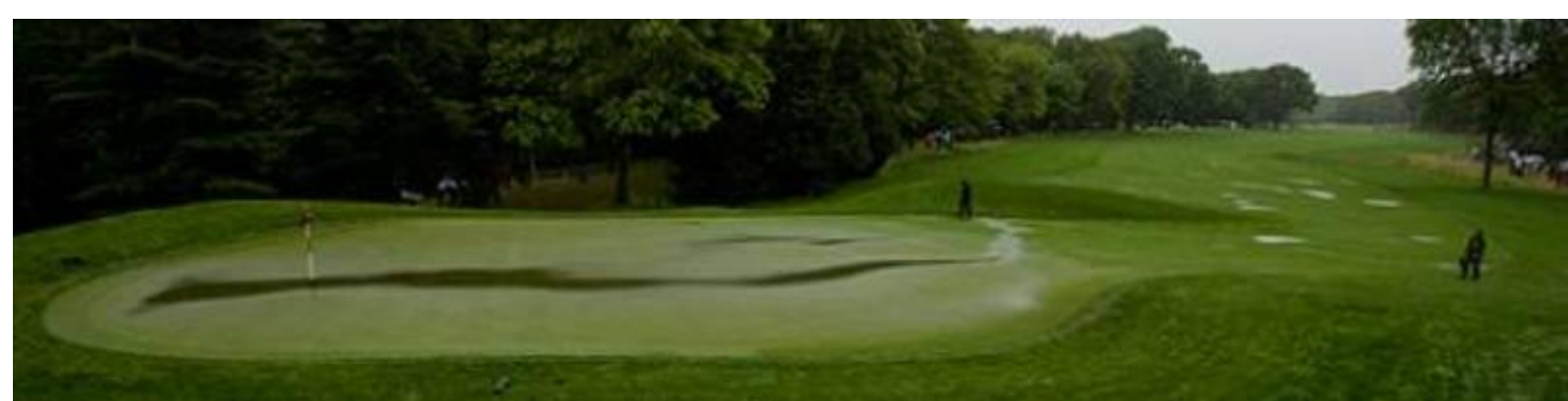
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Devil Bend Results September

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If anyone goes around saying that Mount Martha is suffering from a drought then they've got a punch in the nose coming. We've played there 2x years in a row and on each occasion we have had to slosh our way around the course contending with the equivalent of Melbourne CBD's annual average rainfall dropping from the sky in the space of 5 hours. You know you're gonna get have a tough day ahead of you when you have to drive through submerged roadways on the way to the golf course, and you can assume you're destined to get wet feet when the paddocks on the local farms look like an endless lake with an island oasis and you can all but guarantee nasty weather when the clubs golf Pro turns up to work on a jet ski instead of a car which is exactly what happened on Sunday. I'm not sure whether it was the tears of misery by the saints from the heavens above after their heartbreaking defeat at the hands of the cats on Saturday but what ever it was the heavens opened and the entire field got a drenching.



Considering the extent and the severity of the rain, the course remained in incredibly good condition, other than the whitewater rapids spilling out from the above capacity dams and the occasional creek running across the fairways and greens, even still the putting surface and fairways were quite firm and remained true. If the rain was not enough of to contend with, the un-seasonal cold chill, which brought record snowfall on the Alps, combined with gale force winds, made the morning a physical and mental challenge.

Of the 15x die-hard golf fanatics who set about the challenge, all but 1x managed to drag themselves around the course to finish the 18 holes. Only Brendan Seagrave succumbed to the temptation of a warm heater, dry clothes and a hot beer. Brendan quit on the 14th hole after he lost the feeling in his fingers and toes and started to show 4 of the 5 symptoms of hypothermia. The final straw for Brendan was when he had to swim out under a fenced off area defined as GUR to retrieve his ball in order to take a free drop. The signage stipulated that he must play his drop from the nearest yellow stake which he could only find 50 meter's behind where his ball had landed. After seeking a ruling from the rules committee he was allowed to drop at the nearest point of relief from the GUR rather than have to walk back against the driving rain to hit from the drop zone. Unfortunately for Brendan he hit the ball 40 meters over the back of the green and his ball was then swept away by the raging currents from the runoff out from one of the green side bunkers. To make matters worse his playing partner told him, it's a pity you didn't play your shot from the drop zone where the sign said to, if you had of, then

it would have been a very good shot. That was enough for Brendan; he disappeared up to the car park, never to be seen again.

One thing Brendan could have done while he waited up in the car park for the bar to open was change Neil's flat tyre. Although the wheels may have fallen off Brendan's golf game, it was Neil who had the greatest problems. He arrived at the golf course with his car limping and leaning on a severe angle. Apparently he had picked up a puncture while driving to Devil Bend but had decided it was too wet and cold to get out and change the completely deflated tyre. Considering he was about to spend 5x hours battling the elements during his round of golf, it seemed a bit odd that he was concerned about getting a little bit wet. According to Neil a puncture isn't a major issue anyway, because the wheel is only flat on the bottom side so there is usually plenty of air at the top of the wheel for the car to drive on!

Stu Coops may have had plenty of air in his tyres but I think he must also have plenty of it between his ears. Stu walked the entire course with little more than a woolen jumper to keep the rain off him. It appears that when packing the golf clubs Stu decided to lighten his golf bag, and opted to leave his waterproofs and umbrella behind to free up space for a few extra golf balls. Stu finished the round looking like a drowned rat, but on the other hand, it can be argued he may have made the right decision since the extra balls were needed. Stu lost balls on the 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th and 15th holes so it was lucky he was carrying the extra's supply or he might have run out of golf balls during the game.

Greg Parsons built a very strong bond with his golf ball, his Titleist Pro V 1. After 117x shots following his embarrassingly poor first tee shot; when Greg finally rolled in his Putt on the 18th green he still had the ball that he started with. The two were inseparable, although they certainly had some adventures during the epic journey around Devil Bend. On the twelfth hole Greg topped his 5x wood, his ball plugged deep into the ground before bouncing up high into the air when an earthworm farted beneath the mud. Had there not been three witness' you would swear that this is a fabrication of the truth, but it is not a story or exaggeration, it's the honest to god truth. Evidently Greg's ball bounced up over his head, and while he was walking away back to his bag the ball came down and hit him in the head. We've seen Burnsie hit other people in the head, we've see people hit balls into their buggy, we've laughed at people who have managed to play shots between their legs or knock a ball into playing partners, but Greg is definitely the only person known to man who can claim to have hit himself in the head with his own golf ball.

While Greg was nearly knocking himself out, Tony MacIssac had managed to cover himself with mud from head to toe. With the combination of wet fairways and 35-knot winds it didn't take much to get the blow back from a poorly directed stroke. At one stage Tony's face looked like he was doing an impersonation of Sylvester Stallone in that famous scene out of Rambo 2 where he buried himself in the mud and the only thing you could see of was the whites of his eyes. It was a dirty day for Tony all round. He played 24 strokes worse than his handicap, and wasn't a strong advocate for the new clubs that he just bought which were supposedly guaranteed to take his game to the next level. I'm not sure if they were the same ones but I did see a very muddy set of brand new hybrid clubs going very cheap on ebay.

Young Matt also had an eventful day. He had several pars, won the nearest to pin and made a simple tap in Birdie on the 13th after nearly holing out for an ace. He also won the longest drive out distancing the ball bursting drives of Mike Harper. Matt's only demise was a few silly club selections and a few course management issues which lead to him posting a 14 on the tenth hole which ultimately cost him a top 10 finish on what could have otherwise been a very good day for him.

This years championship leader had a terrible start to the day, despite playing on his home course and having played several practice rounds in the days leading up to the game, Greg's game unraveled right from the start. He had 21x strokes in the first 2x holes and never recovered from it. Greg shot his worst round for the year. Perhaps he wasn't even trying though, because he was heard telling his wife Vanessa that it didn't matter how he went at golf for the rest of the season because nobody in the club is good enough to catch his points championship lead and mathematically it's nearly impossible to do.

Devils Bend lived up to its name and reputation. The golf was more about surviving and just getting to the end. None of the 14x players came close to playing to their handicap and the point's rankings were awarded to the best of the bad bunch. Big Mike Harper qualified with his official club handicap and was rewarded with a monthly title since he was the only player to finish with a Nett score in the high 70's. No eagle Putts this month but he did play some good holes and his Nett 78 provided him a deserved victory and 10 championship points.

Neil Phillips posted a score of 104 which was sufficient to position him into second place and Supercoach (Fil), Stu Coops and Gerard finished in 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively each with 81 Nett, with a countback on the back nine determining the actual order they finished in.

Final Results at Devil Bend were as follows:

	Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Player	Mike Harper	Neil Phillips	Mark Sfiligoj	Stuart Cooper	Gerard MacIssac	Phil Plane	Greg Breasley
	Score	92	104	98	98	95	113	120
	Handicap	14	24	17	17	14	33	31
	Net Score	78	80	81	81	81	86	89
	Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4

	Ranking	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Player	Ron Parsons	Adam Cooper	Mark Fitzpatrick	Matt MacIssac	Greg Parsons	Tony MacIssac	Steve Powne	Neil Phillips
	Score	119	117	109	120	117	124	121	14 holes
	Handicap	28	25	17	27	23	29	23	—
	Net Score	91	92	92	93	94	95	98	DNF
	Points	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

Nearest to the pin prizes were won by:

3rd Hole Steve Powne
8th Hole Stuart Cooper
11th Hole (No one good enough)
13th Hole Matt MacIssac (made the birdie)
Longest Drive Matt MacIssac

Reminder

The ball must be clearly on the CUT surface of the green or fairway to win NTP or longest drive. If it is not on the fairway it doesn't count.

Each player won 1 ball each.

Golf balls are still owed to the following people:

Mike Harper 3x golf balls for Winner at Devil Bend
Warren Stewart 3x golf balls for Winner at Albert Park
Darren Higgs 1x golf balls for NTP on 10th Glen Waverley
Mike Harper 3x golf balls for Winner at Devil Bend

Place Standings for 2009:

Player	Total	Played	Rank	Player	Total	Played	Rank
Greg Parsons	52	9	1	David Burns	8	3	24
Gerard MacIssac	36	8	2	Rick McEvoy	8	2	24
Warren Stewart	36	4	2	Rick Turcinovic	7	6	27
Chris Sfiligoj	35	7	4	Daniel De Marinis	6	1	28
Jeremy Cliff	34	5	5	Jarrett Drake	3	3	29
Tony MacIssac	28	7	6	Paul Blizzard	3	2	29
Steve Powne	25	7	7	Stuart Kluge	3	2	29
Stuart Cooper	22	9	8	Mark Fitzpatrick	2	2	32
Jamie Brunton	22	6	8	Dean Fitzpatrick	1	1	33
Greg Breasley	22	9	8	Roger Powne	1	1	33
Mark Sfiligoj	21	8	11	Myles Petty	0	0	35
Neil Phillips	21	5	11	Nick Brennan	0	0	35
Phil Pane	20	6	13	Nigel Gould	0	0	35
Dale Robinson	19	8	14	Brad Robinson	0	0	35
Adam Cooper	18	7	15	Graeme Herft	0	0	35
Matt MacIssac	16	5	16	Peter Bennett	0	0	35
Ron Parsons	16	9	16	Garry Couper	0	0	35

Geoff Cooper	15	5	18	Simon Dawson	0	0	35
Mike Harper	15	3	18	Carl Schwarz	0	0	35
Brendan Seagrave	15	4	18	Darren Higgs	0	0	35
Runar Steinecker	14	5	21	Damijan Krlevski	0	0	35
Alistair Beyer	14	4	21				
Cam Wilson	10	4	23				
Luke Dumbrell	8	4	24				

Just a reminder that for every round you play you are awarded a raffle ticket to go towards the end of year raffle, then extra tickets are issued if you wear the official club shirt plus extra tickets can also be won by winning a hole in the monthly skins competition.

“SKINS” were distributed to those players good enough to win a hole outright. If more than 1 player got the lowest score on a hole it is Jackpotted until an outright winner occurs.

Skins won at Devil Bend were as follows:

1	Jackpot	
2	Jackpot	
3	Mark Sfiligoj	
4	Mike Harper	
5	Jackpot	
6	Stuart Cooper	
7	Neil Phillips	
8	Jackpot	
9	Jackpot	
10	Jackpot	
11	Matt MacIssac	
12	Jackpot	
13	Greg Breasley	
14	Adam Cooper	
15	Jackpot	
16	Jackpot	
17	Jackpot	
18	Jackpot	

In Summary skins were won by

Matt McIssac	x4
Mark Sfiligoj	x3
Stuart Cooper	x2
Greg Breasley	x2
Adam Cooper	x1
Mike Harper	x1
Neil Phillips	x1

Handicaps

Mike Harper qualified for his official club handicap this month, he starts playing from 14.3 although, looking at his form you could expect him to be playing off a single figure handicap pretty soon. All other golfers this month struggled immensely and will be given an extra 0.1 shots as compensation for enduring the tough round at Devil Bend, hopeful an extra 0.1 will be enough motivation to try again next month when the weather is better.

Current Handicap Status

Player	Was	Now	Player	Was	Now
Adam Cooper	25.12	25.3	Mark Fitzpatrick	17.0	17.1
Alistair Beyer	11.7	11.7	Mark Sfiligoj	16.9	17.2
Brad Robinson	2 games req'd	2 games req'd	Matt MacIssac	26.5	26.6
Brendan Seagrave	DNF	18.0	Mick Morabito	23.3	23.3
Brian O'Connor	28.3	28.3	Mike Harper	New handicap	14.3
Chris Sfiligoj	25.2	25.2	Myles Petty	2 games req'd	2 games req'd
Cam Wilson	19.1	19.1	Neil Philips	24.4	24.5
Dale Robinson	23.4	23.4	Nick Brennan	15.0	15.0
Damijan Krlevski	33.4	33.4	Nick Hallahan	30.7	30.7
Daniel De Marinis	16.0	16.0	Paul Blizzard	1 games req'd	1 games req'd
Darren Higgs	16.1	16.1	Phil Plane	32.7	32.8
David Burns	27.8	27.8	Peter Bennett	22.9	22.9
Dean Fitzpatrick	29.8	29.8	Rick McEvoy	14.8	14.8
Garry Couper	29.2	29.2	Rick Turcinovic	26.6	26.6
Geoff Cooper	32.0	32.0	Rob Heward	32.7	32.7
Gerard MacIssac	14.3	14.4	Roger Powne	11.8	11.8
			Ron Parsons	27.8	27.9

Glenn Dalton	2 games req'd	2 games req'd			
Graeme Herft	10.6	10.6	Runar Steinecker	31.6	31.6
Greg Breasley	30.9	31.0	Simon Dowson	1 game req'd	1 game req'd
Greg Parsons	23.4	23.5	Steve Powne	23.3	23.4
James Johnson	16.3	16.3	Stuart Cooper	17.1	17.2
Jamie Brunton	25.1	25.1	Stuart Kluge	2 games req'd	2 games req'd
Jarrett Drake	18.6	18.6	Tony MacIssac	28.5	28.6
Jeremy Cliff	21.4	21.4	Warren Stewart	10.4	10.4
Luke Dumbrell	26.2	26.2			

Note: all handicaps are rounded to the nearest whole number.
I.e. 17.2 = 17 handicap 17.5 = 18 Handicap

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Dorset

Cost \$30-00

Player Confirmation Status for Next Month
25th October 2009 8-28am

Player	Status	Paid	Player	Status	Paid
Adam Cooper	Confirmed	No	Mark Fitzpatrick	Confirmed	No
Alistair Beyer	Unknown	No	Mark Sfiligoj	Confirmed	No
Brian O'Connor	Unknown	No	Matt MacIssac	Confirmed	No
Brad Robinson	Unknown	No	Mick Moribito	Unknown	No
Brendan Seagrave	Confirmed	No	Mike Harper	Confirmed	No
Cam Wilson	Unknown	No	Nick Brennan	Unknown	No
Chris Sfiligoj	Unknown	No	Nick Hallahan	Unknown	No
Dale Robinson	Unknown	No	Neil Phillips	Confirmed	No
Damijan Kralevski	Unknown	No	Paul Blizzard	Unknown	No
Daniel De Marinis	Unknown	No	Peter Bennett	Unknown	No
Darren Higgs	Unknown	No	Phil Plane	Confirmed	No
David Burns	Unknown	No	Rick McEvoy	Unknown	No
Dean Fitzpatrick	Unknown	No	Rick Turcinovic	Unknown	No
Garry Couper	Unknown	No	Rob Heward	Unknown	No
Geoff Cooper	Unknown	No	Roger Powne	Unknown	No
Gerard MacIssac	Confirmed	No	Ron Parsons	Confirmed	No
Glenn Dalton	Unknown	No	Runar Steinecker	Unknown	No
Greg Breasley	Confirmed	No	Simon Dawson	Unknown	No
Greg Parsons	Confirmed	No	Steve Powne	Confirmed	No
James Johnson	Unknown	No	Stuart Cooper	Confirmed	No
Jamie Brunton	Unknown	No	Stuart Kluge	Unknown	No
Jarrett Drake	Unknown	No	Tony MacIssac	Confirmed	No
Jeremy Cliff	Unknown	No	Warren Stewart	Unknown	No
Luke Dumbrell	Unknown	No			

Let us know if you are playing next month.

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Remaining games on 2009 Fixture

Date	Time	Course	Melways Ref
25-Oct-09	8.28am	Dorset	51 C6
27-30-Nov-09		Golf Trip Cobram / Barooga	

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Dorset is the last round for the season before the golf trip. Please be aware that our attendance numbers will most likely get larger number of attendees for this round. We have booked for 32 Players and priority tee times will be given to those who confirm their attendance first. Please click on the links provided ASAP to guarantee a spot. Unfortunately if we have more players than our reservation then there is no guarantee's we can hit you off. To **confirm** your spot you should also EFT the \$30-00 green fees at the same time.

Thanks for a great weekend and see you all next time.