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After the Shamozzle last year at the Ringwood course, where the course in abysmal condition and the golf was comparable, 2009 was a ripper. What a day it was. The sun was shining, the greens and fairways for the middle of Winter by anyone's standards were in great condition, and what's more we had a fantastic turnout with 25 participants playing some very good golf. It was nice to see some good scores on the table, in fact Adam Coopers Nett 84 which would have placed him in the top 10 last month at Beacon Hills, was only enough to land him in 25th place and 20 shots behind the leader.

Some of the better scores were produced by a few of the newcomers to the club, indicating, perhaps that we haven't yet had the opportunity to bring them down to our playing level yet. But give us time and they will soon become weekend Hackers like the rest of us.

Stuart Kluge shot out of the starter's blocks. His round, shooting 74 off the stick was a sight to be seen and one not to be forgotten for a long time. He hit 15 greens in regulation and never missed a fairway from the tee for the entire day. He played a round of golf that a touring pro would have been proud of and smashed his personal best score by 9 shots. In one sense Stu was unlucky because he was penalized for his consistency. Despite having an official VGA handicap of 13 Stu was forced under the Callaway system to accept a Callaway Handicap of 2, consequently his incredible round was only just able to sneak into the top 10 so he didn't receive the just rewards that he deserved.

Mike Harper, Paul Blizzard, Roger Powne, and Alistair Bayer, all posted scores in the low to mid 80's, obviously the course lent it self to the opportunity to score well and some good golf must have been played around the Ringwood layout.

The Supercoach is trying to lay claim to being responsible for the improvement in the playing standards of our club members and I suppose to some degree he may be right. It turns out that the Supercoach does have a positive influence on people's golf but not in the way he would like. It has been proven that anybody who doesn't play in Fils group will always have a better score than they would have had if they actually played in the same group as him. This phenomenon has become such public knowledge that you get blokes like Fitzzy who would rather pull out and live with the shame and embarrassment of pretending that he got injured playing in an under 9's coaching clinic rather than have to endure a 4 & 1/2 hour barrage of verbal diarrhea from the Supercoach.

It's true, within 45 minutes of the playing groups being posted on the Website, Fitzzy (who had drawn the Leather Wedge and Angry man as a playing partner), called up to pull out of the round conjuring up a farsical story about how he had torn his Calf muscle off the bone. Let's see if he is available next month or if turns up in a wheel chair then.

Although playing with Fil might be detrimental to your game, some lessons from a **good coach** are definitely worth looking into. Ron & Greg Parsons took a family outing to the Bulleen driving range to meet up with the Pro to get some advice on how to keep Greg at the top of the winners podium. He must have given them so useful lessons too, since Greg finished the day at Ringwood with a Nett 69 and in 2nd place and Ron wasn't far behind posting a Nett 71 which amazingly included a disasterous hole where he shot a 12 and blew his chance to win his first monthly championship title.

Ron is starting to take his golf a bit more serious. He has finally traded in the old bamboo shafted irons that he inherited from his great, great grand father when he was 6 and has dipped into his pocket to buy himself a brand new set of custom built, Tiger Woods & NASA approved clubs to match the Driver he won from the Golf Clearance Outlet last year. What a difference they have made to his game already. Ron played brilliantly from the outset, he hit a blistering 45 on the front 9 including the NTP prize on the 3rd hole (and made the birdie) and was just as good on the second 9 too. Ron's only down fall was a fatal error on the 14 the hole where he played the wrong ball and was penalized for doing so which ultimately cost him the days victory. Ron had lost his ball in the rough and decided to play an errant ball lying in the bunker because he was getting a bit leg weary and it was easier for him to play that one out of the bunker rather than spend 10 minutes looking for his actual lost ball. It was a big mistake and he paid a hefty price at the end of the day.

Given that he was using the day as a Birthday gift from his son Shayne, it was pity Geoff didn't have a better day. Geoff had cashed in the cheque that he was given from his eldest son to fund the cost of the round this month. Obviously the income from the cash flow generated by the winery tour business is not coming as freely as it has in the past, although given the way he drives a car, it was only a matter of time before his reputation as being **"a worse driver than an elderly, Chinese lady wearing a hat and driving a Volvo"** had to get out sooner or later. The Karma gods were watching over him and Geoff had a luckless morning. Everything that could go wrong, did go wrong and disappointingly the only shot that he managed to hit in the middle of the club actually ended up bouncing dead center off an overhanging branch and ricocheted back at him hitting him

flush in the chest. If the pain from being hit be the ball wasn't enough, then the humiliation of hitting the ball into himself and the resulting penalty stroke was enough to bring him to tears.

Despite 4x or 5x opportunities to be claimed over the last few months the Eagles nest continues to grow larger. It has nearly reached it's maximum level of 30x balls although apparently Al Bayer had three separate attempts to make an Eagle on Sunday but was unsuccessful on each attempt. A few others including Brunto had a sniff of a chance to take out the prize but as is often the case, not only did they fail to make the Eagle but the Birdie was a too difficult a proposition to make as well, and three putts later they were just as happy to get away with a Par. Brunto knocked his driver onto the front of the 9th Green, and the rolled his first Putt ½ of the 5 meters he need to travel to make the Eagle, he missed his Birdie Putt by 1 ½ meters to the right of the flag and dribbled in a very nervous, down hill knee trembler to secure his first par for the day.

Tony MacIssac was a little depressed after his kids Junior footy team failed to reach the finals. He was hoping for a good score to help or a few laughs to help to cheer him up. He even sent a request to choose his playing partners but I thought that his wording was a little insulting.

TONY MACISAAC [tony@splittingimage.com.au]

Morning Stewie, Just letting you know I don't need an early booking on Sunday any longer, any playing group will do, although if you have a choice then I'd like to play with your good self. I need a laugh to forget the juniors footy, See you Sunday.

Tony MacIsaac
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I am presuming by this comment, what he is saying is that Stu's golfing prowess is laughable.

What is not funny is the commanding lead that Greg has taken over the competition. Greg has already paid his fees for the remainder of the year and told wife Vanessa that no level of morning sickness or family commitment is going to make him miss a round of golf this year. It is rumored than he may have been symptomatic for swine flu on Sunday aswell, but that was never going to prevent him from turning up to collect his prize balls and play his round. So if anyone comes down with a sore throat, runny nose or has an unwavering urge to roll in the mud and oink a lot, please see your local doctor as you may have caught the swine flu off him.



Note the reflection on trophy

There is big money starting to come in on the possibility that Greg could actually go all the way and win the seasons trophy. That will be a big effort to go from Least Improved Player to the Points Champion in one season. All the early money and talk was that Alistair was going to win back to back championships but those mutterings have been suddenly hushed. It seems that Al may have left his run just a bit too late and perhaps he has given Greg a too big a head start to catch up on. Looking at the Points scoreboard Probably only Chris, Gerard, Jeremy or Warren are in a position to try to catch him up, but on form they may have a tough job ahead of them.

It does appear that one title will be presented to the same person again this year. The supercoach once again demonstrated a fiery temper when things weren't quite going his way. He seemed to get Angrier as they day grew on, but it all started when he duffed his drive on the 9th hole into the bushes and was forced to play out of a very difficult lie. Fils score was squandered away when he tried to play the ball out of the rough, rather than take an unplayable lie and take a penalty drop like any sensible person would have done. What was worse was that he tried to get the ball out by playing a Pool shot with the stub of his club

and yep you guessed it, he's as bad at Pool as he is at golf. Three shots to get out of the bushes and his day was over. The anger then built up more and more with every stupid mistake that he made through out the course of the day. He got angrier and angrier until he finally exploded at the end of the day and threw last months winners prize balls down the basketball centre car park while he was having a drink after the match.



Big Rick was feeling a bit hot around the collar also, we are just not sure whether it was out of anger or embarrassment. Rick was in the first group to hit off because he needed to finish his golf as quickly as he could so as to be able to make it to his son's footy match on time. It took Rick 4x shots and 25 minutes to hit his ball past the ladies markers on the first tee, so I'm not sure whether a quick round eventuated but it was highly unlikely looking at the way he was striking the ball, from what we saw he might not even made it to the final hole.

Jeremy Cliff had the right idea, it was his wives Birthday and she was having the family over for lunch so he also needed to get his round completed as early as he possible could. Being such an intelligent school teacher Jezza had worked out that the fewer shots that he had the more time he would save. With that in mind he set out the day to save himself 20 minutes to allow for the driving time back home, at 2 minutes per shot he calculated that he needed to play 10 shots better than his handicap. Although he didn't quite make it home on schedule and arrived 8x minutes late, he did shoot 6x under his handicap and won the day with a sensational 64 Nett.

Greg Parsons added an extra 9 Championship to his tally with a second place ranking finishing with a 69. It might be is last one for a while too, now that he is an expectant father he might not get the opportunities to play a round that he has had previously.

Al Bayer has returned to the sensational form that got him to the 2008 Champion. He struck the ball very sweetly and finished up square with his handicap. During his game Al had 3x Eagle putts and won the nearest to Pin on the 16th and smashed a bomb down the 17th fairway to claim the longest drive prize.

Chris and Gerard, Matt & Ron also contributed some very fine scores and finished ranked 4th to 7th place.

Final Results at Ringwood were as follows:

| Ranking | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Player | Jeremy Cliff | Greg Parsons | Alistair Bayer | Chris Sfiligoj | Gerard MacIssac | Matt MacIssac | Ron Parsons | Stuart Cooper | Stuart Kluge |
| Score | 89 | 93 | 82 | 95 | 85 | 98 | 99 | 89 | 74 |
| Handicap | 25 | 24 | 12 | 25 | 14 | 27 | 28 | 17 | Callaway 2 |
| Net Score | 64 | 69 | 70 | 70 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 72 | 72 |
| Points | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

| Ranking | 14 | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Player | Dale Robinson | Cam Wilson | Roger Powne | Jamie Brunton | Paul Blizzard | Mike Harper | Luke Dumbrell | Brendan Seagrave | Geoff Cooper |
| Score | 96 | 92 | 85 | 98 | 82 | 84 | 101 | 92 | 108 |
| Handicap | 23 | 19 | 12 | 25 | Callaway 9 | Callaway 10 | 26 | Callaway 16 | 32 |
| Net Score | 73 | 73 | 73 | 73 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 76 |
| Points | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| Ranking | 25 | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Player | Greg Breasley | Mark Sfiligoj | Steve Powne | Tony MacIssac | Rick Tuncinovic | Phil Plane | Adam Cooper |
| Score | 108 | 96 | 103 | 109 | 109 | 117 | 109 |
| Handicap | 31 | 17 | 23 | 28 | 26 | 33 | 25 |
| Net Score | 77 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 93 | 84 | 81 |
| Points | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

As the footy season draws to a close please be aware that our attendance numbers will most likely get larger for the remainder of the season. 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 \$35-00 green fees at the same time.

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

YES Reply Now!!! NO

Albert Park

Player Confirmation Status for Next Month

23rd August 2009

| Player | Status | Paid | Player | Status | Paid |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Adam Cooper | Confirmed | No | Mark Fitzpatrick | Unknown | Paid \$30- |
| Alistair Beyer | Confirmed | No | Mark Sfiligoj | Confirmed | No |
| Brian O'Connor | Unknown | No | Matt MacIssac | Confirmed | No |
| Brad Robinson | Unknown | No | Mick Moribito | Not Playing | No |
| Chris Sfiligoj | Confirmed | No | Nick Brennan | Unknown | No |
| Dale Robinson | Unknown | No | Nick Hallahan | Not Playing | No |
| Damijan Krlevski | Unknown | No | Neil Phillips | 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 | Rob Heward | Not Playing | No |
| Garry Couper | Unknown | No | Roger Powne | Not Playing | No |
| Geoff Cooper | Not Playing | No | Ron Parsons | Confirmed | No |
| Gerard MacIssac | Confirmed | No | Runar Steinecker | Unknown | No |
| Glenn Dalton | Not Playing | No | Simon Dawson | Unknown | No |
| Greg Breasley | Confirmed | No | Steve Powne | Confirmed | Paid \$15-00 |
| Greg Parsons | Confirmed | No | Stuart Cooper | Confirmed | No |
| James Johnson | Not Playing | No | Tony MacIssac | Confirmed | No |
| Jamie Brunton | Not Playing | Paid \$15-00 | Warren Stewart | Unknown | No |
| Jarrett Drake | Unknown | Paid \$17-50 | Rick Turcinovic | Unknown | No |
| Jeremy Cliff | Unknown | No | Cam Wilson | Confirmed | No |
| Luke Dumbrell | Confirmed | No | Brendan Seagrave | Unknown | No |
| Paul Blizzard | Confirmed | No | Stuart Kluge | Confirmed | No |
| Mike Harper | Unknown | No | | | |

Let us know if you are playing next month.

YES Reply Now!!! NO

Please Note this months round the cost is \$35-00