



Men's Weekly Golf Report –



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GOLFERS STRUGGLE AT MURRAY BRIDGE

There were 84 players but only two of them could beat their handicap in the LANGSFORD PLASTERBOARD CONTRACTORS Stroke competition at The Bridge last Saturday.

Yes, it was damn cold early on but after the sun appeared it was super conditions for the rest of the day but players simply couldn't take advantage of this.

Karoonda based member Robert Muster certainly bucked the trend however, by shooting a dynamic nett 63 to win the day by a space. An extremely consistent player when on song Muster tamed the back nine with a withering nett 30 to really finish his round off in style and make the drive back East a pleasant one indeed.

The "A" grade was won by the strapping Daniel "Happy" Gilmore who hits the ball further than what most of us go on holidays! Backing up an excellent mid-week comp round, Gilmore also came charging home with a 35 off the stick, pretty good for his 5 handicap, to finish with a nett 69. As it turned out he needed his great back nine to roll super consistent veteran Graeme Southern on a countback after the former detective also kept it all together for a nett 69.

"Long John" Bell is still somehow clinging to "B" grade but after classing his round of nett 71 as "just another mediocre round in a mediocre career" he would have been stunned to discover that he had won this grade with this score. Shaun Williams pushed the rarely satisfied veteran but failed by a shot to catch him with his nett 72 allowing Bell to celebrate with a glass of fine single malt later on that evening.

Daniel Hocking had a top day easily accounting for all of the "C" graders with his excellent nett 67. This was built on a flying start of a nett 29.5 on the front nine before fading a little on the run home. Still a very good round. Squashy Squires had his putter working well from way off the greens as he claimed the runners up voucher for his solid nett 70.

There were the usual tales of woe from players who were unable to pick their ball up after too many shots as in a Stableford or a Par round. Some of the more notable efforts were from Captain Secker who closed with a ten on the final hole to enable him to "raise his bat" to the crowd for reaching 100 strokes for the day.

Even classy "A" grader Peter Phillips proved he was human with an 11 on the seventh hole after striking tree trouble, hitting his own buggy and attempting a few hail Mary's to recover which did not come off. This hole cost Phillips from probably winning the "A" grade as the rest of his round was a very good one but that's a Stroke comp for you.

Nothing beats the trouble that high handicapper John Fournier found on the eighth hole, however, when he helped make some of the bunkers a bit deeper by taking a total of 21 shots before holing out. To prove it wasn't a "one off" he backed this up with a lazy 17 on the tenth after again striking sand issues.

Voucher winners were Ubby, Kym Thomas, club Pro Shanan and Ned Kelly look alike Damian Dolman for their 71's while Paul Harding and Rick Kostrz returned nett 72 apiece. Rob Walters, Aussie Bob, Trev Healy and John Barwick also featured with their solid nett 73's.

Happy Gilmore took NTP on the 2nd, PC Phillips the 4th, "Raspberry" Durham the 6th, Dave Graham the 11th, Gav Sanderson the 14th and Paul Harding the 17th.

The day's winner Robert Muster easily won the Pro comp for his nett 30.0 back nine.

Back to Stableford for all players this coming Saturday.

PENNANTS UPDATE

Round 2 was held on Sunday in great conditions at all courses.

The powerful A2 team made it two from two with a comfortable 5-2 win over Mt. Barker/Hahndorf and are now a great chance to finish top two and qualify for the final especially with a home game next up on Sunday week. Jeremy Scannell, James Brown and Happy Gilmore headline a quality outfit that is in form and it would be well worth a visit to Ritter Street on the morning of Sunday week to watch them take on their next opponent.

The B2's played at home against Willunga but went down 2.5 to 4.5 after both Steve France and Mitch Lienert both lost out on the 18th after titanic struggles. A really close match but now with a win and a loss the series is still very much alive for us.

The C2's fought out a tie against Mt. Compass over on the scrapes at Yankalilla where they looked winners all day before Compass levelled proceedings right at the death-knock. With just a tie and a loss so far all is not lost as this grade appears very even so a couple of wins may be all it takes to qualify.