



Men's Weekly Golf Report



Club Champs Finals

Sunday 18th August.

TITLE NUMBER TEN FOR SCANNELL

It was hardly unexpected but match play wizard Jeremy Scannell chalked up his tenth club championship success on Sunday with a hard fought 3 & 2 victory over emerging star Mark Bolton in the 36 hole match play decider.

Having qualified for the final the day before with a solid 3 & 2 semi final win over a gallant Steven Thiele, Scannell was set to keep his record of only having ever lost one final (to Scott McCulloch) many years back.

Bolton, for his part, had to survive an amazing semi-final against the gritty Jeff Morgan getting off the canvas time and time again before finally prevailing on the seventh extra hole, that's right, the 25th hole! Amazing and high quality golf!

So it was the dream final pitting the consistency and brilliant putting of Scannell up against the power hitting birdie making machine that Bolton can be when he is on. In tough conditions with gusting winds, occasional squally showers and bitter cold it was all Scannell early on as Bolton began very slowly making plenty of errors and seeing the favourite skip out to a 6 hole lead after the 16th on the back of rock solid golf.

Wins to Bolton on 17 and 18 after making solid pars put life back into the final as everyone stopped halfway for lunch with the margin, although still sizeable, cut to 4. It was hole for hole on the second round and try as he may Bolton just couldn't reel in the lead he had conceded early on and after the 34th hole had to shake Scannell's hand and congratulate him on another title. A great final though and there are likely to be further chances in the future for the runner up with likely further improvement still in him, but for now it was time to reflect on the genius yet again of Jeremy Scannell who took his record to 33 wins from 35 match play games in Club championship series and a tally of ten titles.

FLEMING MAKES ONE ACT AFFAIR IN "B" GRADE

Budding "A" grade golfer Ashley Fleming was much too good for surprise finalist Robert Muster winning 9 & 7 in a one sided "B" grade final scheduled over 36 holes. Having narrowly beaten the dangerous Corey Dahlitz in his semi-final Fleming always looked likely to have his name on the cup with his great distance off the tee a huge advantage. Muster had taken care of the likes of very good golfer Rob Walters along the way and would have been delighted to have made it to the showdown but he was never really in it from the start and was outgunned on the day by a power laden opponent who is on the up.

BIZARRE "C" GRADE WIN TO MCCORMICK

You couldn't make this result up if you tried! Quent Maurice and "Aussie Bob" McCormick squared off in what was expected to be an evenly matched affair over 27 holes but there were momentum swings aplenty over the first 18 holes before Maurice went to lunch a comfortable 3 up and playing a bit too well for McCormick to cope with. Not having to do anything silly with only nine holes left Maurice eased his way to the 5th hole, or the 23rd for the match, with a 4 hole lead before claiming a win on the hole and an overall 5 & 4 triumph. Handshakes all round and back to the club to unpack before it was belatedly realised the hole was only halved and that Maurice was 4 up with 4 to play. So out to the 6th hole for the formality of playing another hole or two before reclaiming victory Maurice suddenly found himself on the end of an "Aussie Bob" onslaught as the veteran lifted his game and won the 6th then the 7th and then the 8th to draw within one with one to play. You guessed it - another win on the 9th and incredibly it was all square and off to extra time! With momentum against him Maurice managed to halve the 10th and when both players hit their tee shots short of the par three 11th green another stalemate loomed. From 12 metres off the green McCormick pulled out his trusty Texas wedge (commonly known as a putter) and rammed the ball a full 16 metres into the hole for a birdie! Surely victory was now his? A shell-shocked Maurice was only two metres closer so had 14 metres to the hole. Also deciding to putt his ball zoomed up to the hole before stopping a mere 20cm short giving the title to "Aussie Bob" in an absolute thriller. Great game guys and congratulations to Bob McCormick - 2019 "C" grade Champion.

VETERANS TITLE TO FETHERSTONHAUGH

Ray Fetherstonhaugh outpointed Peter Erickson 7 & 6 to claim the title of Veterans Champion for the next twelve months. Both players are new to the club this year and Fetherstonhaugh played safe and steady golf to make it very difficult for his opponent to reel him in. Receiving a number of strokes from the better credentialed Erickson, Fetherstonhaugh led from the start and was never threatened in securing a comfortable win.