

Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> May**FRED CARTER TOO GOOD**

On a wild wintry Saturday last weekend emotional golfer Fred Carter ended up top dog with a brilliant 5 up in the STIHL SHOP Par event. Just seeing off great sparring partner Dean Wright on a countback the Fiery One showed that it is possible to play with aggression, controlled or otherwise, and still succeed.

Going OK for most of the day he really put the pedal down on the four holes 14 to 17 scoring wins by parring each of these. Despite flopping on the last hole he had enough in reserve to hold on for victory. A popular win all round!

**VALIANT EFFORT BY THOMAN IN "A" GRADE**

Despite shooting a sub-par round of 1 up scratch golfer Jared Thoman had his colours lowered by Echunga visitor Mark Hodgkison in the "A" grade. Thoman's 4 birdies and three bogeys (and 11 pars) was darned good but Hodgkison played superbly too and off his 11 handicap finished 4 up and well ahead. Being a good mate of club Pro Steve Wilson probably doesn't hinder the visitor's game no doubt seeing how it should be done many times in social rounds with Steve.

**JEFF IS WRIGHT UP TO IT IN "B" GRADE**

Colourful golfer Jeff Wright ignored the tricky conditions to salute narrowly in "B" grade where his 3 up was a whisker too good for Kevin Shepley just a shot behind. Threatening to relocate to Tailm Bend GC soon Wright is making hay here while the sun shines so to speak.

**DEAN IS WRIGHT UP TO IT IN "C" GRAD**

Just missing the day's top prize on a countback ex-racing car star Dean Wright had an easy win in "C" grade seeing Eric Williams two shots back behind him on a more than good 3 up. Good golf in the wind and showers from both players.

**FIRST EVER HOLE IN ONE TO HOGBEN**

Many people know the exhilaration of scoring a hole in one. That perfect strike, the on line ball flight, landing it on the aimed for lob area and the steady roll into the cup! Well, Craig Hogben (pictured below retrieving his ball) now knows that feeling after seeing his ball do all of those things on the 4th hole on Saturday. Playing partner Corey Dahlitz was equally excited to see it and it must have made unusual viewing to see both players about to embrace before realising Mr. Covid 19 was possibly lurking nearby and that a few thumbs up would have to do as muted celebration instead. That's now two aces in two weeks at Ritter Street after Martin Altmann's the week before. Could it be John Bell's turn at last this Saturday to make it the trifecta?  
Hmmm, 1000/1.



### **PENHALL WINS FIRST EVER PRO COMP**

After years of trying, near misses and tears popular "B" grader Troy Penhall finally cracked it for a Pro comp win with his sensational 5 up back nine doing the trick. Even then it wasn't straightforward with a golf shop error awarding first place to another player before a shell-shocked Penhall made a late afternoon phone call demanding an explanation! A quick audit was undertaken before the error was found and the protest was upheld sending \$50 Troy's way. Good things come to those who wait!

### **VOUCHER RUNDOWN**

3 up Peter Canaway,

2 up The Reverend Gierus, &

1 Up the following: Troy Penhall, Daniel Hocking, BRD Moloney, Craig Hogben, Tony Carter, Joe Marcus, President Bolton, Tim Steer, Corey Dahlitz, Jeff Lipp, Ashley Fleming, Jed & last but not least Rafael Fetherstonhaugh