

Welcome to our July Newsletter. After 3 games we tried our hand at stableford. The Weather was fine and considering there had been a bit of rain leading into the game, the course was in pretty good condition. Good for high scores ? wrong!. The scores were not flash, but the competition was close.

The best score of the day went to Travis Johnstone with 34 points. A great effort by Trav considering it was his first club game and his first game at Rossdale. He can only get better. Scary thought.

Second on a count back also with 34 points was Phil The Fox Barling, who is never far away, just chipping away and waiting to pounce at every opportunity.

Another familiar name on the winners list was everyone's favourite golfer Col Wenman who took out 3rd place on a count back with 33 points just ahead of young gun Mick Norrey, doing well off his low handicap.

28 points was a popular score with Dave Robinson beating 3 others for 5th spot.

In the Novelties, it was a bonanza for Mick and Steve Norrey. Of the eleven Novelty prizes father and son won 8 between them. Those unrelated winners were, Dave Robbo NTP 12th. Travis Johnstone B grade Longest Drive 5th hole, and wait for it, he has finally scaled the mountain and broke through. Yes, Geoff Moody B Grade Longest Drive 18th hole. Now life can go back to something close to normality.

Looking ahead, our next Club Game is again Stableford on Monday July 12th at Rossdale Golf Club. Tee Off 8.00am. Our August 9th game reverts back to Stroke, where we will see our Match Play Championship resume at the Semi Final stage. Col Wenman plays Mick Norrey and Steve Ford is up against Bob Coyne.

With four games down and four to go the race for Club Champion is hotting up. Phil Barling leads the way on 59 points, hot on his heels is Col Wenman on 55 points, closely followed by Steve Norrey on 45 points, Mick Norrey on 34 points and within striking distance Steve Ford 25 points. If you wish to see these results and the other competitions which include Net, Scratch and Putting, go to our Web site on www.sevri.org.au . Also if you have any contributions to our web site, please do so by contacting us on southeastvri@yahoo.com.au or Ben Moody on muse.invincible@gmail.com

Country week is coming up at Rossdale Golf Club on October 4th 5th 6th and 7th. Get your entry in early. Contact Wayne Byrne Mob 0414408238

The next VRI Centre Day is the Traralgon Centre Day at Newry Golf Club on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of August. Saturday tee off 11.00 am cost \$8.00 includes afternoon tea. Sunday Tee off 8.00am. 27 holes. Cost \$20.00 includes lunch and afternoon tea. Contact Phil Barling. Ballarat are holding their Centre day at Midlands Golf Club on Sunday September 12th. Tee Off 12.00pm. Cost \$25.00 includes sandwiches on arrival and afternoon tea.

The golf challenge against the Millers Inn boys has been scheduled for Sunday November 7th Eagle Ridge Golf Club. Time and cost to be verified. Contact Steve Creely 0404811565

On a sad note Rod Polkinghorne (Polky) passed away suddenly. Polky was popular figure in VRI golf and played regularly at Country Week and Interstate Carnivals. Our thoughts are with the Polkinghorne Family. His funeral will be held on July 15th in Dimboola at 2pm.

Enjoy your Golf. The Fox

