

Pitchers Breaks Through On Mafia Day

New member Jamie Pitchers broke through for a popular win in the Mafia Cup 18-hole Stableford at Collie Golf Club last Saturday. Pitchers, who has played well without success in his relatively short career, posted 40 points to be two ahead of his nearest rivals, and he did it despite having three wipes on his card. He opened with 22 on the back nine before adding 18 on the front.

The annual event attracted a strong field of 78 players, which included 21 visiting golfers from Manjimup, Pinjarra, Riverview, Hopetoun, Green Range, Albany and Bunbury.

The runner-up trophy was decided on a countback, with Tony Barker-May finally prevailing over Paul Moyses after both finished on 38. Both had 17 and 21 on the front and back nines and both had eight points on the last three, requiring the countback to be decided on the last six holes (13 to 18) - over which Barker-May beat Moyses 16 points to 13.

Others to do better than their handicaps, on a day when the course rating was 73, were Ron Annandale, Frank Battista and Fred Bronickis, on 36. Also rewarded with vouchers were Kalev Kutt and Ross Davidson on 35, Graham Williams, Des Day, Steven Ireland, John Jackson on 34, and Ed Riley on 33.

The visitors' trophy was won by Manjimup's Andy Muir on a countback from Pinjarra's Carl Carulli after both returned 36 points, low handicapper Carulli notching up three birdies in his two under par second nine. Angela Ireland took the ladies' trophy with a nicely compiled 37, two better than Vicki Graham's 35 and three better than Michelle Tate's 34.

A total of 12 novelties were on offer, and the winners were:

Longest putts: Mun Lye (No. 1), Fred Bronickis (3), Brett Smith (6), Carl Carulli (9), Brian Banks (13) and Alan Kent (17 and 18). Nearest the pins: Ian Annandale (4), Vicki Graham (4), Scott Leary (14). Longest drive: Carl Carulli (15).

In the absence of "The Don", Fred Garofano, but under his instructions, fellow Mafia member Alf "Sanfordini" presented trophies, which included four special novelty prizes of salami knobs and maps of Italy bottle openers.

Scroungers

Kalev Kutt was the winner of last Thursday's nine-hole Scroungers event, finishing on 19 points. One behind Kutt were Neil Motion and Peter Ellery who were second and third, respectively, on a spin of the wheel. Positions fourth to tenth, in the field of 60, were occupied by players on 17. They were Mick Pokrywka, Mark Malatesta, Ed Riley, Eric Annandale, Joe Italiano, George Dorozenko and Paul Goodwin. Visitor Steve Forgan also finished on 17.

Dave Henderson (No. 4), John Michalak (6) and Clive Pullan (9) won the novelties, with Greg Bell's 40 off the stick being the best gross score recorded.

Leisure Day

Last week's Leisure Day Stableford was won by Narrogin country member Tom Hardie with 38 points. Runner-up David Farr maintained his recent good form to finish two back on 36, while Ray Cooper had 35. The day's best vet, also with 35, was Mick Jack, while 34s were returned by Colin Giblett, Pat Coll, Bill Rabarczyk, Neil Motion, Dale Edgely, Steven Ireland and Graham Williams.

Nearest second shot on No. 4 novelty was won by Mick Jack, while longest putt novelties went to Dave Farr (9) and Fred Bronickis (18), with Jim Larsen being nearest the pin on No. 14.

Notes

This Saturday's event will feature an 18 hole Stableford competition, sponsored by Trevor Graham and Bruce Miller, with Riverside the following weekend. Leisure Day next Tuesday and nine hole Scroungers - hidden draw for partners event, played off full handicaps - on Thursday.