

## 2025 MENS SUMMER SHOOTOUT – AS REPORTED BY MIKE MATUTINOVICH

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**Hole 1: The Nerves Kick In** Sandi, the #1 qualifier, led the charge with a swing that set the tone. Big Dave, however, struggled to keep his ball from seeking freedom beyond the course. Meanwhile, JC struck up a close friendship with the trees, and nerves were visible across the field. A chip-off ended with DC having a slight misread ending up on the fringe, letting JC advance. DC drive back to the clubhouse was much straighter than his one off the T.

**Hole 2: Settling In** The tension began to ease as players loosened up. Most avoided out-of-bounds catastrophes, though MF took a scenic detour onto the 10th fairway. The local publican, fueled by bravery (and perhaps other stimulants), embraced chaos but struggled to keep pace. Brycey secured himself a cold drink and a cheque with a nett 7—a true testament to prioritizing rewards over performance.

**Hole 3: Double Chris Chaos** Spiersy's ball was thought to have soared out of bounds—noted by Bill Young, older but maybe not wiser than most. Chris S found his ball and rediscovered his smile, likely thanks to Sue's encouragement. Chris Pilmer attempted a rare backhand shot, only to find his club and ball had no intention of cooperating. The sideline beckoned for Chris P..a strong player taken to soon.

**Hole 4: JC's Challenge** While putts proved tough for most, JC faced a slick downhill roll that refused to stop. The chip back up earned him a nett 6, leaving seven players with nett 5s breathing collective sighs of relief. JC gained sudden popularity among his peers—but whether it was friendship or relief who's to say?

**Hole 5: Cousin Misadventures** Drives started strong, but two cousins wandered off track with right-sided woes. Pete playing in the sandpit had misadventures, leaving him with a nett 9 and mixed feelings about the day. The mood grew rowdier as JT and Sparky brought flair—though JT's cart-driving and Sparky's fashion choices had questionable outcomes. Let us not forget Poss's birdie he was settling in for the long haul.

**Hole 6: Trouble on the Green** Bunkers and long shots challenged many, but DD arrived on the green in too many strokes. Two were surplus to requirements, and he graciously accepted his envelope like a pro. Competitors raced onward to shelter.

**Hole 7: A Calm Before the Storm** Rain arrived—not biblical proportions, but enough to muddle players and inspire cart-driving antics reminiscent of "Home for the Bewildered." Muff, quiet and steady until now, bowed out gracefully after taking one hit too many for the team. The field pressed forward damp with 13 players advancing.

**Hole 8: Chatter and Chip-Offs** Wind debates occupied the players before tackling this tricky hole. Only half of the 12 remaining competitors tidied up in regulation, prompting a six-way chip-off. Craig S trusted JT's advice but overshot the green, exiting the competition while mumbling notes into his Corona bottle about taking advice ever again.

**Hole 9: The Easiest Par 4 Turns Tense** Though the easiest par 4 beckoned, pressure clouded the field. Cultsy's twisty turn chip off on the green led to him calling it a day and heading for the beer tent, leaving a reduced pack to soldier on to the back nine.

**Hole 10: Nett Scores Galore** From easiest to one of the hardest holes, resilience was tested. Tree trouble was a recurring theme, while net 5s stole the spotlight. A nail-biting chip-off saw

Poss edge out Marky M by just 20mm, Marky securing himself another Corona and a plumper wallet.

**Hole 11: A Day's Drama** True to reputation, Hole 11 delivered crowd-pleasing drama. Referees ruled on a chip-off that saw steady Parky advance by mere inches. Chris S exited to the tune of Toyota-fueled chants, pleased to have made it this far ...another fine effort by a newcomer.

**Hole 12: Lives running out.** The field headed down 12 most players keeping it to the narrow part of the course. Some classic hooks and a couple of fades see a bit of struggling at the greenside right, Parky who had gained another life from 11 found his nett 7 was not going to make the grade. He walked and as always a gentlemen in defeat.

**Hole 13: Nervous Moments and a Narrow Exit** Half the field faced chip-offs on the par 3, with DC3 battling nerves like it was his wedding day. Possum proved sharper, leaving DC3 to bow out as the crowd grew rowdier than ever. The referees where starting to be heckled and they discussed having people removed from the course that of course they thought better of it has they were heavily out numbered.

**Hole 14: Rulings and Mishaps** Billy Young found joy putting alone on the green, oblivious to Paul Willy's cart path ruling woes and Taff's errant tree struggles. Taff was lucky Sparky was there to assist he may never have found it.. Andy had to remind Billy it wasn't a one-man show and get to the sideline , Billy obliged with still 2 putts to go.

**Hole 15: The Final Five Face-Off** With five players left, a nasty lie added spice to the chip-off. Murray's solid chip landed within 10 feet, while Possum's shortcoming led him to retire happily with a cold beer and satisfying bit of pocket change. Billy at this stage had recovered his composure and was waiting on the tee.

**Hole 16: Melly's Magic Moment** Melly's miraculous hole-out stole the spotlight, earning him grins and glory as Billy and Murray worked hard to recover to outscore each other. Billy's day ended here with a nett 9, leaving Paul, Murray, and Melly to face the penultimate hole.

**Hole 17: The Pressure Ramps Up** Mel's 50-meter drive wowed, while Murray's high-up on 12 approach and Paul's left-sided arrival kept spectators engaged. Murray short for 2 and so did Mel Paul long back with putter in hand. After 3 strokes each to within 8 feet Murray gets his Paul his Mel slides by and a five is too much. Mel after a great day of golf earns a cold one.

**Hole 18: The Decisive Moment** It all came down to Murray and Paul. Murray's drive sailed an impressive 270 meters to the ladies' tee box on the 12th fairway, while Paul took a more cautious route along the fence line. Unfortunately, Paul found himself in a divot and had to play again, setting himself up for a third shot onto the green. Meanwhile, Murray's second shot soared over the pin, settling 13 feet past. Paul's putt fell 3 feet short, leaving him to putt again for a 5 nett 4.

Murray was stalking the hole looking for the line and he found it with a great birdie putt to end the day.

Great play by Murray.

A great day of entertainment with a good crowd and some good humour in the mix





























