



Summer Shoot-out report 8 April 2024

21 people qualified for the 19 shootout spots for the 2024 Summer Shootout which necessitated a chip-off to determine the qualifiers. However, with one withdrawal the previous day and a no-show by one young golfer who decided he was far too hung-over to compete, this meant that the chip-off was not required.

A very relieved Bryce (the snappy dresser) Bevan, who was one of the benefactors of the no show, had previously spent 20minutes pleading and begging with the Referee to DQ Jethro, strode purposefully to the first tee to join the other participants.

Once again, the day was very capably refereed by the enigmatic Dave Lockton, and he announced Wayne Green to the first tee as the top qualifier.

The anticipation was palpable. Who was going to go out on the first hole, otherwise known as “The Walk Of Shame”? The answer to this question is almost as eagerly anticipated as who will be the over-all winner.

After all the tee shots, Greg (second only to Bryce in dress stakes) Bundle, was odds on favourite to win this dubious accolade, as his tee shot narrowly passed the yellow markers (formally the Ladies tees). This would have been a remarkable achievement given he is a 4 time winner of the WOS.

After a magnificent tee shot Wayne Brierley's 2nd shot found the front bunker which cost him dearly. You'd think living near the beach he would be much better out of the sand. He was off to play the PM Haggles!!!

Being furthest from the pin and hole on the first green, Taff had to wait 10 minutes for others to putt out and he had a grumble and gripe. Apart from a couple of sniggers, this fell on deaf ears including the referee. No more was heard from the temperamental Welshman

Big David Campbell was next to go after carding a Nett 6 which appeared to be an extremely uneventful hole

Poss Hurley disappeared on the 3rd after recording a nett 5 along with Bryce B. Unfortunately, the little left hander's chip wasn't good enough to keep him going.

Hole 4 saw the exit of David (Taff) Morris with a nett 6. Our referee advises that this meant the end of the bleating courtesy of Taff losing the chip off with Matu, Peter Dagg, & Sparky Bryant.

David P bit the dust on hole 5 after carding a nett 8. The only hole thus far that resembled a blow-out. A couple of uncharacteristic duff shots.

Hole 6 saw a Graeme Culton pick up. Having worked hard to stay alive, Cultsey decided to pick up rather than record an 8 or 9.

Hole 7 saw the demise of Mike (Axel) Rose, failing to clear the bunker in a 4 way chip-off with Matu, Greg, & Bryce B. Remarkably, the only occasion in the day when the referee was called upon to make a ruling. Matu wanting a free drop as the 150mtr marker (immovable object) was interfering with his stance.

Hole 8 saw the end, finally, of Greg Bundle. With 5 players recording a nett 4, Bundle's luck finally ran out by his own sad admission.

Hole 9. Exit Bryce Bevan Nett 6. Short game deserted him going back and forth over the green. About now Sparky started chirping to the Referee that the fat envelope was his.

Hole 10 saw the end of Richie T's challenge for the accolades after posting a nett 6. Many were heard to comment that there were just one too many wayward drives from the Big Fella.

Hole 11 saw Ian (Muff) Diver lose a chip off with Logan Phillips, Sparky & Peter D

Logan Phillips was gone on hole 12 and unable to replicate his exploits from the Winter shootout. With his third shot landing on 16, and taking 3 more to reach the correct green, he was lucky to post a 7.

Hole 13 was a remarkable outcome, not just for the exit of Russell Dewey with a nett 4. The highlight here being Matu achieving a Hole in One. We understand that he is still negotiating with himself about receiving the prize sponsored by PGG Wrightson.

Matu was still mumbling about the sponsorship when he hacked his way around the 14th. From Hero to Zero, his tee shot buried deep in the right-side forest.

Hole 15 saw the exit Mal Coldicutt with a nett 7. It was a real blow out for Mal as he struggled to get out of the right side rough wide of the green.

Next to go was Mark Mora with a nett 8 on 16. Being the 1st OB of the day proved expensive for Mr Consistency.

Hole 17 saw the end of top qualifier, Wayne Green with a Nett 5. Not a bad score, but was undone by a birdie to Sparky.

AND NOW TO THE LAST HOLE: Peter Dagg and last year's runner-up, Mark (Sparky) Bryant marched confidently to the tee. Unfortunately for Peter he went out of bounds when it really mattered. He hit his 3rd shot onto No12 fairway.

Sparky's tee shot just cleared Martins Knob and his 2nd finished less than a metre from the pin setting up a 2nd consecutive birdie. Peter was left with little choice other than to concede the hole. Sparky missed his birdie but collected the fat envelope.

A good day was had by all.