

Travellers Rest Golf Group

Weekly Report

by
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I detected something very strange in the air over Thailand this week and I am not talking about the thunder and lightning and frequent downpours. I can't put my finger on it exactly, perhaps it was the highly charged air playing havoc with some people's brain cells, but it certainly had a devastating effect on some of our very seasoned golfers who must be having nightmares after some of the terrible golf they played this week. On the other hand almost without exception all of our competitions were won by guys shooting the lights out with some unbelievable scores so it didn't affect everybody in a bad way. A chosen few played golf they will remember for the rest of their lives while others played golf they will wish to forget for the rest of their lives, all very strange.

On Monday 19th October the TRGG got the golfing week underway with a visit over to Mountain Shadow. It would appear that a good number of the Aussies who invaded last week have returned to the land down satisfied with their pillaging exploits of Pattaya, which is perhaps a relief for most of us. Having said that, it was one of our regular Aussies who walked off with the first prize at Mountain Shadow. Ged Higgins who has been showing some good form of late took the place apart and returned with an amazing 42 pts. Some considerable way behind Ged came two guys who could only be separated after a count back. Jim Sykes just got the better of Billy Ostle after both finished with 37 pts.

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| 1. Ged Higgins (20) | 42 pts |
| 2. Jim Sykes (12) | 37 pts |
| 3. Billy Ostle (13) | 37 pts |

On Tuesday 20th October it was off once again to Phoenix (Mountain and Ocean courses). Their special deals offer finishes at the end of this month so the TRGG faithful were making their next to last visit to Phoenix for the time being. This is because few of us can afford to play this course again when they raise their prices in November, which is a shame.

In Division 1 the mighty Mike Rushant was at it once again. This phenomenon of a golfer who hardly ever puts a foot wrong galloped into an unassailable lead and walked off with the spoils. If it had been a horse race it would have been declared a walk over such was the gap between the leader and the also ran's. Leader of the also ran's was Joe Nagle who is no mug when it comes to wielding a golf club but he finished five shots behind our glorious leader. Also finishing on 33 pts and taking third place was the long lost Mod Chaviraksa looking as trim as ever. Good to see you again Mod.

In Division 2 there was an even bigger walk over with winner Mike O'Neill finishing on 40 pts six shots ahead of second placed Mint Siphardee. It took a count back before we discovered Mint had got the better of Aussie train driver John O'Donoghue. Just for once John got left at the station.

Div.1 (up to 14 handicap)

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| 1. Mike Rushant (11) | 38 pts |
| 2. Joe Nagle (14) | 33 pts |
| 3. Mod Chaviraksa (11) | 33 pts |

Div. 2 (15 and above)

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| 1. Mike O'Neill (24) | 40 pts |
| 2. Mint Siphardee (35) | 34 pts |
| 3. John O'Donoghue (17) | 34 pts |

On Thursday 22nd October Burapha (C and D courses) once again provided the challenge for the TRGG and once again large scores abounded. On a day beset by rainstorms it appears cosmic forces were at work in a big way.

In Division 1 Joe Nagle finished one better than on Tuesday and romped to the top of the leaderboard with an impressive 38 pts. German Odermatt took second place a point behind and Mike Rushant proving once again that size isn't everything finished in third place.

In Division 2 it would appear that Tom Kett got struck by lightning, how else can anybody explain him returning with 46 pts. He certainly couldn't explain it. When I tell you that the second placed Bill Allan finished a remarkable twelve (12) shots behind you may just understand what a spooky result it was. In third place Paul Kruining finished seventeen (17) shots behind the leader.

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| 1. Joe Nagle (14) | 38 pts |
| 2. German Odermatt (12) | 37 pts |
| 3. Mike Rushant (11) | 36 pts |

Div.2 (15 and above)

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| 1. Tom Kett (18) | 46 pts |
| 2. Billy Allan (15) | 34 pts |
| 3. Paul Kruining (25) | 29 pts |

On Friday 23rd October the golfing week drew to a close with a trip over to Eastern Star, a trip a good number of us wished we had never made, the scoring can only be described as carnage. On a tricky course at the best of times to say the air was highly charged would be an understatement, profanities were raining down from everywhere, what a debacle it truly was. The winning score by the inform golfer of the week was only 34 pts. Yes you are right it was that man Mike Rushant once again but even he struggled on the day. In second place was another good golfer Mike Sanders and even he could only muster 32 pts whilst Tom Kett docked four shots from his exploits the day before could hardly believe his 28 pts was good enough to take third place.

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| 1. Mike Rushant (11) | 34 pts |
| 2. Mike Sanders (6) | 32 pts |
| 3. Tom Kett (14) | 28 pts |

Good luck to all you golfers for the coming week and if you would like to play a round of golf with the TRGG please phone Derek Thorogood on (0806733118) or pop into the Ned Kelly Bar in Soi Lengkee and add your name to the weekly lists which are posted on the notice board.

Photo attached

1. Mike Rushant winner at Phoenix and Eastern Star.
2. Mike O'Neill winner at Phoenix.
3. Joe Nagle winner at Burapha.
4. Tom Kett winner at Burapha.