A full weekend of darts for the men at Melton this weekend with 11 teams playing off.

There were 2 teams from Melton, 2 from NSDL, 2 from Legends, 3 from SDL, 1 from MPDL and 1 from GDCSL – a good mix, with some new players as well as old adversaries!

As quite a few of the teams only had the minimum four players, the teams getting the “BYE” were asked to help move things along by chalking the Doubles so that both could be played together. This worked quite well, so well in fact, that the men were given the option of playing an extra round on the Saturday (7 rounds) or starting early on Sunday. They opted to play the extra round on Saturday,

Then, everything fell in a heap!! They were doing so well – a little over an hour per round with a short break between rounds until the start of round 6. Then the “good cheer” and convivial “spirits” took control!! Round 6 took over 90 minutes and the least said about round 7 the better. One player kept insisting that they go home and come in early on Sunday morning. Had me beat how he was going to get home, much less rise and shine for an early start!

Still – the Tournament Controller got a great deal of free entertainment from some of the antics in the 7th. round. (Better than a circus)

Sunday morning saw them bright eyed and bushy tailed (well – most of them!)

With 4 rounds to play and the 2 top teams having a “bye” that day, it was still anybody’s game!

And it did produce some surprises.

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At the end of the day, three Teams had 8 match wins and there was only 2 legs separating first and second and second and third!

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Silver Medalists: SDL #1. Ruau Kareroa, Pora Tereapii, Trevor Peea, Kau Mokoha and Toroa Papatua
8 match wins – 48 for/22 against.

3rd place: NSDL #2. 8 match wins – 46/24

4th. place: SDL #2. 7 match wins – 41/29

5th. place: Legends #1. 7 match wins – 37/33

6th. place: Legends #2. 5 match wins – 39/31

7th. place: GDCSL. 4 match wins – 33/37

8th. place: MDC Blue. 3 match wins – 25/45
9th place: MPDL. 2 match wins – 25/45

10th place: MDC Red: 2 match wins – 24/46

11th place: SDL #3: 1 match win - 22/48

180s
Grant Nunan and Trevor Peea each had 2
and John Cunningham, Ian McAlpine, Michael Francois, Ken Hodson, Pora Tereapii, Geoff Erskine, Cliff Offerman, Travis Richards, Alistair Meiselbach, Brian Pacey, Russell Strobel and Matt Johnson all had 1 apiece.
Young Matt Johnson (a Junior) stepped in at the last minute to fill a vacancy in one of the MDC Inc teams and has his first VDC 180. Well done Matt.

Thank you to the Bar and Kitchen staff who helped make this a great weekend.

And “well done” to Lee Dadic (my “apprentice”)

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