

## Golf

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On Monday 20 December 2010, the 23rd Ken Hall Classic was held at St Michael's Golf Club in a wind of which any barrister in full flight would have been justly proud. As arriving players leaned determinedly into the breeze to achieve the modest ambition of entering the clubhouse to enquire whether the event was really going ahead in such conditions, it was clearly not going to be a day for settlers, other than of the alcoholic variety. News that the field would be joined by St Mick's regular Monday morning clergy contingent, reassured the barristers and judges that the boss was not unhappy with the majesty of the law, but with a Sunday sermon which had obviously gone awry. As play commenced, Richard Cheney announced himself and Brendan Sullivan as firm favourites to rid themselves of the choking tag. Keith Mason and Bill Kearns knew better and laughing off the impossible conditions, secured a stylish and comfortable victory (albeit on a quadruple countback) with the firm favourites yet another hand wringing second. Rob Macfarlan won nearest the pin, almost JAA'ing his tee shot, as one



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would expect. David O'Dowd won his umpteenth long drive (with 5 wood he reckons), Richard Beasley the panache award for a 5 putt double bogey (pretty impressive if you do the maths) and Fred Curtis took advantage of Alec Leopold's absence to secure the Bradman. David Hammerschlagg's ears are apparently recuperating from wind damage. The range of potential defendants is unclear but cross claims between the organising committee and the judge's playing partners are not out of the question. As usual, the real winner was the law, there being no suggestion of any of the field tossing it in for a career in golf.