

Paddy's prattle 10<sup>th</sup> August 24

My, we have been very blessed with the weather over the past 4 or 5 weekends, another glorious Saturday saw a large group of golfers playing a stroke round for the 5<sup>th</sup> instalment of club champ qualifying. Mike Kelly led the way with a strong 88 playing off 20 to get a net 68. Two shots further back on 70 were the two Nick's, Ralston and Knight and then Dave Hewitt, Young Spud and George Brown all had 71's.

When the dust had settled the top 16 of each of our 4 grades were found, leading the way in seniors is Jeff Hewitt, in Intermediate we have Nathan Stephens, Junior A sees John Ramsay at the top and in Junior B Murray Wackrow leads the pack. We will look more into the Matchplay games, which kick off on Saturday week, next time. Other results from qualifying see Jeff Hewitt pick up the Patterson Trophy with the best two combined stroke rounds of 147 and Mike Kelly gets the Captains Trophy with the best combined nett of 136. Well done to all qualifiers.

This Saturday we have DCL round 3, another stroke round. Karl Snowball and Barry Jury lead this after two rounds, let's see if they can hold on, or can a dark horse jump out of the pack. Play well.

On Sunday we have three teams playing Pennants pushing for semifinals berths in the last round robin matches of the handicap grades. We already have our three scratch teams through, and with the semifinals being held at the Brandon we hope to have a full crew. In the Alex grade Shane and his boys are heading to Timaru and they play Tinwald. Now Tinwald sit in 4<sup>th</sup> place, one point ahead of our boys and the top four go through, so a strong win should see them progress. Good luck.

In the Patterson grade both teams are at Temuka the pups are also playing Tinwald. Captain Jimmy and most of the team are currently fostering cross Tasman relations over on the Gold Coast, so I am not sure what sort of shape the team will be in, but they do need a big win and hope other results go their way to make the semis. Who knows!

Finally, the Dogs of war are all on a strict regime of good diet and abstinence this week. They presently sit second in a very congested group with 2 points separating 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Only the top two teams go through, so it is all in their own hands. A big win should see them through. President Putin is going with the same team as last round except for Bruce, he has been replaced by Arkwright. Bruce seems to have dropped off the face of the earth since his loss in the last round, he wasn't at golf last Saturday and there is a rumour going around that he may have been knee capped or something like that. It just shows that old Putin takes the team performances very seriously. This week's team better take notice!

One for your diary, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August we are hosting the Foodstuffs Trophy against our great friends from over the bridge Tinwald GC. This is always a fun day. Individual stableford with everyone's scores added together and averaged out to see which club has bragging rights for the year. Lots of individual prizes up for grabs as well. This is Sunday week so please keep the day free and let's have a big crowd here to welcome the Tinwald boys and girls. That will do for now.

Good golfing.