

Ashburton Golf Club

A Beautiful day last Saturday saw a big field turn up to the Brandon and play for the Vision Insurance Xmas salvers. A late pull out by one of our sponsors left a hole in the day, but luckily for the club we have a couple of wonderful supporters in James MacFarlane and David Rush. These fine young chaps jumped in and filled the prize table up with Christmas cheer. Once again, many many thanks to the wonderful gang at Vision Insurance.

Taking full advantage of the day and taking out the Men's Xmas Salver was Rob McMillan who scored a wonderful 45 points just pipping Hamish Riach on 44. Taking out the prize for the Women's Xmas Salver was the lovely Bev Chinn on 39 points. Well played to everyone.

Running alongside the Xmas salvers was the Property Brokers Shootout qualifying. The first qualifying round saw 51 players put their hats in the ring, and this is sure to grow over the next few weeks with 5 more rounds to go. Don't forget it is only your best 2 rounds that count so it's worth a go. Top scorers Rob and Hamish are both unavailable for the final so that left the way open for the Flying dutchman Gaby Jansen to top the pile early on with 42 points. Though I have been reliably informed by the lovely Sadie that he does have a habit of peaking far too early. We will have to see if he can back it up with another score. In second place we have the shootout Queen Bev, and then a gaggle of guys on 38 points. You can all try again on Saturday. Quick question from a Jolly boy's trip to Coringa on Monday. What do you call it when you are hitting your 8th shot from behind the ladies tee block? Is it an "Octotwottie"? Now of course we will not name the poor fella who accomplished this wonderful feat, but it rhymes with Merry Punt. Playing the 18th, shank your drive into deep bushes, re-load and repeat twice more. Seven off the tee hits the same bushes but actually bounces out into the open, playing partners in fits of laughter on the floor as old Merry strides up and hits it on the run. Anyway, we marked down three par 4's and a 12. As always, great fun on the away days.

Talking about away days, we will be heading up to Weedons on Friday 27th December for our annual road trip. This has changed a bit this year, not the usual tournament, but the Weedons locals have promised to match numbers with however many we take up and have a Club hagggle. This has always been an absolutely wonderful day with many great stories. If anybody fancies coming along and joining in the fun, just give Paddy a shout, everyone is welcome. We will get you there and get you home, eventually! that will do for now. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford