

Ashburton Golf Club

A Beautiful sunny day welcomed a big field down at the Brandon on Saturday and a great fun format was played. Ben, Nick and all the gang had done a mountain of work through maintenance week and had the course ready to go. Pairs ambrose was a good call for the first game back as it gave every team two goes at every shot. The day was sponsored by Michelle Parkin and the great gang from Forsyth Barr Investment Advice. Michelle kindly came along and presented the beautiful prizes out to all our winners. We also played for the John Richards memorial trophy and it was lovely seeing many of John's family and friends come along and join us for a game, which made it a very special day indeed. Leading the way in the Ambrose was everyone's favourite South African and his dad, FC and Chrisjaan Senekal took out top prize with a gross 67 with 4 shots for a wonderful net 63, just pipping Chris Lovelock and Ram Clarke and then third place went to Laura MacFarlane and some fella who keeps hanging around with her. Well done to all our prize winners and thanks again to Michelle Parkin and also all of the Richards family for making it such a great day.

This Saturday we have one of Matts Segal Golf Pro shop days and it looks like he has pulled a great fun game out of the bag. This is going to be a pairs Stableford. You keep an individual card, then on holes 1 through 6 you play combined Stableford per hole, then holes 7 through 12 you multiply your points together per hole, so beware of blanks on your card, then on the final holes 13 through 18 you play best ball per hole. Dot golf is set up to work it all out so just turn up and join in the fun. Sort your own pair out or let Matt weave his magic. It should be a cracker of a day.

The Jolly Boys are back from Hoppy's tour. I have not heard any stories yet, but I am sure I should be able to prise some out for next week. I just know that Gaby's work on farming his handicap out prior to tour worked a treat and he managed to clean up yet again. I don't know how he can sleep straight at night!

Don't forget, a week on Saturday the 23rd we have the club closing day and presentation night, keep checking your emails and the website for details. That will do for now Good golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford