

Ashburton Golf Club

Another big field on a gorgeous sunny day down at the Brandon last Saturday and the scoring was as hot as the weather. Leading the way with a stunning 43 points was Rob Coyle he was 4 shots clear of the peloton, with 6 top golfers on 39 points, Will Blacklow, Gaby Jansen, Henry Lawrence, Kevin Smith, Toafa Mafiti and visiting guest Logan Tasker all had great games. We now have two rounds completed in the Property Brokers shootout qualifying and Ex champ Gaby can put his feet up or maybe chuck in a couple of farming rounds as he sits on top of the pile with 81 points and safely ensconced in the final. We have 3 players on 76 points Rob Coyle, Ryan Stoddart and Robbie Bell. 76 points is usually around the cut off to make the final, so they may need a couple more points just to be safe. We can all try again this Saturday as we still have 4 rounds to go. Over 60 players have entered so far and I am sure a few more will join in this week.

A story I forgot about last week, but was quickly reminded of by Perry, to try and deflect the spotlight from himself I presume. As we drove into the carpark last Saturday morning, we were passed in the opposite direction by everyone's favourite middle earther Paul Greer, we thought "where the hell is he off to in such a hurry?" maybe there is a ring to be delivered somewhere. Anyway, his playing partner informed us that when he got to golf and opened his car boot, he had his trundler and shoes but no clubs. Aw bless him, clubs are a bit of a non-negotiable when you go to golf. Now as I am sure you will be aware Pauly's clubs are not regular size, we have been known to use them as cocktail sticks when we run short in the club bar, and his golf bag is actually a pencil case, so borrowing anybody's is not really an option. He did however arrive back in time to tee off and informed me that, they were actually in his boot all along, but had accidentally fallen behind one of his shoes and he hadn't seen them. This is an easy mistake to make, especially with extra-large Hobbit golf shoes for those big hairy feet!

I'm not sure if I will get around to any reports over the Christmas/ New year break. Don't forget, if you are in town we will have organised golf on every Saturday for the Property Brokers Shootout. Keep your eyes and ears open for big news from the Harvey Norman Classic, entries will be opening soon and it is sure to fill up fast. Finally, wherever you are going and whatever you are doing I hope you and your families have an absolutely wonderful Christmas as well as a safe and prosperous New Year. Peace, love and good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford