

Ashburton Golf Club

Another big weekend just gone down at the Brandon, and lots more on the way.

On Saturday we played the Bermaline Trophy and Barnett Vase. These were both Par rounds, 1 for 18 and under and one for over 18 handicap. Winning the Barnett Vase with a superb +5 was Grant Hastie, closely followed by Matt Harvey +4 and John Power +3. In the Bermaline Trophy, Terry Molloy stood the tallest with +3, two shots clear of the chasing pack Barry Jury, Shaun Hope and Jason Overend. The story of the day from Saturday involves Ashburton's favourite refrigeration and electrical expert, who of course will remain nameless so as not to embarrass him. Anyway Davo was partnering Fritz and after 9 holes they found themselves 5 down, thinking that he might be an anchor around Fritz's neck Davo pulled the plug "injured". Their playing partners asked if they should just cancel the match, but Fritz with a new found sense of freedom agreed to carry on and managed to win on his own with a hole to spare. Now I'm sure there must be lesson to take from this, I'm just not sure what it is!

On Sunday we had the County Stroke, teams of 4 Ladies and 4 chaps came from Tinwald, Rakaia and Mayfield to join up with the Ashburton hosts, and what a glorious day we had. Leading the way in the individual scores were Maureen Kerr from Tinwald who shot a great nett 67 and Charlie Rapsey from Mayfield who snagged himself a 69. In the Ladies teams trophy Tinwald and Mayfield both had 293, after all the back nines were counted The Mayfield team of Jan Clucas, Helen Rapsey, Jacquie Murdoch and Alison Vessey took the spoils. In the Men's game it was a one horse race with the Mayfield boys of Gordon Duthie, Charlie Rapsey, Kevin Clucas and Wayne Vessey finishing eight shots clear, and it was no surprise that Mayfield did the clean sweep and picked up the Mayors Cup as well. Well done.

This Saturday we have the Hydraulink Brandon Open 36 holes of stroke with the Aorangi stroke Cups up for grabs as well. We may still have a few places left, for any late entries just give James or Paddy a call, phone numbers are on the website. We will have normal 18 hole golf as well this week, this will also be a stroke round off the Blue tees, fitting in around the Open players. Morning start for 18 hole players will be 8.00am and afternoon will be 11:45am. We will only be going off two tees in the afternoon to allow for a smoother flow. Enjoy the day.

A message from the Ladies, on Monday 7th October the course will be closed to casual golfers from 10am until 1pm for the playing of the Millenium Trophy between Aorangi and Canterbury.

Its sure to be a great day of golfing on Saturday, catch you around the course. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford