

Paddy's Prattle 22 October 2024

A beautiful spring day welcomed golfers to the Brandon last Saturday and the scoring was as hot as the weather. Leading the way in the best ball pairs net were Mike Kelly and John Power with a net 60. Mike shot a nett 64 himself and John just hung onto his coat tails and chipped in when he could. Top work. Michael Arnold and Simon Cabout came in second with a net 62, then we had a gaggle of gorgeous golfers on 63. Great shooting.

I am not sure what's going on at the moment but I seem to be in the groups where interesting things happen. Maybe players around me feel the pressure of trying not to bugged up and make it into the prattle and they end up doing just that. In our playing four this week, I got paired with a good partner so picked up the win and first drink very easily. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, good old Hat Curtain took a swing at his drive like the back of his shirt was on fire and he was trying to put it out with his club. He topped the ball 5 metres behind the ladies tee so another drink was in the bank. Then finally playing number 6, everyone's favourite South African, (that must be an oxymoron) hit a cracking drive to around 80 metres from the flag. Knifed his approach so much that if it hadn't have hit the trees behind the green it would have gone out of bounds over the first. Anyhow after hitting the tree the ball nestled in the roots. Fritz was setting up playing left handed, he took a few "practise" swings that looked suspiciously like attempts. Then with a shout of "this is the actual shot" he waved his wand with the grace of Harry Potter performing the cruciateous curse, bounced his club off the tree root missed the ball by six inches and hit himself in the shin. We all licked our lips with the thought of a gin heading our way. Anyway with all the free drinks lined up, I had to call Joanne to come in pick me up and drive me home. I wonder who wants to be in my four this week?

Last Sunday Aorangi held their Champion of champions trophy at the Pleasant Point club. Unfortunately champs Dave Morrison and Perry Hunt were unavailable, but subs Chrisjan Senekal and Shane Beaven went down and had a good crack but both fell short. In the intermediate grade our three time champ Chris Lovelock who I'm sure won't mind me saying has not had his best games in the last two tries at Champ of Champs. Well third time is a charm. Chris shot a very solid 84 off the Point Blue tees and picked up the title Aorangi Intermediate Champ of Champions. Well done Chris, great effort, congratulations from everyone at the Brandon.

This Saturday we are playing one of Matts Sega Golf Pro shop days, these are always great fun and innovative. Get yourself down to the club and support our great pro and pick up some good prizes. Everyone is welcome to pop along. Also on Monday we have the Labour Day Centennial Stableford Trophy, sounds like a fun long weekend, catch you around the course. Good golfing.