

PADDYS PRATTLE 3 AUG 2024

Another beautiful weekend welcomed the Brandon golfers. A frost delay on Saturday jammed up the field a bit, but members are getting used to the situation and are adapting well. We played a stroke game which was round two of the three round DCL Cup. Leading the way after her sojourn to the UK was Hilary Lovett, she shot a very good 77 off a 9 handicap for nett 68. Karl Snowball matched her in shooting 68, Barry Jury was a shot back on 69. Noel Sutton and Brian Fauth had 70's and then the Hopster had 71. Leading the way in the DCL with one round to go are Karl and Barry both on 137, Brian is sat third on 142 and then Alan White is on 144. It looks like the cup will go to one of these four players, but that is not played until Saturday week.

This Saturday we have our club champs final qualifying round with a stroke round off the blue tees. The grades have all been set, by now you should know where you sit in qualifying, so this week is to either get you into the top 16 or consolidate your place. Matchplay starts on the 24th of August and will go through to finals day on 21st September. Please remember if you are not available for the whole of the Matchplay games, please let Matt or James know to take you out of the draw. It looks like all four grades are going to be full with some unlucky players missing out. Good luck.

On Sunday the Ashburton club had a clean sweep in pennants, with every team claiming a win and putting themselves in semifinal contention. Jeff and A team had a good win against Methven featuring a welcome return of Owen Miller and a winning debut for Mitch Leath. Terry and the Bomb squad had a great win over Timaru with only one of the boys suffering defeat. No it wasn't Davo! How dare you think that; he had a very comfortable win over Stephen Hawking. Tommy and the C squad also had a great win over a strong Point team. At a glance it looks like the A team are safe in the Holmes semifinal and the B and C's are both in the Redpath semi's hopefully meeting in the final. Shane and the Alex team had a great win over Rakaia at Point which puts them right back into the mix. Then finally over the bridge in Tinwald, captain Jimmy was dropped, and Jordy made his dramatic return for the pups who had a close 10:8 win over Temuka and sit in third place of their division. The Dogs of war called in young Blair to bolster their team and again only one player had a loss, but a strong 14:4 win takes them to second in the league with one round to go. Needless to say ex-President Bruce Biden has danced his last Tango for the season. After a few months of gentle coaxing for him to step aside with dignity because a win is looking further and further away, Putin had to pull him aside and "have a word"!! Good luck with the bionic knee surgery Brucey, we will catch you at Kelly's soon.

That will do for now, good luck to everyone in champs qualifying. Good golfing