

Paddys Prattle 20 April 24

A beautiful Saturday saw a good field turn up to play pairs best ball for the Murray Webb trophy which is also the qualifier for the Matchplay Watson Cup. Top score of the day went to Matt Tait and Mitch Neutze with a net 61, two shots clear of dad and favourite lad Lindsay and Dylan Stoddart. A couple of pairs shot 64 Murray Wackrow and Ron Carlson along with Mark Hoare and Blair Snowball. Then we had quite a few on 65. When the dust had settled and everyone was checked over, quite a few pairs could not commit to the 4 weeks of Matchplay so I believe net 70 got you a place in the Watson cup draw. The Matchplay rounds start on Saturday week so we will have a good look at those games next week. Before afternoon golf last Saturday Dr Wackrow thought a few of our golfers had been looking a bit peaky recently, so he organised a quick reminder of what we all need to do if we see a medical emergency. Ashburton's leading paramedic/ golfer Alison Hewson gave us a great demonstration of CPR and how the AED works, and I'm sure everyone is now better prepared with skills that we hope they don't need to use anytime soon. Though after President Putin took over the mannequin chest pumping for a full minute, Alison and Murray were looking a bit concerned as his face turned the colour of a blood blister. Thanks again Alison and Murray.

From Pennants on Sunday, Jeff and the Ashburton top team had a couple of wins over Tommy and the 3rd team and then Timaru. Tommy and his gang followed up that loss with another tight loss to Gleniti. Terry with the 2nd team also had a close loss against Temuka. In the Patterson grade, at home, Jordy and the pups clung on by their fingertips to a 10:8 win over Gleniti, but the old dogs all had raw steak for breakfast and were not in a generous mood. The Geraldine visitors felt the full force and were sent home with a 17:1 beating. Finally, Shane and his Alex boys went down to Gleniti and had a tight 10:8 loss. Next pennants is on the 5th May and the old dogs may need a few ring ins as most of the Jolly boys are heading over to the Gold Coast for a "Golfing tour". Hopefully, they all still have squad places when they get back. Today (Thursday) we have our annual Anzac Day Battle of the sexes for the Baker Trophy this is an individual Stableford where all the ladies scores are added together and averaged as are the men's scores and the ladies then win the trophy. Which comes with special treats for ladies with partners playing as they also get dinner cooked for them that night, all the dishes done and breakfast in bed at the weekend. Isn't that right Nurse Gladys? Start time for this is a 12 noon meet for 12:30 kick off. Then on Saturday we are playing a foursome's game for the AM Bruce Cup, normal start times. See you round the course. Good golfing.