

Paddy's Prattle 27th April

Around 40 players turned up for the Anzac Day battle of the sexes playing for the Baker Trophy. The fellas led the way in the individual scoring. Gary Stratford and Chris Ralston were first and second with 37 points and 36 points respectively. Vicki Moore was top lady on 35 and then Paul Greer and Matt Tait had 34. All in all there was only one lady in the top seven so it did seem like a forgone conclusion when it came to averaging out the scores to see if it was Ladies or Gents raising the trophy. It does seem at the moment that we have some really strong uncompromising ladies at the club, which is wonderful in this day and age and it needs to be encouraged, but this seems to have had a bit of an adverse effect on the chaps who seem to be going soft. Captain James wasn't available, because his new wife the lovely Laura "insisted" that he went on honeymoon with her, bit of a weak excuse if you ask me. Any how, we still had past captain Tommy and ex-Presidents Bruce and Murray there to make sure the calculations were done right, but the ladies tied them in knots. When the sums had been done it seems like the ladies snuck home by half a shot. Well done girls!

On Saturday, we had the AM Bruce cup for mixed foursomes winners were Marilyn and Peter Walker with a net 73.5. Peter followed this up with a superb 67 off the stick at Methven in Penney pennants on Monday, a round that included three 2's. Top work. The best of the mens pairs went to Matt Tait and Mitch Neutze for the second week in a row with 69.5. well done to everyone.

This Saturday we have the Watson cup kicking off with some big games in store. I have picked three games out. Kevin Smith and Barry Jury play against Charlie Alexander and Noel Sutton this will be a stonker. Shane Beaven and Gordy Crawford always play well in pairs, but they will have their hands full against Robbie Bell and Ross Chats, and then a couple of dad and lad pairs play each other with Ian and Karl Snowball taking on the Hewitt boys Dave and Jeff. Good luck to all the players. Saturday is also our Eagles day with raffle tickets for sale as well as a free one along with entry fee. Please dig deep as all profits from the eagles goes to the Halberg trust which funds sporting for the disabled as well as junior sports. Finally on Sunday we have a few pennants games around the district, hopefully we can put out good strong teams with eight of Ashburtons finest heading over to the Gold Coast for a tour. Stories and reports next week. Good golfing.