

Paddy's Prattle 1 March 2022

Club champs qualifying first round was held last Saturday. Stroke round off the Blue tees. The course was playing long, the greens were fast and you could have discovered lost tribes in the deep rough. Throw in a howling southerly storm in the afternoon, what more do you need. Could any mere mortal shoot anywhere near there handicap? Well 3 players shot bang on it Tonee Hurley, Oliver Davo and Josh Coyle with net 72's. Jen Sheppard and Noel Sutton did even better with 71's. Dave Morrison had a great round of 73 gross for net 70, but top of the pile for the first time in 2 years with a net 67 was a Bald Yorkshireman. Maybe because the week was sponsored by Harveys Bakehouse, I had been sampling some treats and with the extra poundage it kept me well anchored through the wind, or the fact that my handicap had ballooned out to 19 with the bad hip and now that I'm fully fit again, it's time to make hay. Anyway it was great to get back in the prizes. I'm sure it was just a flash in the pan and normal service will soon be resumed.

This week Matt is holding one of his popular pro shop days and the whole week is sponsored by Sega Golf. Check out his poster on the website, you can choose your tees red/yellow, white or blue, but no drivers allowed. Come along and support our wonderful pro and enjoy a great day.

Coming up at the end of the month our great friends from Tinwald are holding their 3500. This is a wonderful two day tournament, very well run, and the Ashburton members are always made very welcome, as long as we don't win anything! The Tinwald gang brought a good number over the bridge to our Classic so its payback time. Get your entries in soon because it will fill up.

Pennants are on the horizon, we have put quite a few teams in the grades. Jeff Hewitt and Robbie will be captaining teams in the Holmes/ Hayes scratch league, Davo will take on the Redpath team. The young pups had a mutiny and threw captain Tom overboard and First mate Dylan takes over. The old dogs welcome back Paddy, their much loved leader, and Shane will control the Alex team. The old man Penney teams will be organised by Old Spud and Dave Fisher. If you fancy a game of pennants just catch up with one of the captains and make yourself known.

That will do for now Good golfing.