

Paddy's Prattle 13 April 2021

The weather ended up being quite nice last Saturday and a big field took to the Brandon course for the second qualifying round in the club champs. With the rain early on, many of our usual morning players took the punt to play afternoon golf. It was lovely to see these shy and retiring golfers, that we had heard a lot about, but never actually played alongside. It turns out that they are quite nice, and a few of them are very good at buying beer.

The top score of the day though was from a player who stuck to his guns and battled through the early rain and posted a very good net 67. Well done Jamie Stone, great score. Just behind Jamie on 68 were Neil Macdonald and Tim Newton and then one more shot back we had Tom Blacklow.

Last Saturday's round was also the first round of this year's RMF Silva cup. This will be in its 6th year now I believe. It is a wonderful competition that everyone is automatically entered in. You just get points for turning up and playing on a Saturday. Obviously the better you play, the more points you get.

We have 18 rounds this year right through the winter, ending with the final in November where the winner will pick up a club sub for next year thanks to the great gang at RMF Silva. For more information on this competition and dates of rounds, take a look on the website.

This Saturday we have a stableford round off the white tees, this will also be an RMF Silva counter, so we hope to get another big field.

On Sunday we have pennants on the go again. Shane and the boys kick off in the Alexander grade with a game against Mayfield at Tinwald. Great things are expected of these boys this year. A bit like the Warriors in the NRL, a great team on paper, they always set their expectations very low, and still fail to achieve them.

In the Patterson grade, after 2 good opening wins, players have been coming out of the woodwork trying to get a game. In the top team captain Paddy has stood down and form player Tim did not make the cut. First mate Gaby will now lead the boys and as they are playing Geraldine at their own course, two aggressive big hitters, Vincey and Fecho have been drafted in.

Ashburton reserves are playing Tinwald, I have not heard how Tom is going, piecing a team together, hopefully the boys are all allowed out to play and haven't been grounded as nothing short of a convincing win will be tolerated. Results and stories next week. Till then good golfing