

Paddy's Prattle 14 November

Young Charlie seems to be enjoying the course of late. In a wonderful vein of form, he has picked up the Bermaline Cup with a superb 7up, in doing so cemented his place on top of the RMF cup table. The Barnett Vase for junior golfers was a tie on 5up between Greg Fleming and Robert Pawsey. Well done to all players, 2up was required to get in the prizes, so there must have been some great scores.

Charlie has turned the RMF Cup on its head now and it really is his to lose. The re allocation of points was supposed to keep all the top 20 finalists in with a mathematical chance of victory but with a 3rd place and a 1st in the last 2 weeks for Charlie, only the top 12 are in with a chance and the other 8 are playing for the minor prizes, which are still not to be sniffed at. The Final is the Sante Maria trophy on Saturday week, so I will do all the calculations of who needs to do what for the next issue.

This Saturday we have the Show weekend Sutherland Cup which is a pairs combined stableford game. It is a mixed day and any type of pairing is allowed. So either get your pair picked or just pop down on your own and Matt will do a bit of match making.

One little thing that I have heard a few comments on recently is the old enemy of many golfers "slow play". Now nobody expects players to run round the course, we all enjoy a beautiful stroll in our glorious back garden. However it can be galling when you see someone wasting time and you are waiting to play. So just a reminder, after you finish the hole move to the next tee and whoever's honour it is start teeing off, you can fill in your card after you have played the tee shot. If you see a gap appearing from the group in front and a group are pushing behind either make a concerted effort to close the gap or wave the group through. It is all about the etiquette to make it an enjoyable round of golf for everyone.

Quick note on the "Jolly Boys" northern adventure. Nobody was hospitalised or imprisoned so we can call it a successful tour. Perry slipped from top spot to 4th in the final 2 days - he was never happy with the favourites tag! Brucey had a strong tour picking up 3rd. The Yorkshire pudding overcame a nightmare day at the North Shore club, putting in a strong finish to take 2nd, but Gaby was the form player all week and rightfully picked up the Champions Trophy. Solid as a rock great golfer and a very accommodating roommate!! We had a wonderful tour, expertly run by the Hopster.

Last note: we are still a few trophies light and we really need to get them to the engravers, if you won one last year please bring it back in this weekend.

Good golfing