

## **Paddy's Prattle 16 January 2019**

There was a big field down at the Brandon last Saturday lots of players pushing for a great round to either consolidate their place or elbow their way in, to the Property Brokers Shootout Final. Thanks to the great prize of a club sub, from the sponsorship provided by Hamish and the gang, this has now become one of the major tournaments of the Ashburton calendar - always well followed and eagerly participated in.

The big mover of the round was good old Brucey who jumped from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> with a massive 43 points. Now here is the conundrum as he was already safe in the final in 4<sup>th</sup> place should he have shot a stinking round like the Dutchman to push his handicap out for the final or shoot the lights out, lose 2 shots and any chance of winning the prize. It's a tricky one, but good old "Honest Bruce" is always a gent of the course and won't mind falling at the first fence next week.

Now we have the final 19, so well done, in reverse order, Bev, Brendon, Wendy, Dave, Eric, Tom, Sean, Bill, Hamish, Terry, Lucas, Tufuga, Gordon, Paddy, Greig, Richard, Ray, Bruce and top qualifier Gaby.

Gaby also picked up the Summer Stableford series with the best combined three scores over six round with 123 points.

Some "sarcastic wag" has penned a form guide for the finalists. I believe this is on the website in the Draws section, and there are also some hard copies in the club house.

This Saturday we have club opening day with mixed pairs playing for the AC Browne cup and men's pairs for the Smith Salver - normal start times. After the game we will have an auction for the Shootout finalists. Come on down - by the look of the runners I think there could be a few cheap ones on offer.

Finally the starting on Saturday will be from the old starters box not the Pro shop. The reason for the shop being closed is that our wonderful professional Matt is at long last marrying his long suffering fiancé Amy. Hope you both have a super day and the best wishes of the entire Ashburton Golf Club go with you.

Until next time  
Good golfing