

## **Paddy's Prattle 17 November**

A beautiful summers day saw a good crowd take to the Brandon on Saturday, plenty of growth around after the maintenance week shows that Ben and the boys have really got the course ticking along. Well done to everyone involved.

We played for the AM Sutherland trophy which is a combined stableford pairs, and the tough conditions showed in the scoring. Top pair for the day were Blair Franklin and Paul Warren with 71 points, a single point ahead of the wonderful mum and daughter dynamic duo of Bev and Wendy. The mixed days are always great fun, its about time we got a lot more.

Attention turns to the Sante Marie trophy this week and the Final of the RMF Silva Cup. The Sante Marie is an individual stroke round and is always a well sought after trophy. The RMF Silva top 20 has been sorted, and we will be looking at these players scores in great detail.

Steve McCloy sits top of the pile on 41 points, so, of course, a top score on the day will see him pick up the cup, but with an extra 8 bonus points on offer to the top score along with the 15 points for winning, means that any of the top five will get the prize with an outright top score. The top 5 consists of Steve, Gav Douglas, Murray Wackrow, Chris Lovelock and Noel Sutton. Of course if these boys fail to fire, then anyone of the top 18 can win with an outright top score and other scores falling their way. Remember the last 2 years, where Tom and Sam have swooped in from outside the top 10 to snatch the top prize in the final.

We would love to top 20 players to play together in the afternoon, if possible, to add a bit of spice to the day, but we understand that some are unable. If you can play afternoon then please do, but if you cannot, then we do ask that you keep your score to yourself when you finish, so as not to un duly effect the afternoon golfers. Many thanks again to our great friends at RMF Silva, this is always a great cup to win, and has had over 110 players scoring points in it this season.

Coming up on the calendar on the 28<sup>th</sup> we have the Closing day Smallbone trophy and Presentation Night, get your tickets from the club, this is always a great night.

We wish all our Aorangi Rep players well, as they venture out to their National inter provincial tournaments. We know they will do us proud, on and off the course. Whilst the Inter provincials are top of mind, it is only a year away from our hosting of the 2021 Men's nationals, so it must be time to get some volunteer teams together to make this a great success. Please keep your eyes peeled over the next couple of weeks as Paddy will be calling a meeting for all interested parties and he will be doing a fair bit of shoulder tapping to get a great crew together.

See you around the course, good golfing