

Paddy's Prattle 18 August 2020

A big day, after the heavy frost last Saturday, saw a tight finish to the Brandon Cup. Steve McCloy set the benchmark playing early. He shot a very handsome 41 points to go alongside the 36 he shot last week, for a combined 77. Mike Holmes matched his 36 last week then also matched his 41 on Saturday and managed to snaffle the trophy on countback. Well done Dr Mike. Top score of the day was a superb 43 points by Nick Knight. Bill Hetrick managed to shoot his age again for the umpteenth time. The man is certainly a Brandon legend.

Though Steve Mc didn't manage to get the trophy, he still jumped to top spot in the RMF Silva cup standings with 23 points closely followed by Dr Mike, Sean and Jordy.

Sunday pennants was another great fun day at Methven, though the scores did not fall too well for the Brandon teams. Hamish led the bullets to a good win over the hosts, but not by enough points to snag a finals berth, and with Hoppy away, his bulldogs floundered to a loss against the Top guns. The scratch final will now be an all Tinwald affair with the Topguns taking on the Turbos. In the low handicap section Jordy found his captains legs and steered his Battlers to a good win, but his celebratory lemonade shandy must have been a wee bit too strong as he was refused service at a local establishment for looking a bit tipsy in his eyes. All the other players eyes were blurred as well. With tears, at the look on Jordy's face. Should have had more raspberry with your coke, wee man.

In Paddy and Bruce's absence, Gaby led the Bangers to a solid 16:1 loss against the Mayfield masters, which is actually an improvement from the last game, and Shanes Bravehearts finished the round robin with a 5 from 5 ratio, well done boys.

At Mayfield in the ladies games, both our Birdies and Belles suffered defeats and failed to make the final. So across all the grades the Brandon teams have not made any final, for shame! I think a rigorous pre season training regime will need to be undertaken next year.

One more little tip. When you are putting your gear into a friends car for a golf trip. Please make sure that you have packed everything. As playing in the frost at Methven in your carpet slippers is not ideal. Is it Spud?

This Saturday we have club champs final qualifying round with a stroke round off the blue tees. The grades have been posted and handicaps set, so you will know what you need to do to get yourself a spot in the matchplay games, which start in a fortnight. If you are unavailable for the knock out games then please let Matt or Terry know.

See you around. Good golfing