

Paddy's Prattle 25/1/22

A massive field of over 100 turned up last Saturday for the 2021 Club Opening Day. The day was opened by our wonderful patron and life member Bill Hetrick who gave a great speech about growing the club. In a change to previous years, we played a two ball ambrose which looked like great fun.

After all the sledging, finger pointing and giggling stopped, we had two strong pairs on top of the pile. Winning the mixed pairs and picking up the AC Browne Cup were club legends Pauline and Robbie Bell with a superb 62.75 and taking out the Smith Salver for men's pairs were club pups Mitch Stoddart and Phil Hurley with a very good 61.75. Other good finishers in the mixed were Nurse Gladys and Arkright McGregor. The Hopsters, and Tonee Hurley forming a strong pairing with Davey Hampton. In the men's we had Owen Miller and Jeff Hewitt having to give the course a handful of shots, Craig Bain and Terry K both just trying to out hit each other, then Richard Mc and Paul Greer, that must have been a joy for their playing partners getting double teamed in a chatter hurricane.

Other big news of the day was an Ace to Terry Molloy on hole 14, his first in quite a few years of playing, well done Terry. The whole day was kindly sponsored by Vision Insurance, many thanks to Mr Rush and young Jim.

This week we kick into the Property Brokers weekend. On Saturday we have Men's opening day playing a best ball for the Jim MacKenzie Trophy. After results around 4:30 we will have the auction to sell the runners in the shoot out final. A very in depth and well researched form guide is knocking around in the club and on the website. Have a read, pick your favourite and bring your money.

Then on Sunday morning at 10am the Property Brokers Great race gets underway. Come on down and join the fun, we will have a well stocked refreshments cart following the game. You can cry with the first faller, sympathise with the bad luck of anyone else who goes out early and celebrate with Bruce after the game. It is always a wonderful day. Thanks to the Property Brokers gang.

Be aware, that the match committee and board are working very hard to put a plan in place to keep the Harvey Norman Classic going ahead. It might well mean a few changes, but we will endeavour to still put on a great tourney if at all possible. Keep checking emails and website for ongoing Red light protocols.

Good golfing