

Paddy's Prattle 27 May 2020

I thought it was about time I put pen to paper again, or at least fingers to keyboard, ok, finger to keyboard. It was wonderful to get back playing again after a 7 week or so hiatus, and it really is amazing how all your bad shots seem to have superb muscle memory and just come flowing back so effortlessly. The banter is as fresh as ever, the boys seem to have been reading a thesaurus during the lockdown as they all seem to have learnt new swear words and sledges. Social distancing never seems to be a problem, most fours only meet on the tee and green. Oh how we missed our wonderful back garden.

The match committee met last week and put together a revised diary to get us back on track as quickly as possible. This is now on the website, and we will try to keep everyone updated on a weekly basis.

This weekend we have two mixed days. On Saturday we have the Keig Cup and Coasters Trophy, both are greensome games with the Keig for family pairings and the Coasters for any old pair.

Then on Queens birthday Monday we have the White trophy mixed pairs foursome, which this year is a one off event, not a matchplay tournament.. We would love to see as many players as possible on both days, come on down and join the fun. As in the last few weeks you will still have to book your tee time online. If you are having trouble doing this or you are not sure how, just give Matt or Dee a shout and they will do it for you.

With the Aorangi pennants being cancelled for the season, the five Mid Canty clubs got together this week to sort out a mini competition between the clubs. This was a combined focus with the main drive being, getting players back on courses and into club rooms and generate some friendly socialising and create some income for each club. To this end Men's Sunday pennants will re start with 120 players split onto 2 courses on 7th June. Sixty fellas will go to Tinwald and play the higher handicap grade a combined Alex and Moyes league, then another sixty go to Methven playing a non handicap grade and a low handicap grade, based on the Holmes/ Hayes and Patterson pennants. Details on Monday, penney pennants and Ladies should be following shortly. Check with your club reps.

It really will be a busy time around the districts clubs. Please get out whenever you can and support them. Lastly, all clubs in the area have been greatly aided by wonderful local sponsors over many years. Well my friends – it's pay back time. We all know which businesses support our clubs and many of them may be struggling in the current environment. So whether its having a beer and a meal, getting insurance, buying a fridge or buying a house - check your local sponsors and give them a go first. Thank you and good golfing