

Paddy's Prattle 5 January 2021

Happy new year to everyone.

Life at the Brandon has been a bit slow over the holiday period. With a few players holidaying away and 2 below par weather days, it seems that just about everyone is still in with a shout of qualifying for the **Property Brokers** Shootout Final. The results so far, are on your Golf NZ website (where you find your handicap) under "Competitions". I will make sure that a full list is on show at the club for Saturday, so you can see where you sit before teeing off. Bev Chinn still sits top of the pile with 80 points and is surely through to another final. Blair Snowball and Grant Smith both have 78 points and look safe and big boomer Craig Bain has 77 which should just do him. At the moment Mr Property Brokers himself Hamish Niles is in 18th place with 73 points, but, as I believe that he is unavailable this Saturday, he will more than likely slip out of contention. Presently 71 points gets into the top 19, but with many players sat outside with one good score, this Saturday will be a big moving day. Best thing to do is pop along and score yourself a steady 42 points then relax. After the Top 19 are sorted, some wag will knock up a racing form, we will have an auction, maybe after Opening day golf, then the Property Brokers 2021 Shootout Final will be held on Sunday 24th Jan. This is always great fun.

Other news, we are now taking entries for two Major tournaments. Firstly, the **Hydraulink** Brandon Open, 36 holes of Stroke play, on Saturday 30th Jan. This is open to all affiliated club members. Gross prizes and Nett prizes in grades. The course will be set up tough, it will be a great test of your skills.

Secondly, we have the world famous **Harvey Norman Classic** coming around quickly. This is being played on the weekend 13th and 14th of Feb. Now this has been full the last couple of years with over 200 players, so you need to get your entries in early, or you may not get your preferred tee off time. Great format, great prizes, great fun. Entry forms to both tournaments are on the website, or just give the club a call.

As I am writing this my mind wanders back to last year, and some of the economic turmoil that we have gone through, so again I must put out a massive thanks to all our valuable sponsors. We see the three coming up in the next 6 weeks **Property Brokers, Hydraulink, and Harvey Norman**, but we have many, many more who sponsor games, give nearest pin prizes and purchase signage. Please keep your eyes and ears open when at the club, and if you visit these companies, just mention you are from the golf club and thank them for their on-going help. Show them that sponsorship is a two way street.

May your 2021 be filled with Joy, love and straight drives. Good golfing.