

## Paddy's Prattle

Well, we have all taken a well deserved breath after the Harvey Norman Classic weekend and what a weekend it was. Young guns Tom Blacklow and James MacFarlane held their nerve, with two stunning rounds to just pip Cheryl Yates and Tufuga Sa by half a point and pick up the major prize. Cheryl and Tuffy did win the mixed pair section though. Sharon Bradford partnered Rhonda Gallagher to the ladies title and Charlie Alexander carried Brian Nuttall over the line to secure the men's.

The weather, mostly, behaved itself, but there was much biting of nails and gnashing of teeth at the start of the week looking at the forecast. All fears proved to be nought as yet again Ben, Tim and Dave provided us with an absolutely magnificent course, and over 200 golfers had wonderful experience. Can't wait for next year to do it all again, Well done to everyone involved.

On the tournament theme - there are many great tournaments around the district and I would urge all Brandon members to get out there and try them out. A few of us are heading down to Fairlie next weekend to play in their "500". 72 holes of stroke over two days - a great test of mental and physical fortitude, especially after a big Saturday night. Then at the end of the month on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Tinwald will be holding their "3500" - always a great tournament, well organised and brilliantly run by enthusiastic and lovely people. Give them a shout and get your name down to support our fellow golf clubs.

As of writing this, 6 Brandon legends will be heading down to Levels on Wednesday to play for the Bristol Cup. Players from all the Aorangi clubs play pairs alternate shot in the morning then individual stroke in the afternoon, with all scores counting to your final total. Now looking at the team expertly selected by Bruce, I would be very surprised, if you could not put your paper down now on Thursday morning, run out to the golf club and see the Cup sitting pride of place in the cabinet. In fact I am that confident, I would stake Bruce's reputation on it. The team may have one slight weak link, but come on I must be due sometime soon.

Well done to Jeff Williamson with an awesome net 62 last Saturday in club champs qualifying and Jeff Hewitt with a magnificent gross 68 - good markers laid down early.

After course maintenance week we have a fun teams ambrose this Saturday, normal start times, come on down join in the fun, and stare in awe at the Bristol Cup. Yeah right!! Good golfing