

## **Paddy's Prattle 5 October 2021**

We had a rest week in club champs, but the course was still humming at the weekend. On Saturday we had round 1 of the 3 round DCL Cup. Top score was Murray Moorhead with an 84 playing off 16 for a superb nett 68. Al Jopson was second with 69 then Dave Hampton, Grant Hastie, Greg Fleming and Hayden McMillan were all a further shot back. Top scoring, well done.

On Sunday we had the County Stroke where our friends and neighbours from the other 4 Mid Canterbury courses pop along to the Brandon and usually shoot the lights out. I do not have the full list of results but do have a few. I see that Ashburton's own, the lovely Bev Chinn picked up the top lady and Mayfield's Mr Consistent, Gordon Duthie took out the men's. When the dust had settled the Mayfield team stood proud on top of the pile with the Mayors trophy held high. Well done, and I hope you all enjoyed the course.

This Saturday we are back in club champs' mode with all the champs and plate semi-finals taking place. We will dissect the results and look at the finalists next week.

We had a good meeting around the interprovincials last week and everything seems to be tracking along nicely, but one thing to come out of the meeting is the lack of course maintenance by players. We have an absolutely beautiful course because of a brilliant crew of greens staff and committee, so it breaks my heart to see unfilled divots and unrepaired pitch marks on the course. It is not hard to do, if you take a divot, **replace it or fill it from your sand bucket.**

If you make a pitch mark, repair it straight away. Rule of thumb, repair your own and one more. The sooner they are repaired the quicker they will recover. Finally, if you are having a practise round then you are only allowed to play two balls. There have been instances where 4 or 5 balls have been hit from the same place, all taking divots. Please take care of the course, if we all do our part then Ben and his crew can better use their time not having to do remedial work.

Many thanks. Good golfing.