

## **Paddy's Prattle 7 December 2021**

Well, what an amazing week we just had, the golf club was buzzing and I do not think it could have gone any better. Well perhaps with a home team victory.

The weather was perfect for golf every day. The course was in its "best ever" condition. Golf NZ and the players could not speak any higher about it. Our volunteers performed with superhuman abilities, well above and beyond what was expected.

The talk from Golf NZ beforehand was this was going to be the last visit to a "rural" setting, but I seriously believe they will have to re-assess after the tournament that was put on.

I will attempt to do a few thank you's, there are so many, so please do not think badly if I miss some. Firstly Ben, Josh, Dave, Neil and all their helpers for putting out such a beautiful course. Gaby and Brent for their work with the scoreboards, Robbie, Peter and Rosco for their sterling efforts on the driving range. Kevin, Bunge and Barry on trundler and club storage. Buck and his army of scorers, Marilyn and Paul for keeping everyone fed, Sonia for keeping them watered. All of the ball spotters. Karen and Hamish for the very useful welcome packs that were well received. Jacquie for her great work around the cocktail evening that, sadly, had to be cancelled due to restrictions. Then finally Mr perpetual motion Bruce Day. I don't think Bruce sat down at all last week, arriving at 6:30 every morning and usually the last to leave. Thank you one and all, you did yourselves, your golf club and your town, proud.

Back to club golf this Saturday, we have the Radius Care Xmas Salvors a mixed day stableford round, playing for prizes of Christmas cheer, thanks to our great friends at Radius Care. Play will be followed by a BBQ and presentation of trophies that was rained off a couple of weeks ago.

Saturday is also the first qualifying round of the most followed competition that the club run. Yes, it is Property Brokers shootout time again. Pay an extra \$10 on Saturday and put your cap into the ring. We will be having 4 or 5 rounds over the holiday period and your best 2 scores will give you a chance of making the shootout final. More details next week.

AGM Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. You may think the club is running well and nothing needs to change, but please come along, listen to future plans, thank board members and captains moving on and welcome new ones. It is your club, please make an effort to be there.

Many thanks and good golfing.