

Paddy's Prattle 7 July

When this writer decides to play morning golf and the conditions are better in the afternoon for the first time ever you know you should have stayed in bed. However, another great field took to the course to play a stroke round off the blue tees for the third qualifying round of club champs. Story of the day was the second hole in one inside a fortnight. Well done to Chris Ralston, the hunky fireman was too hot to handle on number 8 with a wonderful ace. Chris also knows how to celebrate, after playing in the morning and drinking with the afternoon players before they teed off, he was still in the clubrooms with playing partner Steve McCloy, waiting for them when they finished. Top effort!

Best scores of the day were net 69's to Ryan Stoddart and Daniel Snowball, very good scores off the back tees.

This Saturday we turn to the major pairs trophy with qualifying for the Watson Cup. We will be playing a best ball stroke with the top score picking up the Murray Webb trophy and top seed. The top eight pairs then go into the Watson Cup with the next eight going into the Newton trophy. We will then have matchplay over the following three weeks to find the champs. Who will reign supreme?

The Stoddart boys will start as strong favourites to defend their title. Could it be Lefty and Ken's year? Yeah right! Jason and Brent may well fancy the big prize after picking up the Newton last year. The big news though is after many years of disappointment Gaby has thrown Perry on the scrap heap and taken on Mr Reliable Bruce Day as his partner. While at first glance this may look like a great pairing, to me it just looks a tad vanilla. Two very steady golfers who won't give many holes away, but where is the bravado and passion to scoop the big prize. Who said boring? Get down on Saturday, sort out your own pairs or let Matt do a bit of match making, he has got a knack of putting good pairs together.

Last Sunday we had Pennants, the less said the better. The shining light was Mary Lou and her Birdies picking up a win. Hamish and his Bullets snaffled a walkover and that was about it.

The Jolly boys are having a trip to Pegasus on Wednesday this week. Old spud has arranged it and hopefully the weather behaves and more importantly I hope the boys behave.

Our big 125 years jubilee coming up on the 19th and Quiz on the 31st check website for details, come along and join the fun.

Till next time Good golfing