

Paddy's Prattle 8 June 2021

By all accounts the course has pulled up very well after the recent deluge, thanks again to Ben and all the gang. I have said it many times before, but we are truly blessed to have such a passionate greens team and it certainly shows out on the course. Well done one and all.

On that, we can all help keeping the course in great condition. Carry a bucket of sand to fill in divots and repair any pitch marks on the greens. Even if you did not make them, if you see one, please repair it. The sooner it is repaired the quicker it will recover.

On the playing front: Jamie Stone led the way in the Champs round 3 qualifier with a superb net 70. Great score off the back tees on a chilly day. Runner up was Ken Clucas with 71 and Josh Coyle rounded out the top three with 72. The final of the Newton trophy was completed alongside the stroke round, and with Ken getting second in the stroke it is no wonder that he and Lefty May were victorious over Steve McCloy and Stephen Lee. Lefty was telling everyone who would listen, and anybody else who was not listening, that he single handedly prised the trophy out of their opponents' hands, and that Ken was only there to mark the card. Oh well, hopefully next year this will catapult them to winning a proper trophy.

I am told that the delayed final of the Watson cup will be finished off on Friday.

Next Saturday we have qualifying for the Presidents Trophy. This is a stroke round off the white tees, with the top 16 getting themselves into matchplay for the next 4 weeks. Get yourselves down give it a go, but if you cannot make all the matchplay dates, please let Matt know so he does not put you in the draw.

We have the inter provincial meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 5.30pm. We have a few jobs that we need to get names for. Please come along and offer your services or just have listen to what is going on. It is going to be a great event for the Golf club, for Ashburton town and Aorangi district, come and be a part of it.

See you around the course. Good golfing.