

### **Paddy's Prattle 1 July 2020**

The grey clouds did not dampen the golfers spirits last Saturday, a big field still turned up and luckily the rain held off. Two big finals were played in the Presidents Trophy and Plate.

In the main game Steve McCloy jumped out of the blocks with shots on 1 and 3 to get an early lead, but then Captain Terry got his driver dialled in, his irons and putter followed suit, and he finished up taking a very good win on the 16<sup>th</sup>. In the Plate, Paddy jumped out winning the first two holes but then Blair Franklin showed why he is a gun golfer and won 5 out of 6 to be 3 up at the turn. Then the big lad turned to his favourite weapon. He started chatting, and Blair fell into the trap of listening. Sorry stories of how he used to be a contender but had a poorly hip, and before Blair knew it he was shaking hands on the 17<sup>th</sup> thinking, what the hell just happened there. Afterwards in the club the big lad was heard saying that he reckons the Presidents Plate is actually one of the hardest cups to win and should really be on the honours board.

Player of the day in the stroke round was Brendon Davidson, who shot a superb 73 off a 6 handicap, to pick up the spoils. The 14<sup>th</sup> hole almost gave up its second hole in one in a week, with Tom Blacklows approach sitting on the edge of the cup, staring down but too scared to jump in. he then managed to stick a ball out of bounds on 15 just to top it off.

This Saturday we have the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of club champs qualifying. Stroke off the Blue tees. With only 4 rounds this year and the second round being the big downpour, when not many played, this should be a well attended day.

On Sunday we have Pennants at Tinwald and Rakaia. I think a couple of the teams are on the hunt for new players, so if anyone fancies a game, we can accommodate any handicap, just get in touch and we can get you in a team. Don't be worried about ability. If you do, then you obviously don't know the calibre of current players.

Good golfing