

## PADDYS PRATTLE 1<sup>st</sup> June 24

A busy long weekend down at the Brandon, it kicked off with club champs qualifying round 3 on Saturday, and a beautiful sunny day brought out a big field, though the strong gusty wind did sort the men from the boys. Top score of the day was a great net 68 by Chris Ralston, followed closely by Alan White and Vince Carr who were one shot back and then Rob Coyle stood alone on net 70. Well done guys, good shooting.

On Monday we held the White Trophy which is a mixed pairs competition playing combined stableford. The top team this year were Sue and Grant Hastie with 81 points, 41 and 40 each respectively, that is very good scoring. The best of the rest on 78 points were Terry Kingsbury and Matt Harvey.

Big news from Saturday was a wonderful effort by FC Senekal. You will have noticed that on your scorecard there are boxes to check for the score you get on each hole going from 1 through to 10. Well good old Fritz managed to put a cross in every box apart from the 1 and 2 in his first 9 holes. That is a superb achievement, from birdie through to quintuple bogey

In Health and safety news. The club are going to purchase Hi Vis Club Shirts and flashing beacon hats for certain members of the club to wear while playing. An ugly incident on Friday evening in a "friendly fourball" has made the club act quickly. One of our elder statesman who we will not name, lets just call him Hat Curtain, was hitting his second shot on the 17<sup>th</sup>. His playing partners were trying to move him along a bit as he does have a habit of falling asleep over his shot, they walked forward of him, making sure to stay at least 15 meters to his side. Old Hat then woke up with a start, took a swing like he was walking through a spiders web with wasp up his jumper and collected poor old Gaby who was stood 45 degrees to his left. After a brief stay in A&E, Gaby was released with the doctor telling him that he was lucky that it hit him in the head otherwise he could have done some major damage. Moral of the story, if your going to walk in front of golfers, stay dead centre of the fairway, its usually the safest place.

This Saturday we turn to the Presidents trophy. We have a stroke round off the white tees, with the top 16 players moving on into matchplay games over the next few weeks, so when you enter on Saturday please let Matt know if you are available for all the matchplay rounds, as we do not like having walk over games when other golfers are ready to play if needed. That will do. Good golfing.