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Presidents' trophy qualifying, brought a good number of players down to the Brandon. Top 16 was the first target, just get yourself into the knockout matches and you are in with a chance. The knockout games are all played off handicap, so everyone will feel confident.

Top qualifier and top scorer of the day was Richard McKernan with a wonderful gross 77 off a 7 for nett 70. A further shot back on 71 taking second, third and fourth seedings were two great golfers and a hacker in Lefty, Paddy and Chris Lovelock. I will let you work out who the hacker is. The rest of the top 16 is an eclectic spread from Club legends to future stars and everything in between. We have Charlie, Nutts, Arkright, Rob Pawsey, Bryan D, Ron, Stewey, Jordy, AJ, Young Seb and both Spuds. The draw has been done, it has been changed once and may well change again before game day, if we have covid withdrawals or unavailability. So I will stay clear of predictions till next week. Good luck to everyone playing. The ones not in matchplay will have a stableford round.

On Sunday we have a full list of pennants games. The scratch Holmes teams travel down to Gleniti where they will both take on Tinwald opposition, hoping to hang on to their first and second positions in the league. Davo and the Redpath boys have a home game against Highfield. I am not sure of the captains' tactics yet, or what sort of team he has to hand, but I am certain it will be a big win. Also playing at home are both the Patterson teams. Dylan's boys on a two game losing streak face a very tough Rakaia team, who will not be fazed by playing at Brandon as they have the course record holder in the team alongside other local legends. It could be Dylan's last game in charge! No pressure. The old dogs though, are on a high, riding the wave of a one game winning streak, facing a mediocre Fairlie team. Much loved Captain Paddy names an unchanged team for the first time, and he is sure his loyal charges will perform accordingly and a surge up the table is on the cards.

Results and gossip next week. Good golfing.