

Paddy's Prattle 22 June 24

Some great quarter finals were played in the Presidents Cup and Plate on Saturday at the Brandon, and it seems I had a poor day with my selections. I didn't actually get down to the club as I was away for the weekend, but I have seen the results and with my expert eye I am sure I can piece everything together. First up, it would seem that Gary Stratford failed to show up, he must have been poorly with covid, or something along those lines. That is the only reason I can see as to how Davo managed to get through to the Semi's, but a win is a win however it comes. Brendon will now face Hoppy who overcame Gordy, the one call that I got right. Men against boys springs to mind in the Semi, it will be like the All Blacks playing against the MSA Golden Oldies. In the other Semi Final, we have Nick Knight who must have played well to put Henry away, playing against Nick Ralston who seems to be taking to this Matchplay game very well. Beating Perry in the first round is all well and good. I mean who hasn't beaten Perry? But to then back it up and beat Dave Morrison, that is a hell of a scalp. The two Nicks will face off and I believe Mr Knight will sneak through. In the plate semifinals we have Terry Molloy playing Ron Carlson and Mitch Lye taking on Jeff Hewitt. Two cracking games look in store and I reckon Terry and Jeff will meet in the final. All these games are not played until next week as we have a little break over the Matariki weekend.

On Friday, you can pop along and enjoy your day off playing for the Vauxhall Salver. This is a mixed day with any pairings allowed playing a two-person Ambrose, which is always great fun. This is an 11.30 meet for a 12 noon kick off.

On Saturday Matt is holding one of his Sega Golf Pro Shop days playing an International Stableford. This is a Stableford round where you can lose points as well as accumulate them, all details on the website. Come along, have fun and support your friendly neighbourhood professional.

I got a bit of news passed to me about two of our juniors going great guns. Last Sunday a Canterbury Junior Golf tourney was held at the Avonhead Club in Christchurch, on a cold wet day. Chrisjan Senekal entered the Div 1 under 10 handicap section and Joseph Digby was entered in the over 10 handicap. Chrisjan shot a superb 78 and just missed out on a podium finish, but young Joseph shot an 82 and picked up his divisions gross first prize. Great effort. Well done boys, the future certainly looks bright down at the Brandon. A big well done also goes to FC. For all his efforts with these juniors, a cold wet Sunday, when most sane people are on the couch in front of the fire, he took the boys up to Christchurch and trudged around behind them giving great encouragement. Thanks Fritz! You should be very proud of yourself and your charges.

Whatever you are up to this long weekend, have fun, enjoy yourself and I will hopefully see you around the course. Good golfing.