

## **Paddy's Prattle 24 May 2022**

The great weather keeps turning up on Saturdays and the golfers just love it. Another crowd of over a hundred played the course. All eyes were on the Watson Cup and Newton trophy semi-finals, 4 great games were played and we are now left with two very competitive finals to be played this Saturday.

In the main event Steve McCloy and Stephen Lee will face Chris Lovelock and Greg Fleming. I think the handicaps are very similar, Steve and Chris will equal each other out, and it will come down to which of the higher handicappers has a good day. The two Steve's have cruised through the rounds so far, whereas Chris and Greg have had to battle most weeks. Which is the best prep for a final? Too close to call.

The Newton final, however, is certainly a one sided affair. How the two Pats are there is anyone's guess, but they are certainly out of their depth. Both handicaps have been sliced and diced. I reckon Ivan and Muzza have only got to turn up and claim the title. Still, I suppose we had better go through the formalities of playing. The biggest shock of the final is that there were two pairs of pups in the semis, but neither got through. Rumour has it that Jordy only had to 2 putt the 18<sup>th</sup> to extend the game, but the anchored long putter let him down. Ah well! We have two great finals in store, good luck to everyone.

Top score of the stableford round was Matt Tait with a superb gross 79 for 42 points well done Young Spud. Two wonderful rounds of note by our elite golfers. Hamish chucked in 4 birdies and an eagle followed it with 3 doubles and 4 bogeys to finish a roller coaster round with 34 points, but beating that effort was the Hopster who snaffled himself 5 birdies then followed it up with a 4 putt from a metre and an air swing, but still came in with 36 points. If you see the boys, you can ask them about their text book games.

This Sunday we have another round of pennants, most of our teams are sitting out or have byes, but the Patterson grades are playing at Tinwald. Dylan and the pups will be trying to consolidate themselves in the top four when they take on Geraldine, but the old dogs are in disarray. Talks of mutiny, and bad blood. Someone even suggested we should try more practise and less drinking, have you ever heard such a thing? I am sure this week will be the start of the revival. We will discuss tactics in Kelly's on Friday evening over a Guinness or two. All results next week.

Good golfing.