

PADDYS PRATTLE 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024

We had a cold but fine Matariki holiday on Friday. The course was full up with lots of green fee payers and casual golfers, and we still managed to get 20 pairs together to play for the Vauxhall Salver. This was a 2 person Ambrose with any pairing allowed. Top score of the day went to Natasha Wilson and Matt Tait with a superb net 64 just pipping their playing partners Karen McRae and Tom Blacklow. There were lots of good scores around the 67 to 69 net so I think everyone really enjoyed the day and the format. Well done to all prize winners.

On Saturday Matt held one of his pro shop days playing an International Stableford where you can lose points as well as accrue them, winner of the day was Mitchell Leath who shot a gross 75 off an 8 handicap and got himself 15 points, top work Mitch. Next on 13 was Mike Kelly and rounding out the podium on 10 was Paddy. A couple of stories from the day, first was a tremendous effort by Perry to accumulate - 22 points, not an easy feat when only playing 18 holes. The other was a nearest the pin for Old Arkright, who put it inside three feet, but then his name was missing from the two's sheet. Turns out that he read, firm inside right, when it was actually a tickle from the left. He put it five foot past and missed the return to card a four. Even Brandons best putter can mess up now and again.

This Saturday we have the Presidents Trophy and Plate semi Finals. Hoppy against Davo and the two Nicks, Knight and Ralston playing in the trophy. Then Terry takes on Ron and Jeff battles Mitch Lye in the plate. Good luck to all.

Finally, who knew that the Brandon had a Curling team. Mr Refrigeration DRE Davo put a team in the Windwhistle league at Staveley and he picked a fine bunch of athletes in Bruce, Gaby and Pat. After six games going 0 and 6 they had to make changes with Pat being on holiday or dropped, not sure which. The called in a ringer in President Paddy who assured them he was a top notch curler, little did they know about his old days in the UK when he owned his own hair salon! When he turned up and saw that it was on ice his face dropped, his only dealing with frozen water was when he played the iceberg in the school production of Titanic. Anyway, as I'm sure you can picture, he took to the ice like an overweight Bambi. Sadly the teams fortunes did not change and they got beat in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> playoff. We won't say out of how many teams. If your up Staveley way pop along to the ice rink and if you get a chance to do Curling it's great fun and you will have a blast. That will do for now good golfing and curling!