

Paddy's Prattle 5 July 2022

Great weather again last weekend saw a bumper crowd head down to the Brandon. Taking centre stage were the Presidents Trophy and plate semi finals. First up Peter Walker and Chris Lovelock had a ding dong battle. Peter shot off with a great start, level par for the front nine. Chris battled hard in the back nine to close the gap but Peter just held on for a win.

In the other game Brent MacGregor and Brian Nuttall had a game of "to me, to you" as they both tried their hardest to give holes to each other. In the end Nutts managed to give more holes away, so Brent will now face Peter in the final. Do I really want to make a prediction? Well Peter was 6th reserve at the start of the comp and took out the top seed first up, so I think it has its name on it, but Arkright might have something to say about that.

In the Plate, Jordy Bird shot a superb 77 to beat Matt Tait and Paddy used his shots well to overcome Hoppy. This sets up another intriguing final. Can Jordy shoot in the 70's again? Highly unlikely! Both are known as quiet and unassuming golfers and neither are really competitive, so it could be a bit of a damp squib final. We will see.

Player of the day in the stableford round was Brendon Davidson 37 points on countback from David Rush. I know!! We reckon they both must have played 27 holes. One shot back were AJ, Hilary, Terry M, Bev, Young Seb and Tom. Dave Morry picked up over \$100 for two 2's and Hilary picked up \$140 for the net eagles. Top work!

After golf we had a great night watching the test match. Around 40 players and partners turned up. The first try scorer bet went south when Ireland scored first. Karaoke was cancelled, because, who knew Elvis was also a pool shark. Elvis partnered the wonderful Hilary Lovett and they smashed all comers to pick up the pool championship prize. We had a lovely supper, great speeches and a boys against girls scrum (don't ask!) It was a wonderful night, well done to Captain Tom and everyone involved, must do it again soon.

Pennants on Sunday was not a great day for Ashburton, only the Holmes A team flew the flag with a great 8 to 4 win over hosts Timaru. The B team slipped to a loss against Point. Shane and the Alex boys fell short against Rakaia. The Old dogs winning streak came to an end with a 1 point loss to Temuka and the Pups are being very consistent with yet another loss to Mayfield. Oh well, we can try again in two weeks' time.
Good golfing.