

Paddy's Prattle 6 July 2024

Well, I think you all know me by now, in that I am not one to blow my own trumpet, but a four out of four correct selections in the Presidents Trophy and Plate semifinals is not something to be sniffed at. First up Hoppy played Davo, and as I correctly predicted, the Big lad absolutely smashed him. It may look like a close game to the untrained eye, what with Brendon shooting the better net score, Hoppy trailing all the match and having to sink a 15-footer on the last to take it extra holes, and then almost losing the 19th before he managed to get the win on the 20th. As I said, "Smashed him"!! The Hopster will know face Nick Knight in the final, who managed to put an end to Nick Ralston's glory run. This will be a cracker of a final. I am not sure of their exact handicaps, but I believe they will be fairly equal with maybe one shot in it. They are both very good match players, with good length off the tee and wonderful short games. I believe it may well be a bit too close to call and could well go extra holes. Good luck and play well.

In the Plate final we have a very intriguing matchup. Scratch golfer and multiple times club champion Jeff Hewitt takes on the wily match player and clutch putt king Terry Molloy. Jeff will be giving around 15 shots and if Terry goes on one of his par runs Jeff will certainly struggle, but he will need to do it for the whole round as Jeff knows how to grind. Another tight match looks in store, good luck to you both.

Other good scores from Saturday playing a Stapleford round were Dave Hampton shooting an 83 off 15 handicaps for a nett 68 and 40 points. Dave was one shot clear of Kerry Pevy on 39 and then we had Barry Jury and John Ramsay on 38. Good shooting guys.

This Saturday we have another Stapleford for everyone not in the Finals. Make the most of your Stapleford round because from next week we have 5 stroke rounds in a row. Three of them off the white tees for the DCL trophy, dovetailed around 2 off the blue tees for rounds 4 and 5 of club champs qualifying. Don't forget round four on 27th July is when the grades are set for club champs, so whatever your handicap is on Sunday the 28th that will be your grade for the champs. I will explain all that a bit clearer in 2 weeks' time. That will do for now, catch you around the course. Good Golfing.