

Ashburton Golf Club

Another beautiful weekend as we moved into August. We had round 2 of the three round DCL Cup on Saturday. Top scores with nett 69's were Neil Macdonald and Antony White. Two shots back on 71 were Charlie Alexander and Paul Greer, well played boys. After 2 rounds Mark Smitheram leads the way on 141, one shot clear of Jordy Bird and Tim Newton. The final round is on Saturday week. Will one of the top three be able to hold on or can someone fly in under the radar? We shall see.

First off, this week though we have round five of club champs qualifying. This is the last chance to either get yourself into the top 16 or move a bit higher up the seedings. Matt has done all the grades. Intermediates and Junior A look to be the most congested again. The seniors have some great players in there with some new faces this year who will be well up to the challenge. Junior B, though a bit light on numbers is littered with hardened match players who all love a good scrap. Don't forget, if for any reason you are unavailable for the matchplay rounds then please let Matt know.

The next two weeks are also RMF Silva Cup counters. The match committee are working on updating the points list for the RMF Silva Cup and it should be posted soon. For those who don't know, The RMF Silva cup is a season long tournament that everyone is automatically in. In every individual stroke play or Stableford round through the year you get points. Ten points if you have the top score and you even get 2 points for just showing up, so the more you play the further up the points table you will be. Then in October we move to the Finals Series where the top 30 are taken, their points re allocated and we have play offs to see who wins the grand prize, which is a Club Sub for next year, very kindly sponsored by our great friends at RMF Silva.

Last Sunday our lower grade pennants teams had their last games of the Season. Shane and the Bravehearts came up short at Gleniti, no birdies or eagles for the day but Greg Fleming did bag himself a duck on the pond hole 4th. Down in Waimate, Jordy and the pups got a spanking off Rakaia only young FC could hold his head high. The Old dogs lost a tough game against Mayfield, Captain Pugwash had top loaded his team with 3 star players. Maybe they had been reading their own press or thought they just had to turn up, but they all took a pounding. Tiny Tim fought hard for a draw and of course Pugwash won, it's just a pity he is not allowed to play all six games himself. Oh well, with the pups and dogs being on the same points I am sure that a play-off will be held soon to sort out bragging rights.

The TUB Cup changed hands again Richie Mac and Nick Knight only held it for a fortnight. They handed a spanking and the cup down to Billy Blacklow and Harry Watson. No challenge this week as it's a club champs round, but they will be on the prowl next Saturday for some easy prey. I don't know why but I just see a long reign of holding the cup for these two boys, maybe I am wrong, but that's unlikely! Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford