

Ashburton Golf Club

We had a wee bit of a chilly start on Saturday which involved a frost delay, but when the frost cleared we ended up with a beautiful day.

First out of the blocks we had the Presidents Cup final, and this was a classic. Jason Overend and Lucas McGee, two Greek Demi gods at the peak of their power, slugging it out for glory and legendary status. After the 18 holes were completed, they could not be separated, so down the 19th they went, where young Lucas managed to hold his nerve and use his shot well and take home the chocolates. Top effort and great result.

We also had a ding dong battle in the Presidents plate final between George Brown and Simon Cabout, this went back and forth a few times until George managed to be the last man standing and take out a good win. Well done to everyone who took part in the Presidents cup this year it was certainly a very strong field.

This Saturday we move back to Club Champs with the 4th qualifying round. This is the big round where handicaps are set for the rest of the Champs. Whatever handicap you are on Sunday after this round is the grade you will be in for the champs knockout rounds. We may have quite a few players around the cusp of all four grades, but after this weekend it will all become a lot clearer. There will be one more qualifying round in mid-August where you can have your final push or cement yourself well in your grade.

This Sunday we also have pennants around the district. For the Scratch teams it's their penultimate round. Jeff and the Holmes boys need a good win at Gleniti against Temuka to get themselves into the top four. Terry and the Redpath gang are also at Gleniti where they also need to get a strong win to push for a finals berth. In the handicap grades, both of the Patterson teams are at Tinwald for the last round robin game of the season. Captain Birdseye and his pups need a win and hope for a couple of favours to get themselves into the semifinals, whereas Pugwash and the old dogs are only there to make up the numbers and it may well be a few of the squads final ever game as either retirement or even euthanasia seems to be the best way forward for the betterment of the team. Finally, Shane and the Alex Bravehearts are at Mayfield playing Tinwald in what will also be their last game of the season. Play well everyone lets make it a good round for the club.

Finally it has been a few years since we had a good social night at the club and I personally reckon that it is long overdue. I am presently sorting out a quiz and I think we should be able to have a good fun quiz night sometime late July early August. I will need a few helpers so I will be shoulder tapping, but if you please keep your eyes and ears open and come along when its organised, join the fun and make a good a night out for it. That will do for now, good golfing

Many thanks,
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