

Ashburton Golf Club

Well the rain put a damper on golf last Saturday, but hopefully we are dry enough to get back into President cup qualifying this week. Also this week we have pennants across the district. The scratch pennants are all at Ashburton playing a double header. Terry and his all Gold boys get two big derby's. Firstly in the morning they take on Jeff and the Ace's and then in the afternoon they take on Tommy and the Green goblins. Tom and the boys have a tough game in the morning taking on Tinwald 2 and in the afternoon Jeffs charges lock horns with the guys from Geraldine. In the Alex grade, Shane and the Bravehearts head down to Point and take on a very strong Gleniti side, then finally in the Patterson grade Jordy and the pups sit this one out with a bye. Captain Pugwash and the Old dogs have to travel to Gleniti and take on the Highfield team, where nothing short of a strong win is needed to keep them in the mix, and with half the team just back from 8 days golfing on the GC, big things are expected.

The Gold Coast is an amazing golfing destination in the winter, we had a couple of holes of rain on the first couple of days, but it was still warm and by the middle and end of the week it was a lovely 23 to 25 degrees. We managed to catch up with Gav Douglas and played a round with him at his Edgewater club, and we played 7 more wonderful courses the two most exclusive had to be the first day at Brookwater, this is the Gold Coasts Augusta with great set out holes and greens to die for. If you want a lesson on reading breaks on greens, it's the place to go. There were many of us with hands on hips staring at our ball rolling to the right when we read a lovely left breaker. We were also lucky enough to get a go on Sanctuary Cove Pines course, this is just stunning, with long holes and target par threes and bunkers that you could hide elephants in. My personal favourite was our last day at Tweed Heads playing the West course, maybe because this was my best round of the week and I managed to carry Perry round for a pairs win. If you are looking at a holiday over there. I thoroughly recommend OzGolf. Emma and her team there were wonderful, booked all the courses, took care of our gear, picked us up and dropped us back at our hotel every day. Thanks to David Rush for organising us, and a dozen Ashburton members were all allowed back in the country, so we must have behaved responsibly, but with Guinness at \$17Aus a pint you had to just sip it. Yeah right. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford