

Ashburton Golf Club

The weather looked a bit changeable last Saturday and quite a few players thought morning golf was the way to go. It was club champs final qualifying round, so everyone wanted to give it their best shot. Scoring was very hard with only two players going under par nett. John Duncan led the way with a great net 69, two shots clear of Terry Molloy on 71. Playing right to their handicaps on 72 were Blair Snowball, Hayden McMillan, Simon Cabout and Mike Kelly. Well done boys. Matt did a preliminary draw for the four grades, but this may change a bit with withdrawals, we will look at the games next week before first round on the 23rd. What we do know though are the top seeds in each grade. Matt Harvey is the man to beat in Junior B. Neil Macdonald leads the way in Junior A. In the intermediate Paul May sits on top of the pile and again Jeff Hewitt is top dog in the Seniors. Well done to these four, great consistency over the qualifiers.

First off though on this Saturday we have round three of the three round DCL Cup a combined nett stroke game. After two rounds Mark Smitheram leads the way with 141, one shot clear of Tim Newton and Jordy Bird and two clear of Neil Macdonald and Putin. Can one of these five players put another good score in or is someone going to swoop in from the wings to grab the cup. Good luck to everyone playing.

On Sunday we have Pennant's semifinals down in Fairlie. We have high hopes for both of our travelling teams. Jeff will lead the Aces against a strong Temuka team in the Holmes cup and Tommy will fancy the Greenhorns chances of taking down Tinwald in the Hayes cup. Good luck boys and play well.

Finally, we held a meeting on Tuesday evening around work that needs to be done for the National Ladies Interprovincial's that we will be hosting in December. As always, I know our members will step up. We will need volunteers to liaise with visiting teams, do starting and help with trundler storage. None of the jobs are onerous and we will also be able to watch the cream of Ladies golf in NZ. If you were unable to make the meeting but would still like to volunteer in any capacity, then please let Ladies captain Lynn Small or myself know and we will put you on the list. Thanks in advance. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford