

## Ashburton Golf Club

We had some more great games last Saturday in the Watson Cup and Newton trophy, and now we move into the semifinals.

First up dad and lad Ian and Blair Snowball managed to subdue Charlie and Noel and took a win on the last. They will now play Knocker and Spud who managed to pip Murray and Paul, also on the last with a wonderful clutch putt from Knocker. This should be a great semifinal. I think it will come down to which Blair turns up. Too close to call, but I will edge the Snowballs way.

In the other side of the draw. Lucas and Matt were too hot to handle for Ram and Nick who both played under their handicaps and even Ram's stories didn't faze the boys. They will now play Shane and Gordy who put Gary and Vince away, again this should be a very tight semi and I think I might just favour Lucas and Matt in this one.

In the Newton trophy Tom and Will Blacklow are playing against the two John's Ramsay and Duncan. This is hard to pick the Blacklow boys dovetailed very well last week but the Johns will get a few shots. I will go out on a limb here and pick Tom and Will. Then across the draw Kevin and Jason will take on Jeff and Ritchie. I reckon Jason and Ritchie will cover each other so it's going to be Kevin against Jeff really. Kevin will get at least one shot per hole and that might just wear Jeff down in the end, but another close game is in store. Then finally in the Two dollar shop Saucer, Davo and Bruce take on Gaby and Perry. A battle of giants who just never know when they are beat, which is surprising because it seems to happen a lot. Good luck to everyone playing.

On Sunday we have pennants across the district. All the scratch teams are over at Tinwald playing double headers. Shanes Bravehearts are at Geraldine with a tough game against the home team. The Patterson grade are into the foothills at Fairlie. The pups will have their credentials tested against an always tough opponent Mayfield. The old dogs have moved quickly to try and shore up their 5 and 6 spot and brought Gaby and Davey back into the fold, a great couple of tail end gunners. It will still be a tough assignment against a top Timaru team. Results and stories next week.

Finally on Friday our Ladies have their most prestigious tournament of the year with the Tavendale and Partners Ladies Open, this is always a full field and a wonderful day, with players from all over the Aorangi district. We have been very lucky over the years to have this tournament kindly sponsored by the great gang at Tavendale and Partners, who we are so thankful to. If you find yourself needing expert legal advice, give them a shout and one of their top level team will make it an easy journey for you. Thanks again!

Finally, finally, you may have bumped into our lovely Patron Bruce Leighton recently, well Bruce just celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday last Wednesday and was out on Saturday with the 9 holers still pushing his cart, walking the course, getting it out there off the tee and enjoying a little tot in the clubrooms. An absolute legend. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford