

Last Saturday we had round 2 of the Property Brokers shootout qualifying, and a pink pig must have flown over a blue moon, whilst Pluto was rising and Goofy was suitably impressed. Yes, Perry had his round for the year. No shanks, no three puts, every drive down the fairway, 84 off a 22 handicap for a net 62 and 46 points. Top effort! This gives him 81 points in total on the shootout table, just ahead of Geoff Wright on countback. Both of them safely in the Shootout final along with Kenny Clucas on 80 points and more than likely Rob Coyle on 79.

The Phantom scribe will be licking his lips thinking of the form guide, with a race virgin, a first fence faller and ole Hairy Punt already nailed on, it will write itself. Other good scores from Saturday were Hayden Mc, Dave Hampton and Gary Stratford on 41 with Tonee Hurley one shot further back on 40. We still have 4 more rounds of qualifying right through the Xmas and New Year holidays, every Saturday will be open, so no excuses to not get a good score in. We have 64 already signed up and I suspect we will get a few more yet. The Final is on Sunday 18th January and it is always a spectacle so mark it in your diary. The first tee alone, is as much fun as you can have with your clothes on, especially now you know Perry is going to be there.

Last Thursday the Ladies held their annual Christmas team's tournament which was kindly sponsored by the great gang at Robilliards Showcase Jewellers and the lovely folk at Midland spreaders. Thank you so much. I have seen the photographs from the day and it looked like lots of fun, with a big crowd all dressed up and full of Christmas spirit.

One quick note is that I waived one of my normal rules last week and named helpers for the ladies' tourney instead of just using the generic "thanks to all helpers". The danger then is that you are bound to miss some very important helpers and I missed a couple of doosies. Vince Carr and Merv Green were out at 5am every day during the ladies Interprovincials, raking all the bunkers and getting the course edges tidied up, thank you both so much. Merv is a quiet unassuming fellow and just gets the job done and maybe could be overlooked, but how the hell I missed Vince I will never know. If I have missed anyone else, then I am very sorry, it is not through anything more, than I have a mind that's had more hits than a blind cobbler's thumb.

One final thing. We are doing our usual Jolly Boys (and girls) trip to Weedons on Monday 29th December, if anyone wants to join us for a fun day, just give me a shout, we will get you home safe and sound, eventually!

This will be my last blurb until the New Year. Thanks to all members of the golf club for another amazing year. You really are a wonderful assortment of beautiful people, obviously some of you are beautiful on the inside! We have a brilliant club with a course that is the envy of many and a membership who are very welcoming and a whole lot of fun.

From Joanne and myself we wish you all a very Merry Christmas a raucous Hogmanay and a prosperous New year. We will catch you around the course. Good golfing!

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford