

## Ashburton Golf Club

We had another glorious day on Saturday, and a big field turned out to play in the annual Captain v Presidents matchplay trophy.

It started early in the morning with the President turning up to wish all the frosties well before the game kicked off. He was walking around meeting his public, chatting, even shaking hands with the great unwashed, and where was the captain? Home in bed, all tucked up with Laura making his breakfast. When the afternoon start time came around the president was there again with a chilly bin of ice-cold beers to welcome in the morning players and get the afternoon ones ready for the game. Captain Jimmy arrived with a half open box of warm beers which he put in the president's chilly bin and said all the beers were from both of us. Such a disgrace! Anyhow the draw was done, and the captain had obviously bribed Matt as it was a one-sided draw. The president's posse battled hard, and I believe most of them won their games. However, when the final scores were tallied up by Matt and James, lo and behold the captain's team had won by 4 games. The presidents' men were furious and were looking to storm the results table but thankfully we have a calm benevolent President who just settled the whole thing down and graciously handed the trophy over. Well done Captain James.

Now we move to club champs finals this Saturday starting at 8.00am playing over 36 holes we have, Junior B, Craig Davies v Brian Fauth, Junior A, Rob Pawsey v Terry Molloy, Ladies Intermediate, Kay Fox v Daphne McDonnell, Men's Intermediate, Paddy Bradford v Pete Morrison, Ladies Senior, Pauline Bell v Vicki Moore and Men's Senior, Jeff Hewitt v Dan Lundt.

The 18-hole games start from 10am with the Ladies Junior Final, Alison Grant v Richelle Aubrey, Junior B Plate Pat Turton v Rob McMillan, Ladies Junior plate, Liz Cabout v Jeanette Montgomery, Junior A plate, Kevin Smith v John Duncan, Ladies Intermediate Plate, Kerry Pevy v Leigh Wackrow, Men's Intermediate Plate, Rob Coyle v Chris Lovelock and Men's Senior plate Brendon Davidson v Will Blacklow.

Finally in the day we have the 9-hole Championship which is Stewey Bennett v Ray Lambert and the Sega golf Trophies 9-hole men's Murray Williams v David Jones and ladies Elaine King v Joy Nicholas.

A full day down at the course which will be closed for casual golfers till around 4pm. Pop along and follow the games, there will be some great matches going on. Afterwards we will have presentations in the clubrooms with the BBQ fired up, so no excuses.

With champs on Saturday, we will have normal club day on Sunday which is sponsored by Davidson Electrical and Refrigeration DRE. This will be a day for the ages and could well be the club's biggest ever bar turnover. Davo has promised to buy a drink for anyone who beats his score on the day. Now they say that there is no such thing as a free lunch, but shooting fish in a barrel, springs to mind. Everyone is welcome, if you have friends at other golf clubs, invite them over, the more the merrier. Hopefully, Davo doesn't run the idea past Michelle first or she may put a stop on his cards. This will be an 11:30 meet for 12noon kick off.

Good golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford