

Ashburton Golf Club

What a gorgeous day it was last Saturday, 16 degrees not a breath of wind, and a wonderful course to play. If you didn't score well then it was definitely "operator error". We had round three of the DCL Cup and best score of the day was Gary Stratford with a great nett 67, just pipping Roasty Douglas on 68 and Mike Kelly on 69. Overall, though, Mike Kelly's 69 went with a 71 and 73 for a score of 213 taken the DCL Cup by two shots from Neil Macdonald. Top work Mike.

Interest now moves to Club Champs, the four grades have been set, and they are all going to take some winning. In seniors we have 5 previous champions. Top 2 seeds Jeff and Peter both get byes. Last year's champ Dave has a tough first game against Jason, and watch out for new member Dan Lundt a very good match player. In the intermediates it will be hard to look past Chris going for four in a row. Lefty, Gordy, Spud and Ryan are the top four seeds and will all fancy their chances. It is such a tight field that anyone who is in can definitely take it out. Junior A is another very tight grade, so tight that last year's champ could not even make the final 16 this time, tough school. Neil, Matt, Mark and Mike are the top 4 seeds, but again it's wide open. Finally in Junior B only 8 players so no games this week. Good mates Matt and Craig are the top seeds and will fancy a face off in the final, but six others might want to throw their own hats in the ring. It's always a great time of year, everyone is giving it their best shot to get on the honours board. Good luck to everyone.

Last Sunday down at Fairlie, I'm afraid both our scratch pennants teams fell over at the semi-final stage, which is a bit of a shame but roll on next year. This Sunday we have the annual Foodstuffs Cup against our great mates from Tinwald. This year we have to venture over to the sunny side of town and play on the Tinwald course. 11:30 meet for 12 noon kick off. This is open to Ladies and Fellas so head over there on Sunday, we are always well received, and it will be a fun day.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford