

Ashburton golf Club

Most important news first. This Saturday at 11:45am we are having an extraordinary meeting to formally approve and celebrate the awarding of Life Membership to Dave Hewitt. Dave has done a power of work over many years at the club and this award is thoroughly deserved. This Saturday is the fourth club champ's qualifier so we should have a big field. If you are playing in the afternoon then please get down early and book in with Matt, so we can get the draw done before 11:45, then we can all attend the meeting and celebrate with Dave, before we get the round underway. Other members and guests who are not playing, please pop along and celebrate with Dave, the bar will be open, and the caterer will have some nice treats in the kitchen. Thanks.

On the golfing front. Yes it happened, Gaby and Perry got rid of the TUB Cup after what seemed an age. Gaby was as steady as he has been all along, but this week Perry turned up, knocking in some serious yardage of putts and even getting up and down from a bunker. Who were the unlucky pair on the end of a famous towelling? I hear you ask. Well, it was Dick McKernan and Nick Knight, I'm sure there must be a name mash up there like Branjolena and Beniffer. Maybe DickyNick or NickaDick? I will let you sort that out. Anyway no challenge this week as its club champs but the boys will be out hunting the following week. One person they won't be challenging is young Gordon Bird who shot his first under par round. 71 off a 7 handicap for nett 64 and lead in the DCL cup. Top effort.

News from pennants, Jeff and the Aces had a win and a loss which was enough to get them into the Holmes cup semifinals, good work. Tommy and the green horns had a win and a loss and make it into the Hayes semifinals. I will just paint a picture of the scratch grade. Thirteen teams play in a round robin. After the season, the top four go into the Holmes cup semis, 5th to 8th go into the Hayes cup and 9th to 12th into the Redpath and only the 13th placed team miss out. I bet you can't guess where the Golden Shower finished!! In the Patterson grade the pups had a draw against Waimate and sit on the same points as the Old Dogs in 6th and 7th place with one round to go. I think it might need a miracle for either of them to make the top four. In the Alex grade the Bravehearts had another narrow loss, which I think might have cooked their chips as well.

As I said its club champs round 4 this week, the handicaps will be set on Sunday for the rest of the champs, so whatever grade you sit in after Saturday's round will be where you play in the matchplay. We do have one more qualifying round in a couple of weeks to cement your place, so go hard.

Good golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford