

Ashburton Golf Club

We had a gorgeous day last Saturday, which saw a big crowd turn up and give it a go in our Club champs qualifying. This was round 3 of the 5 available rounds and a few hunky beefcakes put up some good scores.

Leading the way was a match committee trifecta. Paddy, FC and Karl Snowball all shot very good net 69's and got themselves well ensconced in the intermediate grade. Pete Morrison showed that he is not going to give his title up very easily by carding a nett 70 as did Dave Hampton. The only other players under handicap were John Duncan, Blair S and Dave Rush with 71's. Just looking through the grades, Seniors and Junior B could do with a few more players but Inters and Junior A look very healthy. At present I think we already have 32 players with 2 scores in the inters and a whole lot on one score, so this grade, as always is going to be a scrap to get into and then a hell of a scrap to get your name on the board. Round 4 will be on July 4th, that will be the date that handicaps are set for the grades, so we are looking forward to a big field that day.

This Saturday we have another stroke round, but this time off the white tees. This will be the qualifier for the Presidents Trophy, with the top 16 nett scores going through to matchplay off handicaps. The matchplay games will be played over the following 4 weeks, so please make sure you are available for all of the games before entering. There is also a plate for the first round losers. Please let Matt know if you are unavailable and then he can take you out of the draw. The draw will be set up for afternoon start times. If two regular morning players are drawn together, they can agree to play in the morning, but please let Matt know. Again, if it comes to the crunch, it is an afternoon draw, so will be played then, unless both players agree.

While we are on changing things. Matt does the draw for us on Saturday and organises players to go off four different tees, then he has to sort out the 9 holers to follow on behind the field. On big days this can be a logistical nightmare, as you don't want anyone waiting a long time to tee off, but also you don't want a log jam out on the course. When Matt does this, he then knows where everyone is and when they should be coming around the turn, so if we get any green fee players, he knows where to put them as to not disrupt anyone. If you get sent to a certain tee, please go to that tee as requested. If for some reason you want to change tees, then just have a quick chat with Matt so he can sort the change out or let you know why it may not work. Thanks for your consideration.

Finally, one I heard last week. If after putting out, your playing partner says that he can't recall if he had a 6 or a 7. He probably had an 8! Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford