

Ashburton Golf Club

A big Anzac weekend down at the Brandon. We kicked off on Saturday with the Watson Cup round of 16. We had a couple of easy wins and a good few tight tussles.

Top seeds FC and Chrisjan had a ding dong battle with Pete and Terry. All square after 18 holes, and it took a birdie with a shot on the 21st by FC to finally get over the line. They now play Mike Kelly and Shaun Hope who just managed to sneak past George and Robert.

Second seeds Chris and Nick Ralston slid past Rob and Henry and now face Steve Mc and Slim Stephens who got a walkover.

Mark Smithers and Aaron had to go 18 to get over Jeff and Chris and they will now play the two Paddy's who got the better of Andrew and Jerome.

The tie of the round was between Ram Clarke and Frank Sandys against Kev Smith and Jason Overend, this went on until Sunday morning. Six extra holes were needed and eventually Ram and Frank got the chocolates.

They will now head into another game of the round as they will take on Bruce and Gaby who were ruthless in their taking down of Knocker and Sandy who both shot better than their handicaps but found themselves on the losing side. We are looking at four great quarter final battles, who is going to make the semifinals? I hear you say. Well as you know, I am not very opinionated and I don't like to stir the pot, but seeing as though you twisted my arm, I reckon the semifinals will be the Senekal boys against the Paddy's and the Ralston boys against Bruce and Gaby, but what do I know. Play well everyone. Saturdays losers will now play for the Newton Trophy and we will look at that next week after they have won a game.

On Monday we had the Baker trophy, Battle of the sexes and it was looking promising when the top 3 scores were all fellas. Danie Oosthuizen led the way with 39 points with Hamish and Arkright just behind on 37 and 35, respectively. Leading lady was Brenda Fehney on 35 points then Lynn Small on 34. When all the scores were added up and averaged out the chaps had 31.18 but the ladies snuck home again with 31.45. I think the chaps who scored below the average need to take a long hard look in the mirror and give themselves a good talking to, by my reckoning this is the 5th year in a row that the ladies have lifted the trophy. Being a feminist myself, I am all over the rise of the strong independent woman, though I don't think it needs to come at the expense of emasculating our male club members. It's a slippery slope, leading to scented candles and pot pouri in the men's changing rooms. I can see the fellas are in desperate need of a role model and who better than Brandons dominant Alpha male, so I urge all our golfers without a Y chromosome, before your next golf decision or even life choice, ask yourself "what would Bruce Day do?" We will soon be having to cut through the testosterone with a scythe!

Anyway, I had better sign off now as I have just chipped my nail varnish whilst typing. Good golfing!

Many thanks,
Paddy Bradford