

Ashburton Golf Club

I missed last week's blurb as got a bit busy then had a little jolly.

This Saturday we move into the Santa Marie Cup and the final round of the RMF Silva Cup. Everyone is in for the Santa Marie cup but only the top 20 are being counted for the RMF Silva cup. Sitting proud but far from safe on the top of the pile is Gaby Jansen. After everyone's bonus shots were taken into consideration, Gaby sits on net 62 which is four shots clear of Shane Beaven on 66 and a further shot in front of Jeff Hewitt and Neil Macdonald on 67. These four handsome young devils will all play together in the final group. I certainly think the champion will come from this group as the next lot are around 8 shots adrift, but who knows, funny things can happen on the golf course, someone may come in with a dream round, and we have all been in that waking nightmare on the course where nothing goes right. Good luck to everyone playing and thanks again to RMF Silva for their excellent support over the past 10 years, we are so lucky to have such wonderful sponsors.

A new face you may see around the course is Simon our new Greens Superintendent who started this week. If you do see him around give him a wave or go and introduce yourself and make him feel welcomed to the club. By all accounts he is a dab hand tennis player and coach as well, so I'm sure some of the jolly boys will be out to butter him up.

There is a volunteer's sheet in both changing rooms for anyone who can give me a day or two over the Inter provincials at the start of December. Nothing too onerous just a bit of ball spotting in certain places to keep the game moving and being around the club to help visitors with anything they need. It is going to be a massive week for the club, so any help you can give, would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward into December we will have our AGM on Thursday the 4th and we are going to have a few changes on the board. Both of our Captains will be stepping aside after two years, thanks for your service, Lynn and James. We have two wonderful captains to take their places, more on those at a later date. President Putin is stepping away after his stint, so the club will be able to breathe freely again, and we have a wonderful new president lined up. We will have vacancies on the board, and I believe we are ready as a club to move into a very big growth period both on the course and off it where we will need people at the helm who want to help grow the club. If you think you have what it takes to serve on the board, then please have a chat with myself or any of the present board and they will give you a full run down of the role. If you think the board may be a bit too bigger first step, then the match committees and greens are always in need of members, and we are in desperate need of a house/fundraising committee to move us into the future. Please, if you believe you have anything to offer then put your hand up.

Finally, big ups to Royce Jamieson for his hole in one last Saturday playing in Matts Pro shop day. A quick glance down the hole in club sheet failed to find Royce's name. Oh well for the sake of a fiver, \$200 slipped through his grasp. He did however get his trophy and a bar tab from the club. If you are not in the present hole in one club, then it's not too late to join. The sheet is on the board next to the bar and the tin to put your \$5 in is on the bar. Got to be in it to win it! Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford