

Ashburton Golf Club

What a gorgeous day it was on Saturday, and the sun brought out a good size crowd. First order of the day was an extraordinary meeting where Neil Macdonald proposed Dave Hewitt for life membership of the Ashburton Golf Club. Neil told the meeting about Dave's unselfish work at the course over many years and the amount of money he has raised through the firewood sales as well as his strong playing record. The motion was unanimously passed and our Patron Bruce Leighton presented Dave with his Life members badge and then Polly Bell presented Sheila Hewitt a lovely bunch of flowers. What a great way to start the afternoon.

Round 4 club champs qualifying kicked off, and Peter Walker hit the ground running, shooting a gross 69 off a 4 handicap for a nett 65. By all accounts this is the 5th time that Pete has shot better than his age and to do it off the Blue tees is a wonderful achievement. Go the Chiefs!! We had 3 others on net 68, Rob Coyle, Brad Fallaver and Chris Lovelock who seems to be just getting into gear as we get closer to the champs matchplay.

The Grades have been set now for champs and there is one more round to strengthen your score, which is on August 9th. Matchplay kicks off on the 23rd and is played straight through into late September. If you are unavailable for the matchplay for any reason then please let Matt know, before we play round 5, so you can be taken out of the draw, thanks.

This Saturday we have round two of the DCL Cup, we will see if the strong scorers from round one can continue their form.

The Alex and Patterson grade pennants teams have what will more than likely be their last games this season on Sunday. All the teams need big wins and hope that other games go their way or that 3 or 4 teams get disqualified for doping or improper use of pineapple on pizzas or something, to make the semifinals. Anyway, just to rub it in we are leaving the billiard table that is Brandon and heading to the hills. Shanes Bravehearts are at Gleniti playing Temuka, and the Young Pups and Old Dogs will be taking some bottled water down to Waimate. Jordan and his yappers are playing Rakaia. Pugwash has swung the axe over the Old Dogs and who can blame him. He is a very patient man, but the squad have lost their bite, it's now more of a sloppy gumming. Out of the squad of eight, five have been made to walk the plank, only Timmy and Gaby have survived the cull and the captain, obviously! In an attempt to meet the Mayfield marauders fire with fire, the bomb squad have been brought in. Nick Knight, Terry K and Paul Greer have been put on a strict diet of raw steak and Guinness all week and will be chomping at the bit come Sunday. Results and stories next week. Good golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford