

## Ashburton Golf Club

Another beautiful day on Saturday brought a big crowd down to the Brandon. We played a stroke round off the White tees, which was also a qualifier for the Presidents trophy matchplay. Winner over the field on countback was Jeff Williamson who shot a great nett 68. Jeff made himself unavailable for the matchplay so top seed goes to George Brown who also shot 68. These two fine young men just pipped another 3 hunky studs by a shot. Shooting net 69 were Stu Dunlop, Alan White and Pat Turton who seems to be flying a lot more freely since he dropped the ballast holding him down.

In the President trophy matchplay this Saturday top seed George will take on another southpaw in Bruce Day. Second seed Alan White faces Pan Head McGee and third seed Pat Turton locks horns with John Ramsay. The draw that has everyone salivating though is Charlie Alexander against Jason Overend, two totally different styles, maybe one shot in it. I think it will go down to the wire. All results and quarter final previews next week. Good luck to all.

One thing we have been a bit slow on this year is the RMF Silva Cup. This is the season long point scoring league table that comes to fruition in October. Everyone who plays in the games of the day on Saturdays are automatically entered. We look at the individual games across the field, where everyone can play like club champs qualifiers and DCL cup etc. We won't be looking at these next few weekends as some players will be unavailable as they are playing the matchplay rounds and not in game of the day. We do however have 17 rounds lined up. From February through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Young FC has done a sterling job and collated all the scores from the games already played and sorted out a league table which is posted in the clubhouse. The points work out with 12 points to the winner over the field. Ten points to second, this then goes down from 9 for third right down to 2 points for everyone who played in the game, so you get 2 points for just turning up! After 3<sup>rd</sup> October we do a top 30 cut and only look at those scores for the finals series, but we will look more in that nearer the day. What we will say though is that the winner of the whole season picks up a full year's sub which has been very kindly sponsored by our great friends and top people at RMF Silva. Thank you all so much.

What do I need to do? I hear you all say. Well, the best advice I can give, from a previous winner I might add, is to just make sure you don't miss a week. If it's looking a bit overcast and you're thinking it's nice and warm inside, remember the RMF Silva Cup, a few lesser people may stay home and keep cosy but they won't score any points and the less players turn up the better chance you have of snaffling big points. Put on a jumper and a beanie, fill your brandy flask and make sure you don't miss a scoring round.

I was going to mention someone's nearest the pin followed by a 5 put for an easy 6 on number eight, but they took enough stick in the bar last Saturday so my lips are sealed. Unless you twist my arm on the weekend.

That will do for now, see you around the course.  
Good golfing

Many thanks,  
Paddy Bradford