

Paddy's Prattle

Ashburton Golf Club

We had some big games last Saturday in the Champs quarter finals and now it goes up 2 more notches for the semifinals this weekend. In the seniors Jase Overend came down with a bad case of the lurgie and had to withdraw, handing Jeff Hewitt a walk through. Jeff now has to face off with Robbie Bell who managed to finally overcome Nick Knight on the 18th. Across the draw, newcomer Dan Lundt has taken down two ex-champs in Charlie and Owen and now takes on the form player in the club Peter Walker who survived a strong challenge from Richie Mc. Two superb games in store which could well go either way, good luck guys!

In the intermediates Greig Sparrow brought giant killer Brad Fallaver back down to earth with a strong win and will now square off with Paddy who got on the right side of the ledger against Ron Carlson. Across the draw Pete Morrison proved to be a bit too consistent for big hitting Ryan Stoddart and will now take on another big hitter in Matt Tait who got over Gordy Crawford on the 17th. Four totally different styles here, who all get the ball around the course very well, it will all come down to the day.

Junior A finds Rob Pawsey continuing his giant killing form and he now come up against Mike Kelly, which should be a cracker of a game. On the other side of the draw Shane Beaven and Terry Molloy will lock horns. Two very good match players who will both fancy their chances of going all the way.

Then finally in Junior B, top seed Matt Harvey takes on Brian Fauth and second seed Craig Davies faces Henry Lawrence. Good luck to everyone playing semifinals.

We also have the plate games going on with the Blacklow boys Tommy and Will along with Dave Morrison and Brendon Davidson fighting over the senior title. Brent MacGregor, Chris Lovelock, Lucas Mcgee and Rob Coyle have the intermediate plate in their sights. Ian Snowball, Neil Macdonald, John Duncan and Kevin Smith will duke it out for the Junior A and then Pat Turton, Rob McMillan, George Brown and Allan White will all fancy their chances of picking up the Junior B.

Coming up soon at the club, next Saturday 13th we have the annual Captain V Presidents matchplay a timely break from the cauldron of club champs for a bit of frivolity. This is the Saturday where you pop down to the club and pick your preferred team, either the Captains gang of reprobates, ner'do wells and bottom feeders, or the Presidents enlightened congregation of extraordinary beings, the choice is entirely yours. Matt will then pair up the teams into singles matchplay games and you play to score a point for your glorious leader. Now obviously the numbers will be massively unbalanced, and some wonderfully enlightened golfers will have to play for the dark side, but don't worry, your soul will still remain pure as long as you don't play very well for them. More on this next week.

Then on the 27th we have the Hydraulink Brandon Open 36 holes of stroke for ladies and men, nett scores for the Brandon Cup and Gross scores for the Aorangi champs. Entries are now open for this, check it out online. We will have normal Saturday golf on this day but start times may need to change a wee bit depending on numbers. More on that closer to the date. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford