

Ashburton Golf Club

We had a gorgeous weekend just gone and a decent field turned out at the Brandon to play round 3 of the DCL Cup. Leading the game of the day was the good Doctor Wackrow, young Murray snaffled himself a great nett 67, well done. He was closely followed on 68 by Paul Greer, Dave Hampton and new member Evan Adams. Then rounding out the sixties we had Owen Miller shooting a very solid 69.

When the dust had settled, we had 1 point separating the top three in the DCL Cup, but the big finish 69 on Saturday saw Owen pick up the cup with an overall nett of 216 just pipping Barney McCabe and Mark Smitheram on 217. Owen's 216 is a three round 72 average, which is very good scoring for such a low handicapper and great to see. Well done.

This Saturday we have a, choose your tees Stableford round. There could be a bit of planning needed. Do you just play the normal whites with your usual handicap? Do you go forward to the reds and lose 600 metres but give away 4, 5 or 6 shots? Or do you trot back to the blues and get an extra shot or two. Blues may be a good call with club champs qualifying next week and the knockouts coming up, it might be good to get a bit of practise in. Anyway, the choice is yours. Make the choice when you get your card, let the starter know and shoot the lights out. Easy as!

As I said there, next week is the fifth round of qualifying for club champs. It's the last chance to get yourself into the top 16 or move yourself up the seedings for a better draw. Again, please let Matt or Richard know if you are unavailable for the matchplay rounds. These start on 29th August and go right through September and we would love full fields in all the grades, so please try your best to be available, it really is a great time of the year.

Last Friday we had a lovely social night with a quiz, we had over 100 people in the clubrooms which was great to see. The night certainly showed the varying levels of intellect that we have at the club and of course all of them need to be celebrated. We had some strong quizzers battling hard all the way, alongside some dazed and confused bunnies who struggled to put their name on the sheets. It's amazing how some of them have got so far in life on just their good looks. Anyhow, Antony White stacked his team with a couple of chasers and romped home with the title of Brandon Brainiacs. After having a tough first round where they sat last Catherine Knight's Golden Girls and Nigel finished strongly to end up second. We did allow the struggling teams an option of purchasing answers if they so wished. Jordie Bird and the Edwards boys Jake and Troy took full advantage of this, spending \$40 on answers to finish third and win a \$5 block of chocolate each. That is some top accounting tactics! Anyway, we had a great night. Many thanks to Perry, Bruce and Joanne for doing all the marking and running around, Catherine and Pam for keeping us watered and to Jess for the lovely supper. Hopefully we don't leave it as long for our next social night. That will do for now. Good golfing.

Many thanks,
Paddy Bradford