

Ashburton Golf Club,

Well, I don't think I have played in tougher conditions than we got last weekend. On Saturday we had club champs qualifying round four, and I don't think many people will have improved their score much, most of them ended up being throw away rounds. The wind was strong in the morning and it just grew all day, ending up being difficult to place the ball on the green without it taking off on you. At the end of the day we only had two players shoot under par nett and one player bang on the mark and everyone else were over par, some by quite a big margin. Steve McCloy led the way with a great round of 82 for nett 71 just pipping Jason Overend on countback. Dave Morrison shot a very classy gross 74 for a net 72 to take out third place. Well done to everyone who fronted and completed their rounds, we did have a few, throw the towel in early and seek refuge in the clubrooms and we had quite a few more, who wished they had done the same!

Matt has sorted out the grades from where your handicaps have left you, these should be out by this weekend so you can have a look and see what you need to do in the last qualifying round, to either get into the top 16 or higher up the seedings. He has put everyone who has played in the qualifying rounds into the grades, so if you do not want to be in the knockout games, you may be away for some rounds or just don't fancy it, please let Matt or Captain Richard know so they can take you out of the grade. Thanks.

On Sunday we had Pennants around the district, and it decided to rain sideways. Jeff and the Holmes team were on the slip and slide at Gleniti and managed a very good 9:3 win over Temuka to move themselves into the top 4. Terry and the Redpath boys were also at Gleniti where they had a 6 all draw and still find themselves on the cusp of qualifying with one round to go. At Tinwald we had both Patterson teams play. The old dogs wrapped up their season and maybe quite a few careers with a loss to the home team. It was tough going for the dogs who really do like a bit of sun on their backs and these winter conditions take a toll on ageing bodies. The young pups however had a great win over a strong Rakaia team and managed to prise their way into a semifinal berth. Well done to Captain Birdseye Jordy and his team of FC, Slim, Karl, Dylan and Young Spud. Go well in the semi's boys. Finally at a very wet Mayfield, Shane and the Bravehearts finished their season with a cancelled game after 9 holes.

This Saturday we have one of Matts pro shop days, these are always good fun. Please pop along and support Matt if you can, details are on website. Before that on Friday it is Matariki day and we have the Vauxhall Salver which is a pairs Ambrose. 11:30 meet for 12 noon kick off.

Finally, we have sorted out a date for the Quiz Night. This is going to be on Friday 31st July starting at 7:00pm in the club rooms. Cost is \$50 per team of 4 or 5 quizzers. Jess is going to provide us with a light supper. We will have the quiz and a few laughs but more importantly a long overdue Social night. We only really have enough room for around 30 teams so you will have to book your table to make sure you get in. To book your table just give Pam or Paddy a shout and we will make sure you don't miss out. That will do for now
Good golfing and quizzing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford