

Ashburton Golf Club

It was more of a chilly winter's day last Saturday, but we still had a good crowd front up. The focus of the day was on the Presidents Cup round of 16 and oh how the seeds fell.

Top seed was George Brown and he met, late call in, and fellow southpaw Bruce Day who managed to get over the line with some strong scoring. Bruce will now pit his skills against Jason Overend who got the better of Charlie Alexander after a great battle. Bruce against Jason will be a tough quarter final and too tight to call. Another late ring in Karl Snowball managed to outlast 4th seed Brian Fauth but it did take extra holes. Karl will now face John Duncan who proved to be too consistent for Sandy Shepherd. Karl can throw in birdies and doubles and John just keeps on keeping on. This will be another cracker. Lucas Mcgee took down 2nd seed Alan White and now has to contend with Nick Ralston who snuck past Simon Cabout. Lucas and Nick both give the ball a good smack, so this game will come down to who sinks the puts. The final grouping finds Gaby Jansen who took six hours to down Blair Snowball. They didn't play extra holes, they were just slow! Gaby will now face his very good mate Pat Turton who managed to overcome a fast finishing, John Ramsay. Gaby against Pat will be the tie of the round. I say "good mates", but as it happens, I am friends with both of them, and the way they both talk about each other behind their backs is shocking. Now, I'm not one to stir the pot and cause friction, but I just think they should both be honest and open with each other and not carry on this silly charade. I feel sorry for Lucas and Nick who have to play with them. It will all start off nice, with smiles and puts given, but the smiles will get more and more forced as the game moves on, and all it will need is a spark. Maybe I should walk around with them as a calming influence to keep the peace. Good luck to all our quarter finalists, play well and enjoy the day.

We also have the plate quarters going on as well, but nobody cares, until they have won a game. All semifinal previews next week.

On Saturday we also had the re-emergence of the TUB Cup the anti-Ranfurlly Shield, the cup you have to win to lose. We had the replay of the unfinished round from a couple of months ago when Davo and Hoppy were scared of hail stones and ran back to the bar. Club heroes Perry and Paddy decided to be the bigger men and go for a replay instead of just handing the trophy over. Well, our two heroes must have killed a black cat with a broken mirror or something, because if it wasn't for bad luck they would have had no luck at all, but obviously they battled like Spartans against all the odds and in the end just came up short. There will not be a challenge this weekend but on Saturday week, watch out, the boys will be hunting easy prey.

This Sunday we have Pennants around the district. Jeff and the big boys are at Tinwald playing the home team. Terry and the smaller boys are also at Tinwald playing against Point. In the Patterson grade Captain Birdseye needs to get the pups back on the leash but at least they are playing at home against Point. Pugwash takes the Old dogs for a jaunt around Gleniti against the Waimate guns, and finally Shane and the Bravehearts are also at home where they play Mayfield. Hopefully we can get 5 team wins, to keep everyone happy. Good golfing.

Many thanks,
Paddy Bradford