

Ashburton Golf Club

A big weekend for Ashburton golfers, first up we had the Brandon Cup round 1 which is the first round of a three round game. Setting the early pace were two great rounds Greg Fleming snaffled himself 46 points and David Coll was just two points behind him. That's a top effort fellas well done. Continuing his great form shooting a 73 for 40 points was Richie Mac, also on 40 points we had Dave Hewitt and Tonee Hurley. Hopefully they can all back it up again next Saturday.

One of the lovely stories that came out of Saturday was from the Davidson clan. Call me old fashioned but as a father it is a great day when you realise that your boy is now a man. It does not seem more than two minutes ago when Davo was holding young Oliver aloft like Mufasa holding Simba, showing him the hallowed lands of Brandon where one day he would be king. Well, the great day is here! Young Ollie took the old man to the cleaners beating him off the stick for the first time. Ollie now moves ahead of dad but still behind Connie and Lilly in the family rankings, so Davo is now in fourth place and hoping to hell that Michelle doesn't start taking golf seriously.

Weekend pennants kicked off on Sunday and a mixed bag of results came the Ashburton way. In the scratch leagues our top team of Jeff, Dave, Robbie and Hamish had two strong wins over Tinwald one and three. Ash Gold of Terry, Hoppy, Jason and Mitch Leath had a draw and a loss, bookended by 2 good wins for Hoppy. Tom's Ash Green including Nick, Chrisjan and Ritchie had a great win over Rakaia and a close loss to Tinwald one, included in these games were two great wins for young Chrisjan over a couple of Aorangi legends.

In the Patterson grade, it again showed that it is going to be a very long season for the poor little pups. They got on the wrong side of an 11-7 hiding. The old dogs however showed the tenacity and fighting spirit that will be needed throughout the year to come away with a gritty 9 all draw with great wins for Arkright, Bruce and Davey . A quick glance at the results tells me that Shane and his Alex warriors also had a 9 all draw against Fairlie. Well done to all the winners.

This Friday night the JKF Homes Teams golf winds up another season. This has again been a massive success, thanks to all the work put in by the hardy bunch of volunteers ably led by Arkright and Nutts.

On Tuesday 18th all of the teams golf players are welcome to come along with our members and have a go at the 2 club challenge. This is 9 holes of golf with only one other club and your putter, so pick your weapon of choice and give it a go. Details should be on the web page soon.

That will do for now Hakuna Matata and good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford