

Paddy's Prattle 12 October 2021

Its club champs' finals day on Saturday at the Brandon. The course is in beautiful condition, the long-range forecast is looking nice, all the players are in peak physical condition, everything is pointing to another wonderful day at the club.

We will kick off with the lady's plate finals. In Bronze II we have Jeanette Montgomery playing against Heather Frampton. Leigh Wackrow and Brenda Fechny will duke it out for the Bronze I, and in the Silver plate Wendy Parr will face Bev Chinn.

Then in the 9-hole Sega Golf Trophy ladies section Joy Nicholas will play against Elaine King, and in the men's, Murray Lister will face Tong King

In the Men's plates Junior B sees Bryan Donaldson and Dave Robertson locking horns. Junior A has Darren Peace and Mitchell Stoddart squaring off. Two veterans in Tim Newton and Pete Morrison will slug it out in the intermediates, and then Brendon Davidson and Paul May will do their best to give each other the game in the Seniors.

Into the big finals Liz Cabout and Lynn Small will have a great game in Bronze II as will Nicky Gill and Marilyn Walker in Bronze I. Then we are guaranteed a new name on the Ladies Silver champions board as Sharon Bradford and Jen Shepherd battle it out for their first title.

In the men's championship games, Junior B sees George Brown and Don MacQuarters lead the way, both known sprinters but will have to save some energy for the afternoon round. Junior A will be a rip and tear sort of game, young Matt Tait will try to bomb Al Jopson out of contention, but AJ is a proven stayer and will back his fitness against anyone.

I am happy to say that I more or less called the Intermediate final at the start of the knockout rounds Blair Snowball was always the favourite and Seb McMillan was the dark horse. They both had great semi-final wins, and they will both be big players in the seniors for many years to come. It is widely known that the intermediate champs is the hardest one to win and only the elite players get their names on that board, and either one of these fine young men will be a great addition.

In the Seniors two-time winner and reigning champ Owen Miller will do battle with first time finalist Adrian Hopwood this should be a wonderful battle with Mr consistent Owen and the unorthodox birdie machine that is the Hopster going at each other over 36 holes.

Rounding off the day, the 9-hole championship finals sees Tonee Hurley and Jenny Mathews matched up in the lady's final, and then Peter Woods will go all out to try and stop Sam Prince's dominance in the men's final.

It should be a superb day of golf. The course is closed to other golfers until after 3 pm, so pop down watch some great golf and cheer on your favourites and enjoy a barbie and refreshments afterwards. Good luck to everyone.

Normal club day is on Sunday this week at usual times morning and afternoon, and happy hunting to Davo's boys in the Redpath pennants final at Fairlie on Sunday. Let's get that flag back to the club.

Thanks, and good golfing