

## Ashburton Golf Club

The rain came down on Saturday but we still had quite a lot of hardy souls trying their best to get a berth in the Property Shootout final. No one managed to fly in from out of the clouds, but a few did further cement their standings and get a better starting gate draw. Brian Fauth jumped all the way up to second with a stunning 41 points, this might have cut him a shot or maybe two, hopefully they don't come back to bite him in the final. Jason Overend also had a great day with a 39 pointer. Shane, Gordy and Jussi all had good rounds, but they needed great ones and they just miss out of the final 19. Looking down the list 75 points gets you in this year. I think that is the lowest cut off score for quite a few years. The final group, after all the dust has settled, from one to nineteen is Rob Coyle, Brian Fauth, Gaby Jansen, Henry Lawrence, Tonee Hurley, James MacFarlane, Will Blacklow, Bev Chinn, Adrian Hopwood, Jason Overend, Dave Hampton, Ryan Stoddart, John Ramsay, Robbie Bell, Marilyn Walker, Dylan Stoddart, Dave Hewitt, Perry Hunt and Brendon Davidson. It's a fine bunch of athletes with handicaps ranging from 3 up to 26.

By now the scribe should have cobbled together a form guide which will be on the website or there are paper copies knocking around the clubrooms. We will have an auction on Saturday evening around 5pm, then the race kicks off at 10am on Sunday morning. Thanks again to Hamish and Karen at Property Brokers we are giving away a club sub for 2025 to the winner. It should be a great day, we will have the drinks cart following the game, its always a fun spectacle especially the first tee where even the hardened warriors get a tad nervous. Come along and join in.

Before that on Saturday we have our Club Opening day playing the AC Browne Trophy for mixed pairs and the Smith Salver for mens pairs, all playing a pairs Ambrose. Mixed days are always fun at the Brandon and playing a pairs Ambrose should be a good warm up for the Harvey Norman classic coming up soon. This is filling up fast, I believe we have 80 pairs already and with only 100 pairs guaranteed a spot you might need to get your entry in quickly. See you around the course this weekend. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford