

## Ashburton Golf Club

Another good fun day at the Brandon last Saturday. We were playing the Sutherland trophy, which is a pairs combined Stableford, where you hope that your bad play doesn't let your partner down. Top pair of the day were on an exchange visit from middle earth, Paul Greer and Dannie Oosthuizen stood tall on top of the podium with 78 points. Just behind them on 76 were Greig Sparrow and David Rush one shot clear of Terry Molloy and Rob Pawsey. The top individual score of the day was a whopping 42 points for George Brown, but alas his playing partner failed to shine.

This Saturday I believe we have another Stableford round, but to be honest I have not actually looked at the diary. I do know though that it is the first final round of the top 20 from the RMF Silva Cup. This season long game has got down to the nitty gritty. The top 20 players have been found and these will play this week and in a fortnights time to find the winner of a club sub for next year thanks to our great friends at RMF Silva. Good luck to everyone.

Last Saturday, Captain James took a strong team to the Christchurch Golf club and challenged for the Norton Francis Cup. By all accounts they fell one shot shy of glory. Now not being one to point fingers but teammates Jordy Bird, Nick Knight and Tom Blacklow all pointed their finger in the same direction as to the Larry let down.

A lovely story from Saturday as well. I will try to paint a picture. Paddy and Perry have been royally smashed by Gaby and Ben, we are nearing the end of a very un-eventful round. Standing on the 17<sup>th</sup> tee a short 430 metre par five playing down wind. What can go wrong! Enter stage right, Mr Hunt. Tees his ball nice and high to let it fly. Tops the hell out of it. It travels like an Exocet missile one inch off the ground, scalping a couple of worms. It hits the ladies yellow tee stones, comes back to us at head height, by the time we react it is already 10 metres behind us. By the time we all stop laughing, Perry is playing his second shot from the middle of the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway a good 30m behind his original tee shot. Aww bless him. The free beer did taste nice though. We have busy times coming up at the Brandon. JKF Homes Teams golf on Tuesday and Friday nights has kicked off. We have another great Pro shop day on the horizon, and lots of other games going on. Keep checking the website and Facebook for all the happenings. Catch you around. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford