

Paddys Prattle 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

First of all, the biggest news from last weekend was a magnificent win for the Ashburton Redpath pennants team. An inspired decision by Davo to sit out for the big dance, left the way clear for Jason Overend, Terry Kingsbury, Adrian Hopwood and Blair Snowball to shine and take down a strong Methven team. Well done to Brendon and the boys. Great effort. Captains v Presidents match play game on Saturday ended up a 16 game each tie and 4 halved games. After much deliberation and threats of play offs, it was decided that, as in the Bledisloe cup games, it was upto President Bruce to win the trophy off the holder, Captain Tom, so therefore Tom retained the trophy. Game of the day was a massive 7 and 5 win for Pat Turton, we won't mention the poor fella that got savaged, we will just call Pat the "Chief" destroyer. Playing alongside the match ups, the Young Pups challenged the Old Dogs to a game for the Mutz Nutz Trophy. The Pups team was top stacked with Aorangi rep ring ins, but the Old dogs slipped their leashes, bared their teeth (at least the ones who still have teeth did) and sent the Pups whimpering back to the kennels with no supper. Top work Bruce, Spud, Paddy, Gaby, Arkright, Tim, Hayden and Davey  
Right lets get into the real golfers. Saturday is club Champs Finals day and we have some ding dong matches taking place. Starting with the ladies. Bronze 2 sees Liz Cabout and Sheryl Reid square off, then in Bronze 1 Kay Fox will have a great battle with incoming Lady Captain Lynn Small. Finally in the Silver Final Pauline Bell is shooting for her thirteenth title but will have her hands full with the great consistency of Jen Sheppard. I reckon that game could still be going on Sunday.

In the Mens grades Junior B gets the day under way with Rob Pawsey and Grant Hastie slugging it out. In Junior A we have Neil Macdonald who has a couple of Intermediate titles under his belt playing against Dave Hampton who, although not yet on the Brandon board, has won a couple of titles in his days at Tinwald. In the Intermediate, reigning champ and two time winner Chris Lovelock will have a great battle with a previous holder Paul Greer. Then the big boys take the field with reigning champ Jeff Hewitt looking for his third title playing against club legend Robbie Bell gunning for his thirteenth.

In the nine hole games, vying for the Mens Championship we find Pete Macaulay playing against Sam Prince. Then in the Sega Golf Finals, playing off handicaps we have Lois Sparrow battling Elaine King for the ladies title and Ken Cahill and Hughie Murchie locking horns for the mens.

We also have Plate finals taking place in every grade so it is going to be a big day at the course. Please pop along and watch all these great players. It is a wonderful achievement to make it to the finals day, so well done to everyone. Enjoy your day, have fun and give it your best shot.

Club day this week is on Sunday, sponsored by Davidson Refrigeration and Electrical, and Brendon has picked a combined pairs stableford game. It is 11:30 meet for 12noon start, mixed day, everyone welcome. Starting will be in the old starters box as Matt will be coaching the juniors. Don't forget we lose an hour in bed on Sunday morning with the clocks going forward, so don't be late.

Finally, the after golf 19<sup>th</sup> hole was absolutely bouncing last Saturday, as it seems to have been doing for the last few months or so. The camaraderie and banter within the club is the healthiest it has been in my 20 years as a member and is wonderful to be a part of. Pop along and join in the fun! Good golfing.