

Paddy's Prattle Saturday 18th May2024

Not a great weekend weather wise, a few players decided to stay home in front of the fire, but the Watson Cup and Newton Trophy semi finals still needed to be played. First game up was the Blacklow Boys Tom and Will against Charlie Alexander and Noel Sutton. This was a nip and tuck game that went right down to the last put on 18 and ended up with Charlie and Noel squeezing through to the final. They will take on Peter Walker and Terry Molloy who, again dovetailed very nicely to sneak past Neil Macdonald and Brian Fauth. This will be a great final. Now working on the premise that I backed Peter and Terry and they won, and I backed against Charlie and Noel and they won. I will do the same again and back Peter and Terry, have fun and play well chaps. In the Newton Trophy we had two more epic semi finals. Paddy and Vince jumped out to a great start, but Murray and Ron pegged them back, to be all square playing 15 but then a strong finish by Paddy and Vince saw them through. They will play Barry and Kevin who managed to hang tough and score a very good win over Lindsay and Dylan. Now I backed both these two pairs to win last week, so what can I do, so as to look impartial. Bigger being impartial, Vince says he can taste the beer already!! I am sure they will both be great games, good luck and play well to all the finalists.

From pennants on Sunday. The three scratch teams were at Tinwald. Jeff and the top team had a very strong win over Point. Terry and the second team had a hard fought draw with North Otago, but Tommy and the third team had a tough day playing against the hosts with a 9 to 3 loss, but it was great to see young Chrisjan Senekal stepping up to the big boys grade and getting a well earned draw against the always tough to play Gordy Kenton. Well done Chrisjan. Shane and the Alex boys had a tough win at Temuka against Mayfield, great effort. Then in the Patterson grade both teams had losses. The pups led by Young Spud had a close loss against a strong Mayfield team, but the Old dogs struggled again. Its like a scene from Thomas the tank Engine. The Fat Controller is trying his best to keep his charges on the right track, but they all just steam off in any direction. Of course the Fat Controller drew the Fairlie "Gun player" again on their own course. "Took one for the team" if you will. Bruce and Old Spud turned wins into draws, and I think Gaby, Tim and Arkright got stuck in the Fairlie Pie Shop. All in all a 16-2 routing ensued. There will be serious selection issues for the next round. That will do for now. Good golfing.