

## Ashburton Golf Club

We had over 30 Brandon golfers head over to Tinwald last weekend so it left Matts Pro Shop day a bit light on numbers, but 50 plus players did front up and play an international Stableford, where you can lose points as well as gain them. Top scores of the day both managed to finish with 13 points each and that was Craig Davies and Joseph Digby. Well done boys.

The contingent who ventured over to the dark side of town were treated to an amazing weekend. The Tinwald 3500 is a blueprint to how a great tournament should be run. Captain Dave King and President Jeff Naish do an absolute power of work and they have amazing helpers all around the club.

The course was in immaculate condition, raffle table was full of wonderful prizes, the bar was well stocked, and restocked on Saturday night, the food was beautiful and finally the golf game was good fun but tough to score, a real test of mental fortitude. We did have quite a few of our gang pick up prizes Tash Wilson and Karen McRae took out the ladies grade. Captain James and Young Spud picked up a prize and even Bruce and Paddy got amongst it. The biggest bit of fun for us on Saturday night was the betting on the Calcutta. It certainly got up there and Myself and Bruce found ourselves in the mix as did Gaby and Perry. Now as you will imagine everyone wanted a piece of Bruce and myself, so the money got up quickly, but nobody had looked over and seen the amount of empty bottles on our table. We are very sorry for the wasted money. Then came Perry and Gaby and it seemed that the Brandon Pups fancied buying them. I mean Gaby is worth backing in whatever he does, but Perry in a stroke round without a blue moon in the calendar, what were the pups thinking? Gaby started bidding himself up and the pups got the thought that he fancied their chances so started a bidding war. Gaby got the price up \$10 higher than Me and Bruce then pulled out leaving the pups with an expensive lemon, giving Gaby bragging rights that they had cost more than us. The pups still felt confident saying that Perry was due but a couple of double bogeys and a 12 on a par five in the first six holes meant that he is now overdue! Oh well, hard luck.

This Saturday we have Club Champs qualifying round 2, a stroke round off the Blue tees, then on Sunday we have pennants across the district. The Brandon course will be full from 11.00 till 3:30ish with the Patterson grade at home, 72 players off multiple tee starts. The pups will be fizzing after a big win last time out, they are playing Gleniti, and the old dogs welcome back Captain Pugwash and the flying Dutchman to take on Waimate. Down in Temuka our scratch teams go at each other in the morning with Jeffs Aces taking on Tom's Green team and Terry's Gold team play Tinwald 3. In the afternoon, Green team take on Tinwald 3 the Gold boys take on Geraldine and Jeffs team play Gleniti. Towards the mountains in Methven Shane and the Alex Bravehearts play Temuka. Good luck to everyone playing. Results next week. Good golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford