

Ashburton Golf Club

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter, the weather wasn't the best, over the weekend but we did have two golf days. On Saturday we had around 30 pairs playing for the Keig Cup and the Coasters trophy. Both of these games are Greensome, where each player hits their drive and a second shot then you pick the best of these and play alternate shot from there until the ball is holed. Top score in the Keig Cup, which is for family pairings, went to dad and lad Dave and Jeff Hewitt they had a wonderful score of net 64 which in this format is great shooting. Then in the Coasters trophy a couple of chaps, who should have been playing in striped jumpers and masks, shot an unbelievable score of 59.5. Yep Pat and Paddy dovetailed together perfectly to shoot this great score which was welcomed so warmly in the clubrooms when results were read out. Yeah right!

On Monday we had our turkey trot with only a small field braving the weather. Leading the way with 40 points was Terry Kingsbury one shot clear of Will Blacklow, good shooting boys in tough conditions.

This weekend we have two games again and the weather looks a lot more promising. On Friday we have Anzac day and that means the Baker Trophy battle of the sexes. This is an individual Stableford where all the Men's and Ladies scores are added together and averaged out to find a winner and the Ladies get the trophy. This seems to have been the way over the past few years. I think this year Captain James needs to go and tap a few shoulders to make sure some players maybe stay at home and do some gardening that day so as not to bring the average down, you know who you are! Seriously though, it would be lovely to have a nice big field and the mixed days are always a lot of fun. The banter on this day always goes up a notch with the bragging rights for the year on the line. This is Anzac day so 12 noon meet for 12:30 tee off.

Then on Saturday it is the start of the Watson Cup the biggest mens pairs trophy of the club. This Saturday it is the Murray Webb trophy which is qualifying for the Watson Cup. The winners will be the top seed and the top 16 pairs will all qualify. The Watson Cup is then knockout Matchplay over the next 4 weeks, so please make sure you will be available for all the rounds which includes the Newton trophy plate. If you are not available for the Matchplay then please let Matt know at starting so he can take you out of the draw. Results and predictions for the Watson Cup next week. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford