

## Ashburton Golf Club

I have not been around the last few weeks, so not had my finger on the pulse. It seems the Brandon Cup wrapped up on Saturday and Ken Cahill swooped in from the clouds with a stunning third round to pick up the trophy. He wasn't in the top 10 after two rounds but an amazing score of 46 points on Saturday took him to 114 points overall just pipping Peter Walker by a shot. Peter had been Mr Consistent shooting 38, 38 and 37 top effort.

Other good scores on Saturday were 42 points for Mitch Neutze and 39 for Brent Clarke.

This Saturday Matt is holding one of his world famous Pro Shop Days with an International Stableford where you can lose points as well as score them. I know we have quite a few players heading over the bridge to play in the Tinwald 3500, but those who are not going, please pop along and support our Pro and similarly if we have any Tinwald players who are not playing in their tourney, they are more than welcome to come on over and join in with the Brandon club day.

I always enjoy the Tinwald 3500, it's a very well organised event and a great weekend. The Brandon old dogs do get a bit of stick from the locals, not because of any golfing prowess, but we do have a knack of picking up raffles and the occasional bit of good fortune in the Calcutta. Here is to hoping again!

Last Sunday we had the Patterson pennants teams in action at Rakaia and it seems that Old Dogs just couldn't manage it without their beloved captain. Its my own fault, I keep forgetting how much the chaps worship me and when I am not there the whole team are just empty souls and like a rudderless ship. Hayden tried his best, picking up the teams only win, but a 14 to 4 defeat was a tough pill to swallow. I will make every effort to return for the next round, though we may have to clean the decks and bring in some fresh blood. On the other side of the draw the young pups found a bit a bite at long last and they gave Highfield a right royal towelling with an 18 to nil drubbing. Well done, Dylan, Bill, Jordy, Nathan, Spud and FC. Next round is on our home turf in a couple of weeks.

That will do. Good golfing

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford