

Paddy's Prattle Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Ashburton Golf Club

It's been a while, but we actually got sunshine on the course last Saturday, and a large crowd turned up to enjoy it. The big games of the day were the Watson Cup and Newton Trophy finals. In the Watson cup Charlie Alexander and Noel Sutton were facing Peter Walker and Terry Molloy. Unfortunately, Terry came down with the dreaded lurg and had to withdraw, meaning Peter had to play on his own. He made a good fist of it but Charlie and Noel have been the form pairing right through the competition and they were in no mood to be charitable, taking out a well-deserved win. Well done guys, great effort over the past five weeks.

In the Newton trophy Barry Jury and Kevin Smith were locking horns with Vince Carr and Paddy Bradford and what a great battle it was. Vince and Paddy jumped out to a quick start but Barry and Kevin dug in well and didn't let them get away, but they did turn the corner one up. A win on 10 doubled the lead, but then Barry and Kevin won 11 and 13 and it was game on again. Vince and Paddy won 14 then lost 15. The 16<sup>th</sup> was a great half. Then a birdie on 17 put Vince and Paddy one up. They both got net pars on the last which left both Barry and Kevin with long net birdie putts to take it down the 19<sup>th</sup>. They both hit good putts but neither of them managed to drop in so Vince and Paddy took the spoils. What a cracker of a game.

This Saturday we have Club Champs qualifying round 3 which is a stroke round off the blue tees. This is also a qualifier for the RMF Silva Cup. If you don't know, the RMF Silva cup is a season long cup based on the Fed Ex cup where you get points for taking part and bonus points for playing well, culminating with a final's series later in the year. RMF Silva have been wonderful sponsors and supporters of the club for many years now. They sponsor this cup, they also recently paid for all our new hole flags, and Chris Robertson does a mountain of work as board chair, so don't forget if you need top class legal advice, be it Property services, Employment or HR issues, Will and Trusts or if you get caught rolling around you front lawn naked as you just love the way the grass feels on your body, and then you realise that you don't have a front lawn and that you have just ruined a good bowls game. I have heard that they are really good at keeping that out of the papers. Whatever you need great legal advice for, give the gang at RMF Silva a call. Top people!

On Monday we have Kings Birthday holiday and we are celebrating this by playing the White Trophy, which I believe is now a Mixed pairs combined Stapleford game, so head down at the usual start times and enjoy your long weekend. Catch you around the course. Good golfing