

Paddy's Prattle 27th July 2024

Ashburton Golf Club

What a beautiful day we had last Saturday, it was like spring had come early. Sun on your back, no wind, good run on the fairways and beautifully true greens. If you failed to score well, there was nothing to blame other than operator error. Looking at the scores, my own included, we had quite a few erroneous operators. Leading the way with the good scores was Mike Kelly who bagged himself a great nett 68 just pipping Nick Knight by a shot. Top shooting guys.

A further shot back on nett 70 were Murray Wackrow, Chris Ralston, Dave Rush, Dylan Stoddart and Royce Jamieson. Well done.

The grades are now set for the champs, Matt and the match committee will be working across the scores to make sure everyone is correctly positioned and you will have one more chance on Saturday week to consolidate yourself well in whichever grade you have ended up in.

Firstly, before that we have round two of the three round stroke game that is the DCL Cup on this Saturday, another stroke round, but this one is back on the white tees. Play well.

On Sunday we have all our teams' playing pennants across the district. The scratch teams are all at Temuka where Jeff and the big boys play Methven, Terry and the B team play Timaru then Tommy and the C squad take on Point. Shane takes his Alex team to Point and face a tough game against a strong Rakaia side, then finally the Patterson teams are over the bridge at Tinwald, both with very important games.

Jimmy and the pups are taking on Temuka and Paddy is ringing in his war dogs to take a big bite out of Waimate. Good luck to all the players, hopefully we can get all 6 teams into semi-final contention.

On a side note, President Putin represented the golf club at the Pétanque Open Day last Wednesday. Wonderfully welcoming members, a fun and challenging game, superb afternoon tea and a glorious sunny day, what else could you wish for? Maybe bringing a top score prize home! Who would have thought that he would be a world class Pétanque player first time up. No one should be shocked, by all accounts, it's all in the wrist action, and Putin has very supple wrists from his many years trumpet polishing. That will do for now, catch you around the course. Good golfing