

A quieter weekend just gone, after the excitement of Champs finals. We hosted 40 or so of the South Island men's masters, and I'm sure they enjoyed the course. We had a bit of a chilly wind on Saturday as we teed up for the Bermaline Cup and Barnett Vase, both of these were par rounds. The Bermaline is for handicaps lower than 18 and the winner of this was Paul Greer with 2 up. I was in Paul's four and he played very well, it could quite easily have been 4 or 5 up, but I think he was happier just getting a beer off me again. Just behind Paul was Brian Nuttall and Steve Richards on 1 up. In the Barnett Vase for over 18 handicaps, the winner was Don McQuarters with a great score of 4 up, well done Don. Rob McMillan and Rob Pawsey were just behind on 2 up and 1 up respectively. Top effort by all the winners. This Saturday we have the Hydraulink Brandon Open playing alongside the Aorangi Strokeplay Champs. 36 holes of stroke play for Men and Ladies. Gross prizes and Nett prizes all in grades, with the best Mens gross score getting automatic entry into the final qualifying round for the NZ Open. Many thanks to Dan and Abbey Bruce at Hydraulink as well as Tom Wilson from Aorangi Golf. It should be a great day with a good size field and the weather doesn't look too bad. There is still room for a few more players, so if you fancy it then check the website or contact the club for details. Club day this week is Sunday with usual starting times morning and afternoon, playing a stableford round where you choose your tees either Red, White or Blue. Should be fun.

Twilight teams golf kicked off on Tuesday evening, and more teams playing on Friday. This year the twilight golf has kindly been sponsored by JKF Builders, many thanks to Geoff Frew and the gang down there. I think we have just short of 60, four person teams, playing across both nights. It is always great fun and expertly run by Arkright, Nurse Gladys and all their wonderful little helpers. That will do for now, good golfing.