

Paddy's Prattle

I got a bit behind the 8 ball last week and missed my deadline, sorry about that, will make a better effort this week. Two weeks ago we played for the Sutherland Trophy which is a combined stableford game. Winners were Henry Lawrence and Rob Coyle with a combined total of 75 points just pipping Terry Molloy and Peter Walker on 74. Top individual score was a very impressive 41 points from Richard McKernan, its just a pity that nobody wanted to partner him in the pairs game. I don't normally mention Wednesday golf but last week Old Spud rolled back the years and found his well oiled swing to shoot a gross 74 for a 7 up score in the par round. Great effort. Last Saturday we had a bit of a hit and miss day. It was a stroke round with great prizes, sponsored by the lovely people at Forsyth Barr. Many thanks to Michelle and the gang. Make sure to give them a call if you are looking for any investment advice. The game day set off well with beautiful sunny skies and the early birds took their chances well, Aaron Beale shot a superb 2 under par 70 to get a nett 66 which won the day. The afternoon groups got around 10 or 11 holes in, when the thunder and lightening came in which caused a cancellation for the rest of the round. The afternoon players were told to put net pars onto the holes not played, which happened to be the best holes on my card! Funny that. Other good scores from the day were Brian Nuttall and John Cook both with net 67 and Hilary Ward just behind them on 68.

The RMF Silva Cup points were cancelled for the day, so wherever you sat at start of play is where you will be for this Saturdays Final. Blair Snowball will lead the way with a 10 shot start. Chris Ralston just behind with 8 shots and Rob Pawsey on 6. This will carry on down with the bottom end of the top 20 just playing off their normal handicap. The full list should be on the website. These chaps will be playing in the afternoon, and when the dust settles, some lucky player will pick up a club sub for next year, thanks to the lovely people at RMF Silva.

The rest of us mere mortals will be playing as well, it's a stroke round with the Santa Marie trophy up for grabs.

Story of the week. The lovely Sharon Carlson found herself in a precarious position on hole 4 last Saturday. Her approach shot had lodged itself in the top of the bunker just under the lip, so with one foot in and one foot out, like some weird Hokey Tokey, she took an almighty heave to get the ball out, but alas only proceeded at driving it another 6 inches underground. Her playing partners had to call the mines rescue to dig the ball out so she could take a drop and continue. Like all great warriors Sharon did bounce back later in the round with a superb 2 on the 14th. Top effort.

Finally, captain Tom is organising a trip to Rangiora GC on Saturday 18th November to play for the Haggie Shield. A good group visited us last year from Rangiora, so its only fair that we take a good group up there next week. If you fancy a day trip, there is a sheet on the notice board or just give Tom a shout, it should be a good fun day. They usually are!! Good golfing.