

Happy new year to everyone, I hope all of your new years resolutions lasted a bit longer than my dry January as I has skulling a Guinness as we sung Auld lang syne, and then my second resolution of no three putts got as far as the third hole at Tinwald in their New year's tourney. Oh well, never mind. The Property Brokers shootout qualifying has been going gangbusters over the last two weeks. My early prediction of 76 points being enough is a bit off the mark, with 77 points not really being guaranteed a spot. After round 5 with 1 round to go Tonee Hurley is sat precariously in 19th spot with the worst of the 77 pointers and Mark Hoare is sat in 15th place with the best of the 77 pointers. The countbacks are all done by dot golf and they seem to be working on the back nine of your second scoring round. I believe we will still have a few changes with the final round this Saturday, as we have a lot of people sat outside the top 19 with one good score and little else. Last Saturday George Brown jumped from borderline to safe as houses with a superb 43 points putting him in second place with 82. Matt Young also got himself safe with 43 points taking him to 5th place on 80 points, but the biggest movers up the table scoring 41 points each were Mark Hoare 39th upto 15th and Chris Lovelock 43rd upto 7th.

We have had around 80 players try and qualify which has really sharpened everyones focus and I expect we will have a big field on Saturday, with the outsiders gunning for 40+ points and the safe ones trying their best to farm handicaps for the final. You know who you are!

Once the top 19 have been finalised on Saturday the phantom scribe will get hard at it, to get the form guide written and this will hopefully be ready for release on Tuesday. Saturday week the 20th we will have club opening day and once that has finished we will hold the finalists auction and then the big race kicks off at 10am on Sunday 21st. It's gonna be another cracker!

Other news from the club, the Harvey Norman Classic is on the 10th and 11th of February and entries are filling up fast. The entry form is online, you can find it on the website, or if your really struggling, head into the pro shop and Matt will be able to help you out. There is no doubt that this will fill up soon, so if you want to choose a favoured tee time then don't hang around. Massive work has been done on this event over the past few years. The fresh faced approach of Terry K , Tommy B, James Mc and the not so fresh faced Bruce have really lifted this event to a new level. This year we can now offer over \$10k in prizes on top of a wonderful, fun filled, two day jamboree of laughter, great golf and all round joviality. Get in quick.

That will do for now, see you around the course. Good golfing.