

Paddy's Prattle 6 July 2021

Big weekend for Brandon golfers. I got a 50% pass on my predictions. Of course Josh Coyle smashed Ram Clarke. Clarkie might say that it went to the 16th, but it looked like Josh was just toying with him, like a cat playing with its prey. In the other semi Richard and Sean played a game of "to me, to you" where they both tried to give each other holes. I don't actually think either of them won a hole, but Sean was more insistent when it came to giving holes, so Richard won on 15. In the plate Barry had a good win over Steve and Dave tore young Tommy a new one. We have 2 good finals in store for this Saturday, I am going to leave the predictions alone, I just hope the best men win. Oh, so Josh and Barry it is then!

In the game of the day young Seb McMillan has finally put the ghost of Perry to bed and shot a great 41 points, just pipping Terry K and George Brown. Well done to all the players. The course was certainly in fantastic nick, the day was lovely, so if you did not play well then it must have been your golf clubs fault.

On Sunday we had pennants across the district. In Shanes absence it is nice to see captain David stick to the well used game plan. He and Ron picked up good wins, but that was it for the team in a 12-5 loss. David tells me that Chris Lovelock is still sat in a darkened room after playing well but getting a net 68 shoved up him.

Davo captained the Redpath team well by only picking good players, Robbie and Terry had close losses put snaffled the fourball and then Craig and Blair won the lot for a good result.

In the Patterson grade the Vision Insurance pups just fell short of a great win over a top Fairlie side. Both Stoddart boys took losses, Tom and James had great wins. Young Spud was 7 down but got a draw. It all came down to Sean. After blowing up on Saturday he was due. All square on the last, a miraculous recovery shot from a hazard. Two putts for a team win and all the glory he could drink. Three putts for a great halve and a good result. Oh well I'm sure the boys will forgive him eventually.

The old dogs had a bad day at the office only Bruce and Gaby managed wins. Old Spud won the first four holes, then it seems his opponent turned up and won the next 12, but the story of the day goes to a certain realtor and Ashburton legend who shall remain nameless. Lets just call him Mince Farr. I am reliably informed that he did not make the ladies tee with his tee shot or his second shot or even his third, and only just snuck by it for his fourth. We certainly have not seen a triple twotty in many a day. Top effort.

Last note that I have is a story from the MacGregors. Turns out that Arkwright and Nurse Gladys Emmanuelle were having a hit on Saturday, and for the first time ever the lovely Nurse Gladys shot a better gross score than the old fella. That must be why he was dropped for pennants.

That will do for now Good golfing.