

Paddy's Prattle 7th Sept 24

A warm but windy day welcomed the players to the Brandon on Saturday and by the end of play we knew all the Men's Club Champs finalists. I'm afraid I was not there in the afternoon, so I am not sure about the ins and outs of the games, but I have been told all the winners. In the seniors Jeff Hewitt got the better of Robbie Bell and will face off against Dave Morrison who put a stop to young Chrisjans great run. In the intermediates it is going to be a battle of the Chris's in the final. Chris Lovelock will be a hunting a three peat after putting out Mitch Stoddart, but standing in his way is Chris Ralston who beat Tuffy Sa. In Junior A Shane Beavan overcame Ram Clarke and now faces the enigma that is Perry Hunt who managed to talk Nick Ralston out of a finals berth. Then in Junior B George Brown will square up against Murray Wackrow, who both had good wins over Hamish Riach and Brian Fauth respectively. The Plate finals will be Adrian Hopwood against Nick Knight in seniors. In the Inters Greig Sparrow gives over 60 years away playing against Joseph Digby. Junior A sees Neil Macdonald play John Ramsay and finally Junior B is Pat Turton against Craig Davies.

These games are all on Saturday week the 21st, so we will look at all the match ups more in depth next week, and by then we will also know the Ladies and 9 hole finalists.

Right, enough of the sideshow. This Saturday we are playing for the two most important trophies in the club, the Captain v President Matchplay Trophy and the Mutz Nutz Trophy. Every year we ask the Brandon faithful to hang their colours onto either the Captains or the Presidents flagpole and play an individual Matchplay on their behalf. Over the last couple of years this has become a bit of a Captains cakewalk. Some say that was due to the strong captaincy of Tommy "Gun" Blacklow, others point to the underwhelming ex-president, "Sleepy" Bruce Biden, who knows? This year, however, we have two new leaders at the helm. We have Captain James MacFarlane, a lovely young man, the sort of chap that you would love your daughter or son to bring home, but is he a captain who inspires you to battle? Would you see soldiers charging into enemy fire for him? I don't think so, but I have been told that he does have a very thorough morning moisturising regime! On the other side though we have President Putin, a well-seasoned and battle hardened warrior, who wears his scars like medals. A "follow me" front rank, sort of leader, who inspires people to be the best version of themselves. The choice is yours!

When you arrive on Saturday give you name to the starter and choose who you wish to play for. Now obviously, there are going to be lopsided numbers for each team, but you can still help. If you want to be on the Presidents team but are forced to play for the Captain because his team is woefully short. Don't be discouraged, its fine, the President still loves you, just don't play too well! Make sure to pick up your Presidents pin from the starter and wear your MAGA badge with pride

Playing alongside this game James has picked ten young pups to battle against ten of Paddy's Old Dogs for the annual bragging rights and Mutz Nutz Cup. Saturday is sure to be lots of fun, everyone is welcome to come along and join in, there is bound to be lots of banter on the course and in the club rooms after, just a little distraction and respite before the big finals next week. Viva el Presidente! Good golfing.