

Ashburton Golf Club

A big weekend just gone down at the Brandon and a bigger week coming up. We played Club champs qualifying round 2, a stroke round off the Blue tees and the winner of the day, drum roll please! Pat Turton. I know, it shocked me as well and yes, I did check that it wasn't a typo and yes, other people were playing. Pat shared a 69 with Lefty May as well as Murray Wackrow and Mark Smitheram but Pat took the game with a better finish. Well done to everyone.

On Sunday we had Pennants Jeff and the Aces had a very close single point win against Tom and the Green boys but then had a big win over Gleniti. The Green boys bounced back with a strong win over Tinwald 3 but it was a long day for Terry and the Gold gang as they suffered two defeats. Shane and the Alex Bravehearts had a close loss at Methven. Finally in the Patterson Grade both teams were on home soil, so a couple of big wins were expected. The pups game went down to the wire where FC managed to bring them home 10:8 and the old dogs had Captain Pugwash back in charge and with himself and first mate Bruce up front they led the team to a strong 12:6 victory. Next pennants round is early May.

This week the Brandon is being taken over by the National Inter Provincial Ladies Masters. This starts with practise rounds and opening ceremony on Thursday, full on competition Friday and Saturday and Finals Day with presentations on Sunday. The course is closed for the duration but come on down for look and watch some of the best female golfers in the country have a go at the Brandon track. We have a strong Ashburton presence in the Aorangi team with Brandon's own Catherine Knight and Jen Sheppard, Tinwald's Sharon Bradford and Timaru's Lynda Brown forming a very good team who will fancy their chances. Pop along and cheer on the home team.

With the course being closed on Saturday, Captain James and Tommy B have organised a haggle against our good friends at Rangiora. This will be the fourth time of playing for the Haggle shield in recent years and the Brandon gang have won all the other three so nothing short of a great victory is expected. If you fancy a game at Rangiora, no green fees, just pay for the game of the day, everyone welcome, just contact James or Tom and they will give you all the info.

Next weekend is the Easter weekend where we will have organised golf on Saturday and Monday. Have fun, catch you around the course. Good golfing.

Many thanks,

Paddy Bradford