

Paddys Prattle 9th September 2023

Well, we now have all the finalists for the Men's club champs, and some great match ups are waiting for us on Saturday week.

In the Seniors, both games went to seeding, but not without some great golf and fighting spirit. Jeff Hewitt seemed to be in control of his game against Pete Walker, but the Chief would not roll over and fought on well until finally succumbing on the 17th. In a similar vein Robbie Bell had the upper hand over Jason Overend, but Jason knows how to dig in and scrap keeping in the game until the 16th. The final will be Jeff going for 3 in a row against Robbie who will be trying to add another one to the long list of Championships. Should be a cracker.

In the Intermediates Paul Greer had his chipper and putter on fire, he took an early lead on Paddy, the big lad got back in it around the turn, but Paul proved too consistent and took it out on 16. Chris Lovelock shot out of the blocks like he had been fired from a cannon against Rosco. Ross knows how to grind and formed a mini revival, but when Chris won on 14 he was only 3 shots over the card. Great shooting for an intermediate. This will be another great matchup, with two very good players who use magic wands for putters.

In the Junior A, the game of the round proved to be just that. Neil Macdonald against Terry Molloy. It went Terry up, then all square all through the game until the 18th then the only time that Neil got in front was on the 18th green, perfect timing. Neil will now face Dave Hampton who had to pull a great game out of his socks to hold off wily old Kevin Smith. Finally in Junior B Rob Pawsey got over Dave Hewitt and will now play Grant Hastie who held off Paul Clarke. Well done to all the winners.

Moving to the Plate games, in Seniors Aaron Beal got over young Seb and will now play Dave Morrison who beat Sam Clarke. A great final is in store for the intermediates with 2 battle hardened warriors in Greig Sparrow and Tuffy Sa ready to battle it out after good wins over Bruce and Pete. John Ramsay and Mark Hoare will face off in the Junior A final and Matt Young will play Ray Reitzema in Junior B.

These finals are all taking place on Saturday 23rd. Champs play over 36 holes and Plates play over 18. We will look at all games, a bit more in depth, next week, as well as the Ladies champs and 9 hole finals.

This Saturday we have the President against Captain Matchplay games. Head down the course and tie your colours to one of the masts. A little bird told me that President Bruce is holding court in Kelly's at 5pm Friday and has promised a Guinness to all his team with a bonus of two more next week after a win. I am still waiting on Tommy's counter offer. Game on!

Finally, good luck to Davo and his Redpath pennants team who are taking on Methven in the Final at Tinwald on Sunday. A real conundrum for the skipper. Terry K is back from holiday, does Davo change a winning team dropping himself for Terry? You know me, I have the utmost respect for Brendon and I am always championing him, a fine leader of men. Not the old fashioned type of "follow me, I've got this" leader. More of a woke "we are all winners by just taking part" sort of leader. What is he to do? Whatever he does will be the right call! You got this Davo, go get em!! Good luck and good golfing.