

Paddy's Prattle Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Over 50 hardy souls fronted on Saturday for the Hydraulink Brandon Open. It was a wet miserable morning and we were all hoping that it was going to clear, but alas, it stayed cold and wet all day. If you managed to shoot any where near your handicap then you had played well. Shooting bang on his handicap with a net 76 in the morning and a 68 in the afternoon Dave Morrison picked up the Mens Brandon Open trophy. Then Mary Lou Watson followed up last years win to take the Ladies Brandon Open trophy for the second time. Top effort on a very tough day.

The top gross score went right down to the wire with two Clearwater guns pushing each other. Dominic Brett Kelly and last years winner Sam McGill both shot 70 in the morning, then Dominic followed with a 71 in the afternoon just pipping Sam by a shot. Deanna Mathews from Ashburton shot 73 and 79 to pick up the Ladies Gross prize and then Dave Whittaker from Rakaia followed a decidedly average round of 89 in the morning with a stunning 77 in the afternoon to pick up the intermediate gross prize. Well done to all the winners and thanks for everyone who hung in there for the 2 rounds, and thanks again to Dan and Abbey Bruce and all of the Hydraulink gang.

We had club day on Sunday, playing a stableford round with your choice of tees. Top score of the day went to young pup Chrisjan Senekal who came in with a superb 37 points absolutely smashing his dads score. Just behind on 36 were Nadia Adams, a visitor from Ellesmere and Tiny Timmy Newton a visitor from another planet. Mary Lou backed up from the 36 holes to shoot a solid 35 points and then also on 35 was Wendy Parr, well done everyone.

This Saturday we have one of Matts great Pro shop days. Open to all golfers, not just Ashburton players. These are always good fun days with a great prize table. This week Matt has put his twist on an Irish Stableford. I believe it goes something like the first 6 holes your usual points count, then the next 6 you double your points and the last 6 you triple them. All the rules and start times on the website.

On Sunday our Mens Champs are heading to Mayfield to play in the Aorangi champion of champions. Good luck to Jeff, Chris and Dave.

That will have to do for now. Good golfing