

Ashburton Golf Club

We had a great fun day last Saturday playing the Captain v President matchplay trophy. President Terry was away on family duties, so Ex Pres Paddy stood in and played Captain Richard. When I say played, I think a better analogy is "played with". Like a tom cat plays with a frightened mouse. I don't like to use the word "smashed" so we will just say Paddy beat Richard.

In other great games, lad beat dad in the Ralston family. Mike Kelly and Pete Morrison halved without a halved hole in the game. Young Joseph took down young Chrisjan. Perry was 5 down with 5 to play against Matt Harvey and turned it into an unlikely half, and finally the Tub Cup changed hands as Gaby and Pat did a job on Ryan Stoddart and Dave Hampton. After the dust had settled and the wailing stopped the President had 19.5 points and Captain had 14.5 so President Terry takes home the trophy.

We now move into the serious golf as its Club Champs this Saturday. We kick off at 8:00 am with the 36 hole finals.

In the Junior B Craig Davies will take on Henry Lawrence, Junior A has Greg Fleming facing John Ramsay. Ladies Bronze 1 has the two Bev's Turton and Chinn playing each other. The intermediate has Chris Ralston playing Frits Senekal. Ladies silver sees Jen Shepherd taking on Pauline Bell and rounding out the 36 holers is the senior mens final between Jeff Hewitt and Chrisjan Senekal.

The 18 hole finals start from 10:00 with the Bronze 2 final Brenda Fechny and Liz Cabout, they are followed by the Junior A plate Paul Clark and Steven Kennedy. Intermediate plate has Bruce Day playing Paul Greer and then the senior plate of Ron Carlson and Charlie Alexander.

From 1pm the 9 holers kick off. The mens champs has Sam Prince against Pete Macaulay, ladies champs sees Jenny Mathews playing Sue Forrest. The mens Sega golf cup has Murray Williams against Peter Kiddy and finally the ladies Sega Golf cup has Joy Nicholas against Heather Sim.

It is going to be a full on day with lots of great golf to watch. Pop down throughout the day and watch these champs slug it out. The bar will be open and Jess will have some tasty snacks to keep you going. Help celebrate with the winners and console the valiant runners up. It's always a great day. See you there.

Club day this week is on Sunday and its looking like it's going to be a big one. It's a sponsored day by everyone's favourite refrigeration specialist Brendon Davidson, yes it's the DRE day and Davo has put up a couple of extra prizes for the winners, top fella! It is also the Foodstuffs trophy challenge with our great friends from Tinwald, where everyone plays an individual Stableford and the team scores are averaged out to find a winner. Matt is also going to run one of his ProV1 days where you can pay an extra \$10, receive a ProV1 ball and go into the game where the best score pick up a superb Titleist Yeti drink bottle (only superstars have these, if you ask nicely, I will show you mine) and a dozen ProV1's and second place gets you a dozen ProV1's. It will be a great day with our Tinwald mates, let's get a big Brandon crowd down there, it's an 11:30 meet for 12noon start.

Don't forget it is daylight saving Sunday so it will feel a bit earlier. Catch you down there. Good golfing.

Many thanks,
Paddy Bradford