Ashburton Golf Club

Well, what a great day we had on Saturday. We were playing for the Sante Marie trophy which was the final of the RMF Silva Cup.
Paul Clarke went into the RMF Silva final, five shots clear of the chasing gang. Could somebody make a charge from the pack or would Ram hold his nerve? The answer to both those questions soon. We did have a couple of really big movers in the field. Henry jumped 9 spots to finish up in the top 10, but the biggest mover was Paddy with a jump of 13 places. Well, when I say jump I mean cliff dive, from 3rd to 16th bugger! At the top end of the table, Sandy Shepherd shot a solid net 72 and took 4th place. Grant Hastie also shot 72 and just pipped Sandy on countback to take 3rd place. The round of the day came from Robbie Bell who shot a brilliant gross 71. This was the first time our club legend has shot his age, and playing alongside him I can honestly say, he is going to do it many many times, it was a joy to watch. The 71 off a 4 handicap saw him jump into second place and win a beautiful new Titleist golf bag thanks to Matt Davis and Sega Golf. Sitting pretty on top of the table was Paul Clarke, he just played a steady round playing to his handicap for a 72 and finished up 3 shots clear. Ram picked up a club sub for next year thanks to our brilliant sponsors RMF Silva. The lovely Penny Green came along from RMF Silva to hand out the prizes and give us a wee insight into Mid Canterbury's top law firm, which was very well received by everyone present. Thanks again to everyone at RMF Silva, I believe this was the 12th year of sponsoring this event, and I certainly hope we have many more to come.
With Robbie shooting his net 67 he also picked up the Santa Marie trophy just pipping George Brown on 69 who was closely followed by Mike Arnold and Lynne Small on 70. Well done everyone.

This week the course is closed for maintenance so it could be a good time to get your mid week fix at one or two of the other gorgeous courses around the district. We are back into it again on Saturday playing a two person Ambrose for the John Richards memorial trophy. Johns' family will be joining us again for a game and its always nice to remember past club members with good fun days on a beautiful golf course. Please come down and join in the day.

Finally best wishes and good luck to Bruce Day who is flying out to Morocco on Friday, heading to the World left handers golf tournament. Morocco, the land of Casablanca, the Marrakesh Express and for a man who hates bunkers, a hell of a lot of sand. The lovely Karen is travelling with him as chaperone to make sure we don't have any diplomatic incidents. Have fun, I think you might struggle getting a Guiness over there!
That will do, catch you around the course. Good golfing.

Many thanks,
Paddy Bradford