

Paddy's Prattle Saturday March 2nd

A big day and a full field at the Brandon on Saturday, we had over a 100 through the day, which is always good to see, with quite a few new members joining in the game of the day. The game was the Brandon Cup round one. Al Jopson led the way with a superb 44 points and almost a hole in one on the 14th. Top work Al. It was a very close affair at the top because coming second was Perry Hunt also on 44 points, but a non scoring hole on the back nine saw him pipped on countback. Other great scores were Gaby Jansen on 41 then Eric Parr and John Ramsay on 39, well played chaps. With all these great scores it was no wonder that the home side picked up the Haggie shield again. It was lovely seeing 20 Rangiora members come down and join our day and I am sure we will get a big crew together when we reciprocate next year. This Saturday we have round 2 of the 3 round Brandon Cup and all eyes will be looking how AJ and Gaby pull up after solid first rounds. What about Perry? I hear a few of you ask. Well I am not an astronomer, but I do know that you do not get 2 Blue Moons in the same month and as his last round cost him 2 shots, I think he will be back in the also rans this week. In fact if anyone fancies a cheap haggie give him a shout.

As of writing we haven't played the Bristol Cup yet, but a very strong Brandon team is heading to Timaru Levels to play on Wednesday. A round of pairs alternate shot foursomes in the morning then an individual stroke in the afternoon with all scores counting mean a tough day of golfing is in store for the 6 man team. Good luck to Hamish, Tom, Hoppy, Jason, Bruce and Paddy, lets hope that as you are reading this on Thursday they are polishing the trophy.

I popped in and saw Davo on Monday after his double knee replacement a fortnight ago and took him his creamy black medicine. He is looking very chipper and getting around well on his crutches. One thing I did notice now that his knees have been straightened is how tall he is. Who knew that Brendon was a six footer? Michelle is happy as she will not have to buy his pants in tots to teens anymore and Matt at Sega Golf is rubbing his hands as Davo will need an adult set of clubs now. Just because your not playing golf doesn't make you safe!

After this weekend the course is closed for the week so Ben and the gang can do maintenance, so you will have to get yourselves out and about for your midweek golfing fix. We are very lucky to have 4 more beautiful courses in the Mid Canterbury district to choose from, so wherever you end up you will be made very welcome and I hope you enjoy your games. See you around Good golfing