

Paddys Prattle 23 March 2024

Nobody quite knew what happened last Saturday down at the Brandon. There are rare phenomenon in the world, you may catch sight of Nessie being ridden by the abominable snowman, or even rarer, Bruce buying his own beer, but on Saturday a flying pig turned up. Yes the gammon glider swooped low over the course and Perry had his second good round in the same calendar month. After leading the Brandon Cup standings with 44 and 31 pointers he went into the third round with a 2 shot lead, but with everyone still doubting that he could pull it off. Well everyone but yours truly, I think if you have read my recent blurbs, there can be no doubt that I have done nothing other than champion the fine fella and backed him to the hilt!! Anyway Perry stood up and shot a superb 38 pointer to finish on 113 pipping Gary Stratford on 111 and Brian Fauth on 110, in doing so he picked up the Brandon Cup. Well done Perry, I always believed in you!

Top score of the day went to Sam Kingston who snagged 39 points and then joining Perry and Gary on 38 points were Mike Arnold, Pete Natua, Grant Hastie and Bruce Day. Well done to all.

While still mentioning Bruce. I am sure the whole club will join me in wishing him well on his Trip to Vietnam to play in the World Left Handers tournament there. He leaves very shortly and I think it is going to be a wonderful experience, though he may struggle to get his hands on a Guinness over there. Thankfully for the club and the NZ consulate in Vietnam the lovely Karen is going with him so he should not get up to too many shenanigans.

I was not actually playing at Ashburton last Saturday but my phone was ringing hot with stories. One that stood out came to me about the self-appointed best putter in the club Richie Mc. As most golfers will affirm, one of the worst starts or finishes to a round is a 3 putt. If you have one on the first it sets you off in a bad vibe and if you have one on the last, you have to wait till your next round to remedy it. Well I will tell you what is worse, but funnier for the rest of us. Start off with a four putt and end with a 3 putt on the same round, that will really grind your gears. I think it could be time for a lesson if Matt reckons he is upto the challenge or maybe a grip change. I'm not sure if there is a grip that "King Putt" hasn't tried yet. Richard has asked me to let everyone know that if they have any advice, please feel free to share it with him

Easter weekend coming up. On Saturday we have a mixed day playing a pairs greensome for the Keig Cup and Coasters trophy. The Keig is for Family pairings and the Coasters is for any pairing, and greensome is where you both hit off the tee, both hit your own second shot, then choose your best option and play alternate from there until the ball is holed. Normal start times. Pop along with a partner or let Matt work his magic again.

Then on Easter Monday we have the Turkey Trot which is an individual stableford round with an earlier start time of 11:30 for 12 noon kick off and plenty of prizes on offer.

If you are not heading away for the long weekend, come down and join us for some fun and maybe a game of golf. See you down there. Good golfing