

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw the first round of the Greenaway Cup being played, while those not involved in the mixed Canadian Foursomes played in a stableford round.

In the Greenaway Cup, the best pairing was that of Heather and Bill Ousey with a score of 68 nett, which was three strokes ahead of Jean Bayly and Fred Brittain, while Yvonne and Alan Allsworth took third placing on 74 nett.

In the stableford competition, Matthew Biel led the first group with 42 points, with the runner up being Graham Duckett and Byron Karaitiana with 41 points each. In the second group, Allan Biel had 44 points to have a comfortable margin over Allan Eagle on 39 points and Layton Kawana on 38.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin went to Allan Biel, while Troy Shaw helped himself to the Mitre 10 one on the third, the Solway Butchery one on the eighth and the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth. Layton Kawana took the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth hole and Kevin May took the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate on the seventeenth (off Troy Shaw). Holes in two were scored by Troy Shaw, Rob McKelvey and Layton Kawana.

Sunday's competition was a medal round, which saw Kevin May take the honours in the first group with a 65 nett, with Paul Haxton and Martin Andrew the runners up on 66 nett.

In the second group, Kevin Hunter took top spot with a 66 nett, from Arona Solomon on 68 nett and Layton Kawana on 70 nett. Holes in two were scored by Ivan Karaitiana and Bruce Herangi.

Over the week-end, the Left Handers played in the Bob Charles tournament, and I understand the Graeme Dick took out the best gross for the tournament. The other Mahunga members did not feature in the results.

On Tuesday, the veteran golfers went away on their annual mystery bus trip, which was to the Palmerston North Golf club this year. Next Tuesday the veterans will be back playing at Mahunga, when the competition is likely to be the postponed round of the Haddon Donald trophy.

This coming Saturday is Club Championships finals day, which will start off with the Open finalists teeing off at 8.30 a.m. The full draw for the day follows at the end of this report.

A number of the finals will be very intriguing affairs. It will start with the Open, where defending champion Ivan Karaitiana will be playing Troy Shaw, who was in very good form in recent times, winning three of four matches at the Wellington Under 17 Matchplay Tournament, and also had a three under par round on the week-end. In the Silver division, Anita Karaitiana is looking to defend her title against Sereanna Phillipps, and I think that this could be a much closer match than she has had in recent times.

The Intermediate championship has two time defending champion Darryl Coley up against big hitting Jeremy Harp, and this is a match that could go all the way. The Junior A final has Fred Brittain defending his title against Kevin May, and this is another match that could be quite tight. The ladies Bronze was vastly experienced Janet Campbell up against relative newcomer in Leigh Reiri, and I expect this to be one of the closest matches on the day.

The Junior B championship sees youngster Regan McCabe playing against Arona Solomon, a past member who has only recently returned to golf after a number of years off. The Ladies Bronze B final has Irene Phelps playing the youngest lady in the club in Jessica Butler. In addition to these finals, the men's consolation events – the Lusty and Brockett Cup finals will also be played.

Sunday is a free day, with the club competition being a par round.

Fast approaching is the Copthorne Solway Park Resort Wairarapa Open Men's Fourball Best Ball Tournament, which will be played on Sunday 9th November. The entry sheet for the tournament is in the club house foyer.

Draw for Club Championship Finals – Saturday 18th October

8:30	Open	I Karaitiana	v	T Shaw
8:37	Silver	A Karaitiana	v	S Phillipps
8:44	Intermediate	D Coley	v	J Harp
8:51	Junior A	F Brittain	v	K May
8:58	Bronze	J Campbell	v	L Reiri

12:00	Open	I Karaitiana	v	T Shaw
12:07	Silver	A Karaitiana	v	S Phillipps
12:14	Intermediate	D Coley	v	J Harp
12:21	Junior A	F Brittain	v	K May
12:28	Bronze	J Campbell	v	L Reiri
12:35	Junior B	R McCabe	v	A Solomon
12:42	Bronze B	I Phelps	v	J Butler
12:49	Lusty Cup	G Granich	v	L Butler
12:56	Brockett Cup	S Doherty	v	C Paine