

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw the men's Wellington Inter Club team in action at home, and they took advantage of the home course to record a resounding 15 to 0 win. That win has returned the team to the top of the table for their division, with a 4 point buffer over their nearest team on the points table.

Sunday saw the ladies involved in a Tilson Salver match at Carterton against Castlepoint, but the result was not the one that the team were hoping for, with Castlepoint taking the honours by four to two.

Sunday also saw the men finalise the Dove trophy and Nicol Cup competitions for the year, and it was to prove to be the youngster's days. In the Dove Trophy, it was a close match most of the way between Kevin Hunter and Daniel Towgood. The latter was one ahead coming into the eighteenth hole, and in spite of hitting his first putt at the wrong hole, he was able to close out the match.

The Nicol Cup saw Darryl Coley having to give Phillip Granich twenty one strokes, and he looked to be coping with that by leading at the ninth hole, but Phillip Granich pulled the holes back, and his par on the fifteenth hole, with two strokes in the match put him two ahead, and the match was then wrapped up on the sixteenth hole.

Saturday's club competition was a medal round, and in the first group the ladies showed the men how to play. Anita Karaitiana had the best score of 67 nett, with Ngaire Graham on second place on 68 nett. Third place saw Laurence Butler get the nod from Noeline Stevenson for third place in the group on 69 nett.

In the second group, Steve Doherty led the way with the day's best score of 65 nett, from Bill Leahy on 67 and then Phillip Granich on 70 nett.

The nearest to the pins were also dominated by the ladies, with Anita Karaitiana taking the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth hole and the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole, and Ngaire Graham taking the Solway Butchery one on the eighth hole and the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth hole. Ken Downing took the Solway Pie Shop one on the first hole and Chris Paine took the Mitre 10 one on the third hole.

Holes in two were scored by Chris Paine and Anita Karaitiana, who scored two of them.

Saturday also saw the Summer Eclectic competitions conclude, with Ivan Karaitiana taking out the gross with a score of 51, while Martin Andrew took the nett with a 47 nett.

Sunday's competition was also a medal round. In the first group, Steve Dick and Ivan Karaitiana returned scores of 68 nett, with Bruce Herangi taking third place on 69 nett.

In the second group, Kevin May led the way with a 66 nett, from Robin Britt and Colin McAuley on 68 nett.

Holes in two were scored by Ivan Karaitiana, Troy Shaw, Darryl Coley and Colin McAuley.

During last week, Troy Shaw travelled to Timaru to play in the South Island Under 17 Championships, and he performed well to take fifth place in the field.

On Tuesday, it was a smallish group of veteran's who took part in the stableford competition. The best of the ladies were Jean Bayly and Mei Hakaraia with 39 points each, while Heather Small was just one point away in third place, and Betty Loader was fourth on 36 points.

Meki Lauvi headed the first men's group with 38 points, with a gap back to Doug Simpson on 34 and then Ray Loader on 33 points. In the second group it was much closer, with Steve Doherty taking the honours with 34 points from Trevor Oliver and Ross Ireland on 33 points.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Maria Lauvi on the third hole and Judith O'Connor on the sixth hole, while the men's ones went to Alic Foreman on the sixth and Meki Lauvi on the seventh hole. But there were no holes in two for the day.

Next week's competition for the veterans will be a par round.

This coming Saturday has the club holding its annual ANZAC day competition for the Haddon Donald Trophy. This is a mixed Fourball nett competition, and there will be a medal round for those players who do not have partners.

Sunday will see the men's Marquis Shield team in action at Featherston, where they will be playing against the Martinborough team that currently sits in second place on the points total. That will mean a close tussle should be in prospect, with the winner having the inside running for the Title.

For those players staying at home, the club competition will be a stableford round.

On Sunday 3rd May, the club will be holding the Wairarapa Strokeplay Championships for those golfers who have an index of 14.5 and above over 36 holes. Entire for this tournament are open and there is an entry sheet in the club house foyer.