

## Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw the annual ANZAC day competition for the Haddon Donald Trophy. In this mixed Fourball medal competition, the scoring was good and close.

The Trophy went to Heather and Bill Ousey with a score of 59 nett, with Sue Ratapu and Steve Doherty the runners up on 60 nett, while Michelle and Darryl Coley took third place on 61 nett, with Anita Karaitiana and David O'Reilly next best on 63 nett.

The club competition was a medal round. The first group saw both Graeme Dick and Bruce Herangi share the honours on 67 nett, with Rob McKelvey taking third place on 69 nett. In the second group, Alic Foreman led the way with another 67 nett, with David O'Reilly and Kevin Gibbs both posting 68 netts. The third group saw the day's best score of 64 nett, which was posted by Heather Ousey. Layton Kawana was the runner up on 69 nett, with Allan Eagle and Joe Graham finishing on 70 nett.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin on the first hole was taken out by Geoff Peck, Michelle Coley took both the Mitre 10 one on the third hole and the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth hole, Niusila Faaiuasoa the McAuley's Transport Ltd one on the sixth hole, Graeme Dick the Solway Butchery one on the eighth and Ray Cocks the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole.

Holes in two were scored by Bruce Herangi, Ray Cocks, and Laurence Butler.

Sunday saw the men's Marquis Shield team in action at Featherston, where they were playing the home team, and from the Mahunga viewpoint, the result was not what was wanted. Featherston on their own course were too strong for Mahunga, running out with a commanding 8 matches to 4 win. They were in control in all three groups, with the senior matches going to them by 3 to 1, the juniors by 3 to 1, while the intermediate matches were shared 2 each.

At the end of the day, Mahunga were joined at the top of the table by Martinborough, and these two team will clash in the final round at Masterton in three weeks time. In the divisional trophies, Mahunga are now trailing in all three divisions.

The Junior Pennants team played their latest match against Castlepoint at Castlepoint and they emerged with the win, largely due to the 39 points scored by Reagan Fricker.

At home, the club competition was a stableford round, with Kevin May leading the field in the competition with 46 points, with Joe Graham the runner up on 41 points, followed by Simon Buckley, Anita Karaitiana and Mark Logan, who all finished with 40 points. Mark Logan scored the only hole in two for the day.

But the day's best score was returned by a player who did not go into the competition. That player was Neil Shannahan, and his score of 61 nett was worth 47 points. He had a strong finish to his round by scoring a hole in two on the seventeenth hole for 5 points, and then followed it up by scoring a par for 4 points on the last.

On Tuesday, the veterans played in a par competition. The best of the ladies was Maria Lauvi with a score of 7 up. That was one better than Janet Shaw and Sue Ratapu in the runners up position, with Pat Gard taking fourth place on 4 up.

In the men's competition, Fred Brittain and Ted Gard shared the honours on 6 up, with a gap back to Doug Simpson on 3 up. In the second group, Bruce Wilson on 7 up had a comfortable margin over the rest of the group, with Trevor Oliver the runner up on 2 up, while Steve Doherty and Blair Harvey finished on 1 up.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Janet Campbell on the third hole and Janet Shaw on the sixth hole, while the men's ones went to Doug Simpson on the sixth and Trevor Oliver on the seventh hole. There were no holes in two for the day.

Next Tuesday (weather permitting) the veterans will be playing the third round of their Haddon Donald Trophy.

This coming week-end will be a busy one at the course, with the Wellington Maori Golf Association holding a tournament on the course on Saturday morning, while Sunday will see the Wairarapa 15 – 36 Strokeplay Championship being played on Sunday over 36 holes. The draw follow at the end of this report.

*WAIRARAPA 15 - 36 OPEN STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2009  
36 HOLES – Hcp 15 - 36*

**No 1 Tee:**

8.00am

R Britt B Leahy

D O'Reilly

8.07am	M O'Reilly	A Eagle	C Paine	
8.14am	G Shaw	M Logan	K Downing	H Bennett
8.21am	A Solomon	F Martin	G Brosnan	B Ousey
8.28am	C Reiri	M Andrew	B Bradshaw	M White
8.35am	T Gard	S Reiri	B Seymour	J Francis
8.42am	L Kawana	T Collins	G Peck	S Doherty