

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday's club competition was a medal round, and again there were some very good scores posted.

The best of them was the score of 60 nett posted by Phillip Granich, which gave him a comfortable margin in the second group, with Steve Doherty the runner up on 67 nett, followed by 71 nett's from Kevin Gibbs. Bill Leahy and Arona Solomon.

In the first group, Laurence Butler led the way with a 63 nett, with Meki Lauvi the runner up on 65, while Niusila Faaiuasoo was one stroke further back.

The Solway Pie Shop Nearest to the pin went to Rob McKelvey, Patrick Rimene took the Mitre 10 one on the third, Jean Bayly the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth hole. Meki Lauvi took both the Solway Butchery nearest to the pin on the eighth and the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on seventeen, and Daniel Towgood took the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth hole. There were only two holes in two for the day, with Jean Bayly and Kevin Gibbs being the players to get them.

Saturday also saw the Mahunga men's inter club team make their debut in the competition with a match against Featherston at Featherston, and they came very close to the perfect start. Wins were posted in nine of the ten singles matches, and in the Fourball matches Featherston were only able to secure one halved match.

Sunday's competition was also a medal round, but the scoring was not as good as that posted on Saturday. In the first group, Glenn Shaw had the best result of 67 nett, with Darryl Coley, Brian Chappell and Jeremy Harp at one stroke intervals.

In the second group, Bill Ousey and Mark Logan both posted 68 netts, which was one better than Maurice O'Reilly, while Leigh Reiri finished in fourth place on 70 nett.

Holes in two were more plentiful on the day, with Kevin Gibbs, Brian Chappell, Ivan Karaitiana, Anita Karaitiana, Shane Stewart and Darryl Coley being the successful players.

On Monday, the ladies pennants teams were in action in the second round, but they were unable to replicate the wins that they had in the first round.

On Tuesday, the veterans played in a Canadian Foursomes competition. The top spot on the day was shared by the pairings of Meki Lauvi and Trevor Oliver, Steve Doherty and Susan Christall and Alan Allsworth and Jean Bayly, all with nett scored of 52½, while Blair Harvey and Ross Ireland and Doug Simpson and Janet Shaw finished on 53 nett.

There were only nearest to the pins on the sixth hole. The ladies one went to Yvonne Allsworth and the men's one to Meki Lauvi.

Next Tuesday's competition for the veterans will be a stableford round.

Last Thursday, the mid-week ladies held their opening day for their season with a Foursomes competition. The top placing went to Catherine Mitchell and Michelle Coley, from Julie Murray and Maria Lauvi. Julie Kidd and Janet Campbell took third place, followed by Shirley Simpson and Sue Ratapu, Sally Fairbrother and Anegeliqe Parkes and Betty Loader and Jean Bayly.

This Saturday has the semi-finals of the Ward Memorial Trophy and Mixed Fourball Cups being played. Saturday also has the men's inter club team in action at the Hutt Golf Club. For those not involved in the matches, the club competition will be a medal round.

On Sunday, the ladies will be involved in the first round of the Tilson Salver competition for the year at Featherston, while their will be a team at Eketahuna trying to wrest the Wairarapa Team Stableford trophy back. For those playing at home, the competition will be a stableford round.

Next Wednesday, the club will be hosting the Heart Foundation Charity Tournament, which will start at 11.30. Entries will be taken up to tee off time.