

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

The Summer Cups are in full swing, with the second rounds being played last Saturday, with the great scoring continuing.

Leading the way on Saturday's stableford competition was Ray Cocks, who scored a two under par round for his 45 points. In second place in the top group was Graeme Dick with 42 points, with Niusila Faaiuso and Kip Edmonds both finishing on 41 points.

In the second group, George O'Keeffe led the way with 44 points, with Chris Paine the runner up on 42 points, with Jack McGlashan and Laurence Butler finishing on 41 points. Holes in two were scored by Alan Eagle, Troy Shaw, Niusila Faaiuso and Layton Kawana.

Sunday's weather kept the playing numbers down for the Chicago Stableford competition, but the scoring stayed up. The best score was the 46 points score by Joe Graham, while Paul Haxton and Kevin Gibbs both finished on 41 points. There was just the one hole in two for the day, with that being scored by Willem Nel.

On Tuesday, the veteran's started their competition for the year with a stableford competition. The ladies showed how it was done, with Irene Phelps recording 43 points, runner up Sue Ratapu 41 and third placegetter Mei Hakaraia on 40 points.

The best of the men were Trevor Oliver and Ross Ireland with 38 points each in the second group, with Coll Isherwood the next best on 36 points. In the first group, there was a four way tie at the top on 37 points, with the count back being used to place the players in the following order – Ken Luke, Blair Harvey, Rap Loader and then Peter Campbell.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Mei Hakaraia on the third hole and Daphne Jordan on the sixth, while the men's ones went to Lin Jordan on the sixth and Ken Luke on the seventh. Ted Gard scored the only hole in two for the day.

Last Thursday and Friday, the Veterans had their Two Day January Tournament and the scoring was hot. In the Ladies division, Val Anderson showed out on top with 84 points for the two days with Anne nett runner up on 84 points, while Rini Leach and Yvonne Allsworth finished with 83.

In the men's first group, Alan Allsworth had 89 points to head off Fred Brittain on 86 and Spud Murphy on 84. The second group saw Ray Loader the clear winner with 90 points, with a large gap back to Ken Luke and George O'Keeffe on 78. The third group had Ross Ireland on 89 points at the top, from Trevor Oliver on 85 and Steve Guyan on 83.

There were the usual host of nearest to the pin and long drive prizes over the two days, but one long drive winner was out of the ordinary. On Thursday the under 70's long drive went to Ken Luke, who is normally regarded as a shorter but straight driver, and I am fairly sure that this would be his first ever long drive prize.

This coming week-end has the club holding it's annual Copthorne Solway Park 54 Hole Teamplay Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. Tee off time for Saturday's four ball best ball round will start at mid-day, while on Sunday morning, the two person ambrose round will start at 8.30 a.m. The draw follows at the end of the report. While the draw has been made, post entries will still be accepted up to tee off time on Saturday.

Monday's competition will be a stableford round.

54 HOLE TEAMPLAY TOURNAMENT DRAW
SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY – 2009

No 1 Tee:

12.00pm	L Butler & P Haxton	R Britt & G Paulsen
12.07pm	B Chappell & K Hunter	B Karaitiana & I Karaitiana
12.14pm	L Duckett & G Duckett	J Hodgkis & D Jones
12.21pm	P Butland & S Manabe	K Edmonds & B Edmonds
12.28pm	S Lyall & A Church	R Cocks & K Luke
12.35pm	A McArthur & J Harp	G O'Keefe & M Andrew

No 8 Tee:

12.00pm	S Stewart & G Granich	J Butler & C Paine
12.07pm	B Curtis & B Pengelly	W Karaitiana & B Herangi
12.14pm	S Faaiiausio & R Tiapue	G Dick & A Eagle
12.21pm	D Coley & B Leahy	J Schaeffhausen & C Dentis
12.28pm	D O'Reilly & M O'Reilly	Y Manabe & C Butland