

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday and Sunday saw the club holding its annual Wellington Anniversary week-end Copthorne Solway Park Resort 54 Hole Teamplay tournament.

Saturday's Fourball round saw the pairing of Steven Lyall and Adam Church lead the gross with a 67, but one stroke back was the pairing of Ivan and Byron Karaitiana, while Lance and Graham Duckett and Ray Cocks and Ken Luke finished with 71's.

In the nett, Ray Cocks and Ken Luke and Jeremy Harp and Aaron MacArthur shared the lead with 60 netts, while Lance and Graham Duckett, Shane Stewart and Greg Granich, Yuriko Manabe and Carol Butland and Martin Andrew and George O'Keeffe all had 61 netts.

The Sunday morning ambrose round saw Ivan and Byron Karaitiana score 63, while Steven Lyall and Adam Church, Lance and Graham Duckett and Brendon Curtis and Bryan Pengelly had 64's.

In the nett competition Lance and Graham Duckett's 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ nett took them to the lead. Ivan and Byron Karaitiana were the next best with 60 $\frac{1}{4}$, which was one better than Brendon Curtis and Bryan Pengelly.

The Sunday afternoon foursomes saw some big swings in positions. With the gross leaders playing together and having the same total going into the final round, they were able to keep a close eye on each other. Both pairings had turns in the lead, but in the end, the 75 recorded by Steven Church and Adam Church was two better than Ivan and Byron Karaitiana, giving them totals of 206 and 208. Brendon Curtis and Bryan Pengelly had the best foursomes score of 74, which gave them a total of 210 for third place.

In the nett competition, Ray Cocks and Ken Luke had a nett 64 for a total of 187 $\frac{1}{2}$. Chris Pain and Jessica Butler had a 67 nett which catapulted them into second place on 191. Second round leaders Lance and Graham Duckett had a 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ nett, but it was good enough for them to take third placing on 194 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Jeremy Harp and Aaron MacArthur's 69 nett saw them finish on 194 $\frac{1}{2}$.

On Monday, it was only a small field that played in the stableford competition. The best of the field was Steve Dick with 42 points, followed by Arona Solomon on 37 and Terry Fleet on 35 points. There were no holes in two on the day.

On Tuesday, the veteran's group played in a stableford round, which was shortened to nine holes due to the weather. The best of the ladies was Janet Shaw with 23 points, which was one ahead of Yvonne Allsworth, while Janet Campbell was another point back.

In the men's first group, Ted Gard led the way with 24 points, from Alan Allsworth on 22, while Bevan Hefferen, Steve Doherty and Pater Campbell all finished on 21 points. In the second group, Gordon Wilton returned 25 points to head off Gordon Campbell by a point, with a gap back to Ross Ireland and Bruce Wilson on 21 points.

The ladies nearest to the pins on both the third and sixth holes went to Yvonne Allsworth, while the men's one on the sixth went to Peter Campbell and Alan Allsworth on the seventh. There were no holes in two.

This coming Saturday sees the men and Ladies playing the final rounds of their Summer Cups. In the men's Summer Cup, the lead after two rounds is shared by Martin Andrew and George O'Keeffe with 81 points, but there are a number of other players who are within striking distance, so there will be some interest in Saturday's scores.

The ladies Summer Cup standings have Trish Gallon in the lead on 72 points, with Jessica Butler on 68, but there are several players who have played only the one round so far who would have a realistic chance of taking the lead.

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