

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw both the men and ladies completing their Summer Cups competitions, with good scoring the order of the day.

The best total was the 45 points scored by Greg Granich in the first group, with Graeme Dick a solitary point behind in second place. Kevin Hunter took third place on 42 points, with Niusila Faaiuso fourth on 41 points.

In the second group, Sue Ratapu had the best results of 42 points, with Kevin Gibbs and Steve Doherty on 40 points in the runners up spot, while Phillip Granich rounded out the prizes on 39 points. It would appear that holes in two were easy on the day, with Darryl Coley, Ngaire Graham and Matthew Biel all scoring two of them (although Matthew Biel was the only one to enter the "bird's nest" competition), while Steve Doherty, Greg Granich, Martin Andrew, Graeme Dick and Sereanna Phillipps each scored one.

With a number of members away playing at Pahiatua on Sunday, it was a smallish group who played in the stableford competition. Leading the way was Phillip Granich on 44 points from Kevin Gibbs on 41 and Ian Grant and Troy Shaw on 40 points. Holes in two were scored by Troy Shaw and Paul Haxton.

On Tuesday, the veterans group played in a stableford round. The best of the ladies was Yvonne Allsworth with 44 points, which was comfortably ahead of runner up Jean Bayly on 39 points, with Irene Phelps two points further back.

Syd Whittington led the men's second group with the day's best score of 45 points, with Ross Ireland the runner up on 42 points, while Trevor Oliver and Bill Christiansen both finished on 37 points.

In the men's first group, it was Ray Loader who took the top billing with 38 points, while Peter Campbell, Doug Simpson and Alan Allsworth all finished on 34 points.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Maria Lauvi on the third hole and Jean Bayly on the sixth, while the men's ones went to Bruce Wilson on the sixth and Blair Harvey on the seventh hole. Holes in two were scored by Bruce Wilson and Ray Loader.

Next Tuesday, the veteran's competition will be a bisque par round, with the tee off being moved forward by half an hour to 9.30 a.m.

This coming Saturday has the club holding the opening day for the 2009 season with a best ball stableford competition. All members and visitors are most welcome to join in on the day, which will see the tee off start at mid-day.

Sunday will see the men involved in the first round of their Nett Aggregate competition, and it will also open the qualifying for the season long Shoot Out.