

## Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw the men playing the semi-finals of the Walker Fourball and Roy Morris Trophies. While the matches were close, none of the matches went into overtime, and throughout the competition, there has not been one match that has gone past the eighteenth hole, which is the first time for many years that that has happened.

In the Walker Fourball matches, the lefties combination of Wayne Evans and Robin Britt were playing the combination of lefty Chic Reiri and Stephen Reiri. The latter missed a number of makeable putts during the round which could have taken the match away from the lefties, or at least have taken the match past the eighteenth, but it was not to be, with the match decided on the seventeenth hole.

In the other fourball match, past winners Brian Chappell and Bill Ousey were up against a new pairing of Graeme Paulsen and Ken Downing. This match went all the way, with the latter pairing taking the match.

The Roy Morris Trophy matches saw Rob McKelvey and Mark Schultz up against Darryl Coley and David O'Reilly. The match was still live on the eighteenth tee, but both Rob McKelvey and Mark Schultz struck trouble on the eighteenth to hand the win to Darryl and Dave. The other match saw youngsters Daniel Towgood and Phillip Granich up against Glenn Shaw and Paul Haxton. The youngsters both played well to edge out their opposition.

Saturday's club competition was a medal round. In the first group, Graeme Dick produced the day's best score of 65 nett to take top billing, with the runners up spot being shared by Wayne Evans and Niusila Faaiuas on 60 netts.

The second group saw Shane Stewart at the top with a score of 68 nett, with Graham Duckett on 70 nett and Michelle Coley on 71 nett rounding out the group.

In the third group, Daniel Towgood led the way with a 67 nett, from Steve Doherty on 69 and Sue Ratapu on 70 nett.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin on the first hole and the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth hole went to Graeme Dick, while Shane Stewart took both the Mitre 10 one on the third hole and the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth holes, with Jonti Phillipson taking the Solway Butchery one on the eighth hole and Wayne Evans the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole.

Holes on two were scored by Graeme Dick, Graeme Paulsen, Matthew Biel, Rod Dravitski and Shane Stewart, who got two of them and also the "Bird's nest".

Sunday's club competition was a par round, with the winning scores in both groups being 5 up. In the first group, that score was returned by Steve Dick, which was just one hole better than Ngaire Graham in second place and Paul Haxton on 2 up. In the second group, it was Nooroa Rota who had the 5 up score, with Laurence Butler the runner up on 3 up, while Kevin Gibbs and Jessica Butler both finished on one up. There were no holes in two on the day.

On Tuesday, the weather saw the veteran's postpone their weekly competition, but they will be back in action next Tuesday.

This coming Saturday sees the finals of both the men's and ladies Walker Fourball being played, as well as the final of the Roy Morris Trophy. For those not involved in the matches, the club competition will be a stableford round. The men's finals will start at 11.45 am, with the Walker Fourball final, followed by the Roy Morris Trophy final at 11:52am.

Sunday will see a number of Mahunga pairings off to play in the Wairarapa Open Men's Foursomes tournament at Carterton. For those staying at home, the club competition will be another stableford round.