

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday's competition was a medal round. In the first group, Laurence Butler led the way with a 70 nett, from Bruce Herangi on a 71 and Neville Biel on 72. In the second group, Bill Leahy was at the top after a round of 71 nett. He was followed in the prize list by Kevin Gibbs on 73 and Phillip Granich on 75 nett.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin was taken out by Bruce Herangi, with Troy Shaw collecting the Mitre 10 one on the third hole, Laurence Butler the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth, Ngaire Graham the Solway Butchery one on the eighth, Mark Logan the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth and Fred Brittain the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole. There were no holes in two on the day.

Sunday saw the men involved in the first round of matches in this year's Walker Fourball competition. There were some close matches. One of the closest saw Bruce Herangi and Kip Edmonds up against the youngsters in Daniel Towgood and Phillip Granich. In this match, the result came down to the last putt on the eighteenth hole.

In one of the other matches, a left-handed player on a single digit handicap was seen to be "shouting" his playing partners after completely missing the ball on one of his shots during the match.

Sunday saw the ladies Tilson Salver team in action at Masterton, where they were pitted against the host club. A number of the matches were decided on the eighteenth hole, but at the end of the day, the overall result saw Masterton come out on top.

Sunday's club competition was a par round. In the first group, Terry Fleet had the day's best score of 4 up, with the runner up being Steve Dick on 2 up, followed by Bruce Herangi on 1 up.

In the second group, Mike White led the way on 3 up, while Robin Britt and Ted Collins shared the runners up spot on 1 up.

Holes in two were scored by David O'Reilly and Bruce Herangi.

On Tuesday, a smaller than usual number of veterans played in a medal round. The best of the ladies was Judith O'Connor with a score of 56 nett, which was three better than Pat Gard in second place. Janet Shaw took third place on 63 nett, while the count back was used to separate Betty Loader, Jean Bayly and Daphne Jordan on 64 netts.

Ian Gemmill was the best of the men, with his score of 56 nett giving him top place in the second group. Blair Harvey was the runner up on 59, followed by Trevor Oliver on 62 nett. In the first group, Fred Brittain and Bevan Hefferen both finished with 59 nett's, while Doug Simpson was just one stroke further back.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Jean Bayly on the third hole and Irene Phelps on the sixth hole, while the men's ones went to Steve Doherty on the sixth and Doug Simpson on the seventh.

Last Thursday, the mid week ladies played in a LGU round. Nooroa Rota took the top placing in the competition, followed by Janet Campbell and Irene Phelps, while Shirley Simpson took the nearest to the pin on the seventh hole.

The week-end gets off to an early start, with the club hosting the fifth round of the Riverside Cup.

This coming Saturday has the men playing the second round of matches in the Walker Fourball. The draw for these matches follows at the end of this article. For the ladies, Saturday is a round of their Life Members Trophy. The club competition for those not involved in these matches is a stableford round.

Sunday has Mahunga members travelling to Featherston for the first round of the Steffert Trophy. For those players staying at home, the club competition will be a stableford round.

WALKER FOURBALL 2ND ROUND DRAW – SAT 13TH JUNE

No 1 Tee:

11.30am	K Hunter & I Grant	vs	L Butler & S Stewart
11.37am	G Granich & J Graham	vs	R Hoar & S Field
11.44am	R Britt & W Evans	vs	K Gibbs & F Brittain
11.51am	G Paulsen & K Downing	vs	M Biel & N Biel
11.58am	S Reiri & C Reiri	vs	B Herangi & B Edmonds
12.05pm	B Chappell & B Ousey	vs	K May & G Duckett
12.12pm	T Collins & M White	vs	M Logan & L Kawana