

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw the men involved in matches in their Walker Fourball, with the majority of matches going according to the seedings.

Top seeds Brian Chappell and Bill Ousey cruised through to the next round with a comfortable victory, as did second seeds Stephen and Chic Reiri, and sixth seeds Niusila Faaiuasoo and Arona Solomon. The third seeds, Fred Brittain and Kevin Gibbs were ousted by Wayne Evans and Robin Britt, while the fourth seeds in Ted Collins and Mike White were beaten by Mark Logan and Layton Kawana. Fifth seeds Neville and Matthew Biel went down to Graeme Paulsen and Ken Downing. The seventh seeds Greg Granich and Joe Graham exited at the hands of Stuart Field and Roger Hoar, and in the battle of the eighth and ninth seeds, Eighth seeds Kevin Hunter and Ian Grant progressed.

It is at this stage of the competition where the scribe makes his selections for the Trophy winners, and my selections will be towards the end of this article.

Saturday's competition was a stableford round. In the lower handicap group, Bruce Herangi led the way with a 40 point total, with Wayne Evans the runner up on 38 points, with both Stuart Field and Niusila Faaiuasoo finishing on 37 points.

In the Middle group, Mark Logan had 40 points to head the group, with Ian Grant and Robin Britt sharing the runners up position on 38 points. The third group saw Arona Solomon at the top with 37 points, while Roger Hoar, Mike White and Nooroa Rota all finished with 35 points.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin was taken out by Kip Edmonds, with Bill Ousey collecting the Mitre 10 one on the third hole, Neville Biel the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth, Niusila Faaiuasoo the Solway Butchery one on the eighth, Bruce Herangi the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth and Wayne Evans the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole.

Holes in two were scored by Fred Brittain, Neville Biel, Kevin Gibbs and Shane Stewart.

Sunday saw the visit from Featherston for the first leg of the competition for the Steffert Trophy. In the ladies group, it was all Mahunga, with Jessica Butler, Sue Ratapu and Nooroa Rota all finishing on 36 points.

It was a different story in the men's competition. In the lowest handicap group, it was all visitors taking the prizes. Ross Braybrook had 40 points to head off Johnson Williams on 38 points and

Allan Bennett on 37. In the second group, Charlie Priestley and Ian Grant shared top billing with 42 points, with Ron Duffy getting the nod of the players finishing on 40 points. The third group was again all visitors, with Terry Smith scoring 38 points, while Roy Skinner had 36 and Graeme Jackson had 35 points.

Holes in two were scored by Charlie Priestly, Ross Braybrook, Kip Edmonds, Kevin Gibbs and Kevin Hunter.

On Tuesday, the veteran's group started out in their Chicago stableford competition, but the weather change saw play called off. But, weather permitting, they will be back in action next Tuesday.

This coming week-end sees the men involved in the quarter finals of the Walker Fourball on Saturday, while for the ladies it will be the third round of their Combined Committee and also their Home Pennants competitions, as well as the second round of the Francis Stableford. The draw for Saturday's matches follows.

As promised above, I feel that the final of the men's Walker Fourball will feature Brian Chappell and Bill Ousey up against Wayne Evans and Robin Britt, with the latter pairing my selection to take the title.

Sunday will see Mahunga off to Featherston for the return leg of the competition for the Steffert Trophy.

WALKER FOURBALL 3rd Round & ROY MORRIS 1ST RND - Saturday 20th JUNE

No 1 Tee:

11.30am	K Hunter & I Grant	vs	B Chappell & B Ousey
11.37am	R Britt & W Evans	vs	N Faaiuasoo & A Solomon
11.44am	G Paulsen & K Downing	vs	M Logan & L Kawana
11.51am	S Reiri & C Reiri	vs	R Hoar & S Field
11.58am	R McKelvey & M Schultz	vs	W Leahy & M O'Reilly