

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

Saturday saw the Mahunga team in the Wellington Inter Club competition take a big step towards securing the title for their division with a resounding 14½ to a ½ win over third placed Ohariu Valley, which gives them an 18½ point margin over their next opponents Shandon, with just two rounds to go.

Saturday's club competition was a stableford round, and there was a marked difference in the scores between the two groups. In the lower handicap group, Mark Logan, Laurence Butler and David O'Reilly all scored 36 points, with the count back placing them in that order. In the second group, Bill Ousey had the day's best round of 43 points, with a gap back to Chris Paine on 38, followed by Sue Ratapu and Ted Collins on 36 points.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin on the first hole went to Matthew Biel, with Kevin Gibbs taking the Mitre 10 one on the third hole. Anita Karaitiana took both the McAuley's transport one on the sixth hole and the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth hole. Bill Ousey took the Solway Butchery one on the eighth hole and Ken Downing took the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole. There were two holes in two on the day, with both of them being scored by Graeme Paulsen.

Sunday saw the ladies Tilson Salver team in action at Riversdale Beach. I understand that the result of the match was a 4 to 2 loss.

The inclement weather on Sunday saw only a few hardy souls take to the course, with the best round in the medal competition being that of Ian Grant with a nett 76, while Byron Karaitiana scored the only hole in two for the day.

On Tuesday, the veterans played in a medal round. In the ladies division, Pat Gard led the way with a 57 nett, with the runner up spot being shared by Sue Ratapu, Irene Phelps and Jean Bayly on 59 netts.

The best scoring in the men's division was in the second group, where Bevan Hefferen led the way with a 54 nett, which was two ahead of Trevor Oliver, with a gap back to Bruce Wilson in third place on 62 nett. In the first group, Ted Gard and Steve Doherty shared the honours on 59 nett, while Ray Loader and Fred Brittain shared third place on 63 nett.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Pat Gard on the third hole and Jean Bayly on the sixth hole,

While the men's ones went to Bruce Wilson on the sixth hole and Ted Gard on the seventh. Holes in two were scored by Bruce Wilson and Steve Doherty.

Next Tuesday, weather permitting, the veterans will play the fourth round of their Haddon Donald trophy.

Last Thursday the ladies held their Liquorland Wairarapa Four Ball Best Ball tournament. In the gross, Barbara Birchall and Nadine Jansen led the way with an 82, with Edith Clarkson and Linda Cameron the runners up on 84, while the pairings of Pam Fitzgerald and Pauline Craig and Jo Phillips and Jo Lucas both finished with 86's.

In the nett, Pat Gard and Ngaire Wilton led the way with a 64 nett, from Pam Griffith and Jocelyn Pollock on 68 and then both Sue Braiden and Pam Williams and Edith Campbell and Sue Ratapu finishing on 69 nett.

This Saturday has the men playing the qualifying round for their Walker Fourball, while the ladies have a free day. The draw for the Walker Fourball follows at the end of this report.

Sunday has the men's Marquis Shield team playing the final round of this year's competition at Masterton, where their opponents will be Martinborough in a top of the table clash, with the winner on the day being the most likely to take out the trophy. The club competition will be a stableford round.

WALKER FOURBALL QUALIFYING DRAW – SAT 16TH MAY 2009

No 1 Tee:

11.30am	L Butler & S Stewart	A Eagle & A Biel
11.36am	R Hoar & S Field	I Grant & K Hunter
11.42am	R McKelvey & M Schultz	G Duckett & K May
11.48am	D Coley & D O'Reilly	G Shaw & T Shaw
11.54am	S Reiri & C Reiri	F Brittain & K Gibbs
12.00am	M Biel & N Biel	B Ousey & B Chappell
12.06pm	A Solomon & S Faaiauaso	K Edmonds & B Herangi
12.12pm	L Kawana & M Logan	G Paulsen & K Luke
12.18pm	T Collins & M White	W Evans