

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

On Saturday, the club field played in the qualifying round for the Walker Fourball. The best pairing on the day was that of two time winners Brian Chappell and Bill Ousey, who finished with a nett 60. Runners Up were the pairings of Chic and Stephen Reiri and Fred Brittain and Kevin Gibbs on 61 nett.

The individual medal round saw Ray Cocks head group one with a 69 nett, with Anita Karaitiana and Niusila Faaiuasoa both finishing on 70 nett. In the second group, Neville Biel had the day's best nett score of 68 nett followed by Kevin Gibbs and Ian Grant on 69 netts. The third group had Bill Ousey and Alan Eagle sharing the honours on 70 nett, while Roger Hoar got the nod of those on 72 nett to make the prize list.

The Solway Pie Shop nearest to the pin went to Paul Haxton, while Anita Karaitiana took both the Mitre 10 one on the third hole and the Solway Butchery one on the eighth hole. Kevin May took the McAuley's Transport one on the sixth hole, Stewart Field the Alister Bruce Affordable Sheds one on the tenth hole and Wayne Evans the Dinah and Deb Keats Professionals Real Estate one on the seventeenth hole.

Hole in two were scored by Phillip Granich, Anita Karaitiana with two of them and also Wayne Evans who also had two.

Sunday saw the men's Marquis Shield team playing against Martinborough at Masterton, with the winner of the head to head match taking the shield. The Junior division matches were shared at two matches each, but Martinborough took a 2½ to 1½ margin in the Intermediate division. With the Senior matches also being shared, Martinborough took the victory by a solitary point, which gave them their first win in the Marquis Shield since 1992.

The divisional trophies were shared by the two clubs, with Mahunga taking the Workman Cup for the Senior Division and also the Workman Cup for the Junior Division, while Martinborough took the Intermediate Cup.

With a number of Mahunga players also away at Featherston playing for the Masterton Cosmopolitan club, it was a smallish field that played in the stableford round, which saw Geoff Peck with the day's best score of 35 points, with Kip Edmonds and Anita Karaitiana sharing the runners up spot on 33 points.

On Tuesday, the veteran's group played the fourth round of their Haddon Donald competition. In the ladies division, Pat Gard and Irene Phelps shared top billing with 33 points, followed by Cilva Richmond on 31 points and Mei Hakaraia on 30 points.

In the men's first division, Alic Foreman had the best score of 35 points, while Alan Allsworth had 34 and Ray Loader 33 points. In the second division, Bevan Hefferen also had 35 points to head the group from Bruce Wilson on 34 and then Trevor Oliver and Ian Gemmill had 33 points.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Heather Small on both the third and sixth holes, while the men's one went to Trevor Oliver on the sixth and Steve Doherty on the seventh hole. Holes in two were scored by Trevor Oliver and Ted Gard.

Next week's competition for the veteran's group will be a stableford round.

This coming Saturday sees the men's inter club team playing Shandon at Mahunga, with the matches starting at 10.00 a.m. The ladies will be playing a LGU round, while a few may be playing matches in the first round of their Life Members trophy. The club competition will be a medal round.

Sunday sees the annual Country Clubs visit to Mahunga. This will see the field tee off at 11.30 a.m., while there will be a cup of tea prior to tee off.