

Mahunga Golf Club Report

From Kevin May

The course was quite busy over the weekend, with the Wellington Maori Golf Association holding a tournament on Saturday, and then the Club holding the 36 hole Wairarapa 15 – 36 Strokeplay Tournament on Sunday.

I do not have any of the results from the tournament on Saturday, but I do know that there were some good rounds returned as well as some not so good ones.

It was similar on Sunday in the Wairarapa 15 – 36 Strokeplay tournament. In the morning round, both Chris Paine and Ken Downing returned gross scores of 82, while Laurence Butler and Alan Eagle had 84's. In the nett side of the tournament, Phillip Granich led the way with a 63 nett, with Alan Eagle and Chris Paine having 54's and Geoff Peck and Ken Downing 66's.

The afternoon round saw Chris Paine add an 83 gross to his morning round to take out the trophy on 165. Mark Logan finished with a 84 gross to catch Ken Downing for the second placing in the gross on 169. Laurence Butler was fourth on 170, with a gap back to Stephen Reiri on 175 and Gary Brosnan on 176.

In the nett competition, Alan Eagle added a 68 nett to his morning round to claim the Ron Hutcheson Trophy with a nett score of 132. Kevin Gibb's 68 nett in the afternoon round saw him take second place on the count back from Phillip Granich, with both players finishing on 135 nett. Bill Ousey finished in fourth place with the afternoon's best round of 65 nett giving him a total of 139. Layton Kawana took fifth place on 142 and Geoff Peck held on for sixth place on 143 nett. Holes in two were scored by Ted Collins, Laurence Butler and Chris Paine.

On Tuesday, the veterans played in a stableford round. The best of the ladies were Irene Phelps and Pat Gard, with 36 points, while both Jean Bayly and Daphne Jordan returned scores of 35 points.

In the men's first group, Blair Harvey led the way with 37 points, with Ted Gard and Fred Brittain the runner-up on 35 points. In the second group, Bevan Hefferen had the best score of 37 points, with Bruce Wilson on 35 and Ross Ireland on 32 rounding out the prizes.

The ladies nearest to the pins went to Mei Hakaraia on the third hole and Sue Ratapu on the sixth, while the men's ones went to Bruce Wilson on the sixth and Fred Brittain on the seventh hole. Holes in two were scored by Bruce Wilson, Sue Ratapu and Pat Gard.

This coming Saturday has the men's Inter Club team in action at home against the Ohariu Valley team, who lie in third place on the points table. These matches will tee off at 10.00 a.m. The ladies will be playing the first round of their Ross Burling Trophy on Saturday, while the club competition will be a stableford round.

Sunday has the ladies Tilson Salver team in action at Riversdale, while at home the club competition will be a medal round.

The following week-end has the men playing the qualifying round for their Walker Fourball competition. Pairings are asked to enter their names on the sheet in the club house foyer by Sunday so that a draw can be made for the qualifying round.