

WAIHI JUNIOR GOLFERS TOURNAMENT: On Sunday (24th) the Waihi Golf Club hosted the second annual under 19 golf tournament. Thankfully the overnight wet weather cleared away for the 44 junior golfers to have a fun day, as well as some encouraging coaching as well the chance at some competition golf for the older ones.

After a safety briefing, the younger ones had a putting competition and some target golf with tennis balls at various targets. They then went on to play 5 holes in a Ambrose competition. The next age group of mainly 11 to 13 years group played a 11-hole competition, with the winner being Ollie King, with Flynn Campbell in second place. Finally, the eldest group played an 18-hole competition in 2 divisions based on their handicaps. In the Gold group, Charlie Tawhiti (Maramarua) was the winner of the gross, while Daniella Belford (Windross Farm) won the nett, and Kobe Phillips (Waihi) the stableford. In the Silver division the nett winner was Caughey Tawhiti (Maramarua), while Archie Kenny (Omokoroa) won the stableford.

Every participant won a prize, and received a drink and hot chips afterwards which made it a enjoyable day. The organising committee had the day well organised and it was well supported by Waihi members who accompanied each group around the course.





MONDAY VETS: In continuing their varied programme, this week it was for the number of golf clubs to be limited to five. Despite some concern for many the scores proved to be not much different from a normal haggles day, and even though a very strong wind had to be contended with. The ladies showed the way with Rae Brown and Judy Saunders both having 37 points. and were followed by John Libby, Peter Hewitt, Graham Jenkins, and Rob Morrison who all had 35 points. Andrew McLennan, John Giffney, and Daryll Denyer all finished with 34 points.

NINE HOLE SECTION: The second round of the Stroke Play Championship was played, and in the Ladies division 1, Lorraine Meyer was first this week with a gross 54, ahead of Glen Bennett 55. In division 2, Jenni Mora had the top score with a gross 53, ahead of Margaret Meldrum with 59. The Men's field was led this week by Rex Smith with a gross 46, just ahead of John Twemlow on 47.

WEDNESDAY LADIES: The haggles this week was nett, which was enjoyed by the field as it was a nice spring day, and the strong winds had gone. Making the most of the conditions was the "little pocket rocket" Dot Ramsey with a fine 69, and as well Dot also took out the hidden hole contest with 9 points. One shot behind in second place was Helen Baines (70), then Sarah Tomsett with 71. Diane Lockwood and Sally Sherson both had 72 nett. The "Dreamers Player of the Week" was Bev Ireland with her 67 nett.

THURSDAY MEN: A warm day and good fields for the day's two haggles. In the morning division 1, Jim (Tosser) Powell held it together to take out top spot with 38 points, one ahead of Tim Parish (37), with Daryll Denyer and Earle White both on 36. In Division 2, Harry Shepherd cleared out on his own with 39, while Bob Hoggard, Rodger Bagshaw, and Des Johns all finished on 36. The afternoon haggles proved to be a very good scoring affair, but Peter Spiers shot out ahead of every-one with a great 44 points. A great battle ensued for second with Graeme Culton, Paul Morgan, Terry Gerbich, and Bill Young all tied on 39, while David Campbell and Kelly Exelby both had 38 points.

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