

Don's Report 16 December 2024

Results Waihi Ladies Xmas Open Tournament Friday 13 December Gross Donna Verryt Walton 79, Gillian Lees Mount Maunganui 79, Louise Stephens Mount Maunganui 81, Stableford Pat Hay Paeroa 42, Donna Verryt Mount Maunganui 40, Kaylene Crocker Waihi 40.

Ladies Summer Cup Saturday 14 December Net Medal Phillipa Harvey 68, Kaylene Crocker 69, Karen Diggelmann 69.

Men's Saturday AM Division 1 Tayla Turnbull 40, Don Mackay 39, Eddie Ruha 36. Division 2 Gary Choat 41, Stephen Bailey 37, Harry Shepherd 37.

Men's Saturday PM Alistair Cochrane 42, Logan Phillips 40, James Graham 39.

With the Festive season on its way, a reminder to book early for your tee times. There will be many visitors to our beautiful club so get in early.

Thursday 19 December 2024 the final Mixed Xmas Meatpack competition. Again get in early "the early bird catches the ham, or the steak or....."

An extract from Waihi Golf Club Our Story 1906-2006-

"Boys and Caddies- Boys and golf balls are renowned for their affinity. Boys were also useful for carrying the weary golfer's bag of clubs. Keeping the two apart, i.e. balls and boys was a worry for the early club. As early as 1907 rules were drawn up forbidding members buying balls from boy caddies. Only the Secretary could buy balls for twopence each from caddies which he would then retail them to members for three for one shilling. Members were only to employ "licensed" caddies as shown on the list drawn up by the Secretary. In 1910 the Secretary was required to "strike off the Rolls" any caddy found keeping lost balls and in 1920 two lads were struck off at Mrs Hollis' instigation. The reason was not given but it is left to the imagination. Boys not engaged as caddies were not allowed on the course and were even threatened with prosecution. A far cry from the encouragement given to youngsters today. By 1911 green Club had a Caddy Superintendent (Mr H.D. Morpeth) and a Caddy Master (Mr Don Merry) and caddies were to be paid at the rate of two thirds of a penny a hole or sixpence for a round of nine holes less a deduction by the Caddy Master of one penny. I.e. five pence a nine hole round. Obviously a penny was a no mean sum in 1911. However in a major achievement for the much put upon caddies they were allowed to use an old shed as a "Caddy House". Of course they were not allowed into the new clubhouse."

Let's combat slow play tip "think about your next shot as you approach the ball, not just when you get to it."

Photo- unknown local golfer in great shape on the tee, believed to be Ken...from his hat badge.

