

WAIHI TWO PERSON AMBROSE TOURNAMENT

On Labour weekend Sunday the Waihi Golf Club conducted their annual Two Person Ambrose Tournament. In perfect weather conditions the thirty-eight pairs enjoyed a well presented course, which contributed to some good scoring. The format was a nett competition, played in two divisions, mixed, and men's pairings.

The Mixed Division was won by Richard Travis and Karen Flattery with the round of the tournament, a nett 59. In second place were Sasha Colbourne & Shane Ward with 61 nett, followed by Simon & Lisa Cherry 63. On 64 were John & Alexandra Drent, Paul & Ann Gartner, and Kaylene Croker & Brad Barron.

The Men's Division was a victory for Dwayne and Nigel O'Flaherty with a nett 60, with Mark & Ian Connelley one shot behind with nett 61. Sharing nett 62's, were Rhys Peden & Peter Spiers, and Murray Fraser & Frank Van Hattum. They were followed on nett 63's by Andy Roche & Murray Gutry, Dave Campbell & David Grey, Brian & Luca Benjamin, and Bob & Tony McRae.

MONDAY VETS: On a nice day with a slightly smaller field than usual the Vets played a 4 ball best ball pairs competition. There was some hot scoring, with Rae Brown and Ken Mustard winning with 45 points, on a countback with Ivan Douglas & Vivian Lilley on the same score. In third place were Jenny O'Dwyer & Daryll Denyer with 44 points, while on 44 also were Neville Jamieson & Dot Ramsey. Three more pairs finished on 43 points.

WEDNESDAY LADIES: The competition of the day was a stableford round, where Anke Hermannsdorfer won on a countback from Adele Gunning after they both finished with 41 points. Next was Karen Lee with 40, followed by Jill Morrison with 38. Jane Wordley and Megan Jowsey both had 37 points. This week's winner of the hidden hole was Megan Jowsey with 10 points. The "Dreamers Player of the Week" was Anke Hermannsdorfer (on a Countback) with a 67 nett.

THURSDAY MEN: A day with no wind at last, and in Division 1 of the morning nett haggles, John Giffney had a cleanup by having a nett 64, having the only two, and winning the hidden hole. For the rest, Daryll Denyer, Brian Baynes, and Vince Jones all had nett 70's, with four others on 72. In the Division 2, Jock Stronach continued his good form by winning with a nett 70, While Mark Mora, Harry Shepherd (again), and Tom Rowbotham (and again) all had nett 71's. Eddie Bruce had 74.

The afternoon stableford haggles was a tight contest with Mark Bryant taking the top spot from Mark Hope with both scoring 39 points. Third was Russell Dewey on 38, while Craig Sandlant and Peter Dagg both had 37 points. All on 36 points were Murray Gutry, Andy Roche, Graeme Parkinson, Michael Hurley, and Peter Bramble.

SATURDAY GOLF: It was either the holiday weekend, or with the All Blacks playing, but the fields were very small in the morning. The Ladies morning nett haggles was a triumph for Karen Roche with a great 65 nett. Next was Kaylene Croker with 75, the Megan Jowsey and Niria Gerbich with 76's. The Men's nett haggles was won by Daryll Denyer with a net 66, with Jock Stronach, and Allen Sarjant next with 69's.

In the afternoon stableford haggles Nic Davies sneaked in with the best score of 39 points, one ahead of David Morris. One shot further back on 37 was Richard Taitoko, while the "crafty" Frank Van Hattum, as well as Gary Choat both finished with 36 points.

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