



The Waihi Golf Club 2023 season is underway with all the sections now starting their individual competitions.

VETS: For the second time in the first three weeks of their season, the Monday morning Vets were washed out with the weather. However a team of six players, plus one reserve, travelled to Tahuna to play the first round of the Coromandel Shield. This is a round robin competition amongst the seven Thames Valley clubs during the season. On a dreary, showery day on their home course Tahuna took the early lead with 38 points, with Paeroa on 32, and Waihi in third place with 28 points, but with still a further six rounds to be played.

NINE HOLE SECTION: The weather cleared for the section to play their weekly competition. In division 1, Jean Cotterill with 35 had the best score of the four players in the division, with Lorraine Meyer second on 39. For the rest of the ladies being in division 2, Jenni Mora had an outstanding round of 30 points, well ahead of Maureen Vautier, and Vicky Knight on 40. They were followed by Lynda Thomson, Christine Mercer, Anne-Louise Erceg all on 41. Of the Mens division John Vautier easily prevailed over Taniia Tukatara and Garth Pritchard.

WEDNESDAY LADIES: A lovely fine, sunny day, had this week's stableford results showing Karen Lee to be a clear winner with 42 points, with Sharon Deacon next with 37. They were followed by Adrienne Lynch, and Carol Leary, and Kaylene Croker, all with 35 points. The winner of The "Dreamers Player of the Week" the previous week was Heather Watters, while this week Karen Lee won the honour.

THURSDAY MEN: A glorious fine Thursday at last, resulted in some hot scoring in the morning hagggle. Alex Standfield had the best score (and only 2) with 42 points, with Bill Lind just behind with 41. They were followed by Jock Stronach, and John Drent with 40, and Mark Mora, and Greg Rosevear 39. In the afternoon competition, the scoring was also good, with Paul Weaver, and Peter Spiers both scoring 41 points. Next was Murray Butterworth (39), and Albertus Potgieter, and Jonathon Clare both with 38.

SATURDAY LADIES: This week was the opening day for their season, however due to many of the ladies being away, or at other events, it was a smaller than usual field to start the year. The winner of the nett hagggle was Kathy Ashton with a very good 68, well clear of Phillipa Harvey, and Shelly Lithgow on 73, and Jane Wordley 80.

SATURDAY MEN: Delayed from last week due to the weather, the first of two qualifying rounds of the much sort after Beach Cup was played this week, and the early leaders are Jock Stronach, and Earl Hoskins, both with nett 68's, with Paul Weaver, and John Elliott on 70, and Mark Mora 71.

In the morning hagggle the scoring was tight at the top with John Giffney (plus the only two), Jock Stronach, and Earl Hoskins, all scoring 40 points. They were followed by Mark Mora and Stephen Bailey with 37, and on 36 were Ross Sayer, Jim Powell, and Graham O'Dwyer.

In the afternoon hagggle, Paul Weaver continued his good for from Thursday, being a clear winner with 39 points, Next was David Morris, and Nigel Sanderson, both with 36, followed by David P. Campbell, and Terry Gerbich on 35. Russell Dewey had the only two on hole 15.