



FUTURES JUNIOR TOURNAMENT: The Inaugural Waihi Golf Club's Futures Junior Tournament was held in conjunction with Golf NZ, and Bay of Plenty Golf at the Waihi Golf course on Sunday, 6th November. 29 players, aged between 9 and 16 years from Waihi, Katikati, Tauranga, Hamilton, and Rotorua, didn't let the light drizzle dampen their enjoyment and enthusiasm.

There were four different competitions to accommodate the various levels of age and ability. Such was the enthusiasm shown by all the players, that one group pleaded to be allowed to play two additional holes. At the conclusion, the winners of the 18 hole competitions each received a watch donated by Diamonds on Seddon, and a small trophy, but however every participant went home with a prize, after some hot chips and a drink. A great first time event, and there are sure to be many requests for golf clubs and such this Christmas!

MONDAY VETS: This week the Waihi Vets were joined by 31 fellow vets from the Morrinsville Golf Club. The visitors were mixed in the stableford golf round with the Waihi players which made for a very sociable and fun day. Prizes were awarded to each club individually, and the round of the day for the Waihi players was Peter Wright with 41 points. He was followed by Gyan Prole with 37, while Peter Hewitt, Raewyn Wright, and Norm Sanderson had 36. Ross Fitness and Helen Hunkin followed with 35. On the same day the next round of the Coromandel shield was played at Whangamata, and while the Waihi team played well, they are currently in sixth place. Allen Smith was Waihi's player of the day with a 72.

TUESDAY NINE HOLE: This week a mixed stableford haggie was played, and a good field of 24 players took part. Coming out on top was Jenni Mora with a very good 25 points. Next were Vicky Knight and Megan Jowsey who both had 22, while Rex Smith and Jill Morrison finished with 19. Carole Hambleton, Lynda Thomson, Margaret Hickey, and Garth Pritchard, all scored 17 points.

THURSDAY MEN: A brief spell of heavy drizzle for the morning haggie, but after a bit of a lean spell Allen Sarjant came good with 38 points in division 1. Next were Vince Jones, Brian Robinson, and Francis Gascoigne, all with 37, followed by Mark Mora on 35. David Croker and Greg Rosevear both had 34. In division 2, Bryce Bevin had the top score with 37 points, with Bob Baunton next on 36. John Saunders, and Tom Rowbotham had 35, with Harry Shepherd, and Norm Sanderson 34.

In the afternoon haggie, Gary Choat was clear on top with 40 points, and closely chased by Paul Morgan on 38. Next were Malcolm Coldicutt, shoot out winner Chris Hale, and Mark Bryant all with 37. Wayne Brierley and Kelly Exelby both scored 36 points.

SATURDAY LADIES: A small field of ladies played a stableford haggie this week, and by the noise in the clubrooms afterwards they must have had a great time! The winner of the day was Kaylene Croker with 39 point, closely followed by Bev Ireland with 38. Next was Karen Diggelmann on 34, with Jackie Robson, Susan Mustard, and Michelle Libby, all on 32.

SATURDAY MEN: In the morning field the top score was recorded by Sam Gurney with 39 points, with Rob Page close behind with 38. Next was Allen Smith on 37, with John Libby and Tim Parish next with 36 points, while Allen Sarjant, John Giffney, and Jim Powell all finished with 35 points.

In the afternoon field, Jethro Meares had the top score with 38 points, ahead of Frank Van Hattum, and Mark Bryant who both had 37. Next were Charles Gurr, David Morris, and Greg Rosevear, who all scored 36 points, while Ken Mustard, Paul Williams, and Mike Rose all had 35.

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