

COLD, WINDY WEEK FOR WAIHI GOLFERS

Very strong and cold South-Westerlies later in the week made playing unpleasant at times, and scoring difficult. Winds were so strong on Wednesday afternoon with branches being blown off trees, that the course had to be closed. Winter has arrived and shown her teeth!

MONDAY VETS: A good field of 50 players contested the final round of the Nett Medal competition this week. In the day's haggles Helen Bains and Rodger Bagshaw (yes, it's true) topped the field with both having 69 nett, Next on 70 was Adele Gunning, then Jenny Tubman and Mark Tomsett on 71, followed by Rae Brown with 72. Ken Mustard had a nett 73, and this was ahead of six others on 74.

TUESDAY MORNING NINE HOLE SECTION: A good field on a fine autumn morning enjoyed a stableford mixed haggles. In first place was Margaret Hickey with a fine 24 points, with Helen Brady and Tukatarua Tangiia next with both having 20 points. Jan Ferguson was next with 19, then Julia Nicolson on 18, With John Twemlow, Lynda Thomson, and Lorraine Meyer, and Jill Mason all scoring 18 points.

There was no mid-week Ladies golf due to weather.

THURSDAY MEN: A difficult day for scoring with cold biting and very strong South-Westerly winds. Morning Haggles, in Division One, Howard Anderson was first being the only one to play to his handicap level of 36 points. Next back on 32 points were, Brian Bains, Daryll Denyer, Norm Sanderson, and Alex Standfield, then Gary Choat on 31. In Division Two, Ray Fisher and Pete Rowe both finished with 34 points, with Bill Tiffin and Francis Gascoigne next on 32. Peter Hewitt and Dave Crocker both had 31.

Afternoon Haggles realised some better scoring at the top, with Craig Sandlant coming in with 40 points, while Wayne Brierley was second with 38. All on 36 points were Murray Butterworth, Frank Van Hattum, Ian Diver, Kevan Stewart, and Mark Hume. Graeme Parkinson and Norm Kelly (Riversdale Beach) both had 35 points, while Gary Morrison and Ron Arthur both had 34.

SATURDAY LADIES: The cold winds of the last few days were still very evident that again made good scoring difficult. In the Ladies stableford haggles, Karen May and Sharon Deacon both recorded 36 points, and all with 34 points were Shelley Lithgow, Susan Mustard, and Bev Ireland. In the Hidden Hole, both Shelley Lithgow and Karen May had 8 points.

SATURDAY MEN: The Morning Haggles proved to be a clear win for Allen Smith with 38 points, with Des Crene and Neville Jamieson (Onewhero) next on 36. All with 35 points were, Daryll Denyer, Rodger Bagshaw, Peter Jones (Whitford Park), and Alex Standfield, then Chris Spears 34. Tayla Turnbull and Daryll Denyer shared the hidden hole with 8 points each.

The Afternoon Haggles was won by David Morris with 38 points, with David P. Campbell, Eddie Evans, and Calin Samson, were all next with 36 points, On 35 points were Rene Swindley (Tieke), Bryan Smith (Walton), Geoff Hayr (Tieke), and Terry Gerbich. Then Gary Choat had 34 points.

Rodger Bagshaw

