

NEW STYLE WAIHI GOLF CLOSING DAY PROVES A VERY POPULAR EVENT

The Section Captain's and Management team got together and produced a new approach to the usual standard Club closing day. As always, the golf never stops at Waihi, but the closing day signifies the conclusion of the Club's competitions for the year.

This year all sections of the club were invited to take part in a round of golf, starting late morning, and after golf and some socialising, the prizes for the daily competitions were presented, followed by the Section Captains presenting their trophies for the championships won during the year. The day proved to be a very social occasion, and with a beautiful dinner, presented by our great caterer Dee, and of which some sixty members and partners were delighted to take part.

During the year, each winner of the various daily haggles is recorded, and those players play a nett competition on closing day, to decide who is the Top Cat (Ladies), and Top Dog (Men). These are very much sort after titles, and The Top Cat for 2024 is Phillipa Harvey, with The Top Dog honour going to Mark Bryant.

Ninety-four members contested the days stableford huggle, and for the first time the organisers were able to integrate the nine-hole section into the days event. The competition was played in two mixed divisions, and a nine-hole division. In Division One, Top Dog Mark Bryant excelled again with 38 points, with Andy Roche, John Giffney, and Mark Tomsett, one further back with 37. Andrew Keenan and Chris Pilmer made 36 points, with Wilson McGillivray finishing with 35. In Division Two, Steve Herbert and Charles Gurr were top with 38 points, with Kathy Ashton and Phillipa Harvey next with 37 points. On 36 points were Clive Donald, Bev Ireland, and Karen Lee. The Nine-Hole Division was won by Jenni Mora with 21 points, and Michelle Bonnici next with 19 points. They were followed by Glen Bennett and Nicola Pooley with 17, and Anne-Louise Erceg on 15, and Lynda Thompson with 14.

It was great to see so many people in the clubhouse socialising and mixing, **and this format of closing day must be continued in the future. RWB.**

MONDAY VETS: A different playing format this week where teams of four, had a blind draw on each tee, to find the team member whose stableford score would count for the team on that particular hole. This resulted in a lot of hilarity and ribbing, but the winning team with 44 points was "Hang On", Rae Brown, Jenny O'Dwyer, Francis Gascoigne, and Brian Bayne. Second with 38 were "AJAM", Avon Gordon, Mavis Bruce, John Saunders, and Allen Smith. Third also with 38, were 'Forever Hopeful', Jenny Tubman, Kristine Gascoigne, Bruce Rutter, and Ken Purcell.

WEDNESDAY LADIES: This week the ladies played a nett medal huggle, and the top score of nett 70 was shared with Karen Lee and Nicola Pooley. The scoring was fairly tight with all the following having nett 73's, Avon Gordon, Megan Jowsey, Dot Ramsey, Desley Rosevear, and Viv Lilley. Kathrine Campbell was next with 74. The Hidden Holes comp was won by Nicola Pooley with 9 points.

THURSDAY MEN: The day was very different for this time of year where there was a light misty-drizzle which was evident for most of the day. The heavy atmosphere, and wet grass did not assist good scoring. In the Morning Huggle, Stephen Bailey had the top score of 38 points, with John Giffney right behind him with 37. Francis Gascoigne was alone on 36, with Mark Wickham, John Drent, and Brian Baynes all with 35. All on 34 points were Bill Tiffin, Brian Robinson, and Don Mackay. In the Afternoon Huggle, once again Damian Dunlop found himself in the top spot with 39 points, with David R. Campbell next with 38. On 37 were Frank Van Hattum and Graham Curd, while this whole bunch were on 36 points: Peter Bramble, Craig Sandlant, Rex Knight, Graeme Parkinson, Dwayne O'Flaherty, and Alister Cochrane.

Rodger Bagshaw



Top Dog Mark Bryant and Top Cat Phillipa Harvey