

On Monday the Waihi Vets hosted a Waikato Vets meat pack tournament, in conjunction with a round of the Coromandel Shield. A great field of 97 players entered, and as well as the Waihi players, entries were received from 13 visiting clubs. The course was in good condition after some heavy overnight rain but the weather held fine, apart from some heavy drizzle for a short period. Scoring overall was very good, with the major prize winners being David Campbell winning the gross on a countback from John Libby, with both having rounds of 79. The best nett was won by Willie Lynch with a nett 68, and the best stableford was triumph for Helen Baynes with a fine 40 points. The rest of the prizes were based on stableford, and next after Helen were Warwick Meyer (Paeroa) Rodger Bagshaw, Gary Choat, and Wayne September (Thames), all finishing with 39 points. Benjamin Shim (Paeroa), Bob Hoggard, and Wendy Matutinovich were next with 38 points.

TUESDAY NINE HOLE SECTION: This week's nett medal haggie was won by Vicky Knight with a nett 31, while Neil Ritchie and Jill Morrison were next with 32's. Next was Michelle Bonnici with 33, then Val McLoughlin, Julia Nicolson, and Margaret Hickey, all with nett 34's.

WEDNESDAY LADIES: A fine day to start, but an arctic wind came up that saw some of the field fail to finish the nett haggie. The winner however was (the "quiet one!") Viv Lilley with a nett 71, with Avon Gordon next with 72. On nett 73 were Michelle Libby and Adele Gunning, and then a visitor Linda Wixon (Wanaka) with a 74 nett. The Hidden Hole was won by Dianne Douglas with 8 points.

THURSDAY MEN: The chilling wind that plagued the ladies the previous day was still making its self-felt. The Morning Haggie was won by Mark Mora with 39 points, with the usually present Francis Gascoigne next with 37. The likely lads, Bill Tiffin and Andrew McLennan were next with 36, and the Des Crene with 34. Doug Ferguson, Ray Fisher, and also Jim Powell had 33 points. The Afternoon Haggie was another win for David Morris with 41 points, just shutting out Chris Hale with 40. Craig Pooley continued his good run with 38 points, then Graeme Parkinson and Craig Sandlant both had 37. Finishing with 36 points, were Paul Weaver, Jonathan Clare, and Wilson McGillivray.

SATURDAY LADIES: The icy cold winds, and at times drizzle, continues to make the morning conditions miserable. The ladies contested a nett medal haggie, and with the best score was Denise Donald with a nett 71, just ahead of Karen May 72, and Susan Mustard 73. It certainly was Denise Donald's day, as she scored the only two (on number 8), and then shared the Hidden Hole with Sharon Deacon, with the both having 7 points.

SATURDAY MEN: The second and final qualifying round of the Flett Trophy was played, and the top qualifiers were David Morris, and Mark Mora who tied on a combined nett total of 142. The first round of match play is in three weeks time.

The Morning Haggie in Division one was won by Alex Standfield on nett 71, and was the only player in the morning to better his handicap, thank to the cold and rain. Next were Mark Mora and Allen Sarjant with 73, then John Libby on 74. Sam Gurney and Nigel Sanderson both finished on 75. In Division Two, it was tough at the top with Tom Rowbotham, Peter Cochrane, and (that man again) Mark Mora all with nett 72. Francis Gascoigne had 73.

In the Afternoon Haggie the clearing weather saw some better scoring, with Philip Butcher (Cambridge) topping the field with 67 nett. This was one ahead of Chris Spears on 68, and Mark Tomsett 70. David Morris had 71, the Eddie Evans and Alex Teesdale who both finished with 72.

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