

## 2017 PBEC Senior Golf Open

**T**HE dust has settled and the aching muscles are gradually returning to normal. Two days after the conclusion of this year's PBEC Senior Open it is a good time to reflect on what went on this year.

The most obvious and satisfying aspect of the tournament was the hugely increased participation. On Wednesday there were over 90 players out on the course 64 men and more than 30 women turned out in near perfect conditions to contest the final day. When compared to last year's statistics this represents a near 50% increase in numbers. We are obviously doing something right!

The Committee thank you all for coming along and making this a very successful and enjoyable four days of golf. We congratulate the winners and commiserate with the losers.

### **Sunday**

Forty seven men set off in pursuit of the Discovery and Endeavour Cups. As this was the first time we had tried out this approach to playing for these trophies it was great to see nearly three quarters of entrants sufficiently interested to play the extra day.

The weather was great and from my standpoint everybody seemed to have a fabulous time. Old friendships were renewed, new friendships were forged and some great golf was played.

### **Monday**

Saw the first round of the Men's Matchplay and Women's Stableford competitions. The weather was nowhere near as kindly to us as was the previous days, nevertheless, undaunted we all set off in pursuit of glory. The forecast was terrible but thankfully things turned out to be nowhere near as bad as predicted. There was some rain and a stiff breeze added to our discomfort making scoring difficult but we all survived and battled our way through to the comfort and tranquillity of the lounge where the usual friendly banter and a couple of beers were enjoyed.

My abiding memory of the day was of encountering John Leahy on the practice ground prior to play. Many of you will know that John needs the assistance of a motorcycle to get him round the course these days. I don't think those of us who are still able to walk are aware of the drawbacks of motorised golf. For instance, those using a

cart are in for a cold, lonely round on days when the sun doesn't shine. Motor cyclists suffer the same fate but have the additional problem of a wet seat to cope with on rainy days. John had obviously thought this through and had come up with an ingenious outfit to combat a wet booty. From head to waist he looked almost human, from the waist down he appeared to be clad in a yellow oilskin skirt. This bit of Kiwi ingenuity wouldn't have looked out of place if worn by a fishing boat crew member whilst employed at the gutting table, on the golf course it was mind bogglingly awful.

### **Tuesday**

Dawned with yet more rain falling, again the forecast proved to be far worse than reality. It was an early start and just about all of us managed to make it to the tee in good time. One notable exception was Alan Destry whose alarm clock must have failed to go off as he arrived just in time to make up a four with the final grouping of the day. We also lost Colin Evans to ill health so a couple of walk overs were had by this duo's opponents. After 20 holes and some five hours on the course another old timer's body gave up the ghost as Tam Buckingham went down to Mike Clapcott. Warily dragging his aching legs back to the clubhouse after this marathon Tam realised his tournament was run and pulled out of the last day's play.

### **Wednesday**

Final's day saw a welcome return to glorious weather, warm temperatures, cloudless skies and a mere zephyr of a wind were in evidence when we arrived at the course. Perfect conditions would allow competitors to concentrate on playing their best golf without the difficulties inclement weather impose. There was a large melee of golfers around the putting green by 8am and starters were busy handing out cards and calling players to their respective tees. The women appeared to have their best turnout of the week with well over 30 players in attendance.

In common with previous days the field got underway in a seamless fashion, the starters continuing to do their job in exemplary fashion. Matches flowed through the course with little disruption as competitors vied for supremacy. Near the seventh tee a photographic crew from the Gisborne Herald

had set up to record players as they worked their way through the ninth and sixth holes and drove from the seventh and tenth tees. This is one of the finest vantage points on the course to enjoy some action with the greens and tees of four holes converging here, it's also very handy to park your vehicle and "jump the fence" and save some boot leather. Names were recorded by the crew to be matched up with photos for later publication in the day's newspaper.

After three hours or so early finishing matches were to be seen making their way back to the clubhouse, four days of golf were finally getting to the combatants and the desire to "finish the round" after a result had been achieved had lost its appeal.



Soon enough everybody had finished their round and had gravitated to the lounge. Whilst Kevin Kennedy, Steve Williams and Nigel McGregor toiled away in compiling the prize sheet the rest of us enjoyed a drink and

a well earned sit down as we discussed our day's and week's performance.

Platters of extremely tasty finger food were delivered to each table for our enjoyment staving off the pangs of hunger that were gnawing away after our exertions.

Sponsor Sean Shivan was thanked and congratulated for his sponsorship of the event, he responded by thanking us all for participating and expressing his pleasure in being able to support our flagship event.

Bridget McIldowie got proceedings under way with the help of her committee and announced women's winners as prizes were awarded to successful competitors.

Nigel McGregor followed and joined Bridget in congratulating all those who had helped in organising the event whilst thanking PBGC Manager, Green keepers and Bar Staff for looking after our golfing needs.

Players were congratulated and thanked for participating and were invited back in 2017 for the 63<sup>rd</sup> running of the Open when victors would be challenged to defend their titles.

## RESULTS

### Women

#### Day 1:

Ishbel McKinnon 41; Vicky Fraser 40;  
Viv Joblin 39; Teresa Lewis 38; Pat Gard 37;  
Marg Colbourne 37.

#### Day 2:

Fay Pell 41; Miggles Shanks 40;  
Helen Humble 40; Pip Dymock 39;  
June McKinnon 39; Pat Gard 39;  
Annabelle Sutton 38.

#### Day 3:

Kath Willis 42; Ishbel McKinnon 42;  
Helen Humble 41; Viv Bell 41;  
Letty Poananga 40; Mary Allan 39;  
Marg Colbourne 39.

#### Winner of the 3 day overall competition:

Ishbel McKinnon 114 points  
(aggregate score).

### Men

#### Group 1

**Challenge Cup:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bernie Rothschild  
2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Clayton

#### Group 2

**Captain Cook Cup:** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Greer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cliff Poole

#### Group 3

**McMillan Trophy:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ray Third  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nigel McGregor

#### Group 4

**Waikanae Trophy:** 1<sup>st</sup> Colin Simpson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Mettrick

#### Group 5

**McMurray Trophy:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> John Hansen

#### Group 6

**Mosgrave Trophy:** 1<sup>st</sup> John Rouse  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Shields

#### Group 7

**Nick's Head Trophy:** 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Foster  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Boylen

#### Group 8

**Gardner Trophy:** 1<sup>st</sup> Donald McFadyen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Lack

**Endeavour Cup:** Rod Young Nett 62

**Discovery Cup:** Basil Payne Nett 65

## The Prize Table



## The Winners

*(with apologies to Berne Rothschild, Ray Third and Robin Foster whose photos suffered technical difficulties)  
The other bloke in the photos is Colin Christie, Nigel McGregor makes an appearance too*

*Rod Young*



*Basil Payne*



*John Rouse*



*Brian Hall*



*Peter Greer*



*Colin Simpson*



*Donald McFadyen*

