



Manukorihi Golf Club
2019 Tournament Report
33rd Annual Mixed Veteran's Golf Tournament
Monday 22nd April to Friday 26th April 2019

Another successful Mixed Veteran's Tournament is over.

The weather gods were very kind to us as the weather was ideal for golf even though the early starters on the Friday got a few spits. Who would have thought that after the downpour on the Sunday that golf would start on time on the Monday? The golfers have come to expect that our course will be well-presented and were not disappointed. All golfers appreciated the effort put into the course by our greens staff in that every green was mown on the 4 mornings that the matches were played as well as having the fairways mown when necessary during the week.

Thanks

Thank you, Paul Fairhurst, David Soffe, and all the helpers that prepared the course. Our thanks to Kath Alvis, Dot Bowers, Trevor Hughes and Dennis Elliott for being tee-starters and to Joy Andrews in the starter's office. To Rod Andrews, thanks again for becoming the clubhouse starter. This will now be a permanent role as with failing eyesight John Stuart has had to stand down from the committee and relinquish his involvement. He was involved since 2005. A special thanks to Helen Watt and Joy East who inserted the card details into the machine after each day's play. Also, a thank you to Jan in the kitchen for providing food; great chicken sandwiches.

The Field

We again had 3 full sections of 16 pairs. We were very pleased to have had 14 new names in the field which hopefully bodes well for our 2020 tournament that will be held from Monday 20th April through Friday 24th April, with ANZAC day being the Saturday and good Friday the 10th April. The rest day will be the Wednesday. The NZVGA Secretary/Treasurer Launa Seddon (Omanu) played in the tournament. As a Committee, we really appreciate the attendance of players from the association. The Taranaki secretary, Ian Johnston played and briefly spoke at the prize giving. Our first entry was received shortly after the clubs received our flyer and entry forms in late January. Like last year the field was full before closing date, in fact by late February and we had a waiting list. Close to start date we had to find a male replacement due to a medical event and we thank our member Fraser Roberts for filling the gap.

Tied Matches

Over the first 3 days a couple of matches were tied after 18 holes which meant they had to continue from where they had started with the results being decided after an extra hole. On the Friday there was only 1 chip-off whereas we had 4 last year.

Regional Support

We are still fortunate to have players from a wide distribution of regions with the regions being represented with players from; Auckland 3 clubs, Bay of Plenty 5 clubs, Hawkes Bay 1 club, Manawatu/Wanganui 3 clubs, North Harbour 4 clubs, Northland 5 clubs, Taranaki 11 clubs, Waikato 7 clubs and Wellington 2 clubs. In all there were 41 clubs represented from all over the North Island.

Taranaki Support

Of the 96 players in the field the clubs within the Taranaki region were represented by; Manukorihi 18, Waitara 3, Westown 6, Inglewood 2, Te Ngutu 1, Kaitake 5, New Plymouth 2, Manaia 1, Tumahu 1 & Urenui 4.

Main Results

1. **Group A** (the lowest handicaps); Garry and Sandra Payne (Howick) won with 4 wins. This was their 3rd win over the years; Kevin Southee (Fitzroy) and Joy East (Manukorihi), John Mohn (Riverside) and Raewyn MacMahon (Ngahinepouri), John Rayner (Manukorihi) and Ruth McKernan (New Plymouth), Jerry and Julia Kuggeleijn all had 3 wins.
2. **Group B**; Ian Johnston (Westown) and Ann Braithwaite (Te Ngutu) won with 4 wins; Doug Nevard and Mary Halvorson (Castlecliff), Bruce and June Churchill (Linton Camp), Alan Coplestone (Inglewood) and Min Coplestone (Urenui), Ron and Colleen West (Sherwood Park) all had 3 wins.

3. **Group C**; Lou Ramsdale and Marion Coleman (Urenui) won with 4 wins; Ted Danych (Manukorihi) and Pam Pasma (Sherwood Park), John and Heather Houston (Waihi), Alistair Linn (Westown) and Jennifer Braithwaite (Taumarunui), Jack Campbell (Waipu) and Marie Van Praagh (Waitara) all had 3 wins.

Twos & Handicaps

1. It may be of interest that there were only 18 twos out of 1920 attempts compared to 24 last year and 27 the year before. Does this mean that the course got harder during the last 12 months or is age catching up? There were only 4 players who had 2 twos, these were our own Carl Beale, Alan Allsworth (Mahunga), Kevin Southee (Fitzroy) and Terry Tapp (Clarks Beach).
2. The lowest **Men's** handicaps were our own Darryl Baird on 3 and Paul Fairhurst on 6 with Terry Tapp (Clarks Beach) and Colin Harrison (Omanu) on 7. For the **Women**, Ann Braithwaite (Te Ngutu) was on 6 with Irene Roberts (Dunes) on 11 and our own Christine Ogle on 12.

Prize Giving

1. The prize presentations for **Group C** under the name of **Waitara Citizens & Services Club** were carried out by Launa Seddon, the NZVGA Secretary/Treasurer.
2. For **Group B** under the name of **Methanex NZ Ltd** the presentations were made by our committee member John Rayner deputising for our Club President, David Butler who was taking a well-earned holiday in the South Island after having only recently retired.
3. For **Section A** Marie Rayner deputised for Sheryl Page due to a family illness and made the presentations to the section under the name of **Harcourts Waitara**. Sheryl is the owner of Harcourt's Waitara and a long-time supporter of the tournament.

Sponsors

We have again been supported by our past sponsors, namely; Methanex, Waitara Town & Country Club, Harcourt's Waitara, Raleigh Restaurant, Waitara Services and Citizens Club, Fitzroy Engineering Group, New Plymouth Top 10 Holiday Park, La Nuova Drycleaners, BP Waitara, New World Waitara and Intergroup. Without their continuing support the tournament may not be viable as the entry fee would have to be substantially increased.

Raffle Results

1. This year Methanex provided various items viz; First aid kit, 3 collapsible deck chairs and picnic blankets that were raffled; -there were **7 winners**. The Top 10 Holiday Park, Fitzroy provided a 1-year Top 10 membership voucher.
2. The other sponsors also provide vouchers which were raffled. These winners were;
 - a. Kathy Gower-Waitara, Min Coplestone-Urenui, Ray Friend-Kapiti, Ann Braithwaite-Te Ngutu, Faye Lack-Levin, Terry Tapp-Clarks Beach, Bruce Lewer Omokoroa, Alan Coplestone-Ingledwood, Norm Lofthouse-Kaitake and Ron West-Sherwood Park.

Carpark

Attached are photographs of our carpark showing the 12 powered sites as well as the unpowered sites being full. All the motor home/caravan players appreciated the tournament committee extending the area beyond powered sites. One benefit was a large attendance at the Tuesday night Pot Luck Dinner in the clubhouse.

Finally

1. With John Stuart not going to be involved after this tournament he congratulates Melva Meuli and Marie Rayner for being great organisers and a pleasure to work with.
2. Also, to all the golfers he has been involved with over the years a special thank you for adding to his life's experiences.

It has been our pleasure to have organised the tournament.
Marie Rayner, Dennis Elliott, John Stuart