

Full field for Riverside vet's pairs event

Waikato vet golfers shone in the recent 34th annual James R. Hill Riverside Pairs 36-hole tournament held at Riverside Narrows.

In fine weather for the two days, Narrows played host to 54 pairs from all over the North Island.

Riverside players Jim Cooke and Malcolm Green (125) took out the top prize from Te Aroha pair Graeme Hill and Graeme Marsden (124). More Riverside players Graham Willey and Roy Harman (123) filled third place. The top pair were late entrants who got into the field when a mixed pair pulled out at the last minute.

Riverside stalwart Ernst Ponweiser created a personal milestone on day one when he shot his age – 89 on his way to a top 10 finish with partner John Haughie. Ernst also scored the nearest the pin on the 18th.

In the mixed division Taranaki's Ann Braithwaite and Waihi player Richard Culleton (121) prevailed over Keith and Lynn Williams (118) from Omaha. Karen and Terry Tapp (113), Clarks Beach, were third.

Representatives of sponsors James R. Hill and Ryman Healthcare assisted in the prizegiving in a packed clubhouse.

More results – Mixed pairs: Doug Grantham and Dianne Stockdale (112) 4; Tama Morehu and Mary Wano (110) 5; Morris Allen and Anna Reece (109) 6; Dick Clemens and Karen Taylor (109) 7; Mark Benjamin and Rose Braid (109) 8; Jack Campbell and Malo Duggan (108) 9; Garth Taylor and Sharyn Buchanan (107) 10.

Men's pairs: Norman Lofthouse and Alex Pool (121) 4; Geoff Spooner and Ray Dyett (119) 5; George Rogan and Colin Vincent (117) 6; Patrick Carr and Alby Bron (116) 7; Ross Browne and Ray Lord (114) 8; Ernst Ponweiser and John Haughie (114) 9; Steve Parkin and Ian Stratford (111) 10.