

## 2017 KAIMAI CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Held jointly at Mount Maunganui and Omanu Golf Clubs.

Saturday/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The 34th Kaimai Classic “Stableford” Tournament involved 175 players from around the North Island and supported by sponsors Mount Pro Shop as lead sponsor assisted with by The Farmers and McDonalds.

Perfect fine weather set the scene for play on two very well prepared courses, providing the opportunity to play winning golf over the 36 holes – 18 holes on each course. Did not quite work out for many !.

There were 36 out-of-district clubs represented in the Kaimai Classic which included an 11 player contingent from Pirongia, 9 from Taranaki (Fitzroy & Ngamutu), 6 from Waikato, 25 from Auckland clubs.

Players certainly enjoyed the chance to play these two top courses and with players from other courses although scoring was a mixture of very good and a surprisingly number of so-so scores on both days and courses.

Enjoyable evening entertainment with “Batsman” Tony Wellington was well supported and lively.

Mount Maunganui Golf Club players almost scooped the pool for the top stableford division prizes.

Winners: Women: Silver Sue Aitken Bronze Joann Neylon  
Men: Senior Michael Williams Intermediate. Wayne Ashworth

However the player of the tournament was Pete Morris from Pirongia whose 46 and 43 to win the Junior Division and eclipsed the total field stablefords.

Impressive stableford scores over the two rounds were:

Women field **Omanu Course:** Joann Neylon (Mount) and Pauline Tolley (Omanu) - 41's  
**Mount Maunganui Course:** Sarah Andrews (Remuera) 38.

Men's field **Mount Maunganui Course.** Jon Scott (Waitakere) 44,  
Wayne Ashworth (Mount Maunganui) 41, Graeme Bayly 40 (Te Awamutu)  
**Omanu Course.**  
Pete Morris (Pirongia) 46, Norm Thompson (Omanu) 43, Pete Morris (Pirongia) 43, David George (Omanu) 43. Murray Russell 42, Kevin Neylon (Mount Maunganui) 41.

Leading gross scores were posted by Karl Knedler (Tauranga) (70/73) 143 and BrittneyDryland 75/74).

**Day One: Saturday**

**Women Divisions 1 & 2. Mount Maunganui Golf Course**

**Gross.** Brittney Dryland (Titirangi) and Julie Gee (Riverside) were locked at 75 gross.

**Stableford Division 1.** Julie Gee (Riverside) 37, led from Sue Aitken (Mount Maunganui) 35 and Karen Iles (Omanu)34).

**Stableford Division 2** Sarah Andrews (Remuera) 38 led Judith Redgrave (South Head) 36.

**Men Divisions Omanu Golf Course**

**Division 1 Gross**

Karl Knedler (Tauranga) 70 set a solid pace with Jack Trower (Matamata) 73 following.

**Division 1 Stableford Omanu Golf Course**

Early pace was set by Peter Tipler (Omanu) & Justin Park (Tauranga) 39's, with James Golding (Omanu) and Thomas Neylon (Remuera) 37's just behind.

**Division 2 Stableford Omanu Golf Course**

A strong 43 by Norm Thompson (Omanu) led from Robert Cargill (Buckley) , Darren Young (Omanu) with 39's and Mac Robertson 38.

Division 3     **Stableford**     *Mount Maunganui*

Blistering from Pete Morris (Pirongia) with a hot 46, only 6 ahead of Graeme Bayly's (Te Awamutu) 40, the next best Murray Russell (Omanu) 38 and David George (Omanu)37.

**Day 2.            Sunday            Final day**

Weather was even better for day 2 setting the scene for what could be some great golf, close contests with all out attacks to be launched on the leading round one players.

**Women.**

**Gross:            Omanu**

Brittney Dryland (Titirangi) 74 with her Saturday 75, set the target of 149 which Julie Gee (Riverside) could not match, finishing with a 78 and a total of 153.

Runner-up in the gross was Aprile Everitt (Omaha Beach) 83/83 a total of 166 as Julie Gee and Sue Aitken had claimed the top stableford prizes.

**Division 1     Stableford.            Omanu**

A close contest with 2 players tied after 36 holes.

Winner, Sue Aitken (Mount Maunganui) with another 35 a total of 70 was matched by Julie Gee (Riverside) (37/33) also with a total of 70 with Sue Aitken winning on count back.

**Division 2.     Stableford            Omanu**

Another close contest that in the end was decided by one point.

41's by both Joann Neylon (Mount Maunganui) and Pauline Tolley (Omanu) was enough for Joanne Neylon (69) to win the stableford (28/41), one point ahead of Pauline Tolley's total of 68 (27/41).

**Combined Women Division**

Scoring better stablefords, the silver group filled 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> place with the Bronze players only managing to fill the last 3 positions.     Close contests for all positions.

38 by Mary Chantry (Tauranga) 31/38 = 69, finished 5<sup>th</sup> , 6<sup>th</sup> position to Jan Davies 33/36 =69 and 7<sup>th</sup> place to Jullie Hawkes (Remuera) 29/38 = 67.

**Men                    Gross                    Mount Maunganui**

Jack Trower's late run of 71 to add to his round 1 73 - a total 144, almost saw him overhaul the winner Karl Knedler whose 73 and 70 from round 1 - a total of 143, one shot clear.

James Golding (Omanu) finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> with a total of 149.

Division 1     **Stableford.**            **Mount Maunganui**

A hot 39 by Michael Williams, (Mount Maunganui Club Manager and a left-hand golfer), saw his late move overtake a number to move into the lead with 35/39 = 74.

James Golding scored 2 rounds of 37 to finish on a total of 74.     Only lost on countback.

Thomas Neylon (Remuera) also with consistent rounds of 37/36 finished on 73 and 1 adrift but 2 back was Tony Cliff (Whitford Park) on (34/37) total 71.

Division 2                    **Stableford            Mount Maunganui**

Change was on the cards and it did happen.

Wayne Ashworth (Mount Maunganui) solid score 37 in round 1 set him up well and with his final round score of 41 for a total of 78 placed him 1 ahead of the next best.

Fast finishing Jon Scott (Waitakere) with 44 points tried valiantly to overtake but the 33 from his round 1 and a total of 77 could not quite close the gap, a similar result for Robert Cargill's (Buckley) 39/38 = 77, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on countback.

Division 3                      *Stableford*                      *Omanu*

This is where the action was, but it all came from one player.

Pete Morris (Pirongia) showed his 10 other Pirongia club players and the field how to score.

Not content with his 46 in round 1 and showing no mercy to other players, Pete Morris made every post a winning post to score 43 for round 2 – giving a total of 89 points.    Awesome.

6 other players trying their best and scoring 40+ points, but could not threaten Pete's lead.

David George (Omanu) 43 points and Russell Murray (Omanu) 42 points finished 9 points behind.

### *Ray Horsfall*

Tournament Convenor.

#### **Results:**

#### **Women.**

Gross	Brittney	Dryland	Titirangi	75/74	149
	Julie	Gee	Riverside	75/78	153
	Sue	Aitken	Mount Maunganui	82/81	163
	Aprile	Everitt	Omaha Beach	83/83	166

#### Stableford:

##### Silver Division

	Sue	Aitken	Mount Maunganui	35/35	70
	Julie	Gee	Riverside	37/33	70

##### Bronze Division

	Joann	Neylon	Mount Maunganui	28/41	69
	Pauline	Tolley	Omanu	27/41	68

##### All Women:

	Mary	Chantry	Tauranga	31/38	69
	Jan	Davies	Omanu	33/36	69
	Julie	Hawkes	Remuera	29/38	67
	Trudy	Morrison	Huapai	31/36	67
	Karen	Iles	Omanu	34/33	67
	Shirley	Pye	Omanu	31/35	66
	Rae	Holmes	Mount Maunganui	22/32	65

#### **Men**

<b>Gross:</b>	Karl	Knedler	Tauranga	70/73	143
	Jack	Trower	Matamata	73/71	144
	James	Golding	Omanu	74/75	149
	Simon	Joyce	Royal Auckland	74/76	150

#### **Stableford**

<b>Division 1</b>	Michael	Williams	Mount Maunganui	35/39	74
	James	Golding	Omanu	37/37	74
	Thomas	Neylon	Remuera	37/36	73
	Tony	Cliff	Whitford Park	34/37	71
	Dave	Singer	Waitakere	36/34	70

	Clint Southam	Mount Maunganui	36/34	70
	Jack Trower	Matamata	33/36	69
	Jordan Samuels	Omanu	34/35	69
	Horrocks Rainsford	Royal Auckland	34/35	69
	Karl Knedler	Tauranga	35/34	69
	Steven Fair	Akarana	32/36	68
	Glen Ellia	Omanu	35/33	68
<b>Division 2</b>	Wayne Ashworth	Mount Maunganui	37/41	78
	Jon Scott	Waitakere	33/44	77
	Robert Cargill	Buckley	39/38	77
	Neil Weber	Omanu	36/36	72
	Mac Roberston	Mount Maunganui	38/34	72
	Jim Kirkham	Te Awamutu	33/38	71
	Norm Thompson	Omanu	43/28	71
	Raymond Everitt	Warkworth	35/34	69
	Trevor McKenzie	Omanu	36/33	69
	Barry Mathews	Titirangi	30/37	67
<b>Division 3</b>	Pete Morris	Pirongia	46/43	89
	David George	Omanu	37/43	80
	Murray Russell	Omanu	38/42	80
	Kevin Neylon	Mount Maunganui	35/41	76
	Steven Crosby	Aviation	36/39	75
	Graeme Bayly	Te Awamutu	40/35	75
	Paul Alexandre	Mount Maunganui	35/38	73
	Barry Pollett	Omanu	37/36	73
	Graeme Prestige	Omanu	35/37	72
	Peter McKinnon	Omanu	31/40	71

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