



Waahi Taakaro Golf Club Newsletter 27 September.

Golf Results ending 27th September

Club results for 26/9/26

18 Holers

Experience is often the extra club in the bag when it comes to matchplay.

And two former senior club champions Andy Isle and Keri Kotua have it in spades and used it to overcome their younger opponents in their quarter-final clashes on a windless and overcast Saturday made for good scoring.

Andy went into his match against defending senior champion Pete Green as the underdog but got on top after they halved their opening three holes and didn't let up. Driving the ball well off the blue tees and hitting a lot of greens in regulation, Andy won No 4 and 5 with pars and No 6 with a bogey to seize control.

Pete birdied the par five 9th and parred No 10 to cut the margin to one but gave one back at the next with a bogey. Andy parred the par three 14th to re-establish a three-up lead. Pete responded by parring No 15 but Andy closed it out by parring the next for a 3/2 win, shooting an excellent 79 off the stick in the process.

Fresh off three wins from three matches for the Nelson intermediate rep team at Greenacres last weekend, Keri went into his match against Jarrod Huss as the favourite. But after winning his opening hole, he found himself three down after eight holes as Jarrod binned a long putt for a birdie two at No 2 and then won three on the trot from No 6 with some solid shot-making.

But showing admirable composure, Keri won No 9 and 10 with pars to get back in the game. Jarrod went two-up with a par at the difficult uphill No 13, but lost both No 15 and 16 with double bogies as his radar deserted him. After halving the 17th in bogies, they went down the last all square which when it really mattered Keri played impeccably, putting his second close to the pin after a good drive. He claimed the 1-up victory after Jarrod missed a mid-range putt for par.

In the match of the day, a net round off the whites, Maurice Woodhouse rolled back the years to take the honours with a fine net 68, Playing off a 20-handicap, Mo went round in 88 to also claim maximum Barkman Trophy points and improve his chances of qualifying for the Shootout final.

Peter Watson warmed up for his club champs semi-final next Saturday with a net 69 to finish second. The veteran leftie was just the second golfer on the day to break 80 with a solid 78.

Gareth Edwards was another to show good form, coming in third with a tidy 71. He was followed by Mick Leggett (73) and the quartet of Phil Roger, Bryan Ramsey, Andrew Bosselmann and Phil

Sellers on 74, with Phil missing out on the last Barkman point on countback.

Jarrold shared the two's money with Graham Eggers who grabbed one on No 11, while Pete G was closest to the pin on No 2.

9 Holes 26th September

Countbacks were needed to find the winner of the 9-hole par competition off the front nine, with Sally Ma getting the nod ahead of Jack Denton and Andrew Dean after all finished with healthy +3 scores. Paul Tunnicliff took fourth on another countback from Paul McCrae after they each posted +2. John Dryden, John Dixon and Mark Sherlaw also finished in credit at +1. For the umpteenth week, no-one managed a two so the jackpot continues to rise.

Irish Stableford (Back 9) – Tuesday, 22 September

Jack Denton Leads the Field in Irish Stableford Thriller!

It was a vibrant day on the course for our Tuesday competition as players tackled the Back 9 in an entertaining **Irish Stableford** format. With a field of 26 players competing, scoring was sharp and competitive across the board.

Taking out **1st Place** in spectacular fashion was **Jack Denton**, who put together a sensational round to post a winning score of **40 points!**

Hot on his heels in **2nd Place** was **John Dryden**, who recorded a very strong **37 points**. **Mike Ryke** secured **3rd Place** on **36 points**, edging out **Grant Thorn** on countback who also finished on **36 points**.

Full Player Scores (B9):

- **40 pts:** Jack Denton (1st)
- **37 pts:** John Dryden (2nd)
- **36 pts:** Mike Ryke (3rd), Grant Thorn
- **35 pts:** Andrew Dean, Warren Green, Jim McMullan, Roma Elkington
- **34 pts:** Barry Rhodes
- **33 pts:** Paul Tunnicliff

A huge congratulations to Jack on his outstanding victory.

Ladies Par Competition (Front 9) – Wednesday, 23 September

Kath Claims Victory in Wednesday Ladies Par Competition!

Our midweek ladies turned out for a focused **Par competition on the Front 9**. Playing Par always presents a fun challenge where every hole is a head-to-head match against the course!

Kath Parfitt brought her A-game, putting in a fantastic performance to finish **+4** and secure **1st Place** and the top prize. **Marg** finished in **2nd Place** with a solid, steady square round of **0**, while **Sally Quinlivan** rounded out the placings in **3rd Place** on **-4**.

PONY PEARCE (RD6) F9 – Thursday 24 September

1. Top Finisher Results

- **1st Place:** Roma Elkington — **33**
- **2nd Place:** Mick Leggett — **33**
- **3rd Place:** Ian Hanford — **32**
- **4th Place (\$63):** Ali Mawby — **32**

Update Club Championships.

It was a stellar weekend on the greens for Waahi Taakaro, with standout performances from Graham Galt and Keri Kotua headlining a weekend of high-stakes matchplay.

Graham Galt produced a masterclass performance on Sunday to secure his spot in the intermediate club championship semifinals. Entering his catch-up quarterfinal as the sixth seed, Graham embraced the underdog role against third-seeded Jason Lee and took control early, leading from the opening tee and holding a 1-up advantage at the turn. He blew the match open on the back nine with three consecutive hole wins to take a commanding lead. While Jason mounted a late fightback, Graham shut the door in spectacular fashion—sinking a brilliant birdie on the 16th to seal a emphatic 3/2 victory.

Keri Kotua Shines in the Tasman Quad.

Over at Greenacres, **Keri Kotua put on an absolute clinic at the Tasman Quad**, standing out as one of the few elite golfers in the entire tournament to sweep all three of his matches. Representing the Nelson intermediate team against Marlborough, Buller Westland, and a Tasman invitational side, Keri dominated Saturday with convincing 3/2 and 3/1 wins. On Sunday, he dug deep in howling winds and brutal conditions to battle out a gutsy 1-up triumph, proving once again why he is one of the club's ultimate matchplay masters.

Keri's unbeaten run provided a massive spark for the regional side, helping Nelson capture the overall tournament title alongside a strong showing from the senior team. Elsewhere in the intermediate division, Pete Green and James Campion each battled hard to notch a win apiece, while Craig Barron gained valuable experience in his representative debut.

Huge congratulations to Keri for flying the Waahi Taakaro flag high



Golf Committee – Weekly Internal Competition Dates

1. **Monday (28 Sept)** 9H 'Women's Golf – 10.00am.
2. **Tuesday (29 Sept)** 9-Hole **PAR B9** Tee-Off (1pm).
3. **Wednesday (30 Sept)** Women's Golf Club Competition **Stableford F9** 9-Hole Pink Ribbon (10am).
4. **Thursday (1 Oct)** Golden Oldies play **PAR F9** Tee-Off (10am).
5. **Saturday (3 Oct)**
 - **9 Holes Comp - Net (B9)**
 - **Club Champs Semi Finals**
 - **18 Holes MOD – Par**

Next Saturday (Oct 3) the semi-finals of the Waahi Taakaro Golf Club Championships will be played off the blue tees. The draw is: -

- Senior grade - Nick Riddell v Andy Isle, James Campion v Keri Kotua.
- Intermediate grade - Peter Watson v Graham Galt, Bryce Vincent v Andrew Bosselmann.
- Junior A grade - Harry Ambrose v Richard Pearson, Paul Tunnicliff v Gareth Edwards.
- Junior B grade - Andrew Craig v Andrew Dodson, Dave Huntley v Jack Denton

Maitai Masters

We're only a couple of months away from our biggest event of the season — the Maitai Masters, the region's most popular men's 27-hole tournament.

This event fills fast every year, so please register early and arrange payment to secure your spot. Posters and registration forms are available or simply ring the golf shop 03 548 7301 and the staff will take your details. See below.
Register via the golf shop & put date in your diary.

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and pay

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3. Membership Number: _____

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Will you be crowned
Maitai Masters
Champion?
2026

Resgister at the pro-
shop by 8.15am
Breifing at 8.40am
Tee off at 9am

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Saturday

We **LOVE** our volunteers; over the week **Bryan Taylor** was very busy. We thank him for all the elbow grease and time it took to clean the trophies.

Thank you, Bryan,



WAAHI TAAKARO GOLF CLUB SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT SUMMER GOLF COMPETITION

6th NOVEMBER 2026 – 26th MARCH 2027

Weekly 9 hole competition.
Tee off 4.30pm each Friday



- LEARN The Rules, Types of competition, Scoring.
- GAIN A NZ Golf Handicap
- MEET Others who play and make new friends
- Could you be our new 2026/2027 STUDENT CHAMPION?
- Trophy awarded end of season.
- MEMBERS: FREE
- NON MEMBERS: \$12.50 each week you play
- MEMBERSHIP Nov – March 31: \$104
- CLUBS AVAILABLE TO HIRE: \$5.00

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