

## **2018 Hayman Trophy Drawing Competition, Saturday 22 September 2018**

Eighty one members played in the 2018 Hayman Trophy drawing competition. First played for in 1965 this was the 49th time this prestigious and sought after trophy has been competed for.

With just two greens available the field was split into two groups – 33 players on 11 rinks in the morning and 48 on 16 rinks in the afternoon – 22 women and 59 men in total.

For the second Saturday in a row the weather was great. Clear blue skies with very little wind. The morning group started in cool temperatures and finished in warmth while the afternoon players were bathed in warm temperatures early on which, as the sun lowered, became cooler and the wind had a keen bite to it. Both groups appreciated the surfaces that Glen Miller had prepared for them – good speed, even and a lovely draw to the jack (especially if the bowl was on the right line).

21 ends were played with each player delivering 84 bowls in total to medium, short and long jacks in rotation. Six former winners graced the field – Alan Bryce, Graham Lowery, Eric Jarvis, Mike Small, Barry Williams and John Lindsay – and their progress was closely scrutinised by the other players.

Scoring was done with a yardstick with each bowl within one yard of the jack scoring one point. A bowl within two feet scored two points and a bowl within one foot was rewarded with three points and adulation from the other three players on the rink. This meant that a player could score a possible 12 points on any end. This feat is usually achieved while in a deep and happy sleep!

The weather, quality of the greens and some real skill resulted in some excellent scoring.

Consistency is one of the keys to success in this drawing event and five players, (Neil Cornelius, Wayne McWhirter, John Lindsay, Andy Cockroft and Mike Small) scored on every end. 12 others scored on 20 of their 21 ends. 42 players scored a 7 on at least one end, 28 players scored an 8 while 10 players scored a 9. Don McClelland, Peter Doell, Bruce Wallace, John Lindsay (twice) and Mike Small (twice) scored 10s while Estelle Jarvis trumped the lot with a wonderful 11. To achieve this Estelle had 3 bowls within a foot of the jack with her fourth bowl 15 inches away on a medium length end. The excitement must have got to Estelle as she failed to score on the next end! Almost half the field scored over 60 points while 51/81 scored over 50 points – a real achievement. The cards tell a story of concentration and effort which waned a little in the middle stages. It's amazing what a hot drink and a chocolate wheaten and/or an afghan can do to lift performance – obviously the drug of choice for bowlers as scores picked up in the second half of play.

The morning group set a very high standard with three players – Andy Cockroft 95, John Lindsay 95 and Terry Leadbetter 93 – leading the way. All three are still development players with Andy and Terry both just starting their third year.

The afternoon group however provided the winner – Mike Small. Mike started tentatively with a 2 on his first end but this proved to be his lowest scoring end. He scored 10 on each of 2 ends, 8 points on each of 4 ends and 7 points on another 4 ends. He scored a remarkable 54 points on the seven short ends and 34 points on both the medium and long ends to score 122 points – his best ever total in this drawing competition. In a truly dominant performance Mike reached the lead in the 16<sup>th</sup> end in a very convincing win appreciated and admired by all the other competitors. Every one of the field had at least one memorable end and a happy bunch enjoyed the gathering in the lounge after play. There was something rather spooky in the 125<sup>th</sup> year since NZ women won the right to vote in that all six raffle prizes went to our women members – a fitting end to a very enjoyable day.

### **Results: Hayman Trophy 2018-19 Season**

**1. Mike Small 122 points; 2= John Lindsay & Andy Cockroft 95; 4. Terry Leadbetter 93; 5. Don McClelland 91; 6= Estelle Jarvis & Kevin Callaghan 88; 8= Judy Davidson & Neil Cornelius 87; 10. Barry Williams 86; 11. Bruce Wallace 78; 12= Beryl Murphy & AJ van Hasselt 76 Pat Bonham 73; Pam Clark 72, Ian Warren 72; Lou Dent 72; Lyn Haworth 70; Keith McFarlane 70; Alan Bryce 70. In addition 16 players scored 60-69 and 15 players scored 50-59 etc.**