



## WAIKATO'S PUMA OPEN



On Sunday the 17th of February, the Waikato PUMA Open was played at one of the most loveliest holiday spots in New Zealand, Whangamata which is a short drive from Auckland or Hamilton. The Whangamata Club played host this year to over sixty players which was made up of approximately (40) odd Men & (20) odd Ladies, which is a great improvement on last years entries, both DPNZ & DPA would like to thank Jeff and the Whangamata Club for the work and preparation which they put into this making it a successful players Open Tournament.

Once again the top of the North Island is showing a very high standard with some games reaching the late 80s to early 90s in average's, this is really great to see that players are now paying a lot more attention to their game average.

### Men's Results

The quarter finals results are as follows: (1) Monte Tuhua (beat) Mike Collett, (2) Mark McGrath (beat) John Dodunski, (3) John Sinclair (beat) John Kelly, (4) Craig Pullen (beat) Chris Taylor. In the first Semi John Sinclair of (Papatoetoe) played Craig Pullen of (Sanson) this game was over in a short space of time 5 - 1, with John sending out warning signals to his finals opponent. Who would be after a hard fought match between Monte Tuhua (West City), Mark McGrath Mark McGrath of (Taupo) seen Monty with a final game count of 5 - 3 and only double's in it at times go on to be John's opponent.

The Final being an all Auckland affair and with the two players who were on show everyone seemed assured of a great final, but John Sinclair had a completely different idea when he shot out to a 5 - nil lead leaving Monte wondering where all the legs had gone, Monte made a stay of his execution by winning the next leg making it 5 - 1, John won the next leg to take the title 6 - 1

### Ladies Results

The Ladies first semi seen Lorraine Pike (Hamilton) play Peggy Wikaira (West City) this game only went 5 - 2 but could have been closer if some double's were hit. The other semi between Jude Fenton (Whangamata) and Charlene Te Pahi (Auckland) went even quicker at 5 - 1 not much unlike the men's, Jude was sending the same signal to her finals opponent 'Lorraine'. As the final got under way it was quite obvious that Jude was not going to get it all her own way, even though 3 zip looked good it became 3 - 1 then 4 - 1, 5 - 2, with Jude taking the next leg to win 6 - 2.



Some notable 180 achievements with Chris Taylor of (Manurewa) throwing 5, and the man of the moment John Sinclair (Papatoetoe) topping the table with 12.



There were 62 - 180s during the days play

