

Preparation paid rich dividends for golf champion

By Kevin Savage

"I DON'T think one person saw me do a thing wrong during the tournament," national women's golf champion Lynette Brooky said at Omokoroa yesterday.

Brooky was referring to the recent national championships during which she beat Australian Loraine Lambert in the matchplay championships, after she had finished runner-up for the strokeplay title.

"Keeping my emotions under control was the basis of my preparation for the championships," the Manor Park golfer said. "I had to stay as calm as I could.

"I wanted to win the national championships and (with this in mind) I gave myself seven months to prepare for them.

"And it was good that I met Loraine in the final. She was the person I wanted to play — because of her record in New Zealand and because she's an Australian.

"You know, we had four or five hundred people watching us in the final."

And yesterday, at the Western Bay club, Brooky and company had about 70 spectators follow them around the 18 holes.

'Company' meant the current Western Bay club champion Marnie Brooking and runner-up Jill Boyce, and Waihi club champion Kay Walls.

It was purely a relaxed exhibition occasion, the four introducing a private 'haggle.'

The opportunity for Brooky's appearance arose because her flatmate was visiting her family in Tauranga.

"I thought it was a good time for a holiday," Brooky said. "And then I have got to drop in to a class of youngsters at Hastings on the way back to a tournament at Palmerston North. It's a good opportunity for me to 'meet the people'.

"And now I have goals which take me through to October. These goals include the Queen Sirikit tournament and, hopefully, the world championships. This means, with other events, trips to Thailand, Brisbane, China and Paris."

Which makes it all worth controlling the emotions.

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AUCKLAND - Shell Open leader Brad Faxon doesn't want any more distractions from cellphones at the Grange golf course.

In fact Faxon, who fired a round of 65 for a one-stroke lead, wants portable telephones banned from golf courses.

"If they are going to be doing business then they should do it in the office, it's no good doing business out here.

"We don't interfere with them when they are in the office.

"I think cellular phones should be out the front gate."

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At the first extra hole, the par-four first, Brooky played a superb seven-iron to within three feet of the pin and sank the birdie putt for the win.

Farron, of Manawatu, had coasted through her matches over the two days, winning her first two matches seven and six and yesterday morning's semi-final eight and seven over Hutt's Jill Coverdale who then caddied for her in the final.

In contrast, Brooky (Manor Park) had found it hard to get going. In her second

round match she had been taken to two extra holes by eight-handicapper Sue Velvin, and yesterday had to come from behind to beat Te Marua's Connie Broker two and one.

Brooky said she had been struggling with matchplay which is a concern with the national championships coming up next month in New Plymouth.

Brooky will call on her family to help try to hone her game. She will play the Wellington foursomes with sister Cathy, the Wellington mixed foursomes with

brother John, and in the foursomes on the opening day of the nationals she will team up with Marie.

Despite being one down with one to play yesterday, Brooky said she still felt she could get up.

"As I went to the 18th tee I told myself if I put my head down and concentrated I could still do it," Brooky said. "If I hadn't been positive, I would have had no chance. I'm really struggling at the moment with matchplay and I'm just trying to enjoy it."