

# European rewards beckon Brooky

Titahi Bay golfer Lynette Brooky is one step closer to turning professional after winning the New South Wales amateur womens' strokeplay championship last week.

Brooky, 25, returned home from Australia on Saturday adding a further title to her illustrious collection. She is currently ranked eighth in the world list.

With the Australian and New Zealand amateur strokeplay titles already to her credit, Brooky is ready to tackle the European golf scene.

Brooky is planning a

four week tour to Europe next month. She will play one tournament in Italy followed by the British amateurs.

The highlight of Brooky's trip will be attempting to qualify in her first professional golf tournament in England.

"This tournament will give me my first insight into the professional scene," she says.

"The trip will be a learning curve for me and the main reason I'm going is to gain experience. I'm putting no pressure on myself to win and if a win or two comes my way, I'll take it as an added bonus," Brooky says.

The cost of her trip is estimated to be around the \$14,000 figure. Short of her financial target for next month's trip, Brooky is on a desperate hunt for sponsorship.

"I've written away to companies asking for support but I haven't received many replies."

With the date of departure looming close, Brooky has resorted to door knocking.

"I've been fronting up to a person hoping to get some kind of response."

"Unfortunately I haven't had much luck so far, most people have been too busy to see me."

Brooky says without financial support she won't be able to have a crack at the professional golf circuit.

"To have a decent crack at the professional circuit, I need to secure a three year sponsorship deal."

"This won't be easy to obtain as the cost of travelling the womens' circuit is about \$50,000 each year."



Lynette Brooky practises her swing at the Hutt Park golf range.



LYNNETTE BROOKY

## Top field for Paraparaumu Beach Open

By RUSSELL GRAY

SIX of New Zealand's top women golfers will be in a top-class field at the Paraparaumu Beach 72-hole Open this weekend.

Three of New Zealand's Tasman Cup team — Lynette Brooky, Lisa Aldridge and Susan Farron — will be joined by Australian amateur championship finalist Gina Scott, ANZ international squad member Emma Keeling and Pam Sowden from the Titleist senior squad.

The six women have been invited to play alongside one of the strongest amateur men's fields assembled this year.

Defending champion Alastair Sidford will have to be at his best if he is to retain his title.

Four of the Golf Academy's international team — Marcus Wheelhouse, the New Zealand strokeplay champion, Richard Lee, Rohan Welsh and Jason Laing — are in the field, as are Titleist senior team players Mark Brown and Waka Donnelly.

Last year's Australian junior champion Saali Herewini, like Sidford recently reinstated as an amateur after failing to qualify for a card at the Australasian PGA Tour school, is another strong chance along with consistent Wellington representative Martin Pettigrew and former Taranaki representative John Bennett.

Steve Creighton, who won the Wellington matchplay championship on Sunday, will be playing on his home course as will the irrepressible Lance Phelps, a former winner of the event.

Along with Welsh and Brown the other three members of last year's successful Wellington Tower inter-provincial team Bryan Hughes, who this week made himself available for selection again, Alistair Rowe and Bruce Middlemiss will be in the field, as will former Auckland and New Zealand representative Philip Aickin.