

Brooky joins national women's golf squad

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Auckland golfer Lynette Brooky's golden month continued today when she was named in the 1991 national women's squad.

Brooky, a shock winner of the New Zealand amateur championship at Paraparaumu Beach earlier this month, was included in a seven-woman 1991 NZI International Squad to prepare for trials and international events next year.

Brooky and Susan Farron are the newcomers in the squad, while three players have been dropped — Jan Scandrett, Liz Douglas and Ingrid van Steenberg.

Jan Higgins, Lisa Aldridge and Annette Stott, who finished second at the Espirito Santo world championship in Christchurch two weeks ago, have also been joined by Jan Oliver and Kerryn Starr.

The squad will form the basis of New Zealand teams to travel to the Queen Sirikit

Cup, Commonwealth Tournament and British amateur championships next year.

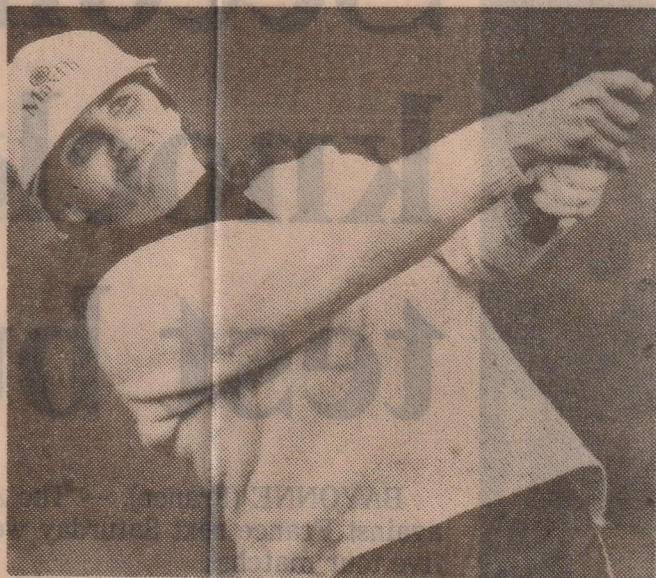
The Espirito three will surely be retained for the Sirikit event, but another two players will go to the Commonwealth and British events, both in England in June.

Brooky, 22, is part of a well-known Wellington golf family. She returned to her old home course to beat Aldridge, Starr, Farron and star Canadian Terrill Samuel to win the national title.

Like Brooky, Farron's inclusion is deserved — the Manawatu player had a fine year and was sixth equal in the strokeplay and a beaten semi-finalist in the national championship.

Douglas' exclusion suggests her 15-year international career may be over. At 40 she is no youngster, and she angered the Ladies Golf Union at the Espirito Santo event when she was a reserve for the New Zealand team but chose to caddy for star American Vicki Goetze.

The squad is: Aldridge (Wellington), Brooky (Auckland), Farron (Manawatu-



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Wanganui), Higgins (Auckland), Oliver (Waikato King Country), Starr (Canterbury), Stott (Auckland).

Wellington's Michell Morton has been named in an emerging players squad at attend a coaching clinic at Wairakei in January.

Those players, who will

also compete in the Rheineck Tournament in Hastings from January 19-20, are:

Philippa Aitkin (Tasman), Joanna Croskery (Auck), Nicola Colquhoun (Otago), Tania Holbrook (Auck), Emma Keeling (Nthland), Catherine Knight (S Canty), Kellie Matthews (Bay of Plenty), Morton, Beverly-Anne Rutene (BoP), Julie Stewart (Otago).

Lyn Brooky completes grand slam

DUNEDIN — Lynette Brooky completed the "grand slam" of New Zealand golf when she won the Mellsop Cup strokeplay championship on the Balmacewen course here yesterday.

Brooky (Manor Park), won the matchplay title in 1990 and last year paired with Susan Farron to take the foursomes.

She started the final round one shot off the pace and scored a one-over-par 73 in blustery conditions for a four round total of 298, six shots ahead of defending matchplay champion Loraine Lambert of Australia who crashed with an 80 in the final round.

Lisa Aldridge (Paraparaumu Beach) finished third on 305 while local hopeful Shelley Duncan (Otago) came fourth one further stroke back.

Brooky was inspired when Philip Tataurangi took the lead in the Air New Zealand Shell Open championship on Saturday.

"I admire Philip a lot and I have been motivated by his recent run on successes," Brooky said after her win.

But it was getting some good putts at the right time yesterday which helped Brooky to win while other players faded in the windy but fine conditions.

The scoring was not good on Saturday morning with the experienced Robyn Todd (Invercargill) taking the first-round lead with 74.

This gave Duncan the top qualifying spot for the matchplay which starts at Balmacewen today. NZPA

Kiwi golfers slip behind

LYNETTE BROOKY and Lisa Aldridge both slipped a little off the pace yesterday after inconsistent rounds in the British Columbia women's golf championships in Vancouver, Canada.

Brooky, the overnight leader, is now equal with Aldridge three shots behind Canada's Jackie Little, who shot a three-under-par 72 to lie at four-under-par 146 after 36 holes.

Brooky managed five birdies despite firing a disappointing round of one-over 76 while Aldridge, who struggled with her putting, managed four birdies in a par round.

The two other New Zealand squad members, Susan Farron and Kerryn Starr, stayed in the hunt with one round to go.

Farron also suffered from inconsistency, shooting an eagle and four birdies but suffering five bogies as she finished one-under 74 to be two strokes behind her teammates.

Starr finished her round one over the card to stand at four-over after two rounds at Shaughnessy Country Club. — NZPA

Brooky ends with flourish

WELLINGTON'S Lynette Brooky sank a spectacular 13-metre putt to secure the foursomes title at the national women's amateur golf championships at Tauranga yesterday.

Brooky, from Manor Park, and partner Susan Farron (Manawatu) already had the title wrapped up before the impressive finish, but the putt added some colour to a difficult day when birdies were few and far between.

Brooky and Farron, members of the New Zealand team who won the Tasman Cup on Wednesday, finished with a seven-over-par total of 149 for the two rounds (74 and 75).

They finished three strokes ahead of Canadians Aileen Robertson and Lorie Kane, and Australians Tracie Hale and Rachel Hetherington.

The Canadians were declared runners-up after a countback. — NZPA