



Aucklander Lynette Brooky with the spoils from her New Zealand matchplay golf championships triumph at Paraparaumu. "I just let my subconscious take over and see what it did," said the Grange golfer.

Brooky emerges from trance to see golf dream come true

The Grange's Lynette Brooky forced her "wildest dreams" to come true when she won the New Zealand women's golf championship on a wind-and-rain-swept Paraparaumu Beach course.

Brooky (22) hung on tenaciously yesterday to fight off a desperate second-round challenge by Canadian Terrill Samuel to win at the 37th.

The former Paraparaumu player, who was not even considered for the Wellington team last year, said she played the last three holes of the championship in a trance.

"I just let my subconscious take over and see what it did," Brooky said.

Few observers expected

Brooky to progress beyond her second round match with New Zealand representative Lisa Aldridge, and still fewer gave her much chance of pulling off the tournament win. However, no one — including Samuel — begrudged her victory.

"I just had to play with it rather than go against it."

After the Canadian, who had gone 1 up at the second hole, Brooky went 2 up after nine holes.

"These were the worst conditions I've ever played in," Samuel said.

The Canadian was visibly upset by the conditions and deemed the waterlogged greens unplayable.

"But she was playing them

OK so there was nothing that could be done. At one stage I even wanted to chuck it in."

The weather took its toll on her and at lunch she was 3 down. She went out on the second 18 holes ready to play catch-up golf.

The Canadian attacked on the second round to be only 1 down after 27 holes.

And then she finally went all square at the 33rd when Brooky took seven on the 292m par five hole into a driving rain.

At the par three 34th, Brooky put her tee shot into a gully and took five to let Samuel go 1 up.

But a superb first putt from almost 12m out to within centi-

metres of the hole on the 35th gave her a chance.

Under pressure, Samuel failed with her second putt from less than a metre and the match was square.

They halved the 36th and at the 37th Brooky's tee shot was superb while Samuel swung hers into the rough.

The Aucklander's second with a five wood put her on the green while Samuel's second shot went further right, making her recovery to the green difficult.

Brooky's first putt just missed the hole while Samuel failed to sink a five metre putt as the Aucklander raised both arms in jubilation. —NZFA.

● Aldridge wins — B3