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Watson takes Pro-Am

Hutt golfers did well but it was an Australian that took out the Wang Masters Pro-Am at the Hutt Golf Club last week.



Aussie Dave Watson shot 141 whilst Martin Pettigrew (Manor Park) and Mathew Lane (Shandon) finished second equal.

Other locals to do well included Richard Hislop, Johnathan Thwaites and Jack Oliver.

Playing off the men's tees, Lynette Brooky shot 153, the same score as Stuart Thompson a regular on the Australasian tour.



Lynette Brooky follows the flight of her ball on the first tee.

Brooky pushed to the limit

LYNNETTE Brooky, of New Zealand, held off the determined challenges of Trish Johnson and Laura Davies to win the Austrian Open in Graz yesterday after a nerve-racking finale.

Two shots clear of Johnson as she came down the last, Brooky missed a four-foot sitter before tapping in to secure victory by the narrowest of margins. Her 13-under-par total of 203 earned her £12,000 and a maiden title on the European Tour.

Johnson, one shot adrift, fired a four-under-par 68 yesterday and at one stage held the lead. However, Brooky's three birdies from the 14th gave her some breathing space — and she needed every bit of it.

"It was like playing matchplay, first against Laura and then against Trish," said Brooky. "I knew I had to go for it like never before."

The 16th was the crunch hole for it knocked the stuffing out of Davies, who three-putted for a bogey four. In contrast, Brooky lofted a towering six-iron which gave her a birdie chance which she took.

"The last two holes stressed me out," she admitted. "I had played them badly all week and I wanted a two-shot lead by the time they came along again."

Davies lamented her putting, though a double-bogey on the seventh, where she played left-handed to get out of a bush, hardly helped. "You can't putt badly on the last day of a tournament and expect to win," she said.

Johnson too found an inconvenient shrubbery at the fifth, where she drove too far right, but recovered to miss her par by a whisker. It was the only shot she dropped all day and it cost her dear. "Lynette deserved to win a tournament," she said. "It was just a shame it had to happen this week at my expense."

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