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Amelia Garvey Storm Home to Win NZ Stroke Play

Amelia Garvey has produced a dominant display down the home stretch to claim an authoritative victory in the New Zealand Women's Stroke Play Championship at the Hastings Golf Club. The 16-year-old showed an old head on her young shoulders when the pressure went on to etch her name into the Mellsop Cup.

Despite finishing with a comfortable six shot victory over Chantelle Cassidy (Riverside Golf Club) it was anything but clear cut with four holes to play. Starting the back nine Garvey had a four-shot lead which Cassidy immediately started to eat into with a birdie on the 10th and after Garvey dropped shots on the 13th and 14th holes, Cassidy had reduced the deficit to only two. A wayward drive by Cassidy on 15 led to a bogey and Garvey pounced, rolling in a 3 metre birdie putt to return the margin to four. From there she went from strength to strength hitting it to a metre for an easy birdie on the par 3 16th, before using her length to make comfortable two putt birdies on the par five finishing holes for the biggest win of her young career. Up ahead her Canterbury team mate Julianna Hung was charging up the leader board and putting some real pressure on Cassidy for second place. She posted eight under in the clubhouse sharing second place momentarily before Cassidy made birdie on the 18th hole to finish on nine under par, relegating Hung to a commendable third.



Garvey was beaming following her wire to wire win. "I was hitting a lot of fairways and put myself in good spots to attack the pins, which meant I didn't have to do too much with my putter," said Garvey. "It was good to get a birdie on 15, Chantelle made bogey so it was a two-shot swing which was good after making back to back bogeys. I don't really think I sealed it till the 16th when I put it close there." When asked about the key to this week, Garvey was quick to pay credit to her new found consistency. "I'm getting a lot more consistent, my dispersion has come in a lot in the past year and I have been working hard on the mental part of the game to not be afraid of getting low scores." "It's amazing, words can't describe how good it feels to get the job done this week. To win one of the biggest events in New Zealand is awesome." Garvey was looking forward to getting in touch with her parents and to what was ahead in the coming months. "My parents are always there for the support and I can't wait to call them, they will be stoked for me." "I'm heading over to Aussie in a couple of weeks for the Aussie Juniors so it would be nice to perform well there and for the New Zealand Team in the Queen Sirikit in May. Of course, I also can't wait for the New Zealand Amateur at Russley in Christchurch, it would be awesome to do the double." In the meantime Garvey can bask in the glory of a fantastic week, where she led from start to finish putting her name alongside the likes of Lynnette Brooky, Sharon Ahn and Lydia Ko as winners of the New Zealand Women's Stroke Play Championship.

Harewood Pairing Win NZ Autumn Foursomes

A former Scottish junior representative and the current Canterbury Women's Masters Selector have claimed the 81st New Zealand Women's Autumn Foursomes Cup at the Harewood Golf Club. It was an exciting finish for the host club with Harewood members Debbie Scott, partnered with Jill Balloch, winning on the 18th hole after a closely fought battle. Matching against Julie Livesey (Tai Tapu) and Sharon Screen (Charteris Bay), the favoured pair didn't have the best of starts, being 2-down after four holes. Pars on the 5th and 6th got them back to all-square which they held till the 10th hole. A bogey on the opening back nine was good enough for Scott and Balloch to edge ahead with Livesey and Screen shooting a triple-bogey. The match however see-sawed back and forth for four more holes, until Scott and Balloch slotted two pars in a row, to gain the lead on the 15th. The 16th and 17th were halved, until the match was conceded on the 18th when Livesey and Screen struggled to make the tough finishing hole in regulation. As one of the lowest seeded pairs, Scott and Balloch had to play consistently for all six rounds, frequently giving shots, up to 23 in one match, in the handicap foursomes format.



The three-day tournament randomly draws 64 pairs, with players competing for the NZ Golf Autumn Foursomes Cup over six rounds of foursomes match play. The NZLGU Salver Flight 1 was won by the sister-duo Ginny Bolderston (Geraldine) and Nicky Muir (Hororata). The NZ Autumn Foursomes Flight 1 winners were Pam Ellis (Waitikiri) and Lyn Robertson (Amberley).

Join us at the Canterbury Golf Awards Dinner – 9 June held at the Russley Golf Club

Top Finishes at the Australian Junior Amateur

It was an exciting week of golf following the progress of our top Canterbury juniors playing in the Australian Junior Amateur. Dominic Brett Kelly, Tom Parker, Juliana Hung and Amelia Garvey were selected by NZ Golf to play the event, with Hiroki and Hayato Miya also making the trip to gain experience playing the top junior tournament in Australia.



Both Parker and Brett Kelly elevated themselves up the leaderboard after morning rounds of 63 and 65 respectively on the final day of play. Parker led the tournament heading into the final round with Brett Kelly just two shots back, unfortunately the final round didn't play out as planned with Parker four over for his round and Brett Kelly two over for his round. The pair tied for third an incredible achievement at the Australian Boys Amateur. Hiroki Miya who finished on the cut line after two rounds played solid golf finishing with a one under par round of 68, while younger brother Hayato Miya shot 79, 76 to miss the cut but would have gained valuable experience.

Amelia Garvey and Juliana Hung competed at the Australian Girls Amateur and finished tied for 17th and 28th respectively.

Our thanks go to NZ Golf for providing this great opportunity for these players to experience competition at this level in Australia.

Golf Recognised as Provider for Green Prescriptions

In a first for New Zealand, golf in Canterbury has become a recognised provider for the Sport NZ Green Prescriptions Programme. The programme is provided through local Sports Trusts.

A Green Prescription is a health professional's written advice to a patient to be physically active, as part of the patient's health management. Patients are referred by their GP to Sport Canterbury who have a Green Prescription team that will talk through the patient's current activity level, and help them to set an activity plan and realistic goals suited to their individual needs, health and lifestyle. Sport Canterbury's Green Prescription service caters for participants in Canterbury, Mid Canterbury, South Canterbury and the West Coast.

Through the work of Club Capability Manager Richard Hudson and several golf clubs, a brochure has been put together to provide patients with the opportunity to take on golf as their physical activity.

GP refer about 130 patients each month to the Green Prescriptions Programme. We look forward to many of those taking up golf as an option in their activity plan.

Canterbury on the Improve at NZ Women's Masters

The coveted Russell Grace Cup played for at the New Zealand Women's Masters event was won by the Northland team for the first time. The Northland team were dominant throughout the week played at the Ngaruawahia Golf Club finishing with a winning margin of ten shots over Bay of Plenty, with defending champions Auckland finishing in third position.

The charge was led by new-master Kylie Jacoby who shot a 38 in her first round. Jacoby's skill and consistency over the following three rounds, also saw her claim the Canterbury Shield for the best individual performance, by one shot over Auckland's captain, Lisa Herbert.



The Canterbury team of Kate Turner, Di Kay, Cheryl Kemp and Nicky Muir all had contributing scores in a format that takes the best three gross stablefords from the team over the four rounds. Kate Turner who recently became eligible for the tournament played well with all four scores contributing to the team total which includes two very solid opening rounds of 30 and 31 gross stablefords. Nicky Muir was also on debut and will have benefited from the experience finishing on a high with 28 gross stablefords in the final round. Both Cheryl Kemp and Di Kay were members of the 2016 and will be pleased with the team's efforts this year to improve by four places.

Briefs

North Canterbury versus Nelson Match

North Canterbury played their annual match against Nelson at the Hanmer Springs Golf Club with four teams represented from each region which includes junior, senior, intermediate and masters players. The North Canterbury Seniors came back strongly on the second day of play winning three of four matches to square up their contest at six games all with both Andrew Green and Oscar Cadenhead earning two wins from their two matches played. The Nelson Masters were too strong for the North Canterbury team only dropping half a game in their dominant victory. The North Canterbury Juniors staged a sterling fight back on Sunday but Nelson prevailed 5.5 – 4.5 in the end. Kazuma Kobori had two wins from his two singles matches in the junior section. The North Canterbury Intermediate team easily defended the trophy they won last year outclassing Nelson 8.5-1.5.

Our thanks goes to the Hanmer Springs Golf Club for hosting the event with the course in superb condition, a credit to their greens staff.

Seniors – Drawn 6 - 6

Masters – Nelson 5.5 – 0.5

Juniors – Nelson 5.5 - 4.5

Intermediates – North Canterbury 8.5 – 1.5

Canterbury Junior Tournaments

Forty junior golfers participated in the Canterbury two day junior tournaments, with top scoring in both the boys and girls sections.

Hiroki Miya won the overall gross with Kazuma Kobori winning the net in the Boys Grade 1. Nathan Hall won the net for Grade 2 while his brother Joseph Hall took out the stableford prize with 75 points.

Amy Weng continued her good form winning the overall Girls gross with Jasmine Clancy taking out the overall net.

Thanks for the Rangiora Golf Club and Templeton Golf Club for hosting the events run by Canterbury Golf.

Canterbury Golf Awards Dinner

The annual Canterbury Golf Awards Dinner will be held on Friday 9 June at the Russley Golf Club.

The guest speaker is mad keen golfer and cricketing legend Mark Greatbatch.

We will also be making a special presentation for a Canterbury Golf Life Membership.

Canterbury Golf and MC Phil McGoldrick look forward to hosting this entertaining evening.

To book your tickets please contact Canterbury Golf on 359 4000 or mike@canterburygolf.co.nz

