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Great Match-Ups for Town versus Country Fixture

The annual Town versus Country fixture proved to be a tightly fought battle between the two teams. Both teams had strong line-ups for the representative game with seniors, masters and junior teams involved in the match. The Pegasus golf course was presented in excellent condition and the players enjoyed the opportunity to test themselves with foursomes in the morning followed by singles matches in the afternoon.

The foursomes games were all pretty tight, the Country senior team took a slight advantage heading into the afternoon match leading the town team 4-2, while the Town masters team led 3-1 and the juniors were all tied up at two all.

The singles matches saw some great matches between the two teams. The town senior team dominated the afternoon 9-3 to take the overall win 11-7 and retain the silverware. The Masters town team also turned around their deficit winning the singles matches 4.5-3.5 games to also etch their name on the trophy winning 6.5-5.5 games overall. The Country junior team looked strong on paper and didn't disappoint winning the afternoon's singles match 4-3 to narrowly win 3.5-2.5 overall.

The Masters Women were also involved with two teams formed from town and country clubs. The Town team took the bragging rights 3.5-2.5. The senior women took the opportunity to also play alongside the event as part of the trial programme.

The winning teams are pictured from left, Town Senior Team, Town Masters Team, Country Junior Team.



Volunteers to the Fore to get Clubs Back Open



Hororata and Greendale Golf Club were amongst many clubs in Canterbury that were greatly effected by the recent flooding.

Up to sixty volunteers helped to get the Hororata Golf Club back open bringing a shovel and wheel barrow to pick up debris and remove the silt from the greens.

The club had walk bridges that moved up to 200m along with extensive walk damage to the course. The women kept the workers going with some great home cooking from the clubhouse kitchen.

Pictured right is the newest water feature at the Greendale Golf Club which shows some of the extent of the damage to the course. Both courses are back up and running and looking forward to some dryer spring conditions.



Canterbury Launches She Loves Golf in September

Planning is underway for the She Loves Golf campaign and Canterbury Golf is looking forward to playing an important role to assist clubs to address the declining female membership trend that has seen a 25% decrease over the past six years.

Canterbury Golf will launch the campaign with an event organised for Sunday 17 September at Riccarton Park Golf Complex. This event will be promoted as an initial taster with club events and programmes being promoted as the next step to getting into golf.

The aim is to provide a pathway for over 100 women to become involved with the She Loves Golf campaign in Canterbury. Talk to your Committee to see how you can get involved with helping to grow the female participation at your club.



She Loves Golf Launch – 17 September at Riccarton Park Golf Complex

Competition Heats Up for Interclub

Players will be hoping for some spring conditions for the upcoming interclub games after battling through some less than ideal winter conditions.

Christchurch and Russley are locked at the top of the table in Pollock Cup on five points, after the two teams were drawn to play each other in round one which resulted in a half. Competition for the semi final spots will be tight with two rounds still remaining in the round robin.

After three rounds only Harewood have the perfect record leading the points table in Woodward Cup. They are followed closely by Templeton on five points and then Russley, Christchurch, Pegasus and Bottle Lake on four points. Pegasus the new comers to the competition are proving to be a strong team positioned in the top half of the table.

Weedons are showing they are a contender for the Simon Cup title this year currently positioned at the top of the table with Russley, which has dominated the competition over the past seven years.

Midway through the Simon Cup competition sees Templeton holding the top spot on the table followed closely by Rangiora, Waimairi Beach, Harewood and Russley. Competition will be very tight to see which teams secure their semi final spot with four rounds remaining.

Full results can be found under Interclub on the Canterbury Golf website.

Club Member Experience Survey Report

New Zealand Golf has undertaken comprehensive research with Nielsen and Sport New Zealand to better understand the experiences of golfers at the club level, how different interactions within the club are perceived and what is important to get right in order to retain and grow membership.

The collated responses of 5,977 golfers provide an insight into the attitudes, behaviours and expectations of what a positive club member experience means to them.

The survey investigated some of these topics:

- How satisfied club members are.
- How likely club members are likely to recommend their club and re-join next year.
- What factors to focus on to drive a positive experience for your golf club.
- What needs to improve to retain and attract more players.
- How the club experience varies across demographics, gender, playing experience, ethnicity and club tenure – and how clubs can ensure everyone is catered for.

You can read the summarised report on the Info for Clubs page on the NZ Golf website.

Great Development Opportunities for SRB Academy

The SRB Academy have just completed their fourth development day for the year where players have continued to learn and develop the concepts that have been introduced throughout the year.

Canterbury Golf are working closely with NZ Golf to provide the players with the latest tools to assist with their development and ultimately improve performances at tournaments both individually and in teams representing Canterbury. "It's really beneficial for Canterbury to be involved with NZ Golf to be able to access the resources we need to run the programme and work in with their Talent Development Plan" said Canterbury Development Manager Rachel Thow. "We are working closer with the players and starting to see some good results from the work that is being put in. It's pleasing to see players taking on board this opportunity to improve their performances".

The SRB Academy players were put through their paces this month at a session we were fortunate to be able to hold at the High Performance Centre in Christchurch where Strength & Conditioning Trainer John Wilson talked to the players about the importance of building core strength and stability to aid the golf swing.



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We are grateful for the continued support from Saunders Robinson Brown who invest in our programme to assist the development of players in Canterbury.

Briefs

Girls Interprovincial Team Named

Congratulations to the following players that have been selected to represent Canterbury at the upcoming Girls Interprovincials being played at the Rotorua Golf Club 9-13 October.

Flexi Lease Canterbury Junior Girls Team

Team named in alphabetical order

Amelia Garvey (Kaiapoi)

Deanna Matthews (Weedons)

Jessica Crosbie (Harewood)

Juliana Hung (Russley)

Lina Park (Waimairi Beach)

Maddie May (Russley)

Manager: Hillary O'Connor (Pegasus)



Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay

Entries are now open to the Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay. This year sees a change of date for the major event which will be played over Labour Weekend 21-23 October. The Championship will feature Matchplay grades of 16 qualifiers for Senior Women, Senior Men, Masters Men and Division 2 Men with eight Masters Women to qualify.

Online entry is available at www.canterburygolf.co.nz



Canterbury Players Feature in National Competition

The Women's National club-based Home Links and National Teams Championship results have been finalised for 2017.

Congratulations to Adrienne Paterson (Kaiapoi) who is this year's national winner of the 9 Hole Sue Bunt Salver and congratulations also to Sue Clements and Debra O'Brien (Clearwater) who are this year's national winners of the Nancy MacCormick Memorial Foursomes.

Srixon have again very generously provided sponsorship for this national competition and district winners will receive prizes from NZ Golf and Srixon.

The full results are posted on the NZ Golf website.

Canterbury Golf Annual Report

The 2016 - 2017 Canterbury Annual Report is now available on our website under the About Us tab.

If you would like an electronic copy sent please email info@canterburygolf.co.nz.

Hard copies will be posted to clubs next week in time for the Canterbury Golf AGM which will be held on 13 September.

