



February 2017 Newsletter



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SRB Assists with Canterbury Player Development

Canterbury Golf have developed an important partnership with NZ Golf to assist with player development in the region to provide the best opportunity for Canterbury golfers to succeed. One of the outcomes of Canterbury Golf's Young People in Golf Strategic Plan is to have more young Canterbury players succeeding on the national stage as well as being the number one achieving representative province in New Zealand for Junior Golf.

Canterbury Golf is fortunate to have the continued support of local business Saunders Robinson Brown Lawyers who provide valuable support to the development programme. The Player Development Plan incorporates initiatives to enhance golf specific skill development and introducing quality support systems to assist in these areas. Competitive pathways are also vital to ensure we are providing competition at appropriate levels to assist with player development.



The SRB Academy players were put through their paces with the first two development days held at the end of January. The development days focused on mental skills, physical conditioning, planning, effective practice strategies, data capturing and included an information evening for parents. We are fortunate to have the support services of local providers John Quinn (Mental Skills Coach) and Ryan Clark (Physiotherapist) along with NZ Golf Performance Coach Jay Carter and High Performance Coordinator Liz McKinnon.

It's a great opportunity for SRB Academy Players to have the support and resources to further their development with the continued support. Further development days planned throughout the year.

Rangiora Make it a Double at Captain's Day

Canterbury Golf's Annual Captains Day Tournament was played at the Amberley Golf Club. Light drizzle greeted players initially but the weather improved as the day went on and the course was in excellent condition with some great scoring as a result. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon catching up with representatives from other Canterbury clubs and the excellent hospitality provided by the Amberley Golf Club.

Rangiora's Vivienne Taylor (33 points) teamed up this year with Paul Neilson (43 points) to make it back to back victories for Rangiora with a team total of 76 stableford points, well clear of Waimairi Beach on 69 points with Liz Jack (30 points) and Noel Stewart (39 points). Third on 68 was Kaiapoi's Marg Mundy (36 points) and Jim Tiweka (32 points) with Hororata's Nicky Muir (35 points) and Al Sime (32 points) fourth on 67 points.



Golf in Schools Programme Introduces Kids to Golf

The Golf in Schools Programme delivered by Canterbury Golf is providing the first step to introduce children to the game of golf. In 2016 in excess 2,700 children learnt the fundamental skills of golf through the programme that incorporates three sessions at the school with a link to the nearby golf course for session four where the children have the opportunity to play a few holes in a fun team competition.

This year will see a further increase in our delivery through the support of Kiwi Sport funding with a targeted approach to support golf clubs that wish to introduce a junior programme at their club or increase their current programme. Schools surrounding these clubs will be targeted to receive the introductory programme with opportunities to then get involved with further junior programmes with the club.



Clubs will be encouraged to provide opportunities for families to get involved in the game with Canterbury Golf providing support and strategies to clubs to help grow the game.

Congratulations to Juliana Hung and Hiroki Miya winning the Otago Stroke Play Titles

Christchurch Defend Over 50's Title

The final round of Canterbury Over 50's & 60's Interclub was played at Bottle Lake Golf Club with the course in excellent condition. This year's competition was restricted to four rounds due to bad weather cancelling two earlier rounds.

Final results:

Individual Gross Over 50's (Best 3 rounds) - Charles Whitwham (Christchurch) 223

Individual Net (Best 3 rounds) - Kevin Grant (Bottle Lake) 211

Super 60's (Best 3 Gross rounds minus age) - Peter Nicholl (Pegasus) 177 on c/b from Carl Sakofsky (Bottle Lake)

Best Team Net Over 50's - McLeans Island

Best Team Gross Over 50's - Christchurch

Best Team Net Over 60's - Bottle Lake

Pictured from left are Christchurch's winning team of Peter Sim, Charles Whitwham and Chris Richmond with the Pirie Cup and Competition Convenor John Thompson. This is Christchurch's sixth consecutive year winning the Pirie Cup.



Top Scoring at Arthur Chambers Memorial

The annual Arthur Chambers Memorial Tournament for juniors was held at the Weedons Country Club with 33 players taking part. Players took advantage of the excellent conditions with some great scoring across the field.

Eleven year old Joseph Hall (Weedons) took out the title winning the Arthur Chambers Trophy for the best overall net after shooting his best competitive round with a gross 98 giving him a net score of 63.



The medals for the best net score by a Central Canterbury players were won by local Weedons players Joseph Hall (U16) and Bradley Nightingale (U19).

The Boys Gross was won by Tiaki Ogilvie (Russley) with a 74 while the Girls Gross was won by Jeonghyun Lee (Christchurch) with a 75.

Miya and Hung Win Otago Stroke Play Titles

Canterbury juniors showed the way in the Otago Stroke Play Championship with Hiroki Miya (Russley) winning the title and Tom Parker (Christchurch) finishing second. Miya (16) was impressive from tee to green, finishing on a par 284 for the four rounds to win the title from Parker (17) by seven shots.

The Canterbury success continued in the women's three-round event in which Juliana Hung (Russley) finished 10 shots ahead of Annabel Evans (Otago). Hung set a course record of 72 in her first round on Saturday morning since the course has been altered for women, the sixth and 17th holes becoming par fours.

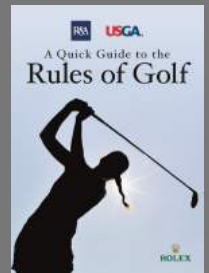
The Otago Stroke Play along with the Canterbury Stroke Play (played the weekend prior) formed a new initiative between the two districts with the House of Travel Tour rewarding the combined scores from the two events. Vouchers to assist with tournament travel sponsored by the House of Travel, Canterbury Golf and Golf Otago were awarded to the top male, female and U19 boy. The House of Travel Tour prizes went to Scott Hellier (Gore) with a \$1250 voucher, Miya with a \$500 voucher for the best under-19 effort while Hung took the \$750 prize for the best female performance over both the Canterbury and Otago events.

Hellier went into the Otago event with a 13-stroke lead after winning the Canterbury title at Templeton, but he finished sixth at Balmacewen, leaking 10 shots to Miya, who finished second in the overall men's event three shots back. Miya was far too solid to let the impressive lead slip and Parker shot a final round of 69 to clinch second place.

Briefs

Rules Course

The Canterbury Rules Association are running a rule course that takes you through the rules of golf over seven sessions. It is designed for aspiring referees, trainee professionals or anyone who just wants to learn more about the game.



Starts: Wednesday 22 March 7-9pm for 7 weeks.

The final exam is optional and will be held on Wednesday 17 May.

Cost: \$30 includes 1 year's membership of CCRA.

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Men's Selectors

Canterbury Golf is seeking expressions of interest to fill the Canterbury Men's positions for 2017. The role of Selector is a rewarding role that contributes to the ongoing success of Canterbury Golf.

A role description can be acquired by contacting Rachel Thow on 359 4000 or rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz

Applications in writing, outlining relevant skills and experience should be forwarded to: rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz
Applications close 12 March 2017.

Seniors have good week in Christchurch

The week 13-18 February saw a series of Seniors tournaments in Christchurch that drew many local and overseas Seniors Professionals to play, along with a good contingent of amateurs who enjoyed the Pro-Am format. On Monday the Legends Rangiora Pro-Am was played in strong nor-westerly conditions with Australian Pros David Good and Colin Hunt both scoring 71 to share the title. On Tuesday NZ Legend John Lister was the feature at the Russley Pro-Am. The tournament was won by American Pro Perry Parker.



The NZPGA Seniors Championship was held Wednesday to Friday with the first round at Bottle Lake and the final two rounds at Waitikiri. 2016 OOM Winner Tim Elliott (pictured below) led most of the way and eventually ran out the winner by five shots from Australian Brad Burns, closing with a round of 70 to go with his first two rounds of 73 and 71.

The week finished with the Bottle Lake Senior Pro-Am on Saturday which was won by Mike Zilko and Stephen Woodhead with 69's.



Over \$70,000 in prize money was played for over the week. Thanks must go to the clubs, sponsors, the NZPGA, and local promoter Laurie Goodson for having the foresight to bring new tournaments to Christchurch.