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2017 Lamb & Hayward Canterbury Strokeplay

The Lamb & Hayward Canterbury Strokeplay was held at Templeton Golf Club over the weekend 21-22 January. Record entries were received for the tournament with the field strengthened by players from Otago, Southland and Tasman. Previously clashing, the Otago Strokeplay is now the following weekend at Balmacewen. To incentivise both tournaments the Canterbury and Otago Associations got together with the House of Travel to provide a \$2,500 prize pool for best scores across both tournaments. There was also NZ Golf and Canterbury Order of Merit points up for grabs at both tournaments.

Southland Toro Rep Scott Hellier (Gore) took full advantage. He led the Men's Championship from start to finish, and took a six shot lead into the final round. However he needed to sink an eight foot putt on the 18th green to secure the title. He had been chased down by Jake Hallinan (Weedons) who was standing over a four foot putt on the 18th to shoot 67. Hellier got his putt to win, and perhaps seeing his title hopes dashed, Hallinan missed his putt for a two shot victory margin. Dominic Brett Kelly capped off a good weekend finishing third four shots back from Hallinan.



Lamb & Hayward CEO Stephen Parkyn (left) with the championship winners.

The Women's Championship was equally close with 10 year old Jeong Hyun Lee (Christchurch) taking the 36 hole lead, then holding on by a shot from Roun Lee (Harewood). The youngster has been on the Christchurch golf scene for the last nine months and has been touted as the next Lydia Ko. Her progress so far bodes well for this accolade. Juliana Hung (Russley) was the best of the locals finishing fourth.

In the Men's Masters Robbie Bell (Ashburton) was just too steady and completed his eight shot triumph with a final round 75 for a two over par final tally. He relished the conditions while others could not cope. Jason Sincok (Amuri) showed a good return to form to finish second. A third round 80 sunk the hopes of defending champ Blair Dibley (Harewood) and he finished third.

Ginny Bolderston (Geraldine) won the Women's Masters title by a shot from Di Kay (Weedons). Both Kay and Lynn Brand (Bottle Lake) threatened going into the back nine but could not sustain their runs to take the title from Bolderston, with Brand finishing third.

Players did well to survive the rainy conditions on Sunday, and the course was a credit to the Templeton greens staff to remain in excellent playing order throughout. Thanks must go to the club, their staff and members for hosting the tournament this year.

Canterbury Teams at 2016 NZ Toro Interprovincials

The Flexi Lease Canterbury Women's Team finished third at the recent Toro Interprovincial held at Westown Golf Club, New Plymouth. They had performed well during the week to earn their spot in the semi-finals where they played against Bay of Plenty - a repeat of last years Final. The Canterbury Team had a narrow advantage through the turn, but there wasn't much separating the two teams. Catherine Bell secured the first point for the team with a 3/1 win, and Amelia Garvey played well to beat Alanna Campbell 3/2 achieving the perfect unbeaten record from her seven matches played. Hillary O'Connor and Juliana Hung's matches saw both going down the 18th hole with Canterbury one down in both matches. Hillary O'Connor and her opponent both birdied the 18th hole but it wasn't enough to get Canterbury across the line with Juliana Hung also losing her match on the 18th. While the team didn't get the opportunity to win the title they won in 2015 they performed at a high standard throughout the week with impressive wins over teams from their section.



The Fenix Canterbury Men's Team produced an improved performance to finish sixth at the New Plymouth Golf Club. The team started well with comprehensive wins over Taranaki, Southland and Tasman. The match against Otago resulted in a half to put the team in a great position to challenge for a semi-final spot. The two matches on the final day were against Northland and Wellington. Northland came out firing producing a top notch performance rolling the Canterbury team. Canterbury went into the final match knowing to control their own destiny they would need to beat Wellington. They came up just short losing 3.5-1.5. Their chances were still alive if Northland beat Otago, but Otago dug deep to win and make their fourth semi-final in four years. Overall it was a solid performance from the team. With four players on debut it was great to be able to blood new players and see how much they had developed over the past 12 months.

Congrats to Momoka Kobori on her week with Lydia Ko after winning the scholarship!

Canterbury Golfers Excel at Faldo Series

The third Faldo Series Asia New Zealand Championship was completed early December and a new NZ Champion was found in the form of 16 year old Hiroki Miya. After an unseasonal weather bomb caused the cancellation of the first round Hiroki posted a skilfully crafted 69 to set the pace. Only one other player managed a par or better round which was a testimony to the extreme wind conditions. The final round was played later in near perfect conditions, and Hiroki was again steady posting 74 for a two round total of 143 giving him a three shot win over second placed Jordan Woodall who deservedly claimed the U18 boys title by following his opening par round with a 74 also.



In the U21 boys grade a battle emerged between three players and the result was decided on the final green. Oscar Cadenhead, who won the 2015 New Zealand title, prevailed with a two round total of 150 (73/77) after Andrew Drummond made a double bogey on the last to give up his one shot lead and claim the silver medal.

The girl's competition was contested in one grade. NZ Golf Academy member Amelia Garvey finished a strong year with a two round total of 156 after the challenge from last year's Faldo Series Asia New Zealand Champion Juliana Hung was undone by an uncharacteristic double bogey on the 14th hole. Amelia's final nine holes were played in level par which Juliana could not match.

Once again the event is extremely thankful for the vision and support of the Canterbury Golf Development Trust. New Zealand age grade winners will travel to Laguna Lang Co Resort in Vietnam in March for the Asian Finals contested against 19 other nations.

2016 Canterbury Age Group Championship

A strong field of 51 juniors competed in the Canterbury Age Group Championships played at the Russley Golf Club on 18 December. The tournament was played over 36 holes with players as young as seven years of age competing. Players took advantage of the great course conditions in the morning before the wind started to make an impact during the afternoon. Hiroki Miya (Russley) put one hand on the trophy after the morning round after shooting a three under par 69 to have a four shot lead over Kazuma Kobori (Rangiora) heading into the afternoon round. Miya continued his sub-par form after chipping in for eagle on the 18th to card a round of 70 in the afternoon to win the title by nine shots from Tom Parker (Christchurch) followed by Dominic Brett Kelly (Hororata) in third place. Kobori held on to win the U16 title from Hayato Miya and Kansuke Shin (both Russley). In the U13 division up-and-comer Tim Seeto (Christchurch) put together two great rounds to remember shooting 75 in the morning and 78 in the afternoon to win, and to his credit also achieved 7th place overall.



The women's title was won by 14 year old Juliana Hung (Russley) who played steady in the morning with a round of 72 to be tied with Hillary O'Connor (Pegasus) but then shot a three under par 69 to win the overall title by seven shots from O'Connor. The best 36 hole women's net was won by Amy Weng (Russley) who continues to grow in experience competing at a higher level.

The event also featured a teams' competition played over 18 holes. The Russley Blue team of Hiroki Miya, Hayato Miya, Ben Baker and Dominic Brett Kelly won the U19 Gross Teams title while the Russley Gold team of Cooper Moore, Kansuke Shin, Yuki Miya and Fergus Williamson won the U19 Net Teams title.

Pegasus win promotion to 2017 Woodward Cup

Pegasus continued their stellar year winning the Woodward Cup Promotion / Relegation match against Lincoln and Weedons at Waimairi Beach on 11 December. The course in excellent condition after overnight rain. An excellent team result with all players contributing well for Pegasus gave them a total gross stableford score of 230 and a three point advantage over last year's bottom-placed Woodward Cup team Weedons on 227 and Lincoln 198.

Jason Yoo (34 points), and Andrew Green (33) excelled for Pegasus, while Weedon's Jake Hallinan had the best score of the day with 37 points. Nathan Paul had the best score for Lincoln with 34 points.

Pegasus now qualify for the 2017 Woodward Cup and will take up their position in Canterbury's premier match play interclub competition this year.

Briefs

Canterbury Golf 75th Anniversary

Canterbury Golf as we know it today was first formed in 1941 as the Christchurch Metropolitan Golf Association. To commemorate the 75th anniversary, Sir Bob Charles presented a plaque to current Canterbury Golf President Peter MacDonald at the recent Presidents & Secretaries Day. This will be displayed in the Canterbury Golf office entrance. Guests were also treated to anecdotes from the history of Canterbury Golf, firstly from Women's Association stalwart Sue McFarlane, and then local journalism legend for The Press - Bob Schumacher.



2016 Presidents & Secretaries Day

This annual fixture gathering Presidents and Secretaries from golf clubs across Canterbury was held at Russley Golf Club on 1 December. Joining club representatives were Canterbury Golf Life Members and volunteer management associated with Canterbury Golf. Nineteen Presidents competed for the G.W.A Green Presidents Trophy, and 10 Secretaries for the G.W.A Green Salver. Neil Robertson, President of the Canterbury Eagles Society, won the President Trophy with 37 points shooting a fine 76 in the process. Bruce Yates (Amberley President) was runner-up on 36 points. Jan Rushton, Weedons Secretary won the Secretaries Salver with 40 points. She was closely followed by Kevin Gwatkin (Ellesmere) on 38 points. In the Team Stableford competition, the team of Richard Hudson, Jim Woods, Warren Houghton and Jan Rushton prevailed. Notably Sir Bob Charles again shot well under his age with a one under par 71.



Club Membership Static Over Last 6 Months

Canterbury Golf Club membership numbers have remained static over the last six months. Please see the Canterbury Golf website for details of movements in each club. It should be noted that Pegasus Golf Club had an increase of 80 juniors which has somewhat skewed the figures when the overall increase is 25.

2016 Women's Crystalp Ringers Tournament

The 2016 Women's Crystalp Ringers Tournament was held on 28 November at Amberley Golf Club where 25 clubs competed in a pairs aggregate stableford. Ellesmere won the 18 hole competition and were represented by Heather Templeton and Marg Lowery with an aggregate 72 stableford points. The nine hole competition was won by Serena Matthews from Ellesmere with 25 points. Prizewinners received jewellery from tournament sponsor Crystalp Jewellery. Their continued support is much appreciated.

