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Celebrations at the Canterbury Golf Awards Dinner

The Canterbury Golf Annual Awards Dinner celebrated the achievements of both players, volunteers and administrators. The 150 people who attended were treated to an entertaining evening which included Mark Greatbatch as the guest speaker.

MC Phil McGoldrick loosened the crowd up with a very funny golfing joke and then the evening began with Juliana Hung (Russley) winning the Riccarton Park Golf Complex Girl's Junior Golfer of the Year, and Hiroki Miya (Russley) winning the Riccarton Park Golf Complex Boy's Junior Golfer of the Year. Both were interviewed by Rachel Thow and spoke with maturity about their achievement, goals and aspirations.



The Eagles Golfing Society Promising Player of the Year Awards were presented and it was a family affair with Russley's Maddie May picking up the girls award, and brother Zach the boys. Both spoke maturely about their golfing highlights and aspirations for the future.

The Fenix Canterbury Golf Ambassador of the Year award recognises player excellence in sportsmanship, leadership, etiquette and values during the season. Tom Parker (Christchurch) was the inaugural winner and examples of his sportsmanship and teamwork were highlighted in the citation. The Liz Douglas trophy was won by Amelia Garvey with a record low stroke average of 68.3 with Tom Parker winning the Vardon trophy with a scoring average of 69.83.

Five Canterbury Golf Service Awards were presented. Amelia Garvey (Kaiapoi) and Hillary O'Connor (Pegasus) were recognised for their contribution to women's rep golf since the ages of 12 and 13 (respectively). Craig Vining (Russley) was recognised for his contribution to junior golf, and Gary McAuley (Russley) for his contribution to men's rep golf. Rangiora's Bruce Hutchison got a warm applause for his 25 year contribution to North Canterbury rep golf and the regional committee.



Mark Greatbatch captivated the audience with a mix of personal anecdotes from his cricket playing career, his experiences as a keen and passionate golfer, and some particularly funny stories about famous players he has interacted with in both sports. He also had some words of wisdom for our young players based on his extensive coaching career that included coaching the NZ Men's Cricket Team.

In a special moment for the evening, Rangiora's Sue McFarlane received a Canterbury Golf Life Membership for her huge contribution over the last 30 years. Life Member Cushla McGillivray read a citation that highlighted Sue's dedication to women's golf prior to the amalgamation, and her leadership for women during the amalgamation process. She continued to serve on the Canterbury Golf Board afterwards, and was also involved in women's rep golf management and course rating.



New Zealand Golf Chair Murray Ward presented the Golf Warehouse Women's Golfer of the Year won by Amelia Garvey and the Golf Warehouse Men's Golfer of the Year won by Tom Parker. Both players were New Zealand reps this year. Amelia at the recent Queen Sirikit Cup, and Tom at the Junior World Cup.

Greendale Secretary Marie Michael was rewarded with the Trevinos Administrator of the Year Award for her excellent work facilitating many new tournaments, initiatives, and programmes at the club over the past year that has resulted in increased membership and income. She has worked tirelessly as a volunteer in her role, and was pleasantly surprised to receive the award. Rawhiti's Denis Cotton won the Trevinos Volunteer of the Year Award. At 75, he is at the club everyday giving up his time tidying around the course and helping out in the clubhouse.



Canterbury Golf President Peter MacDonald thanked all those involved with Canterbury Golf, particularly clubs for hosting events and the Canterbury Golf staff and volunteer management for their valuable contribution.

Congratulations to all the Canterbury Golf Award Winners

Christchurch Win Junior Interclub

Matches went to the wire with both the Junior Interclub Semi Finals and Finals. Kaiapoi Blue defeated last year's champions Lincoln 2.5-1.5 while the host team Christchurch edged out Russley White 3-1 to reach the Final.

The Final was a very close encounter with two matches decided on the final hole and another on the penultimate hole before the 2017 Junior Matchplay Champions were found with Christchurch winning 3-1. Christchurch Golf Club put on a great Finals Day with the course in excellent condition.



The Junior Interclub Award for most individual wins was jointly won by Oli Taylor (Kaiapoi Blue) and Mitch Holland (Lincoln) both with 4 wins from 4 matches.

Central Canterbury versus Buller Westland Match

The annual fixture saw Central Canterbury travel to the West Coast to play the Buller Westland Team at the Reefton Golf Club. Representative matches were played against the two regions with reverse singles and singles for senior men, intermediate men, masters men and for the first time included a women's team.

Buller Westland won the senior men 5 games to 3.
Central Canterbury women won a close match 4.5 games to 3.5
Buller Westland took out the Masters men 6 games to 2.
Buller Westland also prevailed in the Intermediate men 6 games to 2.
Overall result Buller Westland 20.5 games Central Canterbury 11.5.



Wintery Conditions at Men's Champion of Champions

A field of 78 braved bitterly cold, rainy weather conditions at the Men's Champion of Champions Tournament played at Harewood Golf Club.

With the course in excellent condition Waitikiri's Paul McEwan, Tony Thomas and Trevor Wilson took out the Team's Gross Stableford with 69 points from Bottle Lake's Joel Sherwood, Lyall Grant and Gordon Laurie on 67.

The Team's Net Stableford was won by Harewood's Blair Dibley, Ray Coleman and Les Keys on 96 points by countback from Hororata's Al Sime, Steven Stewart and Gavin Baker.

The Senior Grade Individual Gross was won by Andrew Green (Pegasus) with a 74, Intermediate Gross by Paul Neilson (Rangiora) with an 84 and Junior Gross Bruce Southam (McLeans Island) with an 88 on countback from Paul Snape (Coringa).

The Senior Grade Individual Net Stableford was won by Greg Stringer (Everglades) with 35 points, Intermediate by Michael Johnston also with 35 points and the Junior Grade by David Hogwood with 37 points.

SNAG Staff Needed for Community Events

Canterbury Golf is looking for staff to help run our SNAG inflatable driving range and Community Events run throughout the year. This is a paid position which involves around 4-6 events per year.

The role involves getting kids and adults set up at a station to give golf a go in a fun and safe environment. If you're interested in finding out more or know someone that might be interested please contact Rachel 359 4000 or rachel@canterburygolf.co.nz



Briefs

Weedons Red Win Patterson Cup Final

The final of the Canterbury Central Patterson Cup was played at Charteris Bay in excellent conditions and a great atmosphere.

The Weedons Red team from left, Mike Prendergast, Darryl Campbell, Craig McIntosh, Mark Taylor, David Butts, Mike Methven, Chris Hay, and Terry Sullivan (Team Captain) seen here with the trophy defeated Burnham's Dave Kirton, Clayton Hogg, James Turipa, Wayne Carling, Kevin Rutherford, Craig Lawson, Dennis Gibbons and Ian Tennant 5.5-2.5.

The Annual Morgan Kennedy Peninsula Trophy match played between Selwyn and Peninsula teams was won this year by Selwyn 5-3.



Garvey re-selected into National Academy

Congratulations to Amelia Garvey who has been re-selected into the NZ Golf Academy for another 12 month term.

The 2017/18 National Academy members are: Alanna Campbell (Omanu), Amelia Garvey (Kaiapoi), Rose Zheng (Pakuranga), Ryan Chisnall (Greenacres), Daniel Hillier (Manor Park), Luke Brown (The Pines) and Mark Hutson (Muriwai).

Parker Performs Well in Japan

Eighty-seven of the world's best junior golfers represented their country at the Junior Golf World Cup played in Japan.

New Zealand Golf selected an experienced side with Daniel Hillier, Henry Spring and Inia Logan all returning from last year along with Tom Parker on debut.

The team challenged for the title in the final round and while they came up just short, they showed a great fight back to put themselves in contention against the worlds best.

Parker finished tied for 24th along with team mate Inia Logan at plus 4 for the 72 holes which included two sub par rounds. A great learning opportunity to play in this top tier junior event.

