



March 2017 Newsletter



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Amelia Garvey Selected for NZ Representation

Gaining selection to represent New Zealand in the Queen Sirikit Cup Team is yet another milestone to add to the golfing CV of Amelia Garvey. The golfing schedule is continuing to grow especially with more international travel for the 16 year old Canterbury representative. Garvey will make her New Zealand senior debut at the 39th edition of the Queen Sirikit Cup to be played in China from 10-12 May where she will be joined by teammates Alanna Campbell (BOP) and Rose Zheng (Auckland).

"This has been a big goal for me to make the New Zealand senior team, to be able to represent your country at such a big event will be an unreal experience" commented Garvey. "I can't wait to go to China, my aim will be to perform up to the standard that is needed for this world event".

It's exciting to see the doors that have opened for Amelia with considerable international exposure over the past 18 months for Amelia", says Canterbury Golf's Development Manager Rachel Thow. "Amelia has worked hard to develop her game and has a great team supporting her with her development. Having Amelia gain selection helps to provide a pathway for our other top development players to follow."



The event scoring format records the best two stroke-play scores daily for each team, while an individual prize is also up for grabs. New Zealand has won the Queen Sirikit Cup on three occasions back in 1984, 1990 and the latest 1999.

The last Canterbury player to represent New Zealand at the Queen Sirikit Cup was Dana Kim in 2008 with Kerryn Starr (1995) and Liz Douglas (1986) also representing New Zealand at the event.

Burnside High narrowly defend Canterbury Schools Title

Burnside High School defended their Canterbury Secondary Schools title by a slim margin. The team of Juliana Hung, Amelia Garvey, Hiroki Miya and Hayato Miya went into the tournament as not only defending Canterbury champions but also national champions having won both titles in 2016. At the end of the 18 holes both Burnside High School and the Christchurch Boys High School team of Tom Parker, Ben Baker, Tiaki Ogilvie and Kansuke Shin were tied on a score of 224, the three best counting scores from each team. The winner was determined by the non-counting score and on this occasion Burnside High School won on a count-back by one shot.



Juliana Hung anchored the Burnside High School Team shooting a round of 72 while Tom Parker (Christchurch Boys High School) won the trophy for the best individual round with a gross score of 68.

The Lincoln High School team of Carlito Shalfoon, Mitch Holland, Tom Miller and Harry Spencer won the best net team, with Harry Spencer taking out the best individual net score with 66.

The Burnside High School Team will travel to Hawkes Bay in September to defend their title at the NZ Secondary Schools Championship. The Christchurch Boys High School Team have also been granted an exception to play in the national final.

Canterbury Women Set for NZ Masters

The Canterbury Women's Masters team are set to compete at the NZ Masters which starts 31 March being played at the Ngaruawahia Golf Club. Kate Turner (Waimairi Beach) and Nicky Muir (Hororata) will be playing in the event for the first time and will be joined by Cheryl Kemp (Waitikiri) and Di Kay (Weedons) along with Pam Ellis who will manage the team. The format is gross stablefords played over 72 holes. We wish the team all the best for their upcoming trip away.

Congratulations Amelia Garvey – Selected for the NZ Queen Sirikit Cup Team

Top Performances at Faldo Asia Series

For Kaiapoi Golf Club's Amelia Garvey and Cambridge Golf Club's Jordan Woodall it was a case of what might have been after both claimed second place in their respective age grades at the Nick Faldo Asia Series final in Vietnam.



Amelia, who was named in the New Zealand Queen Sirikit Cup team on the morning of the final round in Vietnam, was proud to be in serious contention of claiming both the U16 Girls and the Overall Girls titles with just a few holes to go. A series of uncharacteristic mistakes, coupled with a lost ball penalty (from which she made birdie with her second ball), meant she came to the last hole needing a par or better to secure the U16 title, and with it a trip to the Faldo Series Asia European Finals later in 2017. Her second shot found a ridiculous lie resulting in a pulled approach to the par 5 which had the assembled Vietnamese caddies scrambling for cover. Her chip onto the green was one of her best of the tournament but she wasn't able to make the return putt, leaving her tied with Japan's rising star Minori Nagano, and regretfully missing out for the title on countback.

For Amelia the tournament is one of many international events she is now participating in and she was philosophical on the result. "I came here wanting to win the overall girl's title and was really annoyed with my finishing holes but that is part of my learning", Amelia said. She also commented that the tournament was a highlight for the way the players were treated, from the 5 star hotel accommodation to the daily food offerings, and also the unique experience of being allocated local caddies to work with throughout the event.

Cambridge's Jordan Woodall played well throughout the event but a few missed opportunities in the early rounds left him two back from U18 Boys grade winner, Indonesia's Almay Rayhan. The two other Kiwi's in the final Hiroki Miya (Russley, U16 Boys) and Oscar Cadenhead (Clearwater, U21 Boys) were not able to master the course, or the trying green conditions (which were difficult after torrential rain over previous months) but were grateful for the opportunity and experience.

The New Zealand players were all extremely grateful for the support of The Canterbury Golf Development Trust through whom the funding was made available for the trip to the finals. Whilst the trust itself is now being wound up, their decision to support the event over the past two years following the initial support of three Clearwater members, has helped 13 young Kiwi golfers enjoy the opportunity of a lifetime to play against many nations in a professional format.

All players at the tournament were hosted at clinics by Sir Nick Faldo where the six time major champion shared his ideas on shot making, practice drills and how best to manage your nerves on the big stage.

Garvey Wins New Zealand Eagles Golfer of Year

Amelia Garvey attended the Eagles Golfing Society of NZ Annual Golfer of the Year dinner held in Blenheim where she was presented with the trophy for the Golfer of the Year for 2016.

The qualifying period ran from November 2015 to October 2016 and in this period Amelia achieved honours in the game of golf from representing NZ on the International scene by winning her first professional tournament (Autex Muriwai Open) becoming the second youngest women in NZ to achieve this goal behind Lydia Ko. There were five other nominations from golf provinces for this award within NZ, all who had credentials that in any other year would have seen anyone of them prevail.



Amelia became the 49th recipient and her name is now on the trophy alongside some of the best amateur golfers in NZ starting with Stuart Jones in 1967, Sir Bob Charles in 1968, followed by such names as Ted McDougal, Liz Douglas, Phillip Aickin, Phillip Tataurangi, Tim Wilkinson and Canterbury's own Eddie Lee in 2002 followed by Danny Lee and Lydia Ko three times from 2001 to 2013.

Her charming personality won over many of the assembled Eagles and their partners, and she quickly became a favourite of all those present.

The trophy was presented by National President Tom Whitaker who has had over the years along with Jason Tilley a place in Amelia's development.

Briefs

Boyle Cup Challengers Confirmed

Current Boyle Cup holders Rawhiti have confirmed the six successful challenges for 2017 after a ballot was conducted from 21 club challenges received. After six successful defences in 2016 Rawhiti will be looking to start on a high against Russley in their first challenge.

2017 Challenges:

Russley
Hororata
Bottle Lake
Waimairi Beach
Greendale
Everglades

You can follow the matches results on the Canterbury Golf website under Events.

Canterbury Age Group Teams Named

The following players have been selected to represent Canterbury to play in the South Island Age Group Interprovincial at the Cromwell Golf Club 27-29 April. Teams are named below in alphabetical order.

Canterbury U16 Team

Hayato Miya (Russley)
Kansuke Shin (Russley)
Kazuma Kobori (Rangiora)
Tiaki Ogilvie (Russley)
Zach May (Russley)

Canterbury U19 Team

Ben Baker (Russley)
Dominic Brett Kelly (Hororata)
Hiroki Miya (Russley)
Jack Ryder (Weedons)
Tom Parker (Christchurch)

Managers: Tim May & Percy Reihana

Congratulations to all those players selected and we wish them all the best for their upcoming Interprovincial Tournament.

Key Representative Appointments Made

We are please to announce the following representative appointments.

Women's Selectors & Managers

Mel Brew — Women's Convenor of Selectors
Robyn Gillespie — Women's Selector

Kate Turner — Women's Team Manager
Elisha Crosbie — Women's Assistant Team Manager

Men's Selectors & Managers

Ian Donaldson — Men's Convenor of Selectors
Gary McAuley — Men's Selector
Ian MacGillivray — Men's Selector

Murray Brown — Men's Team Manager

Kevin Moyle — Men's Masters Team Manager

We look forward to the year ahead for representative golf for Canterbury.