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Parker Finishes Runner Up at NZ Amateur

It was an impressive performance by the Canterbury players who featured throughout the week at the NZ Amateur played at the Russley Golf Club. Tom Parker grabbed the last qualifying spot to make the match play draw with two miraculous birdies, both from over 25 feet. Parker won on the 19th hole over top qualifier Scott Hellier who had shot a course record 60 the day prior. Parker made his way through to the final after beating James Hydes and fellow Canterbury players Oscar Cadenhead (1up) and Hayato Miya (2&1).

"It's been an awesome week so far and to be where I am after what happened in stroke-play is pretty exciting." "I have just enjoyed the week and played every match as though I'm lucky to be here," said Parker.

On the other side of the draw Daniel Hillier progressed through to the final after getting a lucky break against Dominic Brett Kelly who lost at the 19th hole. Hillier who was billeted with Parker throughout the week played superbly in the final to win his second NZ Amateur title. "It feels amazing, it's been one heck of a week and I managed to get some putts to drop in the final and that was the difference today. Tom was brilliant all week and it was awesome to go head to head with him at one of the biggest events".

It was a great achievement for Hayato Miya at only 14 years of age to get through to the semi final against Parker. "I didn't quite finish it off" said Miya "but it was great fun". Amelia Garvey also progressed through to the semi finals after a strong showing throughout the qualifying and match play rounds. Garvey held a one up lead heading into the final hole before Rose Zheng made birdie to force the play off and again made birdie at the 19th to book her spot in the final against Silvia Brunotti where she looked to defend her title. Brunotti however was impressive and at just 14-years-old beat the defending champion Rose Zheng in dominant fashion (7&6).

Congratulations to the Russley Golf Club for all their hard work in preparing the course and running the event so successfully over the week with a large army of volunteers to support the NZ Golf staff.

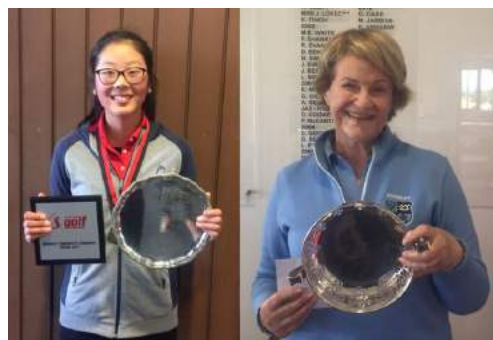


Harewood Win Gross Stableford Rosebowl

The Women's Champion of Champions Day & Gross Stableford Rosebowl was played at Waimairi Beach Golf Club in cool, breezy conditions with the course in excellent order.

Lina Park (Christchurch) on 153 won the Champion of Champions 36 Hole Gross on countback from Jess Crosbie (Harewood) with Rachel Eder (Clearwater) in third position.

Eleanor Smart (Russley) with a 52 won the 9 Hole Champion Gross with Hilary Lakeman (Rangiora) finishing runner up.



The Harewood team of Jess Crosbie, Ann McKenna and Catherine Butts won the Gross Stableford Rosebowl team Aggregate over 36 Holes with 126 points from the Bottle Lake Team and Ellesmere team on 119 and 106 points respectively.

Susan Collins (McLeans Island) on 137 won the Hagley Trophy 36 Hole Net.

Erin Hensley and Anna Webster (Bottle Lake) with 67 points won the Pat Rennell Salver.

The long drive competition was won by Kawhena Rangihaeata with the 9 hole won by Liz Newman, both from Avondale Golf Club.

Canterbury Women Defend South Island Title

The Flexi Lease Canterbury Women's Team performed well at the challenging Otago Golf Club which was host for the Women's South Island Interprovincial.

The team of Amelia Garvey, Hillary O'Connor, Catherine Bell, Olive Tapu, Jessica Crosbie, Amy Weng, Melissa Newburn and Maddie May played consistently throughout all four rounds to defend their title. The Canterbury Women finished on four points winning 29.5 games from the 32 games played with Otago finishing in second position.

Canterbury v Aorangi 7.5-0.5
Canterbury v Southland 7-1
Canterbury v Tasman 8-0
Canterbury v Otago 7-1

Canterbury Women's Manager Kate Turner said "it was great to see the team working well together to achieve this win. The girls found the course very challenging, but played steady golf to produce the win. The team is now focusing on fine tuning their golf before heading to the NZ Interregionals where they will face strong competition from the North Island teams".



Canterbury Men Win South Island Interprovincial Title

The Fenix Canterbury Men's Team have defended their South Island Interprovincial title played at the Invercargill Golf Club.

The Invercargill Golf Club layout proved yet again to provide a worthy challenge for this major event in the lead up to the NZ Men's Interregionals. With a number of the team getting their first look at the course they soon learnt that accuracy and course management would be key to winning matches.



On day one Canterbury halved against a strong Otago line-up and beat Tasman 7-1. Southland beat Otago so this would prove to be a key match on day two which the Canterbury Men won 6-2 and also beat Tasman 7.5-0.5 to successfully defend the Men's South Island Interprovincial title.

Team Manager Murray Brown describes the Otatara course as "still one of the best challenges in the South Island with amazing greens, a true test for all the players ahead of the NZ Men's Toro Interregionals".

Canterbury Finish 7th at NZ Freyberg

The Canterbury Men's Masters team had a mixed week with some great team wins over strong opposition during the NZ Freyberg played at Whitford Park Golf Club.

The team started strongly with a 4-1 win over Bay of Plenty. Most of the team were either square or one down heading into the closing holes but finished strongly to record the win and gain valuable games on the board. The afternoon match against Aorangi finished with 2-3 loss with some close matches going down the final stretch. After the bye the team came out strongly beating Southland 3-2 and Taranaki 4-1 before going up against Wellington who were tied with Auckland at the top of the table at the time. Canterbury narrowly lost this match 3-2 with Wellington continuing their unbeaten run through their first five matches. In round seven Canterbury beat Manawatu/Wanganui 3-2 and had a halve with Waikato. Still playing for third place in the final round Canterbury suffered its final loss to Tasman 3-2 to finish on 4.5 points and 22.5 games in seventh place.

The Canterbury Men's Masters Team are pictured Richard Belcher, Blair Dibley, Aaron Forsyth, Kevin Moyle (Manager), Jason Sincock and Jonathan Stieller.



Briefs

Canterbury Teams Named for NZ Interregionals

The following players have been selected to represent Canterbury at the upcoming NZ Toro Interprovincial. The Women's event is being played at the Sherwood Park Golf Club, Whangarei 4-8 December and the Men's event at the Mangawhai Golf Club 5-9 December.

Flexi Lease Canterbury Women's Team

Juliana Hung (Russley)
Hillary O'Connor (Pegasus)
Olive Tapu (Christchurch)
Catherine Bell (Christchurch)
Jessica Crosbie (Harewood)
Reserve: Maddie May (Russley)
Manager: Kate Turner
Assistant Manager: Elisha Crosbie



Fenix Canterbury Men's Team

Tom Parker (Christchurch)
Matt McLean (Harewood)
Hiroki Miya (Russley)
Reid Hilton (Russley)
Dominic Brett Kelly (Hororata)
Reserve: Richard Reed (Christchurch)
Manager: Murray Brown
Assistant Manager: Andrew Dufton



We wish the teams all the best for the tournament. Follow the teams progress with live scoring www.golf.co.nz, updates will also be available on the Canterbury Golf facebook page.

Canterbury Country versus Aorangi Match

The Annual Canterbury Country versus Aorangi representative fixture was held at Hororata where the players enjoyed excellent playing conditions. The singles and reverse singles format across all divisions Seniors, Masters and Intermediates were all very competitive.

The Seniors finished all square with Canterbury Country winning the reverse singles 6-2 and Aorangi the singles 6-2 for an 8-8 result.

The Masters couldn't be separated either halving both their singles 3-3 for a 6-6 result and the Intermediate singles were halved 3-3 with Canterbury Country edging Aorangi in the reverse singles 4-2 to give Canterbury Country a 7-5 advantage and a 21-19 overall result.

Women's NZ Home Links Results

Presentations were made to the Canterbury prize winners in the NZ Golf Women's Home Links Competition which is open to all clubs throughout New Zealand. The prize winners below received Srixon product for placings in their respective competitions.

Nancy MacCormick Foursomes – 1st place Sue Clements & Debra O'Brien (Clearwater)

9 Hole Sue Bunt Salver – 1st place Adrienne Paterson (Kaiaipo)

Coronation Medal – 6th place Neroli Poskitt (Waimairi Beach)

Aotearoa Cup – 6th place Joh Muggeridge (Cheviot)

Veterans' Cup – 13th place Diane Smith (McLeans Island)

Best Gross Cup – 5th place Anne Dick (Harewood)

Junior Best Gross – 6th Lina Park (Waimairi Beach)

Junior Best Net – 6th Lina Park (Waimairi Beach)