



# October 2017 Newsletter

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## Canterbury Win Boys Interprovincial Title

The Fenix Canterbury U19 Team have showed great composure to clinch the Boys Interprovincial title in Cambridge. The team had unfinished business after finishing runners-up in 2015 and prepared well for the week with a strong lineup. This year saw a change in team composition with four under 19 players and two under 16 players forming a team along with a travelling reserve changing from eight man teams in previous years. The change was made to accommodate two extra provinces into the event which now sees 12 teams competing in the Boys Interprovincial run by Waikato Golf.



The Canterbury team of Tom Parker (captain), Dominic Brett Kelly, Ben Baker, Kazuma Kobori, Hayato Miya, Zach May and Tiaki Ogilvie (reserve) played consistent golf throughout the week to come away with a superb unbeaten record on their way to winning the title after a closely fought battle against North Harbour in the final.

Canterbury faced Bay of Plenty in round; who they were beaten by in 2016 and were determined to start the week well. Canterbury won that match and then went onto beat Taranaki in the afternoon. Canterbury had a tough match against defending champions and host district Waikato but were up for the challenge after being unable to play them in 2016 with the round being abandoned due to weather conditions.

Canterbury again produced a dominant performance to win the match 5-1. Team Managers Craig Vining and Percy Reihana worked well with the team throughout the week and were excited about the win. "I knew the team had the ability and form to win this event, having come so close in previous years, it's great to see all the hard work paying off to achieve this major win" said Craig Vining.

Round Robin

Canterbury beat Bay of Plenty 4.5-1.5

Canterbury beat Taranaki 5-1

Canterbury beat Waikato 5-1

Canterbury beat Eastland 4-2

Canterbury beat Northland 5.5-0.5

Final

Canterbury beat North Harbour 3.5-2.5

## Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay

Russley's Hiroki Miya and Juliana Hung successfully defended their Canterbury Matchplay titles playing a consistently high standard of golf for the three days of the championship. Harewood's Blair Dibley joined them when he defended the Men's Masters title also.



Both players were just too consistent and outlasted their opponents, making few mistakes on a tough windswept Harewood layout. In the men's final Cadenhead was unsettled early and missed crucial putts to give Miya the lead. Midway through the back nine he cut Miya's lead to two but ran out of holes on the 16th when Miya made birdie to win. Hung had a real battle on her hands to subdue Fuuka Higashi who is visiting from Japan. It took an eight footer for birdie on the 18th hole to finally get the win.

In the Men's Master's Blair Dibley went down early to Jeremy Goodman but steadily got back into the match and through the back nine built a healthy lead to win 5/4. Di Kay and Debbie Scott had a close battle and were all square until midway through the back nine where Kay eked out a 2up lead and won 2/1 on the 17th. Austin Hamilton did well to come through and win Men's Div 2. He was always in control of his match over Steven Yang.

A huge thanks must go to Harewood Golf Club and the Golf Warehouse - both important partners in the tournament. Thanks also to the Canterbury Golf Referees Association and Canterbury Golf volunteers.

**Congratulations to the Canterbury Team - Boys Interprovincial Champions**

## Interclub Finals Day at Waimairi Beach

Christchurch ran out 4-0 winners against Clearwater in the Pollock Cup Final. Christchurch had a significant advantage on paper with their handicaps being more than half of their opponents and so it proved to be. Olive Tapu, Mel Newburn and Lina Park all won 4/3 after holding comfortable leads throughout. Clearwater's Rachel Eder put up a spirited effort against Catherine Bell and took her to the 18th hole before relinquishing. It was a fine effort by Eder who was three down on the turn, but continued to battle hard and get back into the match. In the semi-finals Clearwater did cause a minor upset when they beat Russley 3-1. Christchurch won the other semi 4-0 against Harewood.

Perennial finalists Russley and Christchurch again locked horns to find the Woodward Cup Champion for 2017, and this time it was Russley who came through after a hard fought battle through the back nine. The 7-1 scoreline to Russley was somewhat flattering as four of the eight matches went down to the last two holes. In the semi-finals both Templeton and Harewood gave it a good shot to overcome their favoured opponents but came up just short with both semis being 4.5-3.5 to Russley and Christchurch.

Templeton showed their strength through the interclub grades when they won both the Blank and Simon Cups. They won the Blank Cup 6-2 over Harewood. Russley v Harewood semi-final was a tense affair with Harewood dethroning the seemingly invincible Russley side. All the matches went down to the wire, with Harewood coming out winners in five of the matches on the last two holes. By contrast the other semi-final was more comfortable for Templeton 5.5-2.5 over Weedons.

The Simon Cup Final saw Templeton eventually run out comfortable winners 6.5-1.5 over Rangiora. It was unfortunate that Rangiora had a couple of players out with their Club Champs Finals, but in the end Templeton were too strong, coming through in four matches on the last two holes.

A huge thanks must go to Waimairi Beach Golf Club for hosting Finals Day. The course was in superb condition, and the catering and pro shop staff coped admirably with being run off their feet all day. Thanks also to the Canterbury Golf Referees Association, and the Canterbury Golf volunteers and convenors for giving up their time.

## Kids Event Provides a Pathway

A new event for kids run by Canterbury Golf attracted over 50 children aged 4-13 years to Templeton Golf Club. This fun event was played over 9 holes using a shortened course with holes varying in length between 100 and 200metres. Special large eight inch holes were put in the greens for the event making it lots of fun for the kids.



"The event was really successful attracting many kids that were trying golf for the first time along with other children who had been learning golf and keen to take their skills onto the golf course for this fun event" said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow. "It's an area we would like to develop further to provide opportunities for these children to become more engaged with golf and have fun playing events". The kids received a few tips from the Canterbury Boys Under 19 Team who were on hand to help guide the groups around the course. A great day out for the kids and their parents who assisted to caddy for the round.

## Representative News

The representative season is underway with a number of teams competing throughout the country. The Girls Under 19 Team competed at the Girls Interprovincial played at the Rotorua Golf Club and finished in fifth position. This tournament continues to be a vital event for Canterbury Golf to assist with providing a competitive pathway for our girls.

The Flexi Lease Canterbury Women's Team have had a successful start to their representative season beating Wellington and then going on to defend their South Island title at the Women's Interprovincial.

The Men's Masters team are set to start their campaign at the NZ Freyberg being played at Whitford Park Golf Club 6-10 November as well as the Fenix Canterbury Men's Team who will play the South Island Interprovincial at Invercargill Golf Club 11-12 November.

We wish the teams all the best for these upcoming events.

## Briefs

### Kobori Wins Victorian Boys Championship

Kazuma Kobori has notched up a great win not only winning the under 16 but also the under 19 at the 2017 Victorian Boys Championships at Yarra Yarra Golf Club. The boys contest was tight heading into the final round with five players within three shots of overnight leader Jye Pickin. Kobori started the day even further back, trailing Pickin by five strokes with 18 holes to play. With the pressure off, Kobori kept his head down and eyes off the leaderboard, eventually carding the lowest round of the day, a 3-under 69, to finish one shot clear of the field. "I'm stoked. I didn't think I had a chance to win but to shoot 3-under and find out I won the tournament is pretty huge for me." said Kobori

### Waimairi Beach Win Junior Interclub

The final round of Junior Interclub Foursomes was played at the Tai Tapu Golf Club. It was the culmination of four rounds of Junior Interclub incorporating Canadian Foursomes, Teams Foursomes, American Foursomes and a 4BBB Stableford round. The Waimairi Beach team were the overall winners on 301 points for the second time in the past three years.

### Code of Conduct Hearings

Although the vast majority of golfers play the game adhering to the highest principles of etiquette and good behavior, from time-to-time incidents do arise that are brought to the attention of Canterbury Golf and must be dealt with through the independent Commissioner and Code of Conduct process.

Recently the Commissioner completed two processes in relation to incidents during interclub matches. The first incident related to an altercation between two players where, after a heated exchange, a player intimidated his opponent with a golf club. Due to the player's previous history they received a three month suspension from all golf. The second incident related to use of abusive language to a host club member during an interclub match. The player involved was asked to write a letter of apology.

Canterbury Golf have decided to publicise the circumstances of these incidents in order to inform the golfing community that such matters, as they arise, are being dealt with by Canterbury Golf through a robust process conducted by the Commissioner Mark Bond. We also wish to acknowledge and thank Mark for his time and effort. He is a partner in the law firm Saunders, Robinson & Brown."

### Kevin Hughes Joins Canterbury Golf Executive

It is with pleasure we announce that Kevin Hughes has been co-opted on to the Canterbury Golf Executive Committee. Kevin is currently a member at Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club and lives in Halkett. His golfing background includes 40 years as a PGA qualified golf professional in Europe, and owning several golf related businesses. In recent times he has been coaching mainly in the Central Canterbury area, and is also on the Waimakariri Gorge Committee.



We wish him all the best and look forward to tapping into his wealth of golf knowledge for the betterment of golf in Canterbury.