

Lamb & Hayward Canterbury Stroke Play Championship

A strong field contested the Lamb & Hayward Canterbury Stroke Play Championship played at the Waitikiri Golf Club.

The field was strengthened with over thirty entries from outside the region, predominately due to the enhanced initiative formed with Otago and Southland Golf this year which has built on the success of last year's House of Travel Tour.

A sudden death playoff saw Dominic Brett Kelly (Hororata) win the Men's Open title from Kazuma Kobori (Rangiora) after they finished tied on 212.

Dominic Brett Kelly was also the winner of the inaugural Ron Clements Memorial Trophy which was presented by Ron's wife Rae and daughter Tracy. Ron Clements was heavily involved in the development of junior golf and so it is fitting that this year

we now have the Ron Clements Memorial Trophy which is awarded for the best U19 Boy. Ron had a very long list of achievements throughout his career including being part of the Canterbury Team, which included Bob Charles, that won the NZ Freyberg (now known as the NZ Men's Interprovincials) in 1957, 1962 and 1965. Ron also won the Canterbury Stroke Play title four times. After playing 100 representative games for Canterbury Ron announced his retirement to make room for the promising junior players to achieve higher honours.

Russley's Juliana Hung won the Women's Open section with rounds of 75, 69, 68 finishing on 10 under par, six shots clear of defending champion Jeong Hyun Lee (Christchurch) with Vivan Lu (Royal Auckland) in third place.

The Men's Masters title was



Canterbury Stroke Play Championship Winners from left Juliana Hung, Blair Dibley, Stephen Parkyn (Lamb & Hayward), Dominic Brett Kelly and Robyn Pullar.

won by Harewood's Blair Dibley who won the title in 2016. Dibley finished on 221, four shots ahead of runner up Brett Turner with Aaron Forsyth, both Waitikiri, in third place.

Top Southland player Robyn Pullar won the Women's Masters section six shots clear of Waitikiri's Kim Moggach and Joanne Kent (Rangiora) in third.

News in Brief

Miya wins North Island U19 Championship

Hiroki Miya impressed at the North Island U19 Championship played at the Hamilton Golf Club winning the title by eight shots. Miya played superb golf posting rounds of 68, 68, 67 to not only win wire to wire but also without a bogey during the 54 hole event. Kazuma Kobori finished third overall with rounds of 69, 70, 73 and also received the runner up medal in the Under 17 section. Hayato Miya (Russley) finished third in the Under 15 along with Jeong Hyun Lee (Christchurch) who won the Under 13 section.

The event was supported by a number of Canterbury players who took the opportunity to travel north to test themselves against some of the best players in the country, congratulations to all those who competed.

Former Canterbury Rep Shaun Jones Wins in Napier

Former Canterbury Rep Shaun Jones returned to New Zealand to sharpen his game on the New Zealand PGA Tour and escape the snow in his new base of Switzerland.

Jones made it back to back titles winning the Duke of Gloucester Pro-Am in Napier again after claiming the title in the inaugural event in 2017. He carded a round of 66 to win by one shot from Auckland's Woonchul Na.

Jones is getting used to the tough competition, he plays on the Alps Tour where a quality field of 140 players line up at each event.

Garvey Selected by Sir Nick Faldo for Unique Event

Sir Nick Faldo has announced he'll be running the inaugural Major Champions Invitational to be held at the Bella Collina in Florida in March.

Twelve other major champions have committed to support the event either as participants or sponsors of teams including Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Adam Scott and John Daly.

As a result of Amelia Garvey's two winning performances at the Faldo Series Asia New Zealand Championships at Clearwater and her second placed finish at the Faldo Series Asia finals in March 2017, she has been named as one of Sir Nick Faldo's team along with three other junior players from around the world.

The opportunity to represent Sir Nick was quickly accepted and opens up another opportunity for our future junior golfers to impress the world's best players through events such as the Faldo Series Asia NZ Championship.

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Garvey and Parker Finalists for Canterbury Sports Awards

The Nexia New Zealand Canterbury Sports Awards iconic celebration of sporting achievement honours our region's outstanding athletes, coaches, officials and administrators. This year Canterbury Golf nominated Amelia Garvey for Junior Sportswomen of the Year, Tom Parker for Junior Sportsman of the Year and the Canterbury U19 Team for the Junior Team of the Year.

Amelia Garvey Major 2017 Achievements

- NZ Stroke Play Champion
- South Island Stroke Play Champion
- NZ Eagles Golfer of the Year
- Leading Amateur at NZ Women's Open
- Zonta Secondary Schools Outstanding Young Sportswomen of the Year
- Canterbury Women's Golfer of the Year
- 2nd place Faldo Asia Pacific Final
- 2nd place NZ U19 Championship
- NZ Amateur Semi Finalist

Tom Parker Major 2017 Achievements

- Canterbury Men's Representative
- Captained the Canterbury U19 Team
- NZ U19 Team for Junior World Cup
- NZ Team Australian Boys Amateur
- NZ Team Asia Pacific Junior Championship

- Runner Up New Zealand Amateur
- 3rd= Australian Junior Amateur
- Canterbury Men's Golfer of the Year
- Canterbury Fenix Men's Ambassador of the Year
- 3rd South Island Stroke Play
- Canterbury Vardon Winner
- CBHS (Captain) NZ Secondary School Champions
- Canterbury Secondary Schools Stroke Play Champion
- NZ Secondary School Stroke Play Individual Champion

Whilst the Canterbury U19 Team was not selected as a finalist for the Junior Sports Team of the Year they are recognised as a nominee for this award.

The Canterbury U19 Team achieved at the highest level in New Zealand winning the Boys Interprovincial title in 2017. The Boys Interprovincial involves the leading 12 districts from throughout New Zealand. The team included Tom Parker, Dominic Brett Kelly, Ben Baker, Kazuma Kobori, Hayato Miya, Zach May, Tiaki Ogilvie and Managers Craig Vining and Percy Reihana. Ben Baker was also named

played of the tournament with an unbeaten record. The winners will be announced at the Canterbury Sports Awards Dinner being held on 9 March.



Waimakariri Gorge Win Captain's Day

The Captain's Day tournament was an opportunity for the Canterbury Club Captains to enjoy the opportunity to get together for this social event and also compete for the club honours for the best combined stableford score for the Men's & Women's Club Captains. This year's event was hosted by Waimairi Beach Golf Club with 21 clubs represented from around the region. The course was in excellent order and the hot weather and strong north west winds made conditions challenging for most golfers.

Waimakariri Gorge's Club Captains Jill Blatch & Reg Riki won the Captain's Trophy with 67 stableford points. Scoring was very close with only 9 points separating the top 10 teams.

1st Waimakariri Gorge - 67 points
Jill Blatch & Reg Riki

2nd Waitikiri - 66 points
Danae Goosman & Tony Thomas

3rd Scargill - 65 points
Jo Sampson & Andy Johannis

The best individual stableford points were:

Men's Captains - Andy Johannis - 40 points
Women's Captains - Jill Blatch - 35 points

Kobori Wins House of Travel Tour

Kazuma Kobori (Rangiora) showed consistent form through the House of Travel Tour to earn the top position not only with the best aggregate score over the nine rounds but also convincingly winning the Southland Stroke Play title by six shots from Southland's Liam Balneaves.

This year has seen the House of Travel Tour enhanced to include the Southland Stroke Play after the new initiative started in 2017 with the Canterbury Stroke Play and Otago Stroke Play. The three districts have financially supported the Tour along with sponsorship from the House of Travel to be able to provide travel vouchers for the top individual players over the three events. This initiative has strengthened all three regional stroke play events with players travelling to these events that previously may not have entered.

Kobori narrowly missed winning the Canterbury Stroke Play title in a sudden death playoff with Dominic Brett Kelly but left nothing to chance with a superb final round of 68 to win the Southland Stroke Play title on the Otatara course in Invercargill.

Jeong Hyun Lee (Christchurch) won the Women's Southland Stroke Play title from Invercargill's Robyn Pullar showing her class with rounds of 70, 70, 73 to finish 12 shots clear. Lee was a clear winner in the Women's House of Travel section finishing well ahead of Pullar.

House of Travel Tour Winners
Open Men - Kazuma Kobori
Runner Up Men - Liam Balneaves
U19 Men - Dominic Brett Kelly
Open Women - Jeong Hyun Lee

Canterbury Players Named in NZ Golf Tournament Squad

Three Canterbury players have been selected to be part of the NZ Golf Travelling Squad for the Australian Girls and Boys Amateur.

The Australian Junior Girls and Boys Amateur is being played 11-13 April in Perth. The girls play Royal Perth, and the boys Gosnells Golf Club.

The players travelling are:
Girls: Juliana Hung, Rose Zheng, Carmen Lim and Silvia Brunotti
Boys: Hiroki Miya, Jimmy Zheng, Kazuma Kobori and Tommy Liu

The Australian Girls and Boys Amateur is a great tournament that will provide these players with valuable international age based experience.

Over 50's & 60's Interclub

Congratulations to the trophy winners in the Over 50's & 60's Interclub.

Over 50's & 60's Team Gross - Coringa
Over 50's & 60's Team Net - Tai Tapu
Over 50's Gross - John Rademakers (Coringa)
Over 50's Net - Stu Berryman (Tai Tapu)
Over 60's Team Gross - Christchurch B
Over 60's Team Net - Bottle Lake
Over 60's Individual Gross - Carl Sakofsky (Bottle Lake)

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