

## New Initiative to Engage Children in Fun 9 Hole Event

Over 50 children participated in the Canterbury Golf junior event held at the Coringa Golf Club. Children aged 4-18 years participated in the event that included both an 18 hole handicapped section as well as a 9 hole event played from the shortened purple tee course for those working towards achieving a handicap.

Despite the rain the children were keen to play and in the

end were rewarded with a great day for golf.

The 9 hole section is a new initiative for Canterbury Golf aiming to provide competitive excitement for children that are learning the game and working towards earning their handicap. "The purple course provided the perfect length for this event, which saw the children scoring lower numbers while enjoying

the challenge provided" said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow.

"Having a shortened course that is rated for this type of event is perfect for those working towards a handicap. We are looking to encourage more golf clubs in Canterbury to set up shortened courses to help grow the game", continued Thow.



## Men's Woodward, Blank & Simon Interclub Get Underway

Woodward, Blank & Simon Cup are well underway now with all three competitions throwing up some interesting results and upsets.

After three rounds of Woodward Cup it is proving as some thought to be a very even contest with last year's semi-finalists Templeton and Christchurch showing good early season form while defending champions Russley and Harewood have yet to hit their straps with just one point from their three matches so far. Pegasus and Bottle Lake sit just behind the top two with some encouraging results while Weedons back in the top flight again this year are showing they will be very competitive and are currently unbeaten.

Blank Cup defending champions Templeton have started where they left off last year with a perfect three from three and lead the competition from other 2017 top four contenders Harewood and Russley with Waimairi Beach possibly the surprise package with two good results before their bye in round three.

After two rounds of Simon Cup last year's form book has been turned upside down with Avondale on top and in great form after two convincing wins. Bottle Lake have also started well after a first up win over defending champions Templeton who together with Harewood, Christchurch and Waitikiri all sit a point behind in a share of third.

Full results available on  
[www.canterburygolf.co.nz/interclub](http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz/interclub)



## New Golf Rules for 2019



The R&A and the USGA have announced the final changes to the Rules of Golf for 2019. These changes result from the R&A's Rules Modernisation Initiative that began in 2012 to bring the Rules up to date to fit the needs of the game today globally.

Canterbury Golf Referees Association (CGRA) point out to clubs who are proposing to print new cards, that the following two Local Rules can be removed as they will become an integral

part of the new rules. The first one concerns the accidental movement of the ball on the green and the second one is the use of measuring devices. However if the cards are to be used before the end of the year, then these rules should also be posted as Local Rules.

In September, on the R&A website, there will be an opportunity for all golfers to access information on the new rules and complete a course for Level One. This will give members a basic introduction of the new rules. At the same time, printed rulebooks (and phone apps) should become available to golfers.

There is some information already available to golfers on the R&A website ([www.rules.golf](http://www.rules.golf)) that all members can access. CGRA will also be holding evenings after October to explain

the new rules to golf members at various clubs. Currently Canterbury Referees are negotiating training with NZ Golf to bring them up to speed on the new rules before they can offer courses to golfers.

In addition to proposing many substantive Rule changes, the Rules Modernisation Initiative focused on changing how the Rules are written and presented. This resulted in a new writing style and format, a reorganisation of the Rules and the introduction of a "Player's Edition" of the Rules.

Further information on the new rules will be released as it comes to hand.

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# Pollock Cup Changes see an Increase in Competition Numbers

In recent years there have been many discussions to look at ideas to address the diminishing numbers participating in the Pollock Cup competition. Efforts have been made to open up the competition to neighbouring regions and reducing from 36 holes to 18 holes.

The Canterbury Golf Women's Committee welcomed a new proposal which included an increase in team numbers using a "draft" to support teams and grow the competition.

The objectives for the change in format were:

- Increase club participation and interest in Pollock Cup.
- Ensure all top golfers are engaged in the competition ahead of the representative season.
- Provide a development pathway for junior, senior and masters players.
- Provide an opportunity for smaller clubs to compete retaining their Club identity and on an equitable basis.

The revitalised competition has been successfully introduced with positive results so far with seven teams of six players competing in the competition which has included two new teams for 2018, Weedons Country Club and Waimairi Beach Golf Club.

The competition got underway this month creating a real buzz between teams. We look forward to watching as the competition unfolds. A review will take place to make a necessary adjustments to ensure the competition is meeting its objectives.

## Cooper Moore Wins World Junior Event

Cooper Moore (Russley) had a week to remember after winning the Boys 9-10 years section at the World Stars Junior Championship played in Las Vegas.

Cooper was one of three Canterbury juniors that competed in the international event. Hayden Lam and Ethan Lam (both Everglades) finished 7th and 11th respectively in their sections.

The players competed on a shortened course which proved popular with the younger players allowing them to make birdies and pars. Due to extreme heat the event was played over three rounds of nine holes.

Moore, who turned 10 last month, was forced into a playoff for the title. "Dad just told me to hit it straight off the tee and give myself the best chance to get on the green and that's how it played out,"



Cooper along with the Lam brothers are part of the SRB Xcelerator Squad. The Canterbury Golf development squad members have all benefited from the performance focused approach that has seen a substantial reduction in each squad members handicap over the past eight months.

### Junior Open at St Andrews

Juliana Hung was part of a field of 142 emerging boy and girl golfers from 78 countries aged 12-16 years that competed at the Junior Open played on the Eden Course, St Andrews on the eve of The 147th Open at Carnoustie.

Following the 54 hole stroke play event, all the junior competitors had the opportunity to watch the The Open at Carnoustie.

"The Junior Open was an amazing opportunity for me," said Juliana "it was such a learning experience to play one of the courses at St Andrews and then to be able to watch some of my favourite golfers at The Open was pretty special".

## News in Brief

### Richards Trophy & Cresswell Cup

The annual Richards Trophy and Cresswell Cup matches were played at Waitikiri.

The Richards Trophy match was between Waimairi Beach (winner of Metro A) and Amberley Gold (winner of Templeton Cup). In a tight fought battle finishing 5-3, Waimairi Beach won the Richards Trophy.

The Cresswell Cup between McLeans Island (winner of Metro B) and Weedons Red (winner of Patterson Cup) also had its share of closely fought matches, the final result saw Weedons defeat McLeans Island 5.5-2.5.

The Ashby Bergh Trophy, played at Lincoln Golf Club, saw Weedons Red (winner of the Patterson Cup) beat Amberley Gold (Templeton Cup winner) 5-3.

The McGuire Hendon Cup was won by Kaiapoi Gold beating Kaituna 5.5-2.5, turning the tables on the Canterbury Central teams from the previous year when it was an all Canterbury Central affair.

### Peter Brinsdon Named in NZ Seniors Team

The Asia Pacific Senior Amateur Championship played at the Tom Watson Golf Club in Japan, 17-19 October is a teams event played in conjunction with an individual competition in which New Zealand has a proud record.

Brent Paterson won the title last year and returns to defend. Paterson joined Rodney Barltrop and Murray Martin as NZ winners of this prestigious senior title. The 2018 NZ Seniors champion Stu Duff, and Peter Brinsdon, one of four amateurs to earn a start in this year's New Zealand Open, make their first appearance at this championship.

The six selected are: Michael Barltrop (Royal Auckland) John Batley (Titiirangi) Peter Brinsdon (Pegasus) Stu Duff (Hastings) Stu Nicholls (Waitemata) Brent Paterson (Royal Auckland).



### Canterbury Eagles U17 Junior Event

The annual Canterbury Eagles Golfing Society Junior Tournament was held at the Waimairi Beach Golf Club with a field of 41 juniors playing the event.

This tournament is the regional qualifying event with the top two boys gross and top girl gross selected to play in the NZ Eagles U17 Tournament on 8-10 October with Waimairi Beach Golf Club hosting the national event.

Boy's Gross  
1st – Kazuma Kobori (Rangiora) 68  
2nd – Tiaki Ogilvie (Russley) 72

Boy's Net  
1st – Korban Turnbull (Christchurch) 58  
2nd – Retief Beneke (Kaiapoi) 62

Girl's Gross  
1st – Amy Weng (Russley) 70  
2nd – Juliana Hung (Russley) 70

Girl's Net  
1st – Amy Weng (Russley) 68  
2nd – Jana Beneke (Kaiapoi) 71

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