

Juliana Hung Wins NZ Stroke Play Championship

Juliana Hung (Russley) has claimed the New Zealand Stroke Play Championship at the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club going wire-to-wire.

Sixteen-year-old Hung put her valuable national and international experience to the test with a final even par round to win the shortened 54 hole event by two shots finishing on eight under par.

The win by Hung is very special for Canterbury Golf backing up the win that Amelia Garvey had in 2017.

Canterbury players will be looking forward to playing the 2019 event which will be hosted by the Christchurch Golf Club.

"It definitely feels pretty good, I'm so happy that I won after playing solid all week and it's easily the biggest win of my career," grinned Hung.

"We have some pretty good players in Canterbury, including the guys, so it's always nice to play well for the region."

Hung has gained valuable experience over the past year with international trips to both Singapore and Vietnam for the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific and the Faldo Series respectively. Also helping her links experience was a trip to Royal Melbourne for the Master of the Amateurs earlier this year.

"I didn't play that well in Singapore, but after playing against some of the best in a few events, I have learnt heaps and was able to show that here this week."

Wellington's Kerry Mountcastle set up a great win after a second round of nine-under 62 to win the Men's NZ Stroke Play title.

Hiroki Miya (Russley) put himself into contention early in the men's field with a superb opening round of 66 to lead the field after the first round. While Miya was unable to post further sub par rounds he still finished tied for third with Tom Parker (Christchurch) who both continue to feature at the top of the leaderboard.



News in Brief

St Patrick's Day Luck at Bottle Lake Golf Club

The luck of the Irish was certainly present at Bottle Lake Golf Club on St Patrick's Day where three hole-in-one's were scored.

Shayne Dwyer, Tony Ermerins, and Club Manager Clare Pitt were playing in the Blumsky Cup - a Canadian Foursome mixed pairs competition. The holes involved were the 6th (141m off the mens blue tees and 128m off yellow for ladies), and the 16th which is 120m off the mens blue tees. Clare Pitt got hers at about 12pm on the 6th hole, and Tony Ermerins at 1.30pm also on the 6th hole. Shayne Dwyer got his on the 16th hole at about 3pm. Shayne used a 9 iron for his shot, Clare a driver, and Tony a 9 iron as well. For Tony and Clare it was their first, and for Shayne his second.

Celebrations went long into the night as the three "shouts" kept bar staff busy.

Christchurch Boys High Win Canterbury Secondary Schools

The 2017 New Zealand Secondary Schools Champions Christchurch Boys High School have started their 2018 campaign well by taking out the Canterbury Secondary Schools title after narrowly missing our last year on a countback.

The team was led by Josh Roche who won the best individual trophy with an even par round of 72 on his home course. Roche's teammates Tiaki Ogilvie, Kansuke Shin and Edward Dickinson won the title from the Christ's College team of Zach May, Nik Bull, Tim Seeto and Thomas McLean by 13 shots.

A change to the NZ Secondary Schools event will now see the top two teams from the Canterbury qualifying event, Christchurch Boys High School and Christ's College, automatically qualify for the national event being played at the Palmerston North Golf Club on 3 September. Canterbury could also qualify a third team with the third placed team, St Andrew's College, set to play off against the top placed Aorangi Team for the regional entry.

Canterbury Life Members Tournament

The Canterbury Golf Life Members Tournament is an annual event played to recognise our Life Members. This year's event was played at Bottle Lake Golf Club.

The winner was Carole Steele from Charteris Bay on 40 stableford points with John Hoare (Bottle Lake) second on 38 points and Geof d'Auvergne (Amberley) third on 37 points.

There was one 2 on No.6 by Bruce Corbett from Weedons.



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TEAM Golf Gets Kids on Course

A new initiative by Canterbury Golf and New Zealand Golf has attracted kids from around Canterbury to get involved with TEAM Golf. The events has provided an opportunity for kids to gain experience with a shortened six hole team event with the support of family members as caddies for the young budding golfers. Kids aged 4-14 years have teamed up to enjoy the opportunity to make new friends in a fun and positive environment. The "It's Ok" rules provide a relaxed feel to the event where it's all about making golf achievable and enjoyable for all the kids involved. The events have been supported by the golf clubs which has seen Weedons, Tai Tapu, Lincoln and Greendale hosting events on Sunday afternoons.

"To provide a fun environment on the golf course for kids of this ability is key" said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow. "The team environment adds to the enjoyment with plenty of cheering and support from fellow team

mates and family members also playing their part in the event as caddies".

Canterbury Golf and New Zealand Golf want to continue to grow the TEAM Golf and also include a fun family event for everyone to participate in.



New Play Golf Canterbury Facebook Page

Canterbury Golf has launched another Facebook page - Play Golf Canterbury.

The Play Golf Canterbury Facebook page provides a platform for Canterbury Golf to communicate and promote opportunities that are happening in Canterbury for the casual golfer and those wanting to learn the game.

The page also provides opportunities for kids to get involved in golf; head along to the page and check out some of the photos we have of our latest TEAM Golf events for kids.

We would encourage you to help us spread the word by sharing this new page.



Amelia Garvey Wins Young Sportswoman of the Year



The impressive performances from the 2017 year of Amelia Garvey were recognised at the 2018 Nexia Canterbury Sports Awards where she won the ASB Outstanding Young Sportswoman of the Year Award. The evening

recognises the achievements of talented athletes from the various sports as well as administrators and volunteers. Over 130 nominations were received for the Nexia New Zealand Canterbury Sports Awards, representing 30 sporting codes.

Garvey's impressive year in 2017 was capped off by winning the NZ Stroke Play Championship, making the cut at the NZ Women's Open and representing New Zealand at the Women's Queen Sirikit Cup. Other highlights included winning the South Island Stroke Play, finishing second at the Faldo Asia Series Final as well as being awarded the

NZ Eagles Golf Society Golfer of the Year, Zonta Secondary Schools Young Sportswomen of the Year and the Canterbury Women's Golfer of the Year.

"I'm so happy to be named the Canterbury Young Sportswoman of the Year" said Garvey. "There are so many talented girls out there so it was a big surprise to hear the news that I had won".

Tom Parker was also recognised during the event as a finalist in the Young Sportman of the Year section as well as the Canterbury U19 Team that were nominated for Junior Team of the Year.

Canterbury Young Players Excel on World Stage

It was a trip to remember for Juliana Hung, Hiroki Miya and Kazuma Kobori who competed at the Faldo Series Asia regional final in Vietnam having won their places at the New Zealand qualifying event at Clearwater Golf Club. They have been pitted in competition with young golfers from 19 other countries in the Asian region to try to secure a place in the Faldo Series Grand Final in Europe.

Hiroki Miya secured the U18 Boys title by an emphatic 12 shots to book his ticket to the Faldo Series Grand Final and also secure an invitation to play in an Asian Development Tour professional event later this year.

The two other kiwis also acquitted themselves well. Kazuma Kobori and Juliana Hung both finished 4th in their respective U16 grades.

One of the highlights of the Faldo Series Asia finals is the opportunity for all players to engage in coaching clinics with six time major champion Sir Nick Faldo. For Hiroki and Juliana this was their second chance to learn from one of the best golfers in the world. The team was generously supported by New Zealand Golf and Todd and Marion Heller.



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