

Melodie Robinson to headline Annual Awards Dinner

Sky TV's Melodie Robinson will headline the Canterbury Golf Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Russley Golf Club on 15 June.

"Mel" is best known as a former New Zealand Black Fern being part of two winning World Cup teams, and a commentator/presenter of various sports on Sky TV. These days she has moved on to be the Corporate Communications Manager at Sky TV, and has recently started the "W-Group" that advocates for women in the media.

Mel started out attending Papanui High School in Christchurch, and then while playing rugby at the elite level she gained a BA from the University of Otago, as well as studying Journalism in Wellington. Her first work was in radio – working at the press gallery in Wellington covering politics. Her obvious ability and passion for sports led her to becoming the online sports producer for Xtramsn.co.nz. While working at Xtra from 1998 to 2002 she produced innovative sports websites like allblacks.com and teamnewzealand.com.

Robinson moved on to Sky Sports in 2002, commentating and presenting for the Super 12 and NPC. She is the regular host of Super Rugby and ITM Cup build ups, hosts the ANZ Championship and international netball build ups, and is of course, a regular on World Rugby's Women's Sevens Series as a commentator.

Nowadays, Mel is something of an all-rounder... This unstoppable high-achiever, and former winner of the Miss Canterbury Beauty Pageant, is currently balancing her role at Sky Sport with studying for an MBA at Auckland University's Business School. She is a media personality with credibility in the sporting world and a professional wealth of experience like no other.

On the golfing side, she is married to former Touring Pro and prominent coach Marcus Wheelhouse. We are sure she will tell us a few great golfing stories as well as inspire us with her action packed career so far.

Phil McGoldrick will again MC the evening. He will know Mel through his niece Laura McGoldrick who has worked closely with Mel on Sky in recent years. Bookings for the dinner can be made through your golf club. Be sure not to miss out on a great evening of awards, entertainment and socialising.



Canterbury Golf Tour Championship & Am-Am Event

It proved to be a very challenging day for the Canterbury Golf Tour Championship & Am-Am event with tough weather conditions. We are grateful to the Clearwater Golf Club for their continued support allowing us to play our major event at the championship course. The Tour Championship is the final event on the Canterbury Golf Order of Merit schedule which sees players accumulate points over the season based on their tournament placings. The final Tour Championship is also an opportunity for our Canterbury Golf Sponsors and Volunteers to be paired with our top players in a 4BBB Am-Am event.

The Sponsors Am-Am event was won by the pairing of Laurie Goodson (Fenix) and Tom Parker with a net score of 68 on a countback from Ben Frampton (Saunders & Co) and Hayato Miya. Our thanks go to Trevino's who provided the sponsors prizes and Riccarton Park for providing the amateur vouchers. The Volunteer Management Am-Am was won by the pairing of Davitt Lavery and Kazuma Kobori with

a net 70 on the countback from Noel Stewart and Zach May and also Kerry Chuck and Sam Purdon. Prizes for this section were kindly donated by Golf Warehouse.

Congratulations to the Order of Merit winners who have received development funds with the generous support of Hellers.

Women's Winner - Juliana Hung
Women's Runner Up - Amy Weng

Men's Winner - Matt McLean
Men's Runner Up - Hiroki Miya
Men's Third Place - Tom Parker

Women's Masters - Di Kay
Men's Masters - Aaron Forsyth

U19 Men Winner - Kazuma Kobori
U19 Men's Runner Up - Hiroki Miya

U16 Boys Winner - Hayato Miya
U16 Boys Runner Up - Tiaki Ogilvie

U16 Girls Winner - Juliana Hung
U16 Girls Runner Up - Amy Weng

U13 Boys Winner - Yuki Miya
U13 Boys Runner Up - Hayden Lam



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Family TEAM Ambrose Hits the Mark

Part of Canterbury Golf's strategy to grow the game has a focus on attracting young people and families to learn and play golf.

The Family TEAM Golf Ambrose was launched with 52 players, made up of a family pairing of a child and adult, participating in a 9 hole ambrose event.

"It was great to see families out playing in this fun event" said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow. "The format worked well with a focus on the kids but still allowed the adults to have an involvement with the team event. Our focus will be to continue to run both fun events for kids which will include some more family events as well".



Central Canterbury Enjoy Win over North

Greendale Golf Club put on a great day for the annual representative fixture between North and Central Canterbury. The match was made up of 56 players with senior, intermediate, masters and junior sections. Central Canterbury (who are pictured below) won three of the four sections with wins to the senior, junior and intermediate teams. Kaiapoi's Rodney Downes had a great start to the day scoring a hole in one during the mornings foursomes round on the 17th hole.

Results

Senior - Central Canterbury 12-6

Masters - North Canterbury 6-3

Juniors - Central Canterbury 5-1

Intermediate - Central Canterbury 6-3



Canterbury Golf Communication Survey

As part of our Strategic Plan review and planning process, Canterbury Golf recently conducted a survey of golf club members and casual players to get feedback on the services we provide.

The feedback received will help us to identify gaps in our communication and help us to improve the services that Canterbury Golf provides.

A link to the survey results can be found under www.canterburygolf/news.

News in Brief

Hung & McLean Selected for NZ Golf Academy

NZ Golf has named the 2018/19 National Academy which has included the selection of Juliana Hung (Russley) and Matt McLean (Harewood).

"I'm excited to be selected into the academy programme" said Matt McLean "the extra support along with further international experience will really help with my development".

The academy programme supports the players with support services which includes strength & conditioning, coaching, physio and sports psychology. The players also receive assistance with their planning and preparation throughout the year.

Academy members are: Juliana Hung (Russley), Brittney Dryland (Titirangi), Caryn Khoo (Pakuranga), Rose Zheng (Pakuranga), Daniel Hillier (Manor Park) Luke Brown (The Pines), Matt McLean (Harewood), Mark Hutson (Muriwai), Kerry Mountcastle (Masterton), and Kevin Koong (Muriwai).

Women's Interclub Finals

It's been a busy month with the various women's interclub matches being completed. Below is a summary of the final results.

9 Hole
Avondale defeated Russley

18 Hole
Russley 1 defeated Ellesmere

36 Hole Silver
Clearwater defeated Amberley

36 Holes Open
Tai Tapu 2 defeated Tai Tapu 1

Weekend
Kaiapoi defeated Clearwater

Women's National Teams District Final
Russley

Men's Interclub Finals

A summary of the men's interclub is listed below.

Presidents
Russley defeated Bottle Lake

Kaikoura Cup
Pegasus defeated Culverden

Templeton Cup
Amberley Gold defeated Kaiapoi Gold

Gardner Trophy
Amuri defeated Pegasus Red

Canterbury Central Shield
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The winning Pegasus Team are pictured from left Rodney Van Steenis, Andrew Green, Phil Stephens, Peter Brinsdon, Matt Burns and Shaun Allan.

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