

Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay

Harewood's Scott Manyweathers and Christchurch's Catherine Bell came through to win the Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay titles recently at a superbly conditioned Waimairi Beach Golf course.

Scott Manyweathers had placed 5th through the 36 hole qualification and was in good form. He beat Zach May 2/1 in the first round, and then beat last year's finalist Tom Wilson 4/3 in the quarterfinal. The semi-final against Richard Reed was expected to be a close match but Manyweathers cruised to victory 5/4. The final was against Matt McLean who had accounted for Ben Baker, Josh Smith, and Josh Roche on his way through. The battle of the clubmates went down to the wire with Manyweathers prevailing 2/1. However McLean will be rueing letting a 2up lead after 11 holes slip through his grasp when Manyweathers won five consecutive holes down the stretch. There were a couple of upsets in the first round with top qualifiers Hiroki Miya and Kazuma Kobori getting beaten by Taylor Hosking and Ben Baker respectively.

Catherine Bell was the highest performed female golfer in the field and was a worthy favourite. She won the qualifying by a massive 12 shots over the 36 holes and never looked back. First up she beat Jasmine Clancy and then her Canterbury team-mate Olive Tapu 2/1. In the final Rion Ishizawa was no match either and was soundly beaten by Bell 8/7.

In the Men's Masters Harewood's Blair Dibley made it a three-peat by defeating Jonathan Stieller 1up in the final. On the way through he had beaten Dave Kirton, Michael Bailey and John Rademakers. Stieller qualified second and beat Clayton Hogg, James Robb, and Brett Turner on his way to the final. Number one qualifier Aaron Forsyth lost to John Rademakers on the 19th in the quarterfinals.

Christchurch's Mel Brew took out the Women's Masters beating Chris Marple in the final. In Div 2 James Metzger beat Nik Bull 1up, and in the new U19 division final Kansuke Shin beat Ben Burgess 2/1.

A huge thanks must go to Waimairi Beach Golf Club and its members, and the Golf Warehouse – both important partners in the tournament. Thanks also to the Canterbury Golf Referees Association and the Canterbury Golf volunteers.



Canterbury two from two at South Island Interprovincials

Both the Flexi Lease Canterbury Women's Team and the Fenix Canterbury Men's Team had a tough task ahead of them leading into their respective South Island Interprovincials as defending champions.

The Women's Team produced a dominant performance at the Invercargill Golf Club beating Otago 5-3, Southland 8-0, Tasman 6.5-1.5 and Aorangi 7.5-0.5.

Final result: Canterbury 1st, Otago 2nd, Tasman 3rd, Aorangi 4th, Southland 5th.

For the Men's Team it was their final representative match ahead of the NZ Toro

Interprovincial which are being played at the end of November at Clearwater Golf Club.

The Canterbury Men produced solid golf to also defend their title beating Otago 5-3, Aorangi 7-1, Tasman, 4.5-3.5 and Southland 7-1.

Final result: Canterbury 1st, Tasman 2nd, Otago 3rd, Aorangi 4th, Southland 5th.

The Fenix Canterbury Men's Team are pictured, Back row: Richard Reed, Andrew Green, Ian MacGillivray (Manager), Scott Manyweathers, Ben Baker, Reid Hilton, Mike Taylor (Assistant Manager).

Front row: Matt McLean, Mike Toeke and Hayato Miya, absent Hiroki Miya and Kazuma Kobori.



NZ Interprovincials hosted by Clearwater & Waitikiri Golf Club

Canterbury are looking forward to playing both the NZ Men's Interprovincial at Clearwater Golf Club and the NZ Women's Interprovincial at Waitikiri Golf Club. The draw has been released which is listed below for both the Men's & Women's Teams. We would value support for both teams at each venue if anyone is interested in coming out to watch the premier national teams event.

NZ Men's Toro Interprovincial - Canterbury Draw

26 Nov - versus Wellington 8.40am
27 Nov - versus Waikato 8.05am & Poverty Bay 1.25pm
28 Nov - versus North Harbour 7.30am
29 Nov - versus Bay of Plenty 8.40am & Aorangi 1.25pm
30 Nov - semi finals & final

NZ Women's Toro Interprovincial - Canterbury Draw

4 Dec - versus Southland 12.00pm
5 Dec - versus Manawatu Wanganui 8.05am & Taranaki 1.10pm
6 Dec - versus Wellington 8.05am & Waikato 12.35pm
7 Dec - versus Bay of Plenty 8.40am
8 Dec - semi finals & final

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GMANZ Conference Held in Queenstown

Over 100 Golf Club Managers and industry personnel recently descended on Queenstown for the Biennial Golf Managers Association of New Zealand Conference. The Conference offered club management professionals the opportunity to take part in education sessions, multi-faceted "Ask the Expert/Hackfest" sessions and preview the latest products and services available in the industry at the Trade Exhibition. The three day conference culminated with a key note address from Dr Sam Hazeldine. His life story from near paraplegic to Young Entrepreneur of the Year provided inspiration to

attendees about the key to a successful life.

The conference dovetailed in with an International Golf Conference held the week before where 40 Club Managers from the US, Europe and Asia gathered to learn, network and enjoy Queenstown's attractions. A couple of them stayed on to address the conference the following week and interact with attendees. Feedback indicates this was the best conference held yet and we look forward to the next in Auckland 2020.

Is the world of golf in New Zealand changing?

Geoff Witton is the Publisher of the monthly New Zealand Golf Magazine. In his foreword for the recent October edition he talks about clubs and the environment they operate in. What he says is not new to those in the golf industry but he does a great job in summarising some of the issues involved. Here is what he had to say....

"What has happened in the last 20 years? The world has changed but has club golf? Certainly – except in a few enlightened clubs management is fractured and ever changing. Come club Board and Committee elections there is sometimes a huge change of direction. Governance is lacking in many respects. Club Managers are rarely given proper authority and long/medium term business plans to work to. Club members get elected and their first priority is to make a change to something they have an issue with on the course, in the clubhouse or something else that should be part of day to day management rather than concentrating on governance!!

All this feeds into a lack of market and sustainable income. Indeed one club we were at recently did not have a GM currently on the books. It was all hands to the pumps by the Pro Shop and volunteers. This situation does not happen overnight!

When you talk to Dean Murphy, CEO of NZ Golf you very quickly realise that he and his Board of Directors are acutely aware of these issues facing the industry and are being pro active as clubs will allow. However it is slow going. All too often we hear comment along the lines of "NZ Golf recommend this but we ignore them!"....."

Sobering words from a person that lives and breathes the golf industry across many and varied stakeholders, but perhaps a wake-up call for some clubs that need to adopt a more business-like approach or risk closure.

Top Finish for NZ Senior Team at Asia Pacific Senior Amateur

The NZ Seniors team of Michael Bartrop (Royal Auckland), John Batley (Titirangi), Peter Brinsdon (Pegasus), Stu Duff (Hastings) and Stu Nicholls (Waitemata) and Brent Paterson (Royal Auckland) finished runners up by one shot at the Asia Pacific Senior Amateur Championship in Japan.

Congratulations also to Brent Patterson who defended his individual title winning by one shot.

News in Brief

Boys & Girls Interprovincial Tournaments

The Canterbury U19 Team gained valuable experience at the Girls Interprovincial played at the Rotorua Golf Club. While a number of provinces were unable to field team for this girls event it was very strong competition with Canterbury having the opportunity to compete against the top five provinces from the North Island.

The Canterbury U19 Team continued their impressive record at the Boys Interprovincial played at the Cambridge Golf Club finishing third.

Canterbury Golf is grateful to be able to provide this level of competition to our junior teams. We appreciate the contribution made by the team managers Hillary O'Connor, Craig Vining and Percy Reihana at these events.



Kids Enjoy School Holiday Events

Two junior tournaments were held during the holidays at the McLeans Island and Christchurch Golf Club.

In addition to the 18 hole event a 9 hole event was held on the new short course at McLeans Island to provide the opportunity for children who are working towards a handicap to play in the event.



Canterbury Share the Spoils at South Island Men's Masters

The Men's South Island Masters Interprovincial was played at the Pegasus Golf Club. The six man teams played over four rounds, with challenging conditions for all the players.

After day one Canterbury and Aorangi were tied on one and a half points and both teams were dominant on day two recording 11 of a possible 12 games to finish in a draw on points and games. The two teams also had a draw against each other so shared the title and trophy.



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