

Russley to the Fore on Finals Day

Woodward Cup

Russley had a good battle with Templeton who had made the final for the first time in many years and had not won the Woodward Cup since 1963. After nine holes the match was delicately poised with Russley leading 4.5-3.5 but only 1 up in the four matches they held. However on the back nine their players really came through. One of the keys was Hiroki Miya turning his match around against Sam Purdon, and likewise for Hayato Miya against Jordan Latter. Both were two down after nine holes but came through to both win 2/1. Of the close matches after nine, Reid Hilton, Michael McAuley, David Kelly and Andrew Dufton all come through with wins for Russley leading to their 6-2 victory. For Templeton Rhys Wilson and Ryan Bellamy had good wins. This was Russley's 8th win in the last 10 years of Woodward Cup.

Pollock Cup

In the Pollock Cup Final it was Russley all the way after they had built an unassailable 5.5-0.5 lead after nine holes. To her credit, Pegasus's Hillary O'Connor came back from three down to grab a half against NZ Rep Juliana Hung, but the other matches went Russley's way for them to run out 4.5-1.5 winners. Amy Weng, Maddie May and Mihee Woo had big wins for Russley, while Karen De Lautour got the sole win for Pegasus.

Blank Cup

In the Blank Cup both Clearwater and Russley would have rated their chances of winning the final after big semi-final wins in the morning, and it turned out to be a close battle with three matches going to the last hole before Russley came through to win 5-3. Clearwater got two wins in early with Harris Kim and Michael Bailey, but then Zach May, Nik Bull, Andrew Richardson, Denis Kelliher and Simon Murphy came in for Russley with wins to seal the victory. John Parlane got the other win for Clearwater.

Simon Cup

The Simon Cup Final between Waitikiri and Avondale was the last match to finish in fading light. After nine holes Waitikiri looked likely with a lead in most matches but Avondale fought back and seven of the eight matches went to the last hole. The final score was 6-2 to Waitikiri with wins on their final hole to Ricky Walker, Colm Ward, Matt Evers-Carmichael, and Mark Pearson. Waitikiri No.1



Paul McEwan had a 4/3 win. For Avondale it was "oh so close" with a win to Garron Hawker on the last hole, and Paul Webb halving with Scott Sibley, and Paul Costello halving with Harley Crosland.

Thanks go to the Canterbury Golf volunteers and staff, the Canterbury Golf Referees, and to Russley Golf Club for being fine hosts. A special mention to the Interclub Convenors who spent many hours on course through the round-robin matches - Pam Ellis (Pollock Cup), David Silk (Simon Cup), John Brettell (Blank Cup), and John Thompson and Peter MacDonald (Woodward Cup).

Canterbury versus Aorangi Representative Match

Players enjoyed excellent conditions at the Ashburton Golf Club for the annual Canterbury versus Aorangi representative match.

In the Senior Men, Canterbury jumped out to a fast start in the morning round to lead 6.5-1.5 after the first 18 holes. Aorangi proved a tougher proposition in the afternoon to narrow the margin with Canterbury coming through 4.5-3.5. So an overall win to Canterbury 11-5. For Canterbury, strong results came from Andrew Green, Reid Hilton and Ben Baker who had 100% win records. All other team members contributed at least a half or full point. Aorangi was well served by their top player Daniel Perham who showed class being unbeaten in the top position, other wins came from Brett Strange and Damian Rodgers.

In the Men's Masters section Aorangi were

superior over Canterbury winning by the margin of 8.5-3.5. In spite of five matches going to the last hole, Aorangi with a very steady and experienced line up proved too good. Andrew Dufton was the only unbeaten Canterbury player with Blair Dibley and Aaron Forsyth contributing a 50% win record. Both Associations will lock horns again soon at the South Island Masters Interprovincial being played at the Pegasus Golf Club.

The U19 Men were even to the last with the spoils being shared three matches a piece. Kansuke Shin for Canterbury and Josh Ackerley for Aorangi were both unbeaten for the day.

The Canterbury Women proved too strong for Aorangi retaining the Templer Trophy with the winning margin 14.5-5.5. Canterbury players with 100% records were Jasmine Clancy, Jess Crosbie, Maddie May, Amy



Weng and Juliana Hung. For Aorangi Pauline Bell was a shining light with a win and a half while Angela Gerken and Catherine Knight provided a win each.

The Canterbury Women's Team, Back row: Amy Weng, Deanna Matthews, Jasmine Clancy, Estelle Lin, Maddie May, Jana Beneke. Front: Hillary O'Connor, Catherine Bell, Jess Crosbie and Juliana Hung.

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Kazuma Kobori Makes it Back-to-Back Victorian Boys Titles

Kazuma Kobori became the seventh dual winner and sixth player to claim back-to-back titles at the 2018 Victorian Boys and Girls Championships at Moonah Links Golf Club.

The last time such a feat was achieved was by Daniel Gaunt in 1995 and 1996, five years before 16-year-old Kobori was born. "It feels amazing. Last year I didn't really know I had won until I had finished but this year I had full control of what I was doing so it feels so much better," said Kobori, now a two-time champion. "There's a lot of pressure, I get real nervous, but you've got to stick to your game plan and play your own game." "It's pretty tough out here, honestly. If you can play good out here you can have low scores but there's not much room for error so it feels good to win on this course." When asked about returning to attempt the second ever Victorian

Boys Championship hat-trick, Kobori responded, "I will give it my best shot. Definitely. I'll be back."

Kobori's greatest threat throughout the tournament came from Commonwealth's Daniel Gill. The pair shared the lead between themselves at the end of each round with the tug-of-war ultimately slipping from Gill's hands after an unfavourable three-over dropped him back to 5-under for the tournament and 3rd place.



McLean Dominates North Island Strokeplay

Matt McLean has blitzed the field at the North Island Stroke Play to win by a whopping nine shots.

McLean's clinical weekend included back-to-back rounds of 65 at Waitangi to finish with a total of 12-under par to leave in-form players Jang Hyun Lee (second) and New Zealand Age Group champion, Sung Jin Yeo (third) in his dust.

Entering the final round with a commanding lead, McLean showed class to produce five birdies and no bogeys to show why he deserves his name engraved on the trophy.



Aorangi Retain Millennium Trophy

Aorangi defeated Canterbury at the Millennium Trophy competition held at Tinwald Golf Club. The course was in excellent condition with some good scores recorded.

Aorangi Stablefords totalled 651 to Canterbury's 611.



News in Brief

Charteris Bay Ladies Retain Boyle Cup

The final Boyle Cup challenge for 2018 was played at Charteris Bay with the home team continuing on their winning way to finish the season by defeating Akaroa 5-0.

The other challenges Charteris Bay repelled during the season were against:

Christchurch 5-0
Waitikiri 4.5-5
Everglades 4-1
Waimakariri Gorge 3-2

Current Boyle Cup holder Charteris Bay's Sharon Screen, Chris Brodie, Carole Steele, Denise Whitbread and Nicky Coop.



Hawarden Win Canterbury North Interclub

The final round of Canterbury North Women's Interclub was played at Culverden with Hawarden defeating Scargill 4-2 to remain unbeaten for the season and win the competition, making it back-to-back victories after also winning in 2017. Country finished second and Scargill third.

The victorious Hawarden team is pictured, from left Margaret Wright, Rose Cassidy, Erin Mulholland, Colleen Ramsay, Judith Sowden and Jenny Hulena. (Absent: Michelle Fletcher, Jill Allan, Avril Harrison and Judy McMillan)



Canterbury Golf 9 Hole Tournament

The Canterbury Golf 9 Hole Tournament was held at Lincoln Golf Club today, attracting a field of 47 golfers.

Liz Power (Kaiapoi) was the overall winner with 24 stableford points.

Other results:

Women's Grade 1:

1st - Marg Lloyd (Rakaia) 21 pts
2nd - Vicki Hight (Waitikiri) 18 pts
3rd - Liz Newman (Avondale) 18 pts

Women's Grade 2:

1st - Liz Power, 24 pts
2nd - Viv Cowley (Russley) 18 pts
3rd - Barbara May (Greendale) 17 pts on countback

Men's Grade:

1st - Howard Thomas (Rangiora) 20 pts
2nd - Mike Markillie (Methven) 19 pts

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