

## Canterbury Finish Runners-up at NZ Men's Freyberg

The Canterbury Men's Masters team performed at a consistently high level throughout the week, at the NZ Freyberg played at the Timaru Golf Club, to finish unbeaten and win the runners up plate.

The week involves eight round robin matches, which provides both physical and mental challenges playing against the top teams from throughout New Zealand.

Bay of Plenty won the Freyberg Masters title after winning all eight matches. While Canterbury were also unbeaten they had two halves against Auckland and Aorangi. Canterbury finished tied on seven games with Wellington but finished second based on a countback of games won. Canterbury didn't face Bay of Plenty in their draw during the week.

"The big standout for me was the teamwork for the week" said Canterbury's Captain Andrew Dufton. "Everybody played their part and contributed equally to a great team effort. To go through the week unbeaten against the quality of opposition that we played was outstanding and we were unlucky not to get the gold, but still very proud of our silver medal".



Pictured are the Canterbury Men's Masters Team from left: Anton Fouchee, Brett Turner, Aaron Forsyth, Jonathan Stieler, Andrew Dufton, Jason Sincock and Kevin Moyle (Manager).

Six players finished the tournament unbeaten which included two Canterbury players Aaron Forsyth and Jason Sincock.

## NZ Capture Victory at Asia-Pacific Seniors

Stuart Duff and Peter Brinsdon have led the New Zealand side to a famous victory at the Asia-Pacific Seniors at Sungai Long Golf and Country Club in Malaysia, whilst finishing first and second respectively in the individual honours.

The Kiwi team of Stuart Duff (Hastings), Peter Brinsdon (Pegasus), Brent Paterson (Royal Auckland Grange), Tony Chettleburgh (Feilding), Craig Newman (Nelson), and John Batley (Titirangi) have won the teams event at the Asia-Pacific Seniors by nine shots over our Tasman neighbours Australia.

The Kiwi's finished eight-over par for the championship, which saw a 12-shot turnaround with our closest rivals as they began the day three shots behind.

This led to a huge final day push for the New Zealanders in Malaysia. Stuart Duff wrapped up the individual trophy for himself after rounds of 73, 71, and 72 to finish at even-par for the tournament, one shot clear of first round leader and team mate Peter Brinsdon, who had rounds of 70, 77, and 70 to help get the Kiwi's over the line.

The win breaks the two-year bridesmaid record for the team and keeps the individual honours in New Zealand for another year.



## Presidents and Secretaries Day

The Presidents and Secretaries Day provides the opportunity for Canterbury Club Presidents and Secretary/Managers to come together for this annual golf fixture, played at the Canterbury Golf President Steve Kilpatrick's home club Russley.

The G.W.A Green Presidents Cup was competed for by the current and past club presidents and this year was won by Kaiapo's

President Mike Cross. Mike is pictured with Canterbury Golf President Steve Kilpatrick. The Secretary/Managers Salver was won by Bottle Lake's Clare Pitt. A bamboozle team stableford was also played which was won by Noel Stewart (Waimairi Beach), George Deans (Hororata), Craig Prior (Waimairi Beach) and James Perkins (Hororata).



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# Interclub Finals Day

## Pollock Cup

In the first semi final Russley had a 5.5-0.5 win over Harewood, while in the second semi final Christchurch won by the same margin against Pegasus. In the final Russley's Alisha Ren and Estelle Lin secured the first two points for the team with 6/5 and 2/1 wins respectively. Nicola Webb got Christchurch on the board with a 3/2 win, but Hillary O'Connor balanced this by the same margin with a win for Russley over Mel Newburn. It came down to the final pairings, but Russley were too strong with a 4/3 win for Maddie May over Catherine Bell and a halved match between Olive Tapu and Anika Park.

## Woodward Cup

Top seeds Christchurch beat Waitikiri winning their semi final match 5.5-2.5. In the other semi, Russley and Harewood finished 4-4. Reid

Hilton and Josh Smith played off and Russley advanced after the two players halved the first two playoff holes, with the higher seeded team going through. In the final it was the top order for Christchurch that secured wins for the team while Russley's lower order balanced the ledger. At 4-4 another play-off ensued. Once again the number ones for Russley and Christchurch headed down the 18th hole. Reid Hilton missed his 8 footer for par leaving Jordan Bakermans with a 3 footer for par which he sunk to etch Christchurch's name on the Woodward Cup after having last won the cup in 2016.

## Blank Cup

Top qualifier Avondale produced a strong performance in the semi final against Templeton with a 5.5-2.5 win. In the other semi Christchurch got through in a tight tussle

with Russley winning 4.5-3.5. In the final Avondale continued their winning form against Christchurch. Blair Batson and Garron Hawker secured the first points on the board with a win and a half. Nick Brennan, Dean Harvey, Richard Sinclair, Nathan Andrews and Hayden Burns all continued with five more points for Avondale to win their first Blank Cup title with a 6.5-1.5 games win.

## Simon Cup

Templeton and Waimairi Beach had a closely fought battle with four matches going the full 18 holes, two halved and 1 up to each team. Both teams finished with 4 games each forcing a playoff between Lance Gahan and Fraser Mearns. Fraser Mearns won the first playoff hole to secure the title for his Waimairi Beach team who last won the title in 1970.

# Canterbury Men's Team Finish Sixth at NZ Interprovincial

The Canterbury Men's Team have finished sixth at the NZ Interprovincial. The team got off to the start that was needed with a 3-2 win over Bay of Plenty following their first round bye. On day two Canterbury were unlucky not to come away with a win over North Harbour and fought hard in the closing holes against Hawkes Bay to post a half to remain unbeaten.

Like Canterbury, Manawatu-Wanganui were also looking to gain valuable points to elevate their position on the leaderboard to move into the top two positions in their section. It came down to the wire where the result could have gone either way, but Manawatu-Wanganui had the edge winning 4-1.

Heading into the final days play the team knew they would more than likely need two wins and a few other results to go their way to secure a semi-final berth. The Canterbury Team were up for the challenge beating Taranaki 4-1, they then went on to halve with the defending champions Northland in the afternoon, where their fate had already been confirmed after Manawatu-Wanganui won their final match to set-up their semi final position.

Canterbury Team Captain Andrew Green said "the standard of golf was incredibly high this year, you had to be under the card in every match. The team played well all week and everyone played their part. In the end we only lost one game to Manawatu-Wanganui which could have gone either way".



Otago overcame North Harbour, who were unbeaten for the week, to go through to the final where they played Auckland after they dismissed Manawatu-Wanganui after a play-off.

Auckland went on to win the 2019 NZ Men's Interprovincial title for the first time in 25 years, beating Otago 5-0.

## News in Brief

### Russley Win Women's Rosebowl

The Gross Stableford Rosebowl competed by club teams comprising Silver and Bronze Champions and Bronze Champion Runners-up, was comprehensively won by Russley with an aggregate 36 hole score of 122 with Waitikiri finishing runners up.

The Women's Champion of Champions title was closely fought with Anika Park (Russley) and Olive Tapu (Christchurch) tied after the 36 hole stroke play event. Anika won the title in a sudden death play-off.

The Hagley Trophy for the Champions 36 hole net was won by Judy Smith (McLeans Island) and the Pat Renell Salver for the Bronze division pair with the highest aggregate gross stableford was jointly won by Lincoln's Heather Templeton and Jan Latham and Russley's June Park and Mary-Anne Williamson. Myra Story (Coringa) won the 9 Hole Champions Trophy.

### Weedons and Avondale Win Junior Interclub Titles

Junior Interclub numbers had a vast increase in numbers with the successful introduction of a 9 hole competition to complement the 18 hole interclub. With 56 junior players involved almost double the numbers that have been playing in recent years.

With eight teams competing over 18 holes it was a closely fought competition with five teams separated by only 16 stableford points after the four rounds. Weedons narrowly won by one stableford point over Kaiapoi with Russley White rounding out the top three.

"It's been great to see that the introduction of the 9 Hole Interclub has been well received with teams competing from Avondale, Weedons and the Selwyn Hub" said Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow. "We hope to see continued growth in this competition which provides the opportunity to compete in a team based format which is a stepping stone to the 18 hole competition".

Avondale won the inaugural 9 hole competition with Weedons Red and Weedons Black taking out second and third respectively.

### Charteris Bay Win Canterbury Central Masters

Charteris Bay who had been in good form all competition, just dropping one match to Lincoln, defeated Tai Tapu 5-4 in their final match to win the Canterbury Central Masters competition.

The Charteris Bay team were three points clear of their nearest rival Weedons Black who finished second, edging Lincoln on games won.



The Charteris Bay Team is pictured Paul Sullivan, Rob Phillips, Warren Sheddin, John Bickley, Wayne Roden and Ric Hyden.

Honours and the trophy for the best individual performance in the competition was shared by Charteris Bay's John Bickley and Weedons Black team member Clarke Vincent who were both unbeaten over the seven rounds.

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