

Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay

The 2019 Golf Warehouse Canterbury Matchplay was held over Labour Weekend at Russley Golf Club with 36 hole qualifying on Saturday leading into the matchplay on Sunday and Monday.

Templeton's Ryan Bellamy and Harewood's Scott Manyweathers were the top qualifiers in the men's section and won comfortably through to the quarter finals on Sunday afternoon. However Bellamy ran into a road block in the form of Jacob Roberts who was in inspired form on his home course. Bellamy lost to Roberts on the 20th hole, with Roberts going on to beat Zach May in the semi-final 1up and book a place in the final. Manyweathers had a tough quarter-final battle against Canterbury team-mate Sam Purdon before prevailing on the 20th hole, but then found Hayato Miya too strong in the semi losing 4/3.

The Russley final between Roberts and Miya was a close and at times tense affair. Miya led 1up through 9 holes, and extended that to 2up through 15 holes. Then it all began to unravel for Miya as Roberts put the pressure on winning holes 16 and 17. Going down the 18th all square both players had a birdie to win the championship. Miya putted first from a 15 foot side hill lie but could not convert. Roberts had played a superb pitch that nearly went straight in the hole but he was left with a six foot downhill that just slid by. On to the 19th and both players were on the front edge for two. Miya lagged his putt from 30 feet up to the hole for a gimme, but Roberts left his approach putt three foot short and missed the next putt for Miya to win the championship.

In the women's championship Amy Weng, Hillary O'Connor, and Maddie May were the top qualifiers, and all won through to the semi-finals along with Jasmine Clancy. Amy Weng was too strong for Jasmine Clancy winning 3/1, with most interest focussed on Canterbury team-

mates Hillary O'Connor and Maddie May in the other semi-final. In a very close contest May went into the 9th hole with a 1up lead, and when O'Connor nearly holed in one on the par 3 it looked like the match would be all square at the turn. May was safely on and lagged up for a gimme par. O'Connor had five feet downhill for a birdie but gunned it three feet past and unfortunately missed the return putt to lose the hole and hand May a 2up lead. To her credit O'Connor fought back and by the 18th hole had got the match back to all square. On the 19th O'Connor got out of position off the tee, and was unable to make her par putt giving the match to May. In the final Maddie May was quick out of the gates and built a 4up lead early on against Amy Weng. She maintained that lead through the turn and got to 5up after 13 holes before prevailing 5/4.

The Men's Masters grade was keenly contested with good depth in the field of 16 players. Russley's Andrew Dufton qualified top seed and won through to the quarter-final where he played Brett Turner. In a close match Turner prevailed 3/1 setting up a semi-final against Canterbury team-mate Anton Fouchee. On the other side of the draw the surprise package was Templeton's Paul Burke who took the scalps of Paul Bailey and Jonathan Stieller on the way to the semis. He would meet Aorangi stalwart Robbie Bell who was just too consistent for Steve Bell and Brent Mackay. The semi-final between Burke and Bell was close with Burke unable to convert good play from tee to green, while Bell showed his superb shot-game that has bought him provincial and national success. The match went to the 18th, with Bell prevailing 2up. In the other semi Turner led most of the way courtesy of some good play on his part and a cold putter from Fouchee. Near the end of the match Fouchee had two chances to get back into the match but missed two short putts to lose 4/3.

The final between Turner and Bell was close all the way. Bell had a 1up lead after nine holes, but the match ebbed and flowed with neither player able to get out more than a one hole lead. Turner got to 1up through 16 holes and was able to hold that lead going into 18 where par was enough for the 1up victory.

In the Grade 2 Men's it was the third and fourth qualifiers that met in the final - Sam Sandford and Finlay Jones. They had both beaten higher seeded opponents in the semis. The match was all square through nine holes, but Jones won holes 10, 11, and 14 to go 3up and run out the eventual winner 4/3.

The Men's U19 Grade saw the top two qualifiers Seb May and Yuki Miya meet in the final. May beat Cooper Moore in the semi 2/1 which included a superb eagle on the 18th hole - their 9th hole. May was 4up then but Cooper fought back to extend the match to the 17th. Miya was too strong for Edward Dickinson winning 6/5 in the other semi. In the final May was 3up through 9 before going on to win 4/3 over Miya to win the Under 19 title.

Thanks must go to Russley Golf Club for hosting the tournament, particularly their green-keeping, pro shop, and catering staff; and to the members who were displaced. Golf Warehouse have sponsored the championship for a number of years and we thank Ritchie Bath and his team for their support.



Interclub Finals

Semi-Finalists and Finalists have been found for Interclub Finals Day to be held at Templeton Golf on Sunday 10 November.

In the Woodward Cup, top qualifier Christchurch will play fourth placed Waitikiri in one semi-final, while second placed Russley will play third placed Harewood in the other semi-final on Sunday morning. The final rounds at Pegasus saw several teams in contention for the semis with Pegasus, Templeton and Bottle Lake all missing the opportunity after suffering losses on the day. The Stan Rich Salver for most individual wins was shared between Christchurch's Nic Kay, and Russley's Andrew Dufton.

In the Pollock Cup semi-finals Russley will play Harewood and Christchurch will play Pegasus. Harewood was the team to narrowly miss out. The Merle Barley Salver for most individual wins was shared

between four players - Russley's Maddie May, Jasmine Clancy, and Hillary O'Connor, and Christchurch's Nicola Webb. All these players had six wins from six matches.

In the Blank Cup, Avondale will play Templeton, and Russley will play Christchurch in the semi-finals on Sunday morning. Harewood were unlucky to miss out on an individual games count-back. Avondale's Nathan Andrews won the B O'Malley Salver for most individual wins.

The Simon Cup semi-finals will be at Coringa Golf Club on 3 November, with the Final to be played at Templeton on Finals Day. Waimairi Beach will play Bottle Lake in one semi, and Templeton will play Avondale in the other. Waimairi Beach's Taylor Reid won the Roy Mitchell Salver for most individual wins.

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Canterbury Representative Events

Five teams have represented Canterbury at various events throughout the country over the past month.

The Canterbury Men's Masters Team performed well to win the South Island Interprovincial title. The event was held at the Timaru Golf Club, which provided a great opportunity for the South Island district to play four competitive rounds ahead of the NZ Men's Freyberg that will be played at the same venue 4-8 November.

While the weather played its part with some very challenging conditions the course held up well and all four rounds were completed.

Canterbury finished with wins over Otago, Southland and Tasman and drew with Aorangi.



Kevin Moyle (Manager), Anton Fouché, Jason Sincock, Andrew Dufton, Brett Turner, Jonathan Stieler, Aaron Forsyth.

Both the Canterbury Girls & Boys U19 Teams enjoyed the opportunity to compete at their respective interprovincials held at Rotorua and Cambridge Golf Clubs.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to develop our players at both the Girls

and Boys Interprovincials" said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow. "Both events provide a very high standard of competition and we are grateful to Bay of Plenty Golf and Waikato Golf for the work they continue to do to run these key events in New Zealand".



Canterbury Girls U19 Team - Finished 5th
Jasmine Clancy, Jana Beneke, Maddie May, Jess Reid (Manager), Deanna Matthews, Yoyo Fu, Estelle Lin



Canterbury Boys U19 Team - Finished 4th
Mac McCall, Ben Burgess, Percy Reihana (Manager), Lachie Mackay, Seb May, Zach May, Yuki Miya.

The Flexi Lease Canterbury Women's team finished tied at the top of the points table with Tasman at the South Island Interprovincial played

at the Marlborough Golf Club. With the teams tied on points it came down to games. Tasman won the title for 2019 finishing half a game ahead of Canterbury.



Mel Newburn, Maddie May, Hillary O'Connor, Olive Tapu, Jasmine Clancy, Amy Weng, Yoyo Fu, Deanna Matthews

The Men's South Island Interprovincial also had a tight leaderboard. The Canterbury Men's Team finished second to Otago. Canterbury finished with wins over Otago and Tasman but a half with Southland a loss to Aorangi saw them finished half a point behind Otago. The Waitikiri Golf Club provided a good test for all the players. Teams will now focus on preparations for the NZ Interprovincial which will be played at Hastings Golf Club 26-30 November.



Kazuma Kobori, Andrew Green, Mike Toeke, Richard Reed, Matt McLean, Reid Hilton, Sam Purdon, Scott Manyweathers

"What is your golf club about"

NZ Golf staffers Dayne Bulloch and Carl Fenton wrote a superb article in a recent New Zealand Golf Magazine about the membership challenge that golf club's face. Here are some excerpts from that article.

All sports from around the country are seeing a decline in membership at clubs, so the question for all sports, not just golf, is relying only on the sport enough to keep the club going?

We know with golf that there is a decline in club membership yet the number of people participating in the game is actually increasing. If starting again, how would the club capture this market opportunity? This way of thinking can give the club an opportunity to hit the reset button, work out what is important to be relevant in the future, and what needs to be changed.

If a club wants more members it has to prove to those perspective members, as well as the current ones, that they are getting value for money from their subscriptions. Are clubs willing to increase their green fees to give better value to the membership? It can be assumed that an increase in green fees will see a decrease in golfers on the course. Is that same club willing to possibly forgo the lost revenue in green fees to gain members?

Many sports clubs are caught in the trap of trying to be everything to everybody and aren't willing to put a stake in the ground and state who they are and what they stand for. For a club to be able to state for and who it is, it needs to be able to say what it isn't. Are you a club that is focused on members? Do you have quality off-course experiences? Or are you a community-based facility that focuses on more than just golf and the membership? Whatever the club decides, the advantage is that the club will know what its true purpose is and then can really plan for the future.

News in Brief

NZ Eagles Titles Won by Canterbury Players

Canterbury golfers took at the major titles at the Eagles NZ U17 Boys & Girls Championship played at Te Awamutu Golf Club. Canterbury was represented by Amy Weng, Hayato Miya (both Russley) and Lachie Mackay (Waimairi Beach). Amy Weng won the NZ title by one shot with rounds of 75, 68 and 73 for a total of 216. Amy's 68 was 5 under par and if it wasn't for placing, it would have been a course record.

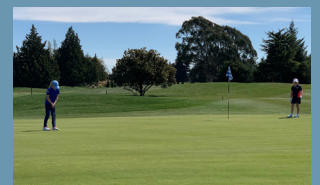
Hayato Miya (Russley) won the Boys U17 Championship by a 11 shots with rounds of 74, 68 and 70 for a total of 212 with Lachie Mackay finishing third one shot behind the runner-up on 224 with scores of 73, 74 and 77.



Futures Canterbury Event

Over 50 players participated in the Futures Canterbury Junior tournaments held during the school holidays. The 9 and 18 hole events included both 9 and 18 hole sections, providing the opportunity for those newer to the game to also get involved.

The 9 hole section included young golfers playing from the newly installed purple course at Russley. "Over ten golf courses in Canterbury have now installed the purple course which provides a shorter course option that is appropriate to the players ability" said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow. "Clubs are also utilising the purple course for fun social events and adult players that are newer to the game to play from which is great to see".



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