

Top Field for Lamb & Hayward Canterbury Stroke Play

Dominic Brett Kelly was the toast of Harewood after he came from behind to win the Lamb & Hayward Canterbury Stroke Play Men's Championship at Harewood 8-9 February. Back from the USA on a break from University, Dominic shot a final round 71 to beat Hayato Miya (Russley), Mike Toeke (Christchurch), and Josh Smith (Ashburton) by one shot, and win the title for the second time. Playing in the second to last group, he had a nervous wait as the final group looked likely to win or end up in a play-off.

"I didn't have any expectations going in" said Brett Kelly. "I just kind of entered the weekend trying to have fun and see what happens. As the tournament went on, I realised I had a good chance to win."

Brett Kelly admits he thought his chances of winning were done after a bogey on the 10th, 12th, and 13th holes. However, he was able to take the clubhouse lead with birdies on the final three holes.

It was then a waiting game, with the final group of Reid Hilton, Mike Toeke and Josh Smith still on course. However, the final group all dropped shots down the stretch, which saw Brett Kelly win the title for a second time after winning at Waitikiri in 2018.

The Women's Championship was won by Christchurch Golf Club's Yoonji Woo. She was too strong with three rounds of 70 to win by six shots from Russley's Anika Park, then a further four shots back to Sumin Kang from Queenstown. Sumin shot a fine third round of 68 but will rue the 81 she had in the second round. Sayaka Okada (Pegasus) and Maddie May (Russley) were the next best.

The Men's Masters Championship was won by Kwang Hoon Woo (Christchurch) who is the father of the women's winner Yoonji Woo. With rounds of 74, 75, 75 he won by five shots from Russley's Andrew Dufton, with a further two shots back to Waitikiri's Brett Turner. Woo began the day with a three shot lead, and playing in the final group together, Dufton and Turner were unable to peg him back.

Waitikiri and Canterbury representative Kim Moggach won the Women's Masters Championship holding on after starting the final round with a five shot lead over Southland's Robyn Pullar. She prevailed by one shot over Pullar, with clubmate Suzette Eastmond finishing third.

The Men's Net was won by youngster Ben Allington (Harewood) by one shot from Christchurch Master Gary Gillard. Clearwater's Virginia Faass won the Women's Net by one shot over Waitikiri's Cheryl Kemp.

Thanks must go to Harewood Golf Club for presenting a superb golf course and backing that up with fine hospitality and support from their members. The Harewood layout proved once again what a fine test of golf it is for a championship of this level. Thanks also to Stephen Parkyn and his team at Lamb and Hayward for again supporting the championship.

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House of Travel Tour Strengthens District Events

The House of Travel Tour, which is a collaborative initiative by Otago, Southland and Canterbury, offers players the opportunity to win a share of \$3250 worth of travel vouchers to assist with playing events throughout New Zealand.

The House of Travel Tour, now in its fifth year, provides an additional incentive for players to compete in the three district stroke play events.

This year we have seen an increase in the number of players across the three categories of women, open men and U19 men competing in all three events. "Each district provided tournament assistance to support players to compete in all three events. We see value in

working with the other participating districts to strengthen the fields while also providing assistance to our own district players to have the opportunity to compete for these travel vouchers." said Canterbury Golf Development Manager Rachel Thow.

The 2020 House of Travel Tour was a closely fought competition with each section coming down to the wire.

Women's Open - Sumin Kang
Men's Open - Jonny Mackay
Men's Open Runner Up - Hayato Miya
Men's U19 winner - Zach May



Pictured from left Jonny Mackay, Zach May, Sumin Kang, absent Hayato Miya

Matt McLean Qualifies for 101st New Zealand Open

Three amateurs have prevailed from 53 golfers (that included Canterbury players Matt McLean, Mike Toeke and Ryan Bellamy) at the final qualifying tournament for this week's 101st New Zealand Open, presented by Sky Sport.

Jimmy Zheng and Adam Church both fired six-under par 66's while McLean was the final player to finish, shooting a four-under 68 to snatch the third and final spot up for grabs at the Cromwell Golf Club.

Kazuma Kobori will also relish the opportunity to play the NZ Open after receiving an NZ Golf invitation.

"I really wanted to qualify for the open this year, it was a major goal for me," says McLean. "I've got my game plan worked out. It's all about backing yourself, you need to make birdies and be aggressive but also make smart decisions". I'm just really looking forward to enjoying the tournament".



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Sir Bob Charles Launches North-East Hub

Sir Bob Charles was the special guest for the launch of the North-East Hub on 2 February. The event was held at Waimairi Beach Golf Club attracting new participants that were keen to try golf along with members of the newly establish North-East Hub.

Sir Bob Charles welcomed everyone to the launch of the North-East Hub "It's great to see so many families out here today getting involved with golf. Golf is a game for a lifetime and at 83 I still enjoy playing this great game since my introduction to clubs and balls as a 3 year old. It's great to see that the clubs are working together to grow participation with the North-East Hub".

As part of the event Sir Bob Charles played an exhibition hole on the par 3 12th hole. He was joined by North-East Hub members Toby van Onselen and Lachie Mackay along with the Hub Coordinator James Robinson. Also getting in on the action were Baxter and Oscar van Onselen who caddied for older brother Toby and fellow hub member Lachie.



Following on from the success of the Selwyn Hub that was launched 12 months ago the North-East Hub has been established. The objective of the hub is to provide young people and families with regular and affordable learn and play opportunities for golf. The participating clubs in the new North-East Hub are Rangiora, Bottle Lake, Waimairi Beach, and Christchurch Golf Clubs.

Regular events will be delivered across the four courses to provide playing opportunities for young people at all stages of development. These will incorporate fun events for those newer to the game playing from shortened tees over 6-9 holes through to 18 hole junior events for more advanced young players. In addition to the current junior members from the participating clubs, who are now part of the hub, regular have a go days and community events will be promoted to grow the number of young people and families playing golf.



Great Field for Arthur Chambers Memorial Tournament

One of the largest fields in recent years played in the Arthur Chambers Memorial Tournament on Waitangi Day. The junior tournament, which this year was held at Burnham Golf Club, attracted a field of 40 players from around Canterbury.

Michael Visser (Russley) won the Arthur Chambers Memorial

trophy for the lowest net score over the field, with a net 64. The runner up was Joseph Hall on a net 65. Leading the girl's field both shooting a net 68 were Deanna Matthews (Weedons) and Jana Beneke (Kaiapoi).

The Central Canterbury medals are awarded to players with the lowest net scores from a Central

Canterbury club. The U16 medal was won by Joseph Hall (Weedons) with Nathan Hall (Weedons) winning the U19 medal with a net 67.

The 9 hole section was won by Selwyn Hub member Alex Kimber with Joshua Wentworth (Weedons) finishing runner up.



News in Brief

Hayato Miya Named in NZ Golf Travelling Squad

NZ Golf have selected two NZ Golf travelling squads to compete at the upcoming Australian Girls and Boys Amateur being played 15-17 April in Adelaide and Canberra respectively.

Australian Girls Amateur Squad
Carmen Lim (Windross Farm)
Vivian Lu (Royal Auckland & Grange)
Fiona Xu (Titirangi)
Darae Chung (Shandon)

Australian Boys Amateur Squad
Joshua Bai (Akarana)
Stephen Liu (Pakuranga)
Jayden Ford (Judgeford)
Hayato Miya (Russley)

We wish these players all the best for the upcoming event.

Canterbury Over 50's & 60's Men's Interclub

The popular Canterbury Over 50's & 60's Men's Interclub was completed this month after the six round-robin format.

Results

Over 50's Team Gross - Christchurch
Over 50's Gross - Peter McDougall (Chch)
Over 50's Net - Dan Cusiel (Tai Tapu)
Over 50's Team Net - Amberley
Over 60's Team Gross - Pegasus B
Over 60's Team Net - Bottle Lake
Over 60's Gross - Wayne Gugich (Lincoln)

Club Captains Enjoy Tournament at Avondale

The Canterbury Captains Day Tournament attracted 40 of the Canterbury Men's and Women's Club Captains to the annual event that was played this year at Avondale Golf Club.

Scoring was very close with only four points separating the top eight teams in the combined stableford format. Hawarden's Judy McMillan (37 pts) and Hugh Murchison (33 pts) won with a combined stableford score of 70 points on a countback from McLeans Island's Ailex Barnett (33) and Warren Davis (37) also on 70 points. Third on 68 points was Tai Tapu's Julie Livesey (40) and Merv Westland (28). Five teams, Burnham, Rangiora, Amberley, Waimak Gorge and Waitikiri were all locked together on 66 points.

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