

Invitation to Play Augusta National for Amelia Garvey

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Kaiapoi's Amelia Garvey will become the second New Zealand woman to play at the world's most exclusive golf club when she competes at the Augusta National Women's Amateur in April.

Currently completing her third year at the University of Southern California, she received the invitation to the tournament in early January. The tournament is being held over four days 1-4 April the week preceding the Masters.

"I've made Augusta the screen saver on my laptop now because its literally all I'm thinking about at the moment. I've never been this motivated for one specific event" said Garvey.

Garvey will fancy her chances at the tournament. In June Garvey had the biggest result of her career, narrowly missing out on winning the women's British Amateur title, losing the final 1 down to England's Emily Toy at the Royal County Down course in Northern Ireland.

At Augusta an international field of 72 women amateurs will compete over 54 holes of stroke play. The first 36 holes will be contested over two days on the Island and Bluff nines at Champions Retreat Golf Club in Augusta. A cut will then take place advancing the leading 30 players

to the final round at Augusta National on Saturday April 4. All players will play a practice round at Augusta on April 3. Last year Wenyung Keh from Auckland played at the tournament but was unable to make the cut for the final round. If Garvey can do so she will become the first Kiwi woman to play competitively at August National.



Photo: John McGillen USC Athletics

Revamp for 2020 Canterbury Match Play Championship

A major revamp of the Canterbury Match Play Championship has seen this tournament moved to late summer in 2020 along with a host of other changes.

Canterbury Golf undertook a review of the Canterbury Match Play following the 2019 event held over Labour Weekend. Feedback was also analysed following a survey which received over 60 player responses.

The revamped event has been modeled on the Wellington and Auckland Match Play whose events are played over 36 holes, using their provincial Stroke Play as the qualifying event, removing the need for the event to be played over three days.

The 2020 E-Mega Store Canterbury Matchplay is being held at Christchurch Golf Club (Shirley Links) the weekend 7-8 March. Other changes include qualifying for the championship brackets from the Canterbury Stroke Play a month earlier, and the addition of a Seniors Division for over 55's.

The recently opened E-Mega Store in Cranford Street has come on board as a sponsor offering two of their e-golf scooters valued at \$2,000 each as lucky draw prizes for all players.

Store owner Greg Shepherd is delighted to be involved - "Our e-golf scooters are an innovative way to get around the golf course and we are delighted to have this opportunity to promote this new product to golfers".

Eight matchplay sections will be created and additional brackets maybe created depending on entries. There are great prizes to be won for all the sections. Playing at the famed Shirley Links is also sure to attract entries from those that rarely get the opportunity to play this fantastic golf course which has recently undergone renovations.

Entries are now open, head to www.canterburygolf.co.nz for tournament details and to enter online. Entries close 24 February.



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| EVENTS | ENTRY |
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| Women's Championship* Up to 16 to qualify from Canterbury Stroke Play | Entry Fee \$50 *Qualifiers directly from the Canterbury Stroke Play - entry fee is \$30 Entries Entries close with payment on 24 February Draw published 4 March Field restricted to 96 entries, balloted on handicap proportionate to categories. Additional brackets may be created for the matchplay depending on entries. Register Enter online at www.canterburygolf.co.nz |
| Women's Masters 18 Hole qualifying - 8 to qualify for Match Play | |
| Men's Championship* Up to 16 to qualify from Canterbury Stroke Play | |
| Men's Masters* Up to 16 to qualify from Canterbury Stroke Play | |
| Men's Div 2 & Div 3 18 Hole qualifying - 8 to qualify per division | |
| U19 Boys Championship 18 Hole qualifying - 8 to qualify for Match Play | |
| Men's Seniors 55+ Championship 18 Hole qualifying - 8 to qualify for Match Play | |

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Futures Canterbury North-East Hub

Since the Futures Canterbury Selwyn Hub was launched in February last year, it has grown to 82 junior members and 34 parent members. Building on the success of that project a collective of clubs have come together with the support of Canterbury Golf to establish a second Futures Canterbury Hub.

The participating clubs in the new North-East Hub are Rangiora, Bottle Lake, Waimairi Beach, and Christchurch Golf Clubs. The objective of the hub is to provide young people and families with regular and affordable learn and play opportunities.

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.

A launch event will be held at Waimairi Beach Golf Club on Sunday 2 February with golfing legend Sir Bob Charles there to do the official duties and "cut the ribbon".

James Robinson has been employed as the Hub Coordinator to lead the delivery of experiences at the participating clubs. James is an active member of Waimairi Beach Golf Club and brings a wealth of experience with his teaching background and passion for the game.



The hub has been made possible with the support of corporate sponsor Lamb & Hayward, and community funder the Mainland Foundation.

World Wide Handicapping System Affects Interclub

The introduction of the World Handicap System on 2 March 2020 has created an unforeseen difficulty arising from the daily adjustment of handicaps and its effect on men's and women's interclub.

With the current system there is a fortnightly roll-over with handicaps becoming effective on the Thursday of the roll-over week which gives certainty of handicaps and sufficient time for the clubs to select teams for the forthcoming interclub competitions. With the introduction of the daily handicap adjustment, some players' handicaps could change overnight, reducing below handicap requirements, causing last minute problems for clubs for team composition. It also means that cards cannot be

pre-printed so there will likely be queues at the host clubs on the day of the competition or club officials doing them early on the day.

For women, it is the 18 hole competitions that are most affected. It was decided that the restrictions on the number of Silver players allowed in the 18 hole 4's and 6's competitions will be deleted from the Conditions of Play. This will enable clubs to select teams with certainty and the conditions of competition will be consistent for the whole competition.

For men's interclub it was decided that, where required, handicaps would be frozen at a set time prior to competition day to allow clubs to select teams.

Success for May Brothers at North Island U19 Championship

Brothers Zach and Seb May earned the opportunity to play the final groups of their respective U19 and U16 grades at the recent North Island U19 Championship. The event was hosted by the Hamilton Golf Club and attracts the top junior golfers from around New Zealand to contest the title over 54 holes stroke play.

Zach May shared the lead with Mirimar's Sam Marsters at the start of the third round with the battle for the title hotly contested. Marsters held off May to win the title by two shots at one over par for the tournament.

In the U16 section Seb May also relished the opportunity to test himself against the country's best players with his first outing at this event. May finished in third place with Ryan Rooney (Feilding Golf Club) taking out the North Island U16 title at one under par for the tournament.



Club Open Tournaments & House of Travel Tour

Players have had plenty of events to choose from during January with both Weedons and Waitikiri running their prestigious club open events. The House of Travel Tour also got underway which incorporates the Southland Stroke Play, Otago Stroke Play and Canterbury Stroke Play.

Mike Toeke (Christchurch) and Jordan Latter (Templeton) finished tied after the 36 hole Weedons Open after rounds of 70, 71 and 69, 72 respectively with Ryan Bellamy (Templeton) finishing in third a further five shots back. The popular event which is playing the first weekend of January continues to have a full field with over 90 men competing in the event.

Scott Manyweathers (Harewood) was the clear winner at the Waitikiri Paul Minifie Memorial Tournament taking out the title with rounds of 72 and 69 with Amy Weng (Russley) winning the Women's title. The Men's Masters division was won by Aaron Forsyth with Kim Moggach winning the Women's Masters division, both Waitikiri members.

The Southland Stroke Play got the House of Travel underway where Maddie May (Russley) won the Women's title with Jack Turner (Arrowtown) winning the Men's title one shot clear of Russley's Zach May. Nic Kay won the Otago Stroke Play title three shots clear of Callum Judkins (Otago) with Sumin Kang (Wakatipu Junior Club) winning the title in a playoff against Maddie May. The House of Travel Tour concludes with the Canterbury Stroke Play 8-9 February which is shaping up to be a great event with a number of entries from throughout New Zealand.

The House of Travel Tour, a collaborative initiative by the districts, offers players the opportunity to win a share of \$3250 worth of travel vouchers providing an incentive for the players to compete in all three events.

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