

# Canterbury Golf Newsletter

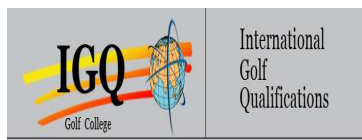
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## NZ Women's Open brings Champagne & Strawberries...

The inaugural NZ Women's Golf Open was held at the Clearwater Golf Club from Friday 30 January to Sunday 1 February. The 54-hole event was a resounding success with over 5500 spectators supporting the quality international field. Frenchwoman, Gwladys Nocera, was the run-away winner of the \$150,000 event carding a final round 69 to finish 8 under par, six shots clear of the field.

Equally successful as the Open was the Champagne & Strawberries Marquee and golf exhibition that was held at Russley Golf Club preceding the Open. In excess of 150 women attended the exhibition and were entertained by famous British Professional Laura Davies and top Australian professional Katherine Hull. Our top New Zealand amateurs, Dana Kim and Penny Smith, also showed their talent on the Russley practice fairway. The wind was chilling but a glass or two of champagne helped keep the insides warm!

The exhibition was followed by a 9-hole Ambrose for handicapped players and a 4-hole Ambrose for non-handicapped players. Both competitions were supported by a total of 140 individual entries and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Plans are already forming for the 2010 event...

## Member Get Member – Nation-wide promotion

New Zealand Golf has launched a nation-wide campaign designed to encourage all current members of golf clubs to introduce new members to their club. The idea being that current members all have family, friends and work colleagues that could be potential members of the golf club. As part of the promotion all members who introduce a new member receive a NZG golf pack. These golf packs will contain a New Zealand Golf branded Wind Buster Umbrella, a 6 month subscription to The Cut Magazine, ½ Dozen New Zealand Golf branded golf balls & a New Zealand Golf branded golf towel.

Additionally all new members who are introduced will receive a golf pack containing a New Zealand Golf branded Wind Buster Umbrella, New Zealand Golf branded Golf Cap, 1 Dozen New Zealand Golf branded golf balls & a New Zealand Golf branded golf towel.

Contact your golf club for more information. Let's grow this great game we all love!

## Kim wins Press Invitational Golf Tournament

Exceptional Canterbury and New Zealand amateur, Dana Kim, from Christchurch Golf Club won the Press Invitational Tournament held at Harewood Golf Club on 24 & 25 January with a score of 219 (75,69,75).

Catherine Knight from the Ashburton Golf Club, who recently returned to the amateur ranks from playing on the Women's European Tour, was runner-up. Catherine's score of 224 (77, 74, 73) was 5 shots behind Kim. Nellie Tulisi from Waimairi Beach Golf Club came third with a three round total of 226 (74,76,76).

## Grant Clements Memorial Team announced

Leading Canterbury players Owen Burgess and Keelan Kilpatrick have been selected to represent Canterbury at the Grant Clements Memorial Tournament which will be held at the Mount Maunganui Golf Club on Saturday and Sunday 14 & 15 February 2009.

The winner of the 72 hole strokeplay tournament is decided through the combination of both players scores. We wish Keelan and Owen all the very best for the tournament!

CGI – don't miss the golf report – 7am Saturday mornings on Newstalk ZB 1098AM

## Canterbury Men's U23 Team Results



The Canterbury Under 23 Team travelled to Taupo Golf Club (Centennial Championship Course) on 12 & 13 January 2009 to compete in the men's under 23 national event. **Canterbury Under 23 Team:** Owen Burgess (Russley), Keelan Kilpatrick (Russley), Sam Ma (Christchurch), Jordan Pentecost (Russley), Rodney Yee (Russley). Andrew Bell (Manager). The Canterbury team finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place and the team results are summarised below:

**Results:** Team total: 1191 Canterbury 298 304 294 295, (Sam Ma 75 72 72 77, Keelan Kilpatrick 77 80 72 73, Rodney Yee 76 81 76 76, Jordan Pentecost 74 78 79 75, Owen Burgess 73 74 74 71).

## Vardon/Liz Douglas Trophies

Following the completion of the Russley Open and Press Invitational, Sam Ma and Dana Kim lead the Vardon Trophy and Liz Douglas Trophy respectively:

**Vardon Trophy (Top 5):** 1. Sam Ma (70.89, 9), 2. Toby Pudney (71.50, 2), 3. Rodney Yee (72.86, 7), 4. Jordan Pentecost (73.00, 7), 5. Daniel Shin (73.56, 9).

**Liz Douglas Trophy (Top 5):** 1. Dana Kim (73.00, 3), 2. Kim Moggach (77.33), 3. Elisha Crosbie (77.50, 6), 4. Jenny Sim (77.56, 9), 5. Nellie Tulisi (78.50, 8).

Brackets indicate scoring average and number of rounds played. Players must complete 10 rounds to qualify.

## CGI Tour Update

The 2008/2009 CGI Tour is nearing completion with only the Abbott Group Tour Championship remaining on the calendar. Christchurch and Canterbury representative Sam Ma leads the Men's Tour Order of Merit ahead of Andrew Namkoong (non tour member) and Tyrone Nelson. Catherine Knight from Ashburton leads the Women's Order of Merit and is followed by May Chang and Nellie Tulisi, who are both from Waitikiri.

CGI Tour Order of Merit (Top 5 places): **CGI Men's Tour:** 1. Sam Ma (1,160,500), 2. Andrew Namkoong\* (1,086,000), 3. Tyrone Nelson (990,000), 4. Daniel Shin\* (902,250), 5. Keelan Kilpatrick (722,000). **LCGI Women's Tour:** 1. Catherine Knight\* (633,750), 2. May Chang (500,313), 3. Nellie Tulisi (474,688), 4. Anita Harkerss (422,500), 5. Jenny Sim (411, 875). **CGI Satellite Tour:** 1. Davitt Lavery\* (257,500), 2. Hayden Burns\* (247,500), 3. Shotaro Imai\* (157,500), 4. Joe Gantley\* (153,750), 5. Shaun Payne\* (150,000).

\*denotes non-CGI Tour Carded Players

## CGI 4BBB Championship – Mcleans Island

The Canterbury 4 Ball Best Ball Championship was played at McLeans Island Golf Course on Sunday 14 December 2008. A large field contested this annual event with 38 men's pairs and 6 female pairs making up the field of 88 players.

Daniel Shin and Andrew Namkoong from Waitikiri won the Best 36 Hole Gross in Grade 1 with an excellent score of 128. Ian Donaldson (Waitikiri) and Paul Hansen (Coringa) won the Best 36 Hole Gross in Grade 2 with a score of 139. In the women's section Sylvie Williams and Nellie Tulisi from Waimairi Beach won Best 36 Hole Gross with a score of 143

## Results & Upcoming Events

### Results:

#### Under 19 Teams Championship

Winning U23 Team: The Coringa A (Jaehak Lee, Scott Prince, Mac Mitchell & Ben Swinburne – 926)

Winning U19 Team: Waitikiri 1 (Kieran Hight, Daniel Shin, Patrick Chae & Andrew Namkoong – 899)

#### Upcoming events:

Friday 6 Feb	- Arthur Chambers Memorial (U16/U19)	- Weedons Golf Club
Sunday 15 Feb	- Metro A & B (Round 2)	
Sunday 22 Feb	- Presidents Grade (Round 11)	
	- Abbott Group Tour Championship	- Clearwater Resort
	- Central Canterbury Masters (Round 8)	- Charteris Bay Golf Club
Wednesday 25 Feb	- CGI AGM (7.30pm)	- Russley Golf Club
Friday 27 Feb	- NZ Senior Championships	- Wanaka Golf Club
Saturday 28 Feb/1	- Canterbury Strokeplay	- Waitikiri Golf Club



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