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Dana Kim and Sam Ma – CGI Golfers Of The Year

Christchurch Golfers, Sam Ma and Dana Kim, were named as the Canterbury Golf Men's and Women's golfers of the year at the Association's annual awards dinner held at the Christchurch Casino last night.

Both Ma and Kim have recently joined the professional ranks and their performances over the past 12 months were acknowledged by Canterbury Golf Association President Max Milesi when presenting the awards.

Ma was in outstanding form at club level winning a number of local tournaments, but the highlight of 2008 came in the 2008 Charles Tour Shirley Open where he finished in second place behind winning professional Mark Purser. Ma also shot a course record of 64 while representing Canterbury at the SBS Invitational, which aided him in finishing in 8th place.

Kim has been the leading female golfer in New Zealand over the past two years and she has been an automatic selection for any New Zealand team. Kim was the leading female at the Charles Tour Wairakei and Shirley Open events. She made the cut at the inaugural NZ Women's Open at Clearwater and was third-best New Zealand amateur. In her last Canterbury tournament she won the provincial 54-hole stroke-play title at Waitikiri by 10 shots and her aggregate of two-under 220 was the second-best score in the long history of the tournament.

Summary of Award Winners: Women's Golfer of the Year – Dana Kim (Christchurch), Men's Golfer of the Year – Sam Ma (Christchurch), Women's Junior Player of the Year – Jenny Sim (Russley), Men's Junior Golfer of the Year – Keelan Kilpatrick (Russley), Liz Douglas Trophy Winner (best female stroke average) – Nellie Tulisi (Waimairi Beach), Vardon Trophy Winner (best male stroke average) – Tyrone Nelson (Kaiapoi) Tom & Lyn Whitaker Trophy (Administrator of the Year) – Dawn Marshall (Canterbury Golf Referees Association), Jim & Rita Townsend Trophy (Volunteer of the Year) – Alan Marshall (Coringa), Canterbury Promising Junior of the Year (Canterbury Eagles Golfing Society Award) – Owen Burgess (Russley), Canterbury Golf Referees Association Award (Volunteer of the year) – Terry Downey.

SI Interprovincial Age Group Results

A rather wet Methven Golf Club over the weekend of 23 & 24 May resulted in the SI Interprovincial Age Group Tournament being called-off after 18 of the 54 holes had been completed. The players from the five Districts competed well in cold and wet conditions; however common sense prevailed with the abandonment of the event. Both the Canterbury Under 19 and Under 16 Men's teams won the shortened event and our Under 19 Women's team finished in second place – 2 points behind winners Otago.

Results (18 holes only best four of five scores counted): U19 Men – Canterbury 310, Aorangi 314, Otago 318, Southland 319, Tasman 337. U16 Men – Canterbury 314, Otago 346, Southland 356, Tasman 365, Aorangi 383. U19 Women – Otago 123 points, Canterbury 121, Aorangi Tasman 119, Southland 49 (only 2 players attended). Individual Winners: U19 Men – Mark O'Malley (Aorangi) 74, U16 Men – Andrew Namkoong (Canterbury) 75, U19 Women – Sarah Griffen (Aorangi-Tasman) 36 points.

Nellie Tulisi named in NZ Golf Foundation Squad

Young Canterbury Representative Golfer, Nellie Tulisi, has recently been named in the NZ Golf Foundation Squad for 2009. Tulisi is a member of the Waimairi Beach Golf Club and has represented Canterbury at age group and also at senior level.

The NZ Golf Foundation Squad is a stepping stone towards the National Srixon Academy. Players are selected for the Foundation based on current and historical form and the player's Order of Merit ranking.

2009 NZG Foundation Squad – Men: Andrew Stewart (BOP), Lachie McDonald (Man/Wang), Tom Cardno (Harbour), Blair Riordan (Tasman), Landyn Edwards (BOP), Mark O'Malley (Aorangi), Brad Hayward (New Plymouth), Tim Leonard (Aorangi), Simon Brownlee (Harbour). Women: Rica Tse (Harbour), Tania Tare (Auckland), Chantelle Cassidy (Waikato), Hayley Clinning (Auckland), Nellie Tulisi (Canterbury), Charlotte Brooks (Waikato).

CGI – don't miss the golf report – 7.15am Saturday mornings on Newstalk ZB 1098AM



Ribbon Day at Rawhiti

A very special presentation was made at the Rawhiti Golf Club on Saturday 23 May. Two special Olympic Golfers, Kieran Kramer and Sean Duffy, were presented with two sets of golf clubs from PGF representative Scott Kennard. The presentation was arranged by former Canterbury Golf Chief Executive, Tom Whitaker, and the Ribbon day was also supported by The Eagles Golfing Society, Canterbury Golf Inc and the Rawhiti Golf Club. Both golfers have showed great potential under the coaching guidance of Tony Kramer and Lynne Marie Shaskey and they are both aiming to represent New Zealand at the Special Olympics in Athens in 2011. The Canterbury Eagles Golfing Society have provided funding support for both players to travel to a recent development camp, and ongoing support was provided the basis of fundraising for the two players for Athens in 2011.

2295 rounds.... and counting!

Waimairi Beach golfer, Brian Frisken is set to post two rather significant achievements later this month. Brian will celebrate his 73rd birthday and he will also record his 2300th round of golf at his home club of Waimairi Beach. Since dotgolf started in 2000, Brian has recorded 2295 completed rounds, which is reputed to be the most scores recorded on the dotgolf system. For the record, Brian shot 73 in March and his current handicap is 6.7!

Golf Trust Established

The establishment of The Canterbury Golf Development Trust was launched last Wednesday at the 2009 CGI Awards Dinner. Trust Chairman, Brett Tucker, outlined the focus of the Trust, which will be to generate funds that will be used to grow the game at all levels within the Canterbury District. The Trust will generate funds over and above the funds budgeted by Canterbury Golf each year and the Trust will operate independently of Canterbury Golf.

Canterbury Golf has developed a strategic plan that is focused around growth of the game and improvement of its service delivery to clubs and stakeholders. The Canterbury Golf Development Trust will work alongside Canterbury Golf Inc, and provide funds that will deliver worthy projects within the region. Canterbury Golf will offer guidance and support to the Trust around fundraising and also advice on possible funding beneficiaries.

Canterbury Golf Development Trust
 Brett Tucker (Trust Chairman, Trustee), Doug McSweeney (Trust Secretary), Bryan Andrews (Trustee), Noel Chambers (Trustee), Ken Fergus (Trustee), Marty Fuller (Trustee), Jimmy Keegan (Trustee), John Luxton (Trustee) & Greg O'Connor (Trustee).

Mo Pollock Awarded Rare Honour

Amberley Beach Golfing Legend Moana Pollock has been awarded a rare honour, becoming one of two women admitted to the previously male-only domain of the New Zealand Eagles Golfing Society. Mrs Pollock was nominated for membership of the Canterbury Branch of the Eagles Society by its President Jim Townsend. Mrs Pollock has dedicated 20 years to the development of junior golf within the North Canterbury region, and she has been instrumental in developing the skill of some very fine golfer. Mrs Pollock began playing golf 40 years ago and is a regular player at the Amberley Golf Club, where she has won the Women's Championship on 25 occasions.

Upcoming Events - June

Sunday 7 June	- Metro A & B Rd 10 - Brownie Cup R7 - Weekend Interclub (Semi Finals)	Various Lincoln Christchurch
Monday 8 June	- Canterbury North Interclub (Section 1) - 36 hole Women's Interclub (Final) - 18 hole Interclub R6	Cheviot Kaiapoi Russley & Windsor
Sunday 14 June	- Junior Interclub Foursomes R1 - Weekend Interclub Final	Rangiora Christchurch
Monday 15 June	- 18 hole Interclub R7	Templeton & Hororata
Sunday 21 June	- Metro A & B R11 - Junior Interclub Foursomes R2 - Patterson Cup (Finals) - Weekend Interclub (Reserve day)	Various Coringa Weedons Christchurch
Monday 22 June	- 18 hole Interclub (Semi Finals)	
Sunday 28 June	- Metro A & B R11 (Playoff date if required) - Junior Foursomes R3	Hororata

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