

Canterbury Golf Newsletter

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Membership Increase of 2.7%

Golf Clubs within the Canterbury District have recorded an overall membership increase of 2.7% during the period of 12 months up to 31 January. This increase mirrors the national trend of golf club membership released recently by New Zealand Golf which accounted for a 4.07% increase in total membership across New Zealand.

Some golf clubs have recorded a small loss in membership, but this has been offset by an overall gain across the region commented Canterbury Golf General Manager Doug McSweeney.



Golf clubs are doing a good job retaining members and over the past 12 months there has been a significant increase in club-based promotion, which has attracted new members to the game. This promotion has been complimented by the work done by Canterbury Golf in the area of coaching and development and also a number of club based membership promotions initiated by New Zealand Golf. McSweeney added.

Clubs membership numbers have risen steadily over the past few years, with current membership numbers totalling 13,478, up 360 members on the 2008 total of 13,118. The most significant gain across the membership categories has been the increase in female summer members, up 58% and women's 9-hole membership which is up 22%.



Men's Interclub Finals

Central Canterbury Patterson Cup

Lincoln A defeated Weedons B in the final of the Patterson Cup played at Weedons on 21 June. The winning team was Brent Small, Allan Anderson (Captain), Andy Alford, Trevor Sievers, Craig Fletcher, Ross Metcalf, Alfie Clark and Steve Baldwin.

Central Canterbury Shield 8

Burnham were victorious in the Central Canterbury Shield Interclub which was completed at Hororata on Sunday 7 June. Burnham won with 10 points and 32 games from Tai Tapu on 8 points and 27½ games, closely followed by the composite team of Ellesmere/Lincoln on 8 points and 26½ games.



Metro B

Windsor were the winners of the 2009 Metro B competition which was completed on 13 June. Windsor finished on 18 points, Russley were second on 13 points and McLeans Island were 3rd on 9 points. The winning Windsor team was Stuart Neill, Eric Hammond, Scott Warnes, Bryce Dryden, Stephen Hendry, John Brand, Alan Owen and Gary Smith.



Women's National Teams Championship

Charteris Bay who won the Canterbury area Women's National Teams Final finished 8th overall with 13.8 under. The winning team was Owaka from Otago with a massive 26.6 under followed by Te Puia Springs (Hawkes Bay) on 22.2 under and Riverton (Southland) with 20.2 under. Our neighbour from Geraldine (Aorangi South Canterbury) finished 5th on 16.8 under.

Strong competition for Canterbury Masters Trials

12 players have registered to trial for the 2009 Canterbury Women's Masters Team, which is an increase of 5 players on 2008. The NZ Women's Masters will be played at the Coringa Golf Club from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 November 2009.

Gross Stableford results from the 1st round of the Women's Masters Trials are:-

Kerry Mariu 29, Lanette Townsend 26, Carol Bates 26, Dale Macdonald 25, Pam Ellis 24, Lesley Martin 24, Chris Brodie 19, Bobbi Oliver 22, Debbie Scott 21, Lynn Brand 19, Rhonda Hira 19, Lesley Hart 15



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



Women's Interclub Finals

18 Hole Interclub Final - The Women's 18 Hole Interclub Final was held at Windsor Golf Club on Monday 29th June. Clearwater defeated Harewood by 3½ games to 2½ in a very close final. The winning Clearwater team was Cynthia Hampton, Mary Vieceli, Mary Heckler, Maree Saunders, Caroline (Toad) Innes & Mee Hong Yang.

Weekend Interclub Final- Windsor 1 were the winners of the Women's Weekend Interclub Final, played at Christchurch Golf Club on Sunday June 14th. Windsor defeated Coringa in the final by 3 games to 1. The winning team was Diane Archer, Rosemary Brodie, Lynn Brand, Joanne Thompson, Joan Cliffe and Sandra Fowler who played in the round robin section.

36 Hole Silver Final - Akaroa were victorious in their match against Waimairi Beach in the 36 Hole Silver Final by 3½ games to 2½ at Kaiapoi Golf Club on June 8th. This match had been postponed twice due to bad weather and while the day was fine it was extremely cold. The winning Akaroa team was Carmen McCormick, Heather Blackwell, Di Kay and Faye Narbey.

36 Hole Bronze Final - Coringa were the winners of the 36 Hole Bronze Interclub Final played at Kaiapoi Golf Club on Monday 8th June. Coringa defeated Templeton by 4 games to 2 in the Final. The winning Coringa team was Marian Fraser, Elaine Lockhart, Christine McDermott and Mary Kuipers.

NZ Golf Launch 9-hole Initiative

New Zealand Golf believes a new focus on a fun, shortened form of the game will attract more players to the sport. The HSBC 9 Hole challenge is a nationally run initiative that will appeal to those with busy lifestyles who still want the benefits that the traditional form of the game provides. The new concept will be launched to all golf clubs in New Zealand with the Challenge incorporating club events, regional qualifiers and a national final. New Zealand Golf said that research showed that many wanted to play golf but did not want to play the full 18 holes for a number of reasons. The initiative will include a revamping of New Zealand Golf's handicap process to not only allow formal 9 hole handicaps but allowing players to have their cards from playing nine holes contribute towards their 18 hole handicap.

"People have much busier lifestyles these days, some have physical challenges and there are a number of other reasons why they do not want to play the traditional 18 holes of golf," said New Zealand Golf CEO, Bill MacGowan.

"This shorter version of the game is fun, quick and inclusive. It offers a fun way to exercise with your friends and family. Best of all it is a game that can fit into a busy working week."

Mr MacGowan said the HSBC 9 Hole challenge was the flagship event for the concept of promoting and developing 9 Hole golf in New Zealand.

Mr MacGowan said that he hopes that the HSBC 9 Hole challenge would be the catalyst for clubs to offer a nine-hole friendly environment to attract more people to their club and to the game.

The club level HSBC 9 Hole challenge will take place in October with regional finals in November and the national final at North Shore Golf Club in December

Upcoming Events - July

Upcoming Events in July

Sunday 5 July	- Richard Cup and Cresswell Trophy	Weedons
	- Junior Foursomes	Waitikiri
	- Canterbury Central v Canterbury North	Rangiora
Wednesday 8 July	- Canterbury Age Group Mid Winter Champs	Coringa
Sunday 12 July	- Town v Country	Waimairi Beach
Sunday 19 July	- Central Canterbury v Aorangi	Aorangi
Sat & Sun 25 & 26 July	- Central, North & Metro v Buller/Westland	Kaiapoi
Sunday 2 August	- Canterbury v Aorangi	Brandon (Ashburton)

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