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100 Games for Southland



Congratulations to Matt Tautari, who played his 100th senior representative game for Southland at the New Zealand Interprovincial in late November.

Matt started playing golf as a 10-year-old, tagging along with his dad and friends, then made Southland's representative junior team at age 13. His first game for Southland at senior level was playing at number one in the order at the NZ Interprovincial at Coringa Golf Club in Christchurch and he hasn't looked back.

A highlight for Matt was when Southland won the NZ Interprovincial in 2011 – and he is confident the provincial team can get back to those heights.

Pennants

Keep an eye on your inbox because entries for the 2020 Vice President's Pennants and Handicap Pennants will be opening soon.

Entries will close January 31, and the first round is scheduled for the weekend of February 8 and 9.

Caddies Wanted

Caddies are wanted for the 2020 NZ Open, being held at Millbrook and The Hills from February 27 through to March 1.

About 120 caddies are required for 40 professional and 80 amateur players across the week.

Further details can be found on the last page of this newsletter, or see nzopen.co.nz.

Golfer of the Year and Services to Golf

We know there are at least dozens of Southlanders who have dedicated immense amounts of time and dedication to the clubs and the sport of golf – now is your chance to tell us about your club legend, so that they can be considered for a Services to Golf Award.

To make a nomination, please fill in the form that has been sent to your club, return it to Golf Southland by 31 January and ensure you take note of the criteria!

The presentation of the Golfer of the Year Awards, which will include the Services to Golf Award for 2019, will be on February 12, immediately following the ILT/DB Liqourland Charity Tournament at Queens Park.

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RESULTS

National Interprovincial



It was a tough week for Southland's senior men's team at the New Zealand Interprovincial at Hastings, but younger members of the team gained some valuable experience. Southland finished 13th. The team at Fenix came on board to sponsor the team uniform and we think they looked great!

Freyberg Masters

The Southland Men's Masters team finished 12th at the national masters tournament in Timaru in early November. There were some good games, and among them Southland managed two wins and a half as highlights from the week; defeating Otago 3-2, Poverty Bay-East Coast 3-2 and tying 2 ½ - all with Waikato.

Golf Southland Champion of Champions



Robyn Boniface (Queens Park) was the Silver Gross Champion, with two rounds of 79, over runner-up Robyn Pullar (Invercargill) who had one round of 79 and another of 80. The Bronze Gross Champion was Lenore Harvey (Greenacres) over runner-up Raewyn Hartley (Invercargill).

Golf Southland Bowmont Meats 4BBB

It came down to countback, but the Gore pairing of Sandra Speden and Margaret Davidson were the winners of the Golf Southland/Bowmont Meats 4BBB, played at Greenacres. Joanne Purdue and Julieanne Mexted (Greenacres) were runners up, after finishing tied with 45 points, and Helen Baird and Rosemary Vickery (Dipton) were third.

Stead Cup

Robyn Boniface (Queens Park) was the winner of the 2019 Stead Cup; a tournament she is familiar with winning. Robyn (Queens Park) won the trophy over runner-up and top qualifier in the Silver Division, Angela Gerken (Timaru).

Linda Suddaby (Queens Park) was the winner of the Amateur Sports Trust Cup, over runner-up Faye Dudfield (Drummond). Hoana Ayto (Greenacres) was the top qualifier in the Bronze Division.

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JUNIOR GOLF



Golf Southland's Junior Development Officer, Tracey McLeod, has had a busy start to her new role.

Primary School Zone tournaments once again proved popular with the youngsters, and the final played out at Drummond late last month. The Year 7/8 final was won by Northern Southland, and the Novice Trophy (up to Year 6) was won by Windsor North. .

A junior tournament and fun games session was held at Riversdale in early December; again proving there is plenty of appetite for golf from Southland's younger population.

Q&A with Tracey McLeod, Golf Southland Junior Development Officer

How would you summarise your role?

My role as junior development officer is to work closely with golf clubs and schools to promote golf as a safe, enjoyable and skilled sport for children and youth that develops fundamental sporting skills. Also to plan and facilitate events and tournaments and increase participation in golf

What are you enjoying about your role?

I am enjoying the chance to get out and about, see lots of great golf courses and meet new people. Also having the chance to run tournaments for children/youth and giving them the chance to play golf more often with other children/youth.

What is your biggest learning so far?

The biggest learning curve so far is trying to plan and book tournament dates that work in with golf courses, children/youth and other people involved in running tournaments, and doing it far enough in advance to give everybody lots of notice and plenty of time to plan.

What has been the highlight for you so far?

Seeing so many children enjoying playing golf at primary school tournaments.

What are your plans in the junior development space for 2020?

My plans are to hold regular tournaments and events in different areas of Southland, and to give children/youth the chance to play golf more often with others similar in age. Also to hold some family-based tournaments.

If any clubs are after advice or practical support from Tracey, please email her at junior@golfsouthland.co.nz.

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A photograph of several golf clubs, including drivers and irons, standing upright on a green background.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Christmas Tournament – December 16

The Junior Christmas Tournament will be played at Invercargill Golf Club on Monday December 16, with a 1pm tee off

The tournament is a nine hole format, but also includes fun games for children just wanting to have a go, so if your club has youngsters that could be keen be sure to let them know.

Registrations are being taken via email – junior@golfsouthland.co.nz.

Southland Stroke Play Championships – January 18-19

The Southland Stroke Play Championships, which together with the Otago (25-26 January) and Canterbury (8-9 February) events form the House of Travel Tour, will tee off at SBS Bank Invercargill Golf Club on January 18 and 19.

For entries or information contact Invercargill Golf Club.

ILT/DB Liqourland Charity Tournament – February 12

This popular annual charity tournament is happening at Queens Park on February 12, and the 2020 edition will raise funds for the Southland Charity Hospital.

Mark your diaries and look out for details.



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CADDIES WANTED FOR THE 2020 NEW ZEALAND OPEN

Over 120 caddies will be required for the 101st New Zealand Open, at Millbrook and The Hills Golf Clubs, being held from the 27th February through to 1st March, 2020.

Over the years, two caddies from the caddy registration list have gone on to caddy for the eventual tournament winners. Tracy Tatom, from Christchurch caddied for 2018 winner Daniel Nisbet and in 2015, Wellington golfer Jaimes Woods, caddied for Jordan Zunic. Both described it as an "incredible experience that they will never forget".

With the format of 136 Professional players and their Amateur partners teeing off at The Hills and Millbrook on the Thursday, and then swapping courses on the Friday, we will require approximately 120 caddies for approximate 40 Professional and 80 Amateur players. On the Friday evening, there will be a Pro-Am cut of the "Top 30" amateurs and the "Top 60" professionals (plus ties), who will go on to play Millbrook on the Saturday and Sunday.

Caddies will need to register on site at The Hills Driving Range no later than 5pm on the Tuesday in preparation to caddy a practice round on the Wednesday. Most of the caddy jobs will be pre-assigned ahead of arriving at the golf course to reduce your 'waiting around' time.

Caddies are paid a minimum of \$100 + Tip per round. There is also a \$39 cost to register as a caddy, and all caddies receive a NZ Open logoed golf shirt and cap to wear while caddying and to take home as a souvenir. Caddies should be social or serious golfers with a good level of fitness to carry the golf bag around The Hills and Millbrook golf courses.

Caddies are also invited to the Steve Williams Caddy BBQ on the Tuesday evening. This is hosted by the tournament organisers and is an opportunity for the caddies to catch up with each other plus get some caddy tips from Steve Williams and his friends that stop by.

Caddying at the NZ Open is extremely unique in the world of golf. Where else can a club or social golfer have a great golfing experience and enjoy a professional tournament from inside the ropes in one of the most stunning settings of our country's leading golf event.

To register as a caddy visit the official NZ Open website: nzopen.co.nz.

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