



This is the first of what will be quarterly newsletters from Golf Southland; designed to keep you up to date with what is happening within golf in the south. If there is anything you would like to see featured here, please email [admin@golfsouthland.co.nz](mailto:admin@golfsouthland.co.nz). Golf Southland wishes you a very Merry Christmas and hopes the new year brings low scores and good times on the golf course.

## REPRESENTATIVE GOLF

### Senior Men

Southland's senior men's team finished eighth at the national Toro Interprovincial played at Clearwater in late November. The team included Matt Tautari, Tyler McLean, Jeremy Hall, Liam Hewitt and Liam Balneaves, and the week featured some close matches. It was great to see Liam Hewitt get a win at his first tournament at this level.

### Senior Women

The Southland women's team had a tough draw and a tough week at their national Toro Interprovincial at Waitikiri in Christchurch in early December. The team, which included Robyn Pullar, Olivia Frost, Anne Osment, Bronwyn O'Brien and Anna Rankin, with Geraldine Todd as reserve, failed to get a team win, but plenty of experience will have been gained from the week away, and again, it was great to see Anna Rankin get a win at her first national interprovincial.

### Men's Masters

The Southland men's masters team finished 13<sup>th</sup> at the national Freyberg Masters in Taupo. The team included Glen Sutherland, Simon Boland, Glenn Brinsdon, Ngarimu Paraki and Ewan Clark with Jason Unahi as reserve. The team had one win and one half for the week, and had a number of close matches. Ngarimu Paraki had a great week, with six wins from the week.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Southland Strokeplay Championships - January 12-13

Note the earlier date for this event. The Southland Strokeplay Championships form part of the House of Travel Tour, which also includes the Otago and Canterbury Championships with points from each contributing to the overall prize. Check out details later in this newsletter!

### DB Liquorland Charity Tournament – February 13

Mark the 13<sup>th</sup> of February in your diary – Walter's Wednesday is always a great day out.

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## JUNIOR GOLF



### Southland Primary School Championships

Riversdale School Team 1 has won the Southland Primary School Championships, with the final played at Drummond on 22 November. Winton School Team 1 was second, and Dipton School Blue third. Balfour School won the Novice Cup, for the Year 6 and Under teams. It was great to see so many kids getting involved in the zone tournaments. All of the team members did a great job on finals day and it was another great day to be part of.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Liam Hewitt for being selected in the senior men's Toro Interprovincial team for the first time. Liam is just 18 and has been in great form lately taking out the Southland Matchplay earlier in the spring. Liam has continued to progress as Southland's top under 19 player and long may his development continue.

## UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

### Junior Christmas Tournament – Greenacres, 18 December

Golf Southland's annual junior tournament is a great way to start the holidays with some cool Christmas prizes up for grabs. Entries to [junior@golfsouthland.co.nz](mailto:junior@golfsouthland.co.nz).

### Holiday Programme – Invercargill, 24 and 25 January

Scott Riordan (professional coach based at Invercargill), and Golf Southland, are running a junior holiday programme in January; a great couple of days to learn heaps and get hooked on the game.

### TEAM Golf

TEAM Golf is a fun, laid-back format to get young golfers started in the game and having fun on the course. Open to teams and/or individuals, keep your eye out for more TEAM Golf opportunities in 2019.



If you want to keep in the loop with all things junior related [our Facebook page](#) (Golf Southland) is the best place. All new information and flyers go straight there once confirmed. Any other ideas and questions contact Liam Balneaves (Junior Development Manager) at [junior@golfsouthland.co.nz](mailto:junior@golfsouthland.co.nz)

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## National Champions



Earlier this year the Tuatapere team of Bronwyn O'Brien, Christene Dennison, Fiona Gray and Tina Van Engelen won the New Zealand Women's Teams Event. They were presented with the trophy and their medals following the Golf Southland Bowmont Meats 4BBB tournament in late November. A fantastic effort from these ladies, and great to be able to reward them for their efforts in front of their fellow Southland golfers.



Congratulations also to Robyn Boniface, who won the New Zealand Home Links title.

## 1 New dropping height

### Rule Changes for 2019



There are a whole range of new rules coming into force in 2019. New rule books are on their way to all clubs, so ask around if you haven't seen one yet.

NZ Golf has also put together a great one pager on the new rules – [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out, and there are a series of short videos on the major rule changes on the NZ Golf website; [www.golf.co.nz](http://www.golf.co.nz).

## Tell us your news so we can tell everyone else!

Each week Golf Southland has a piece in the Southland Express. This is a space that you can share any golfing news you think may interest other readers. Each month we also have a monthly wrap up of news from Eastern and Northern clubs in The Ensign. If you have any news for either piece, please email [mediagolfsouthland@gmail.com](mailto:mediagolfsouthland@gmail.com) and we will do our best to get it in.



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**Southland Stroke Play Championships**  
**SBS Bank Invercargill Golf Club Otatarā Links**  
**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Men & Women**

**54 Hole Championship Event [36 Holes Saturday, 18 Holes Sunday] \$60 Entry**  
 - Part of the House of Travel Tour [Canterbury, Otago & Southland Stroke Play events]

**36 Hole Masters [>50] Event [18 Holes Saturday, 18 Holes Sunday] \$40 Entry**

**Entries to [scott@invercargillgolf.co.nz](mailto:scott@invercargillgolf.co.nz) by Wednesday 9 January 2019**

Southland Stroke Play  
 Invercargill Golf Club - Otatarā Links  
 12-13 January 2019

HOUSE OF TRAVEL

Canterbury Stroke Play  
 Pegasus Golf Club  
 19-20 January 2019

Otago Stroke Play  
 Otago Golf Club  
 26-27 January 2019

- NZ Golf Order of Merit events with WAGR points
- \$60 Entry Fee per event
- 54 hole events (36 Saturday, 18 Sunday)

House of Travel Tour - travel vouchers valued at \$3250

All 3 events form the House of Travel Tour.

Best 9 round scores win the following travel vouchers:

- Open Men \$3000, Runner Up Open Men \$750,
- Open Women \$750, U19 Men \$750.

Enter online for all events at [www.canterburygolf.co.nz](http://www.canterburygolf.co.nz)  
 or through the Otago Golf Club or Invercargill Golf Club



**JUNIOR CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT**

**18th DECEMBER AT GREENACRES COUNTRY CLUB**

**11AM TEE OFF FOR 18 HOLE PLAYERS**

**12 NOON TEE OFF FOR 9 HOLE PLAYERS**

**\$10 ENTRY PER PERSON (PAY ON DAY)**

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 ([LIAM@GOLFSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ](mailto:LIAM@GOLFSOUTHLAND.CO.NZ))



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