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2017 NORTH HARBOUR MENS STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP – LUKE BROWN DEFENDS TITLE

New Zealand and Northland representative Luke Brown (Muriwai / The Pines/ pictured below) has won the 2017 North Harbour Stroke Play Championship at Omaha Beach Golf Club to successfully defend the title he won last year, yet again with a fantastic last round to clinch the prestigious title. After the cut was made after 36 holes Luke trailed the leaders by one shot heading into the 36 hole showdown on Sunday 13th of August. Rounds of 66 and 65 saw him comfortably finish four shots ahead after 72 holes. Runner up was North Harbour open grade and junior representative Kevin Koong (Muriwai/Huapai), one of the most talented juniors in the country. Top amateurs from all over the country competed in the tournament and despite the awful weather prior, Omaha was presented in fantastic condition. The cut came at a two round total of 156 after two rounds and 50 players made the cut. The first two rounds were played in windy showery conditions but the rain and wind largely stayed away on Sunday which saw lower scores throughout the field. Low round of the week went to Shaun Campbell (Omanu) who stormed up the leaderboard with a 64 in the final round. It was a strong showing from North Harbour representatives with 8 of the district players making up the top 20 (top ten placings from the tournament shown below)

2017 NORTH HARBOUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP – 11TH to 13TH AUGUST

- OMAHA BEACH GOLF CLUB (5701 Metres / Par 70)
- 1st – Luke Brown (Muriwai/The Pines) – 73 67 66 65 – 271 (-9)
 - 2nd – Kevin Koong (Muriwai/Huapai) – 73 66 66 70 – 275 (-5)
 - T3 – Christian Nitsche (Whangarei) – 67 73 71 66 – 277 (-3)
 - T3 – Jake Meenhorst (Huapai) – 75 68 66 68 – 277 (-3)
 - 5th – Chang Gi Lee (Pupuke) – 76 66 70 67 – 279 (-1)
 - 6th – Mark Hutson (Muriwai) – 75 72 68 65 – 280 (E)
 - 7th – Shaun Campbell (Omanu) – 75 72 70 64 – 281 (+1)
 - 8th – Tommy Liu (Royal Auckland) – 72 67 72 71 – 282 (+2)
 - 9th – Marcel Boet (Christchurch) – 76 74 66 67 – 283 (+3)
 - 10th – James Hydes (Wainui) – 70 69 73 73 – 285 (+5)

NZ COMMUNITY TRUST SUPPORT NORTH HARBOUR JUNIORS

A big thank you to NZCT who have recently granted the association a substantial grant to cover costs associated with both the junior boys and junior girls interprovincial. Thank you so much for your support NZCT!



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MARK HUTSON GAINS PRESTIGIOUS SPOT IN NZ TEAM

Mark Hutson (Muriwai / pictured below) is one of ten NZ amateurs to have been selected to compete in the Asia Pacific Amateur Championship being contested at Royal Wellington Golf Club from the 26th to 29th of October. The spoils of winning this championship are a spot in the Masters and Open Championship in 2018 so understandably there is a lot to play for! Well done to Mark on his hard work over the last few years which has resulted in great success on the course and ultimately a spot in the field. The full ten players from NZ who will get this opportunity are as follows:

- Nick Voke
- Ryan Chisnall
- Daniel Hillier
- Luke Brown
- Denzel Ieremia
- Mark Hutson
- James Anstiss
- Kerry Mountcastle
- Henry Spring
- Charlie Hillier

From all of us at Harbour Golf well done on your selection and best of luck for the championship!



JUNIOR INTERPROVINCIAL SIDES FOR NORTH HARBOUR BOYS AND GIRLS SELECTED

JUNIOR BOYS INTERPROVINCIAL CAMBRIDGE - 2ND TO 6TH OCTOBER

- Under 19s
- 1 - Kevin Koong (Huapai/Muriwai)
- 2 - Jimmy Hydes (Wainui)
- 3 - Nathan Mayes (Wainui)
- 4 - Sam Yoshifuji (Gulf Harbour)

Under 16s

- 1 - Jake Lee (Huapai/Muriwai)
- 2 - Jaewoo Son (North Shore)

Travelling Reserve - Luke Old (Pupuke)
 Manager - Rangji Lemon

JUNIOR GIRLS INTERPROVINCIAL ROTORUA - 9TH TO 13TH OCTOBER

- 1 - Silvia Brunotti (North Shore)
 - 2 - Yoonjeong (Amy) Huh (Gulf Harbour)
 - 3 - Eujin Kang (North Shore)
 - 4 - Yeonsoo Son (North Shore)
 - 5 - Haeseung (Helen) Yeom (Gulf Harbour)
 - 6 - Amy Im (Pupuke)
- Manager - Glenda O'Connor

NORTH HARBOUR MENS MASTERS QUADRANGULAR TEAM NAMED

WAITEMATA - 30th SEPT / 1ST OCTOBER

- 1 - Mike Leeper (Pupuke)
 - 2 - Stu Nicholls (Waitemata)
 - 3 - Mark Anderson (Muriwai)
 - 4 - Wayne Flintham (Muriwai)
 - 5 - Mark Dawson (Pupuke)
 - 6 - Chad Meyer (Wainui)
 - 7 - Tayne Derriman (Muriwai)
 - 8 - Rob Simmonds (Muriwai)
- Reserve - Leslie Eckard (Wainui)



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2017 NORTH HARBOUR LYDIA KO AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2017 North Harbour Lydia Ko Age Group Championship was held at Gulf Harbour Country Club on the 4th and 5th of June. It is the second time the tournament has been run after the inaugural event in 2016. The tournament is supported financially by Lydia Ko with her lending her name to its official title. The tournament is run by the North Harbour Golf Association and hosted by Gulf Harbour, two organisations she has a close affiliation with, having represented North Harbour numerous times as an amateur and Gulf Harbour being her last home club in New Zealand. Other supporters of the tournament include Taylor-Made/Adidas Golf and the constellation trust. In addition the Hills Academy from Brisbane send some of their top international students to the tournament and this year there were players present from Thailand, Canada, Japan and South Korea. The tournament comprised of 36 holes over two days in 6 different age divisions. The winners of the various sections were as follows:

Under 19 Boys – James Hydes (Wainui) – 136 (-6) / Blue Tees
 Under 16 Boys – Jake Lee (Muriwai/Huapai) – 136 (-6) / White Tees
 Under 14 Boys – Jayden Ford (Judgeford) – 142 (-2) / Yellow Tees
 Under 19 Girls – Ela Grimwood (Gulf Harbour) – 148 (+4) / Yellow Tees
 Under 16 Girls – Miree Jung (Titirangi) – 145 (+1) / Yellow Tees
 Under 14 Girls – Yoonjeong Huh (Gulf Harbour) – 144 (E) / Red Tees

Following their wins James Hydes and Miree Jung were also selected by The Hills Academy to receive one month scholarships to go over to Australia to experience the high performance programmes at the Hills Academy and play some of the major tournaments in Australia. The tournament was once again at complete capacity with 104 players competing and there being a substantial waiting list. There were entries from as far south as Canterbury and from all over the country as well as the very best junior players from the greater Auckland area.



Ela Grimwood (Under 19 Girls Winner) and James Hydes (Under 19 Boys Winner) with their trophies for winning their sections of the 2017 North Harbour Lydia Ko Age Group Championship.

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NORTH HARBOUR PLAYERS PERFORM FOR NEW ZEALAND IN THE SANCTUARY COVE TROPHY

The New Zealand men's senior team were involved in real tussle with the Australia team last week in the Sanctuary Cove Trophy over in Australia. The NZ team would eventually be pipped by 12.5/11.5 points after a fantastic fight back in the singles on day 2. Special mention to the two players from North Harbour involved in these matches, Reg Fleet (Gulf Harbour) and Stu Nicholls (Waitemata). Reg has been selected for the team numerous times and had a winning 2-1 record for the week. It was Stu's first time selected to represent New Zealand and on debut he certainly delivered winning all 3 of his matches. Well done guys! And well done to the NZ team for coming so close in 2017.

2017 BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

The annual match and Pakuranga Golf Club was a very close fought affair in what was an interesting set of results. Auckland wrestled bragging rights from Harbour achieving 15 points to Harbour's 11. However they have ultimately did not take home any more silverware than in 2016 with both the open grade men and masters' men halving 5-5 and 4-4 respectively. After winning both trophies in 2016 both were retained by North Harbour for 2017. However with many of the district's top juniors playing in the open grade sides Auckland showed some great talent and depth in the junior section winning 6-2 to defend that particular trophy. With a few of our top players away with other commitments it was a chance for others to get their first taste of top level representative golf and all will be stronger for it. Well done to both districts and all the players and a BIG thank you to Pakuranga Golf Club for presenting a course in superb condition, despite the severe rainfall leading into the event.



2017 GREAT NORTHERN BATTLE

A great day of competitive golf occurred at Mangawhai in the annual match between North Harbour and Northland. Congratulations to the Northland open grade men who defended the trophy they won last year winning by a margin of 6.5/5.5. The North Harbour Masters Men would defend their title by a margin of 6-2. The North Harbour women's open grade side (pictured below) also played very well in a 7.5/2/5 win. Overall North Harbour won the Great Northern battle with total points of 289 to Northland's 251. The matches were played in great spirits at what is a superb golf course that will hold the men's interprovincial at the end of the year.



WAIKATO AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

There were some great results from North Harbour golfers at the recent Waikato Age Group Championship at Cambridge Golf Club. (Top 5 placings in each division as follows):

- Boys Under 19
2nd - Jimmy Hydes (Wainui) / 69-71 / 140
- Boys Under 14
Champion - Jaewoo Son (North Shore) / 79-75 / 154 (Won in playoff)
- Girls Under 19
3rd - Ela Grimwood (Gulf Harbour) / 80-82 / 162
- Girls Under 14
Champion - Haeseung (Helen) Yeom (Gulf Harbour) / 77-77 / 154
- 3rd - Yeonsoo Son (North Shore) - 81/75 / 156
- T5 - Eunseo Choi (North Shore) - 83/84 / 167

Congrats to the prize winners and all from the district who competed!

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2017 NORTH HARBOUR MASTERS AND SENIOR MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's tournament was at complete capacity with the committee deciding to create an extra group to incorporate the 100 players who entered. In the 10th year of the tournament this was the biggest turn out ever, and with many other tournaments around the country struggling for entries, it shows just how much support and strength there is in the men's 40+ bracket. This year the first round was played at Omaha, the second round at Helensville, and the third and final round at the Muriwai Links. Weather was fantastic on the first two days but it would not be a true tournament without some usual testing weather. Brutal windy conditions (with some rain) tested the players all through the final round at Muriwai. Scores were not good but those that kept their head down and grinded it out were rewarded. The major winners in the seniors (50+) was Mark Anderson (Muriwai) who defended his title from 2016. Roger Harris (Akarana) was the senior nett winner. Tayne Derriman (Muriwai) shot the round of the day at his home track Muriwai (75 which in reality was more like a sub 70 due to the conditions) to storm up the 40-49 leader board and win by one. And in the 60+ category the ever consistent David Headland was the comfortable winner. Thank you to all that competed in 2017 and to the courses Omaha, Helensville and Muriwai for hosting. Also a big thank you to our loyal sponsors Taylor-Made/Adidas NZ and Constellation Brands/Selaks Wine for their generous donation of the prize table which as always was fantastic!



North Harbour Senior Championship winner Mark Andrew (pictured left) with North Harbour life member Malcolm Cooper.

NORTH HARBOUR GOLF TO CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP WITH TAYLORMADE/ADIDAS

North Harbour Golf is pleased to report that it's working relationship / sponsorship agreement with TaylorMade/Adidas Golf NZ has been extended through till the end of 2018. Due to the recent sale of TaylorMade by the Adidas Corporation, our partnership will be evaluated on a yearly basis ongoing. Both parties however remain committed to continuing the partnership into the future as it greatly benefits both parties.



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