



## Newsletter

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North Harbour Golf Association, PO Box 300352, Albany 0752

### Investing in our future.

Following the success in last year's Interprovincial Championships (men and women), Harbour Golf is currently seen as one of the stronger provinces in New Zealand for its young talent. However, retaining that status and continuous improvement is something that will take investment and time.

Harbour Golf has contracted AAA-rated PGA Professional, **Jacques Nortje**, as its "PGA Coach Service Provider". Working closely with Jacques and many stakeholders across the Harbour region, a programme has been created to help our young players achieve their goals through consistent development.



Jacques Nortje

It's an exciting prospect for everyone at Harbour Golf, as we are committing to a long-term investment in making our already strong young players into the best they can be.

### Information evening.

Young golfers of all current abilities would benefit from coming along to the information evening about our new Development Programme.

**Monday 23rd April**

**7pm at**

**Sports House, Stadium Drive, Albany**

Whether you are already a Harbour representative golfer; a member of our current or recent Junior Development Squads; or a club junior with ambitions to play for Harbour or just improve your game, you should attend the event to hear how Harbour Golf plans to provide the pathways that will help you to achieve the level of golf you are aiming for. Parents of course are most welcome to attend.

If you wish to attend on 23rd April, please email [kevin@harbourgolf.co.nz](mailto:kevin@harbourgolf.co.nz) to register your interest.

#### Harbour Golf's Purpose.

Promote and encourage active participation and development in all areas of North Harbour Golf.

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# Junior Development Squads.

We currently have 40 young players receiving quality professional instruction from 4 PGA coaches around our district.

Whilst we have been running these successful squads for many years, they will now become a stage in the new Development Programme (see page 1 of this newsletter).

These squads (currently 6 in operation) are small groups of boys and girls who have been given the chance to start developing their games, not just in terms of technical golf ability, but also an introduction to the mental, tactical and physical approaches that should be considered in the formative stages of youngsters with ambitions for high-level golf.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

NZ Women's Masters Inglewood GC, New Plymouth	6 - 8 April
Charles Tour Muriwai Open	12 - 15 April
Boys Quad v BOP, Waikato and Auckland at Te Puke GC	16 - 17 April
Girls Quad v BOP, Waikato and Auckland at Riverside GC	17 - 19 April
South Island U19 Champs - Templeton	25 - 27 April
Women's National Teams final - Whangaparaoa GC	4 May
Men's Pennants Finals Day	13 May
Intercollegiate Champs Whangaparaoa GC	14 May
North Shore Classic - North Shore GC	19 - 20 May
Tom Bonnington Cup at Mangawhai	26 - 27 May
Battle of the Bridge - Waitemata GC	10 June



A squad taking instruction from Ben Guilford



One of Gary Parkinson's Huapai squads

These squads give us a good insight into the next group of budding top talent. With the opportunities for further development now being created, these youngsters are on the right path to becoming our next stars.

Thanks to our great coaches for being part of the programme:  
**Gary Parkinson** at Huapai/Muriwai, **Ben Guilford** at Pupuke,  
**Jenna Gainford** at Gulf Harbour CC and **Sam Parsons** at North Shore.

## New Representative Selectors Announced.

We are excited to welcome two new Representative selectors into our team. **Mike Gibson** from Muriwai GC will join the Men's Masters grade selectors, whilst **Jonathan Ho** from North Shore GC will be assisting with our Junior Boys selection. Thank you both for joining Harbour Golf - our Association could not operate without the dedication of volunteers like you.

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# 2018 Representative Golf.

## NZ Women's Masters Team Named.

Harbour Golf is delighted to announce the four players who produced the best trial round cards, and will make up our team to travel to Inglewood GC, New Plymouth for the tournament on 6-8 April.

Congratulations to:

**Vaha Fapiano, Pam Sowden, Lynda Tate and Fleur Reynolds.**

The competition format the best three Gross Stableford scores from each team, in each of the four rounds.

Best of luck to the team. Go Harbour!

## Junior Quadrangular Matches.

Our annual matches against Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland will take place in April. It gives the Harbour junior selectors the chance to look at just some of the prospects for the Junior Interprovincial later in the year. Other opportunities will be available for those not selected for this particular match.

Our girls travelling to Riverside GC in Hamilton with Team Manager, **Glenda O'Connor** on 17th April are:

**Eunseo Choi  
Jessica Green  
Amy Im  
Eujin Kang  
Yeonsoo Son  
Haeseung Yeom**



The 2017 Girls Quad teams at Royal Auckland

The boys playing at Te Puke GC on 16th and 17th of April under the watchful eyes of selectors **Rangi Lemon** and **Jonathan Ho** are:

**Logan Hooper  
David Chung  
Luke Ho  
Arikinui Pecqueux  
Luke Old**

**Nic Svensen  
Sam Dodds  
Jaewoo Son  
Jesper Bengtsson  
Cole Manson**

Good luck to you all in your matches, we know you will represent Harbour well in all aspects of the event.

### Fancy some Competition golf?

There are plenty of great club and charity events coming up.

Visit our webpage

[www.harbourgolf.co.nz/club-tournaments.html](http://www.harbourgolf.co.nz/club-tournaments.html)

If you want your event advertised on the Association website, please contact [kevin@harbourgolf.co.nz](mailto:kevin@harbourgolf.co.nz)

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# Mark Hutson Shines at NZ Open.

After being handed a guaranteed start at the NZ Open, **Mark Hutson** was among the early starters making a big impact on the scoreboard. With opening rounds of 68 and 66, Mark easily made the cut at only 6 shots off the lead. Playing alongside World and Olympic Champion rower, **Eric Murray**, they also made the early running in the teams event, but just missed out on weekend qualification in that part of the event.



Mark pictured at the NZ Open with caddy and father, Bryan

Mark was paired with NZ Amateur champion **Daniel Hillier** on Saturday at Millbrook. A solid 72 was not enough to keep him in title contention, but another great final round of 70 on Sunday saw Mark finish just outside the top 50 in our national championship. An amazing experience and a great effort from Mark. Well done.

## North Harbour Golf Tour.

This year's Tour has its first winners from the February stop at Waitakere Golf Club. Congratulations to our Men's winner, **Ian Steedman** from South Head GC and our women's winner, **Michelle Ward** from Waitakere GC.

The Tour players are currently completing their rounds at Redwood Park in March and then move onto Waitemata in April. Our website will show the March winners early in April.

Harbour Golf is delighted to announce that the **Deep Creek Brewing Co.** has come onboard as a Tour sponsor. Our winners each month (R18) will be sampling some of the great craft beers that have made Deep Creek Brewing Co. the **Champion Small International Brewery** at the Australian International Beer Awards in 2017.



All of our Tour players will pick up a discount voucher to spend at the **Deep Creek Brews and Eats** bar in Browns Bay, with our eventual Tour champions earning a generous bar voucher at the end of the competition.

**It's not too late to join the Tour.** Open to all affiliated golfers, you can play many of Harbour's best courses for only \$18 per round. Visit [www.harbourgolf.co.nz/north-harbour-golf-tour.html](http://www.harbourgolf.co.nz/north-harbour-golf-tour.html) for full details of how to join today.

## Pennants Update

More than half way through a number of the Pennants divisions this season, and many of them are very close at the top.

Please visit:

[www.harbourgolf.co.nz/harbour-golf-pennants.html](http://www.harbourgolf.co.nz/harbour-golf-pennants.html)

To see all the latest results and tables.

Good luck to all teams in the final stages, as we head towards crowning this year's champions.

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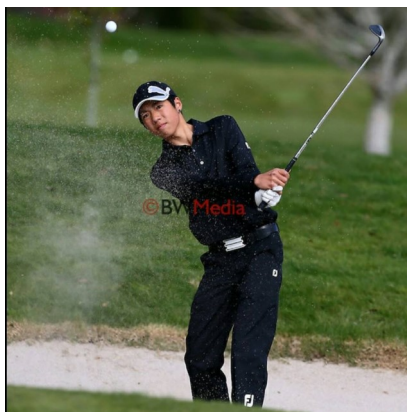
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# NZ Stroke Play Champs.

## Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club 22 - 25 March.

Another amazing showing by our talented youngsters on the national stage. In the men's event, Harbour's own **Kevin Koong** and **Jimmy Hydes** finished runner-up and joint third respectively.



Kevin Koong

After the first day's play was completely washed out, the boys were up against it in the reduced 54-hole tournament following an amazing second round 62 from Wellington representative, **Kerry Mountcastle**. However, some very consistent play from Kevin - the only player in the field not to post an over-par round over the three days' play - saw him finish eight strokes behind, but three strokes ahead of the chasing pack.

With **Kit Bittle** also earning a top ten finish, the lads are continuing to show the rest of the country that Harbour Golf is the district to beat.

In the Women's event, our girls also showed the growing strength of our talent pool. Six of our young players finished in the top 20 of this premier national event, and not one of them is over 15 years old! Amazing effort from **Silvia Brunotti, Anna An, Jessica Green, Eujin Kang, Subin Wui** and **Yeonsoo Son**.

Congratulations to all the other Harbour region players who made the trip down to Paraparaumu. A great experience for all.

## Golf Quiz.

**Be in to win TaylorMade golf balls by answering these 3 questions.**

- 1) Which of the 16 golf clubs affiliated to Harbour Golf, lies the furthest south?
- 2) While playing a Gross Stableford round, a player has a very short putt for a par on the first hole. His fellow competitor gives him the putt, so the player picks up his ball and then tees off on the second hole. How many Stableford points does the player score for the first hole?
- 3) 'Tiger's one foe' is an anagram of the name of which former US Open champion?

**Email your answers to [kevin@harbourgolf.co.nz](mailto:kevin@harbourgolf.co.nz)**

Six TaylorMade golf balls to the first entry drawn on 30 April, 2018 with three correct answers. Winner will be notified by email.

Thank you to the Lion Foundation for its valuable support of our organisation with funding towards our new representative shirts and our office expenses.



Thank you to Pub Charity for its significant contribution to the upcoming Junior Development matches in Bay of Plenty and Waikato. This support greatly helps the development of our young players.



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