

# AUCKLAND GOLF INC. NEWSLETTER

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## RYAN FOX GAINS INDIVIDUAL TITLE AT NZ UNDER 23 TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Auckland number 1 Ryan Fox, played immaculate golf to win the individual title at the New Zealand Under 23 Teams Championship. Fox with rounds of 66, 70, 69 and 67 for a total of 272 (16 under), defeated New Zealand Junior representative Ben Campbell (Wellington) by 4 shots with a further two shots to third place getter Blair Riordan of Tasman. Interestingly, Fox recorded the lowest four round total in the 14 year history of the tournament beating Danny Lee's record set last year.

Auckland nearly pulled off their first victory at the tournament but were beaten by seven shots by Wellington after a tense battle in the last round. Wellington lead the tournament from Auckland by 1 shot after the first round, Auckland passed them after the second round to lead by 5 shots after day 1 only to see Wellington come back in the third round to lead by 1 shot. Individual scores by the Auckland players were:

Ryan Fox—66, 70, 69, 67 (272) - 1st place

Fraser Wilkin—75, 69, 70, 72 (286) - = 8th

Ben Wallace—74, 70, 71, 76 (291) - = 15th

Ben Kendall—72, 73, 77, 75 (297) - = 30th

Mark Speedy—73, 77, 79, 79 (308) - =49th

As can be seen from the above, rounds three and four apart from Fox and Wilkin and Wallace (once) cost the team dearly in winning the overall title. Still, it augurs well for the future.

## AUCKLAND GOLF MOURNS THE PASSING OF THREE PAST PRESIDENTS

It is with great sadness Auckland Golf records the passing of three Past Presidents of Womens Golf Auckland and Auckland Golf Association. Mrs Maureen McGill fought bravely with her illness only to lose her battle just prior to Christmas. Maureen was President of Womens Golf Auckland 2000—2002.

Graham Williams was a past President of Auckland Golf in 1997 and 1998 after serving on the Management Committee for many years.

John Taylor was a Past President of Auckland Golf in 1985 and 1986 and a New Zealand Councillor from 1989 to 1991. John's son Richard is a current NZ Golf Board member.

The Board, Management Committees, Staff and Clubs extend their deepest sympathies to the families of Maureen, Graham and John at their loss.

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Ryan Fox wins individual title at NZ Under 23 Teams Champs
- Laura Eum (The Grange) wins Nickent 2008 Auckland Girls Age Group Championship
- Sam An (Whitford Park) wins Nickent 2008 Auckland Under 16 Age Group Championship
- Ben Kendall (Maungakiekie) wins Nickent 2008 Auckland Under 19 Age Group Championship
- Steven Hinds (Remuera) appointed Auckland Mens Coach
- Susan Farron re-appointed as Auckland Womens Coach