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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Ryan Fox** makes his debut for New Zealand in Australia
- **Larissa Eruera** and **Hayley Clinning** represent New Zealand in Trans Tasman Cup
- **Seve Ha** plays in Junior Trans Tasman Cup in Australia
- **Cecelia Cho** continues where she left off in 2008 with two superb performances at the NZ Under 23 Championship and the NZ Womens Open
- Newly promoted **Howick** defeats defending **Bissett** Shield holders, **Akarana**
- The **Waimahia Golf Club** now amongst the family of Auckland Clubs with affiliation approved at the last Board Meeting.
- Board approves purchase of transportation trailer and coaching aid software.

FROM AROUND THE GREENS

Pakuranga's Cecelia Cho continued where she left off in 2008 by producing outstanding results in January and February. Playing on her home course in the New Zealand Under 23 Womens Championship, Cho played consistently well to record rounds of 71, 70 and 70 only to be defeated by one shot by Whakatane's Zoe Beth Brake. These two players exchanged the lead several times over the closing hole in what was a fine exhibition of precision golf.

Cecelia continued on with that form in the New Zealand Womens Open Championship to be leading New Zealander at the completion of the tournament. At one stage during the first round, she actually lead the tournament; an unbelievable feat for one of only 14 years of age. One can only guess what lies ahead for this outstanding player.

The Auckland Men's Selectors announced their first team of the year to compete in Invercargill at the SBS Invitational Tournament. Fraser Wilkin, Jason Mann and Mark Speedy (Auckland Golf Club) teamed with Jonathon Ratcliffe and Hayden McCallum (Akarana Golf Club) combined to finish a creditable sixth. Ryan Fox and Seve Ha were on New Zealand duty in Australia and Ben Wallace joined them to compete in the Riversdale Cup Tournament.

Mens and Womens Pennants have commenced with some interesting results. Newly promoted Howick have caused the biggest boil over to date by defeating current James Bissett Shield holders, Akarana.

The Auckland Golf Club team of Ryan Fox, Fraser Wilkin, Jason Mann and Andrew Webber won the right to represent Auckland Clubs at the regional final of the Inter Club Challenge.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

The Auckland Golf Incorporated's Board have met in February. An application for affiliation from the Waimahia Golf Club was approved and we welcome that Club to the family of Auckland Clubs. In a move to reduce on-going costs, approval was given for the purchase of a transportation trailer to transport player's equipment and luggage to and from representative venues. Another initiative approved by the Board, for the improvement of a player's game, was the purchase of software that analyses every aspect of a player's game. We are grateful to the Mt. Wellington Trust for their help in funding part of this cost. Members of the Board together with the Executive Director met with New Zealand Golf Board and CEO to discuss the proposed changes to the NZ Golf Constitution. The major changes proposed included a change to the composition of the Board to include two appointed Directors, disestablishment of the NZ Golf Council and the positions of the Vice Presidents, the election of one person to represent each member (Associations) at general meetings and forums and the addition of an annual forum where ideas will be exchanged. It is proposed a deputy chair will be elected under the new Rules.