

# AUCKLAND GOLF INC

## MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

### AUCKLAND MENS TEAM IN STUNNING VICTORY IN INVERCARGILL

The Auckland Mens Team, minus three of their leading players, recorded a stunning victory at the SBS Tournament held at the Invercargill Golf Club early March. The team of Gary-John Hill (Titirangi), Jason Mann (Auckland), Sam An (Titirangi), Hayden McCallum (Akarana) and Van Wright (The Grange) held off two near neighbours in Bay of Plenty and North Harbour to win the tournament by three shots.

They started the tournament in fourth place after the first round and played superb golf in the second round to record a team total of 12 under par for the round and 14 under for the tournament to lead by one shot from North Harbour. A six under par

team score in the third round had them tied with North Harbour for the lead with a new challenger in Bay of Plenty a further shot back. The Auckland team played well in the final round to be 12 under for the round after 11 holes only to suffer speed wobbles in the back nine. North Harbour and Bay of Plenty suffered the same wobbles in the final three holes to hand Auckland their second victory in the Tournament in three years.

All players contributed to the team win with Gary-John Hill, Jason Mann and Sam An being the anchors and Hayden McCallum and Van Wright contributing when most needed.

### PENNANTS UNDER WAY

Both the Mens and Womens Pennants series has been under way for five weeks with some interesting results. Newcomer to the Men's Presidents grade, Clarks Beach, recorded a first round win over Maramarua to open their campaign on a positive note. In the same grade, Waiuku posted a shock win over one of the favourites in Pakuranga.

An interesting contest is developing in the Women's Betty Faesen competition with favourites Pakuranga being held to a half by Aviation. Royal Auckland, Howick, Maungakiekie and Titirangi are all in with a chance, all being only 2 points behind Pakuranga.



### CECILIA CHO MAKES NEW ZEALAND TEAMS

Following receipt of her New Zealand citizenship, NZ Golf selected Cecilia Cho into New Zealand teams to play the Junior Trans Tasman Cup, compete at the Australian Amateur Championships and to represent the Country at the prestigious Queen Sirikit Cup Tournament.

A deserved selection given her form over the last 15 months.

### BOARD APPOINTS FEMALE DIRECTOR

The Board has appointed Adrienne Greenwood as a female Director to fill the casual vacancy. Adrienne is currently an independent Director for the Northern Mystics Netball franchise and is a member of the New Zealand Sports Tribunal. She is a former CEO of Yachting New Zealand.

### MEDIA SNUB GOLF

Why is it the New Zealand Herald simply refuses to publish any stories about golf.

The New Zealand Womens Open Tournament was the biggest women's sports tournament money wise ever staged in New Zealand and yet they gave no coverage of any days play. NZ Golf

has advised that TV1 and TV3 wanted \$5000 to record a 30 second news coverage on the tournament which NZ Golf rightly refused to pay.

And then Auckland won the SBS Invitational—again no story in the New Zealand Herald despite the first three place getters, Auckland, Bay of Plenty

and North Harbour being in their circulation area. The Herald was contacted on the Sunday and advised of the Auckland victory; Bob Pearce wrote an article for publication on the Tuesday - that has still not been published. WHAT CAN WE DO?????

Flood the Editor with letters of complaint.