

Darae Chung



Fifteen-year-old Darae Chung from Shandon Golf Club in Wellington is this year's young Golfer of the Year. Darae attends Chilton St James School in Lower Hutt

Darae has a superb attitude on and off the course. She respects other competitors. Is rated "A" for her honesty and integrity, and wears the uniform proudly at school and on the golf course.

Her coach and junior manager both say she is the ultimate Professional, and demonstrates maturity way beyond her years.

As a golfer she shows enormous promise. She practices hard and has earned a handicap low of +4.8 during the year. And what a year she has had – a number of victories (the SI under 19s at Templeton in April, the NZ under 19s at Millbrook in September, as well as winning the Wellington Strokeplay also in September. Darae has already had international experience in America and Australia, and has performed most creditably against much more experienced opponents.

Since nominations closed, Darae has carried on the excellent golf she has played all year and she has done exceptionally well for someone her age, winning the Carrus Women's Open in Tauranga, the Wellington Matchplay at Royal Wellington, and playing No.1 in the recent women's interprovincial team for Wellington where she was a highly valued team member with the kindest of hearts.

The Eagles wish Darae every success in what promises to be a stellar career, and congratulates her on being selected as the young Golfer of the Year.