

THE EAGLES GOLFING SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.) UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

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The Eagles Under 17 Boys' and Girls' Championships were played in typically unpredictable spring weather on 9-11 October at the Hawke's Bay Golf Club near Hastings. Although the course is undergoing a major transformation, it was exceptionally well presented, and recent heavy rain was quickly absorbed by the ground.

The number of entrants was disappointing – it continues to be a major blight on this fixture, which should be attracting all of the top youngsters in the country - that there has been an on-going clash with the girls' tournament in the Bay of Plenty. It is a great pity that this has not been resolved, and I welcome current steps to restructure the championships in the future. Only seven provinces were able to field a full team – only seven girls were available. This was a major disappointment to us.

But the tournament itself was a great success. Early challenges in providing sufficient billets were overcome. The organising committee were outstanding in their attention to detail, and the hours of careful planning were vindicated. The local Eagles in Hawke's Bay came out in their droves to help and look at the golf, and it was great to welcome Tom Whitaker, national president, and Kevin Murphy, national patron, as well as Brian Marcroft from Waikato, who came to observe. A highlight for us locals was the presentation of life membership to Greg Bennetts, our previous club captain, who is extremely unwell.

A real feature of the tournament was the excellent attitude of the players. I commented at the welcome how nice it was to see a clubhouse full of young people and bubbly enthusiasm. The players all acquitted themselves very well, and there was some wonderful golf. The high standard of etiquette was gratifying, the pace of play was favourably commented on by the referees, and the sportsmanship, skill and maturity of the players was exemplary. We thoroughly enjoyed their company – they can come back to the Bay any time!

The full list of results is attached.

Jeremy Ballantyne

President, Eagles Golfing Society of Hawke's Bay (Inc.)



Main Score Book.pdf



Teams Event
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Prize List.pdf