

Australia vs New Zealand

The rivalry increases with the new Trans Tasman Cup

Canberra, Australia: Golf Australia announced the consolidation of four existing amateur championships, played against New Zealand, the Clare Higson Trophy, Sloan Morpeth Trophy, Junior Tasman and Tasman Cup into one highly competitive event to be known as the Trans Tasman Cup.

The championship will be played in match play format with both foursomes and singles matches being played. The country with the most overall match wins will take home the Trans Tasman Cup.

This exciting initiative will create a more prestigious championship as well as a creating a greater profile for these important amateur championships. The inaugural event will be held on Tuesday 20 February – Friday 23 February 2007, at The Royal Canberra Golf Club.

“Our aim is to build this international competition into a key event on our golfing calendar and with the fierce existing rivalry between Australia and New Zealand, this new format is sure to up the ante. It will be an incredible experience for these elite golfers,” and spectators said Trevor Herden, Manager of Tournaments and Championships, Golf Australia.

For the first time, 16 of Australia’s finest amateur golfers will take on the Kiwi’s
Men’s team: Andrew Dobt, Richie Gallichan, Rick Kulacz & Tim Stewart.
Women’s team: Emma Bennett, Frances Bondad, Sarah Oh & Kristie Smith.
Junior Boy’s team: Matthew Giles, Tarquin McManus, Daniel Nisbet & Jason Scrivener.
Junior Girl’s team: Ashley Dewhurst, Whitney Hillier, Grace Lennon & Stephanie Na.

Eight of these players are national squad members, competing in their first international tournament for the year, including Rick Kulacz, Emma Bennett and Andrew Dobt.

“We are encouraging spectators to wear their green and gold, get up close to the action and cheer on our potential next Norman, Ogilvy and Webb on the fairways,” commented Trevor.

The 2007 Trans Tasman Cup will be held on home soil at The Royal Canberra Golf Club, recognised as one of Australia’s top 20 golf courses for its natural beauty and challenging course design.

“Despite four consecutive years of above average summer temperatures and well below average rainfall, the course is in excellent condition. The main challenge for competitors will be the fast greens and narrow, tree-lined fairways, which will certainly make for an exciting tournament,” said Ian Trevena, General Manager of The Royal Canberra Golf Club.

“We are looking forward to seeing the top men and women amateurs and their potential successors in match play,” added Julia Hoffman, President of The Royal Canberra Golf Club.

The new international championship will be held for the first time from Tuesday 20 February – Friday 23 February 2007, at The Royal Canberra Golf Club in Canberra. Entry is free.

For further information regarding the Trans Tasman Cup please visit www.golfaustralia.org.au
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