

**MARK BROWN**  
**Winner 2006 Olex Taranaki Open**

It was heart breaking for Mark Brown in the inaugural GTNZ event in 2004 when he had a one shot lead playing the last, before three putting and watching eventual winner Ryan Haywood chip in on the last hole. It wasn't to be on this occasion as the newly dedicated player put together four sub par rounds to finish 14 under par and three shots clear. Brown's play as a front runner on the final day was to be admired and his experience was evident.

For the previous three years Brown had been working as Wellington Golf's Development Manager, however he signaled before the event that he was to again play professionally and re-launch a career that looked so promising when he was one of the best amateurs in the world in the mid 1990's.



The NZ Eisenhower team used the event as a warm up for the world championship with Geary the best of the group finishing in a tie for 4<sup>th</sup> and scoring the low round of the event, a seven under par 65. James Gill had a final round 66 to finish 9<sup>th</sup> and Mark Purser returned three sub par rounds to eventually finish in 13<sup>th</sup> place.

Ten women played in the event with Westown golfer Ji Soo Oh scoring 69, 75, 74 and beating Sarah Nicholson by two shots. Due to other tournament commitments the women only played 54 holes.

1	Mark Brown (p)	-14	70	66	68	70	274
2	Mathew Holten (p)	-11	68	73	67	69	277
3	Grant Moorhead (p)	-9	73	67	72	67	279
T4	Brad Shilton (p)	-8	71	68	71	70	280
T4	Josh Geary	-8	71	65	73	71	280
T4	Michael Hendry (p)	-8	72	71	68	69	280

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