

RYAN HAYWOOD
Winner, 2004 Olex Taranaki Open

The Christchurch-based Australian, who played No 1 for Canterbury before gaining his Australasian PGA Tour card last November, won three of his first four tournaments as a professional including the Fiji Open. Like many young professionals, the test has been to find sufficient tournaments to make a living.



Haywood won the inaugural Golf Tour of New Zealand Taranaki Golf Open in New Plymouth in October 2004. He pipped joint overnight leader Mark Brown (Wellington) by one shot after a head-to-head battle on the final round in idyllic conditions at the Ngamotu links course. Haywood took home a career best \$8000 of the \$40,000 prize money.

Wellington's Brown, a fulltime golf development manager for New Zealand Golf in the Capital, played splendidly throughout the 2004 Taranaki Open, especially his opening round one-over 73 in horrendous driving rain and fierce winds that included a quadruple bogey nine on his penultimate hole.

The final hole provided typical drama and an appropriate finish to the inaugural GTNZ event. Brown had a one shot lead but under clubbed on the final hole leaving himself on the bottom tier and with a putt of 80 feet from where he took three putts for par. Haywood from the right fringe chipped from 60 feet and the large gallery watched the ball drop in for eagle and a one shot win to Haywood.

A feature of the event was the participation of both the Espirito Santo and Eisenhower amateur teams.

1	Ryan Haywood (p)	-3	68	70	75	72	285
2	Mark Brown (p)	-2	73	71	69	73	286
T3	Tony Christie (p)	+2	75	71	74	70	290
T3	Riki Kauika	+2	77	71	70	72	290
T3	Mark Smith	+2	74	75	69	72	290