

Southland Golf Club

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THE GREAT SOUTHERN GOLF CHALLENGE



Oreti Sands Links

Monday 9th March 2009 – Tee off 2pm



The Teams



Peter Fowler is the winner of 8 tournaments world-wide, including the National Opens of Australia and New Zealand. He has also won the World Cup (both individual and teams) for his native Australia. Greg Turner reckons he has finally seen the light in attaining his NZ citizenship. One of the fittest players on tour, "Chook" seems certain to make his mark on the Seniors' Tour when the time arrives (sooner than he'd like to admit!).

and



Mahal Pearce is the quintessential local boy 'done well'. Resident of Dunedin, Pearce sprung into the national psyche with his brilliant victory in the 2003 NZ Open at the Auckland Golf Club. Since then "Taj" (and with a swing as architecturally elegant as the building which spawns his nickname) has been principally plying his trade on the Asian and Australasian Tours.

versus



Peter O'Malley has won 7 tournaments worldwide including both the NZ Open and PGA and also the Scottish and English Opens. "Pom" is renowned as one of the finest ball-strikers in the game, even wearing down Tiger Woods in a recent World Matchplay. Turner believes Pom's fortunes would be further improved if he give up on that ghastly Aussie shiraz and start drinking decent NZ pinot noir.

and



Peter Senior has a (golfing) record longer than your average Aussie convict! His 26 world-wide titles include every Australian one you can think of along with numerous victories in Japan and Europe. Renowned as perhaps the first, and certainly the most proficient, wielder of the long putter, off the course Peter is the Chairman of the Australian PGA.

Welcome to Oreti Sands – The World's Southernmost Links

Links golf has a very special place in the heart of aficionados of the game the world over. Not only did the game originate on the seaside land of the British Isles, but the nature of golf itself evolved directly as a result of the environment in which it was played.

The recent new holes, renovations and alterations to the links have put Oreti Sands fairly and squarely on the stage as not only the southernmost links in the world, but also one of the finest in the southern hemisphere.

With the support of the ILT and Southland Community Trust, Turner Macpherson Golf Design embarked on this transformational project almost three years ago, and today's Great Southern Challenge represents the culmination of the vision.

Having some of Australasia's greatest ever players pit themselves against the challenge of the links is a wonderful way to re-launch the club and its course – to remind locals of the extraordinary amenity they have on their doorstep and to introduce the rest of the country and the golfing world to something quite special.

With another course of national renown (Otatarā) just down the road and the recent additions to the regional golfing offer with the likes of Millbrook, The Hills and Jacks Point – southern NZ should become a true golfing destination. When combined with the many and diverse natural capital of the area, Southland seems destined to lose its status as somewhat of a closely kept secret.

Along with some great golf, on offer today will be a variety of membership offers that must represent the most amazing value of any course in the world. Full membership will be on offer for less than \$8 per week and the first month is offered completely free as a trial! Country membership, as long as you're a full member of another club, is less than \$3 per week. Junior members – sign up on the day and it's \$1 per week!

And if you live overseas – how about an international membership of the southernmost links in the world for only US\$50 per year (and we'll throw in the cap and the bag tag for free!).

