

CLARE McCAUL

WINS THE WOMEN'S WORLD JUNIOR CUP 2011

The Black Jacks have a new champion in their ranks. Clare McCaul has continued on from her recent Trans Tasman success to earn World Junior Cup stripes at this year's tournament. Rolling out class bowler Nur Fidrah Noh (Malaysia) in her final match, McCaul took advantage of her much-anticipated showdown with Noh to prove herself on international greens for the second time in less than a month. McCaul won 4-7, 11-8, 4-1, over Malaysia to win the World Junior Cup 2011 Women's title.

Clare credits her preparation and planning for the event as being an important part of her win.

"Since I knew I was coming here I made sure I didn't overplay at home because I wanted to peak around this time," she said.

"It was mainly being selective of what I was playing in. I knew how many days straight we had to play would put a big dent in me, eventually you do get tired. If you are able to not play too much before coming you are keen and ready to go."

And once the competition was finished Clare had a few days to relax and enjoy watching her compatriots in the senior play offs.

"It's a fantastic event and there are a great bunch of people here," reports Clare McCaul from lively Warilla. Now enjoying

the leisurely side of the town, McCaul speaks highly of the beach; but says the best place to be is the bowling green.

"We're playing a lot of pool and walking on the beach. There are lots of people from all over the world here, so it's great to meet them," the recently crowned champion says. However, Saturday's final match versus Malaysia found a very different young bowler on the greens.

"It was a very scary last game. I got annihilated in the first set, and was down 6-1 in the second set. But then I got a three and I was getting threes left right and centre," she says, laughing. Initially struggling with the weight, she found it and was "nailing straight ends." after that.

"I was doing well with shorter ends, and she loosened up her game so I was able to pick it up from there. It's by far the best title I've ever won."

In the Men's Junior World Cup Andrew Kelly didn't manage to find his form, finishing fourth in his group to miss out on a spot in the playoffs.

Pictured middle right: Clare at the NZ Open with Amy Brenton and Gemma Collett.

Pictured right: Clare McCaul with Malaysia's Nur Fidrah Noh and Phillipines' Ainie Knight.



Clare in her Wellington shirt at the National Intercentre Championships.

