

THE GOLF INSTRUCTOR



EDITORIAL

Welcome to Issue Three of *The Golf Instructor*.

This issue contains a tribute to Ross Herbert, Head Coach of the AIS Golf Program, who sadly passed away in January.

The previous issue contained a preview of the school resource materials being developed under the Teacher Release to Industry Program in Victoria. Included in this issue are details of the Golf for Schools booklet which is one of the products of this program. This booklet will be of great use to Level One and Two personnel when developing school and club-based induction programs. The AGU has recently distributed a complimentary copy of the booklet to all golf clubs in Australia.

Your attention is also directed to the article on coach insurance - the withdrawal of the NCAS insurance scheme is a serious issue for all coaches and the AGU is currently investigating alternatives.

Also included are regular features such as State Updates, Coaching Corner and Special Offers from Wilson and Protege Sport.

Your contribution to the promotion of the game of golf is much appreciated.

Kevin Tangey

National Director of Coaching

Australian Golf Union

Level Two Coaching Course

Dec 3-7 2001

The next Level Two Golf Specific Coaching Course is scheduled for December 3-7-2001 at the AIS Golf Program in Melbourne. The Course is open to Level One Co-ordinators who meet the following Pre-requisites:

- Must be an NCAS Level One Golf Co-ordinator for at least one year and the accreditation must be current
- Must be an affiliated golfer (AGU, WGA) with a handicap of 12 or better
- Must have reached their 19th birthday

Accommodation (including all meals) is available at the AIS Program. For further information and all costs please call Kevin Tangey at the AGU on (03) 9626 5028

Full Accreditation Requirements include:

- 31 hours Golf Specific Course
- 30 hours General Principles of Coaching Course
- 60 hours Practical Coaching Experience

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ROSS HERBERT'S GREAT GOLFING LEGACY

Australian golf lost a key figure in the development program that generated the new breed of professional with the death of Ross Herbert, Head Coach at the Australian Institute of Sport Golf Program in Melbourne. Ross was 41 when he died on January 1 after a short but spirited battle against cancer.

He grew up in Sydney and did his time as a professional at The Lakes GC. After that he played the Queensland Troppo Tour and the Australian Tour for a few years and eventually settled into a job with the Rothmans Foundation as their golf professional in 1984.

That was based in Sydney but the role basically entailed working around the country supporting the activities of the state and national golf bodies. That's the first time he would have come into contact with the Australian Golf Union as he started directing its elite training programs.

He went everywhere from Gove in the Northern Territory to the top of Western Australia, down to Tasmania, up to northern Queensland. It was a cross section but he worked with predominantly junior and younger golfers. That gave him a pretty wide coverage of the golf industry.

Then in 1992 when the Institute of Sport's golf program started, he went through the interview process and was the first head coach appointed. At the stage Ross came into the program there was virtually nothing in place, according to Dominic Wall, the then AGU National

Director of Coaching who became one of Ross's close friends.

"Ross came down and worked with me in terms of getting a program together, finding a base for it and working out the parameters of how it would operate and then basically he took the whole load on, got the thing up and going and put all the hard work into it," Wall said.

"To start with, six boys and six girls went into the program, pretty much the best young golfers in that category in the country. Ross's initial job was to develop those golfers into elite players. He was responsible for putting in all the mechanisms to make them better.

"The previous three Australian men's amateur champions have all been former Institute of Sport scholarship holders - Brett Rumford, Brendan Jones and Brad Lamb - as was dual women's champion Michelle Ellis.

"Ross was a very good communicator in terms of telling people what he was doing and laying out plans for ideas. He has had a big impact on our elite training program - he hadn't just assumed the role of coaching six boys and six girls. There are young golfers coming through at various levels who use the protocols and training methods that Ross set up.

"We have a lot of players - Scott Gardiner, Robert Allenby, James MacLean, Adam Scott, Aaron Baddeley - all these sort of guys coming through now are all part of the culture of elite training.

"Players now see the importance of fitness training,

nutrition and diet, practice, injury prevention.

“He helped establish a culture which got to the point where Australia is really considered the number one nation in the world in elite development programs. It was recognised how significant the program was because Titleist and Footjoy came on board as the major sponsor two years ago - and that was instigated in the US, not here in Australia - and recognised how successful and prominent the program was because of the results of players such as Rumford, Goggin and McLean who won the NCAA Championship.”

Ross leaves a wife Donna and three daughters, Casey, Kendall and Corey. A very large representation from all tiers of golf administration attended the funeral service at St Andrews Anglican Church, Brighton to pay tribute to their past colleague and friend.

In February, leading Australian professionals played with amateur teams in a Ross Herbert Memorial Golf Day to help raise money for a trust fund for the education of Ross's family.

Associated with the golf day was an auction that included valuable items from Tiger Woods-signed clothing, to trips to the US Open and an Australian Olympic team track bike.



Ross Herbert instructing participants at the Level 2 Course.

Mike Harwood, runner-up in the 1991 British Open and a close friend of Ross, donated his trophy and the putter he used. Those teeing up at Kingston Heath on the week of the Australian Masters were led by Craig Parry, Jarrod Moseley, Richard Green and James McLean - the former US NCAA champion who was coached by Herbert.

US Tour star Phil Mickelson donated signed caps from each of the last Presidents and Ryder Cups for the auction. Other memorabilia came from sports stars including Andre Agassi, Cathy Freeman, Aaron Baddeley, Greg Norman, Sergio Garcia and Kel Nagle.

Proceeds of the day and from donations from various organisations totalled almost \$100,000.



USPGA Tour player Mathew Goggin was rocked by the news of Herbert's death and the Tasmanian spoke of their close association while he was playing the Buick Invitational in San Diego in February.

Herbert had died only one day after Goggin had celebrated his marriage to longtime girlfriend Felicity.

“Ross had been my coach for the past eight years, my only coach,” Goggin said.

“I think about it every day. Ross took me from Hobart, which is not exactly the golfing Mecca of Australia. He saw I had a bit of talent and put me in the Australian Institute of Sport. He's been my coach every since,” the 26-year-old said.

“He was a really good friend. It's like having a big safety net ripped out from underneath me, as far as my swing goes.”

Goggin was playing in the US when Herbert was diagnosed with cancer last year and did not get to see him until late in November, just after the Holden Australian Open.

“He was 60-odd kilos, just a shadow of his former self but his spirit was unbelievable. It was amazing to see somebody go through that and still have the positive attitude he had,” Goggin said.



Girls Golf Club

We now have 71 Girls Golf Club sites established nationally. Numbers have stabilised since the Wilson-AGU free kit offer finished. The GGC National Skills Competition has finished for 2000 with an increasing number of sites and girls taking part through the year. It is expected the competition will continue for 2001 with support from Wilson. Skills include putting, chipping, pitching and driving and have been simplified to enable all sites, regardless of the range of facilities and skill levels, to participate.

'Jan for Juniors'

Australian LPGA Tour player JAN STEPHENSON has generously offered to support Australian junior girl's golf with the introduction of the 'JAN FOR JUNIORS' Award. Jan, in conjunction with Women's Golf Australia, will provide the opportunity of a lifetime for each year's two best placed Australians in the national Junior Championship. This year

Sarah-Jane Kenyon, who lost in a play-off to Kyla Welsh of New Zealand, along with the third placegetter, Sarah Kemp, will spend a week in America with Jan before representing Australia at the World Junior Championships. This year that event will be held in Mexico. Whilst in the US, the girls will attend the First Union Betsy King Classic, participate in clinics and corporate functions as well as practising alongside LPGA Tour players. They will also each receive a set of Jan Stephenson clubs. A press conference to announce the award was held at Hope Island Golf Club on the Gold Coast on March 13.

Jan will sponsor the girl's' time in the US and Women's Golf Australia will cover the costs of attending the World Junior Championships. This is a fantastic opportunity for Sarah-Jane and Sarah to go behind the scenes of a big tournament and see the world's best in action.



Golf For Schools Resource

The last issue of *The Golf Instructor* contained a preview of a Teacher Resource Kit being developed for Australian Schools through a joint project of the Australian Golf Union, Women's Golf Australia, the Professional Golfers' Association of Australia and the PGA Tour Australasia.



"Mathew Goggin and Tamie Durdin (right) with future champions at the launch of the Golf for Schools Program"

The aims of the project were to raise the profile of golf in Australian schools,

to provide curriculum materials for a wide range of school subject areas and to facilitate links between schools and local golf clubs.

The Kit was launched at the Holden Australian Open at Kingston Heath Golf Club in November 2000 by Mathew Goggin (US PGA Tour member) and Tamie Durdin (US LPGA Tour member).

The Kit includes a *Golf for Schools* Program booklet, a copy of which has been mailed to all golf clubs in Australia courtesy of the Australian Golf Union.

Initial feedback suggests that the program enhances co-operation between clubs and schools by encouraging schools to become more self-sufficient in running extended golf programs. This spreads the workload, leading to more effective and efficient use of golf club resources by schools.

Importantly, the program is useful in attracting junior members to clubs, with students who take part in the program being more likely to seek further club-based golf experiences.

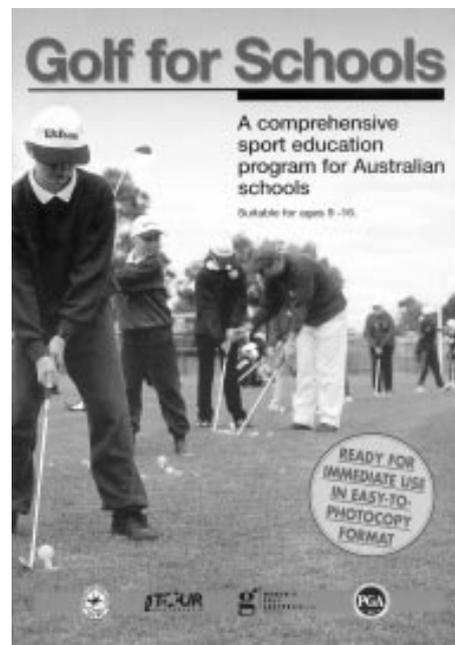
Key Features of the Golf for Schools Program

- A 56 page booklet in easy-to-copy format
- A flexible program of 4 - 10 weeks duration suitable for schools and clubs
- Suitable for confined spaces - schoolyards, gymnasiums, golf ranges, etc
- Based on the resources of the Wilson Go-Go Golf Program
- Provides leadership roles for young people
- Incorporates a team-based approach to competition
- Provides activities for wet weather days and most school subject areas

Advantages for Golf Clubs

- Facilitates links between clubs and schools
- An ideal induction program for new junior members
- Schools become more self-sufficient leading to more effective use of club resources
- Promotes junior membership
- Provides leadership opportunities for more experienced juniors

Should you require further information regarding this program, do not hesitate to contact Kevin Tangey at the AGU on (03) 96265028.



COACHING CORNER

In place of a coaching tip, this edition of *The Golf Instructor* includes a special introductory offer for an exciting new teaching aid. Just complete the special order form for NCAS Coaches following the media release below.

MEDIA RELEASE April, 2001

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***The Perfect Grip* to transform Amateur and Junior golfers to a new level of performance**

An Australian made and Australian owned golf training product has been transforming the grips of North American golfers for the past year and is now set to have a big impact "Down Under".

The Perfect Grip is golf's first ever fully detachable imprint of a professional grip that fits over a golfer's own clubs. The grip is an exact replica of leading PGA professional Mark O'Meara, winner of the 1998 US Masters and British Open. Mark is recognised amongst his PGA peers for having the most technically neutral (correct) golf grip in the game today.

Mark O'Meara says "*The Perfect Grip* is the first ever golf product to give a physical demonstration of what it really feels like throughout the swing using precisely the

same grip technique as professionals.

The player's grip is the single most common fault among amateur golfers and is the major reason why they hook or slice the ball. The more defective the grip, the more pronounced the hook or slice.

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and for Juniors

Mark says "There is no other greater introduction you could give to a budding Junior golfer than for them to understand the correct golf grip technique from the very beginning."

By sliding the *Perfect Grip* over their clubs, the golfer immediately has their hands in the exact formation used by Mark O'Meara and can instantly feel a perfect technique. Years of talking would not produce the same level of feeling, which can be practised and then carried through to the course.

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The importance of the grip - What the Celebrities Say

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"If you've got a good grip then it's very easy to hit solid shots, consistently solid shots and from there you can shoot lower scores"

Justin Leonard:

"It may be the most important thing because it's something that really determines what kind of swing you have"

Brad Faxon:

"There's nothing else as important as having a good grip"

The Late Payne Stewart:

"The grip is probably the single most important thing to start with in the game of golf"

Lee Janzen:

"If you have the proper grip, you will greatly increase your chances of playing well"

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STATE UPDATES

Useful information for NCAS coaches included as it becomes available - this edition contains updates from NSW, Tasmania and Victoria

NEW SOUTH WALES

Date	State, National	Club Events	Venue
MAY			
2-6	NSW Amateur Championship		Duntryleague GC
6		Cargill Narrabri Junior (JV) (AQ)	Narrabri GC
6		Leeton Junior	Leeton GC
6		Queanbeyan Junior (JV*) (AQ)	Queanbeyan GC
13		South West Rocks Junior & Colts (JV) (AQ)	South West Rocks GC
13		Lachlan Valley Junior (JV) (AQ)	Lachlan Valley GC
13		St Georges Basin	St Georges Basin GC
16		Monash Junior	Monash CC
20		Windsor Junior (JV) (AQ)	Windsor GC
20		Charlie Earp Junior (JV) (AQ)	Muswellbrook GC
20-25	Talented Athlete Golf Camp - Narrabeen		Academy of Sport
27		Gunnedah Junior (JV) (AQ)	Gunnedah GC
27		Moss Vale Junior	Moss Vale GC
JUNE			
3		Sawtell Junior (JV) (AQ)	Sawtell GC
10-11		Adina Junior (JV*) (AQ)	Coffs Harbour GC
10		Wyong Junior (JV) (AQ)	Wyong GC
10		Western Junior (JV*) (AQ)	Dubbo GC
17		Merewether Schweppes Junior Classic (JV)	Merewether GC
24		Mollymook Junior (JV)	Mollymook GC
JULY			
9-11		Camden Schools Students (JV*)	Camden GC
9		Everglades Junior	Everglades GC
12		R.H. McKinnon Junior (JV)	Camden Valley GC
12		Water Wonderland (JV)	Nelson Bay GC
13-16	U.S. Open		Southern Hills CC
13		Singleton Junior	Singleton GC
13		Metropolitan Junior Open (JV*)	Muirfield GC
16		Telelell Pro Am	Bayview GC
17-20	NISSAN STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (JV)		The Grange GC & Port Kembla GC
20-23	British Open		
22		Stuart Parry Junior & Colts (JV*)	Pymble GC
AUGUST			
4-5	NAROOMA JUNIOR MASTERS- Presented by JNJGF		Narooma GC
5		Grafton Junior	Grafton GC
12		Shellharbour Junior	Shellharbour GC
12		Graham Coe Memorial	Casino GC
17-20	U.S. PGA		
19		Griffith Junior	Griffith GC
19		Muree Junior	Muree GC
19		Cowra Junior (JV)	Cowra GC
19		Kyogle Junior	Kyogle GC
26		Morisset Junior	Morisset GC
26		Catalina Junior (JV)	Catalina GC
26		Longyard Junior (JV)	Longyard GC
26		Mudgee Junior	Mudgee GC
26-31	Talented Athlete Golf Camp - Narrabeen		Academy Of Sport
SEPTEMBER			
8		Coonamble Junior	Coonamble GC
9		Coleambally Junior	Coleambally GC
9		Gosford Junior (JV*)	Gosford GC
16		Narrandera Junior	Narrandera GC
16		Lake Macquarie Junior & Colts (JV*)	Waratah GC
16		Moruya Junior	Moruya GC
23		The Oaks Junior (Cessnock)	The Oaks GC
23		Narooma Seahorse Classic (JV)	Narooma GC
29		Tenterfield Junior	Tenterfield GC
OCTOBER			
2-4	NSW Junior Championships (JV*)		Newcastle GC
2-5	NSW Girls Junior Championships		Long Reef GC

5		Liverpool Junior (JV)	Liverpool GC
5		Toukley Junior	Toukley GC
7		HARVEY NORMAN JUNIOR MIXED FOURSOMES	TBA
8		Northbridge Pro Am	Northbridge GC
8		Terrigal Junior	Terrigal GC
9-12		NISSAN INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC (JV*)	Cessnock GC
14		Coffs Harbour Junior & Colts - 27 Holes	Coffs Harbour GC
20-21		Brett Ogle Junior Classic (JV*)	Goulburn GC
NOVEMBER			
4		Coonabarabran Junior	Coonabarabran GC
8		SPONSORS DAY & PRESENTATION DINNER	TBA
18		Kiama Junior	Kiama GC
22-25	Australian Open		The Grange GC, QLD
25		Eric Apperly Rd 1	
25		Tuggerah Lakes Junior (JV)	Tuggerah Lakes GC
DECEMBER			
2		Schweppes Junior Pennant Rd 1	
2		Eric Apperly Rd 2	
2		Uncle Ben's Junior Classic (JV)	Bathurst GC
3		Toronto Junior (JV)	Toronto GC
3-7		TEAMS SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING	Various
9		Schweppes Junior Pennant Rd 2	
9		Eric Apperly Rd 3	
16		Schweppes Junior Pennant Rd 3	
16		Eric Apperly Final Rd	
20		City of Sydney Schoolboys	Bondi GC
21		Beverley Park Christmas Event (JV)	Beverley Park GC
TBA		NISSAN JUNIOR GOLF CAMP - Narrabeen	Academy of Sport 1

JNJGF STATE EVENTS

HARVEY NORMAN WEEK OF GOLF

This event is usually played over 5 days at 5 various courses in Sydney. Due to Monday being a public holiday in 2001, this event will be held over 4 days. Field is restricted to 220, the first 220 entries received will be accepted. The remainder will be placed on a waiting list.

BARBEQUES GALORE STATE JUNIOR MEDALS

This event is held over one round of 18 holes and the field is restricted to 220 entries. Once we have received 220 entries, the remainder will be placed on a waiting list.

NISSAN AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries for boys is through qualifying rounds, which are marked with an AQ, on the junior calendar. Entries for girls are available from the JNJGF from March 2001.

HARVEY NORMAN JUNIOR MIXED FOURSOMES

This event was held for the first time in 2000 and will now be an annual event.

To enter you must have a pair of one female and one male to play.

NISSAN INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CLASSIC

Held in Cessnock, in the Hunter Valley, with juniors from each State and all over the world competing. If entries exceed the limit then a ballot on handicap in age groups will be conducted.

NISSAN JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

This camp is held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, which is located in Narrabeen. It is a 5 day live in camp, where juniors play golf at some of the north shore's exclusive course and also practice on a driving range. The camp is limited to 100 children, which is then split into ten groups, each having their own coach and supervisor.

TASMANIA

Our State Development Officer, Mr Ian Rice, tendered his resignation to the Golf Council as from 5 January, 2001. Mr Rice decided to return to his home State of South Australia after six and a half years of service. The Executive is in the process of revising the job description

and work commitments for the Development Officer to involve more member clubs in junior development. The Executive felt it was time the whole junior programme was revised with the possibility of employing/contracting three Area Development Officers on a part-time basis.

Tasmanian Sport & Recreation Skill Centre Pty Ltd (Phone: 03 62308256/8239)

Calendar of Education & Training Events.

Date	Event	Location	Date	Event	Location
19-20 May	Recreation Industry Assessor	Skill Centre, Hobart	11 August	Coaching Principles Level 1	Skill Centre, Hobart
20 May	Coaching Principles Level 1	Launceston	21 August	Sport & Recreation Law	
5-8 June	Workplace Level 2 First Aid	Hobart	18 September	Sponsorship	
12 June	Risk Management		21 September	Provide Leadership to Groups	
23-24 June	Recreation Industry Trainer	Hobart	20-21 October	Officiate in General Principles	Skill Centre, Hobart
7-8 July	Sports First Aid	Launceston	27-28 October	Course Presenters/Train Small Groups	Skill Centre, Hobart
17 July	Planning and conducting Sport & Recreation Activities		10 November	Coaching Principles Level 1	Launceston
			25 November	Coaching Principles Level 1	Burnie

VICTORIA

Introduced in 2000, The Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament is being conducted again this year with a number of near Melbourne country locations being added. Host club and VPSSA personnel involved would welcome assistance from Level 1 Golf Co-ordinators at any of the qualifying venues. This is an ideal opportunity for Level 1 Co-ordinators to maintain their involvement. Enquiries should be directed to the VGA Country Development Project Manager Rob Bowtell on 9889 6731.

Rob will also be visiting schools and clubs in the Peninsula, North East, Corangamite and Wimmera districts during the year and would welcome any assistance at both school and club levels.

Later this year when time permits, we propose to make contact with Victorian Level 1 Co-ordinators and provide opportunities to assist VGA personnel with junior activities from time to time.

Geoff Keets - Victorian Golf Association

VICTORIAN SCHOOLBOYS BREAK CHAMPIONSHIP DROUGHT

Victoria has finally broken through in the Nissan Australian School Teams Championship.

St Bede's College became the first Victorian school to snare the national final of the Nissan championship, defeating Queensland's Kelvin Grove State High School, which had held a stranglehold on the event.

The championship is played over two stroke rounds with the aggregate scores of the team of three deciding the victor.

The Victorian team overpowered Kelvin Grove - which was chasing a record-equalling fourth title - by eight shots on the splendid South Course of Peninsula Country Golf Club, south-east of Melbourne.

The win earned St Bede's the right to represent Australia in the world final of the Teams Championship for Schools at Berkshire Golf Club in England from May 14-15. Kelvin Grove won the international final in 1995 and this was repeated by Queensland's Kooralbyn International School in 1999.

The St Bede's team will spend a week acclimatising in the UK before the tournament, playing practice rounds at courses such as Sunningdale and Royal St George's. Victorian Golf Association's Junior Development Manager Geoff Keets will be the team manager.

The Victorians were led by a fine first round of 72 by Andrew Tampion who was backed up by steady performances from Fraser Tull (77) and Richard Slade (80). All three are two markers - Tampion and Slade at

Kingswood GC and Tull at Yarra Yarra.

St Bede's found itself with a 10-shot buffer after day one of the event while second placed Kelvin Grove kept in touch mainly due to a fighting 74 from Bronson La Cassie.

In equal third position, 14 shots off the pace, were St Paul's College from Kempsey in NSW and Western Australia's Mandurah Senior College.

On the second day, as the course firmed in warm, breezy conditions, care was needed with approach shots - many players found themselves stumbling to three and even four-putt greens when they landed above the hole.

A spirited 73 from La Cassie, the leading individual player, meant Kelvin Grove was able to make up some ground - but the deficit was reduced by just two shots as Tull carded a 74 to consolidate the St Bede's lead.

Final standings:

- 463 St Bede's College (VIC)
Andrew Tampion 72 79 151
Fraser Tull 77 74 151
Richard Slade 80 81 161
- 471 Kelvin Grove State High School (QLD)
- 478 St Paul's College Kempsey (NSW)
- 481 Mandurah Senior College (WA)
- 504 Westminster School (SA)
- 508 Elizabeth College (TAS)

Coaching Insurance - Update

The following excerpt is taken from a newsletter received from the Australian Sports Commission earlier this year.

Until recently, the NCAS has offered access to adequate public liability and professional indemnity insurance cover at a very competitive price to its partner coaches. Unfortunately, now for a number of reasons the NCAS is no longer able to offer this access. This is because:

- 1. There have been a number of mergers in the insurance industry, shrinking the market of insurance suppliers.*
- 2. The number of areas a coach is now exposed to for legal action is growing. This is causing other insurers to move out of the liability market as they determine risk to be too great.*
- 3. The differences in perceived or real risk from sport to sport e.g. lawn bowls to karate. Brokers are reluctant to agree to cover the NCAS with more than 90 different sports and 94,000 coaches. It appears the reason is that they feel the risk is too great for their companies.*

- 4. The large increase in NCAS claims and associated cost of these claims. The NCAS coach insurance claims history has increased significantly in the last few years. A number of these claims are held up in court (some for years) in the process of settlement. In combination these factors are forcing firms to leave the market or making them reluctant or simply not interested in offering a good deal applicable to all coaches.*

The bottom line is that there are no brokers interested in offering coverage to the NCAS.

The AGU is investigating alternative possibilities and will advise coaches of any developments in the next issue of The Golf Instructor.

In the meantime it is strongly recommend that if you are conducting activities at a club or school, you should check if you are covered by that organisation's policy. It is important to remember, however, that no form of insurance is a substitute for following safe and correct teaching/coaching practices. Please remember to ensure safety is foremost in your mind and follow the safety rules outlined in the course and Instructors Manual.

Coaching Course Review

The Level One and Two NCAS course are due for re-accreditation in 2002 and therefore a review of the courses is being carried out this year in consultation with State Organisations and Foundations.

The views of current Level One and Two accredited personnel would be most appreciated as part of this process. If you have any comments or suggestions in regard to NCAS courses, please send them to Kevin Tangey at the Australian Golf Union, 153-155 Cecil St. South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205.

International Year of Volunteers Conference

In order to assist Volunteering Australia Inc. in communicating information about the International Year of Volunteers (IYV) Conference to interested volunteers in the golf sector, the following is provided:

The IYV Conference will be held 21st-23rd October at the Grand Hyatt, Melbourne and will be jointly hosted by Volunteering Australia and Australian Volunteers International.

The conference will be a key national forum in which to highlight issues affecting volunteers and volunteering

and generate discussion and debate for the future.

The conference will include:

- Keynote addresses
- Invited papers
- Concurrent papers and workshops

Further information about the IYV Conference can be found on the Community IYV Web Site at www.iyv2001.net/conference.html or from Kylee Bates at Volunteering Australia Inc. (03) 9820 4100.



WILSON GO-GOES AROUND THE WORLD

Pictured above is a group of Wilson Go-Go Golf participants at St. Joseph's Primary, Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Having acquired the equipment and expertise from the AGU, the South African Ladies' Golf Union has coordinated Wilson Go-Go Golf in South Africa since 1996. During this period the programme has been extensively delivered across the country and in particular in rural and disadvantaged areas. There is even a very active programme based in Soweto where maybe another Tiger is lurking!

Wilson Go-Go Golf operates in one form or another in various countries including South Africa, Botswana,

Namibia, Sweden, Austria, Japan and Iceland. In Australia, close to 400,000 children have been introduced to Wilson Go-Go Golf since Greg Norman launched the programme in 1992.

Established by the AGU mainly for primary school students, the modified golf equipment is available from the AGU office in kit form, or individual clubs (irons - 5,7, wedge; driver; putter), soft balls, tees, activity books, instructor manuals, bags, etc can also be purchased. Schools seeking assistance in setting up a programme should contact their State Golf Association or State Junior Golf Foundation.

WILSON GO-GO GOLF UPDATE

New Wilson Go-Go Golf Equipment and Resource Order Form

A reminder that a new Wilson Go-Go Golf Equipment and Resource Order Form has been released.

This includes a number of new resources aimed at providing even greater enjoyment and skill opportunities for participants in Wilson Go-Go Golf, including:

The Go-Go Golf Players Set

A set specially developed to encourage participants to play golf games and activities. Great for modified Go-Go Golf courses. The Set contains a 5 and 7 iron wedge, putter, metal driver and Player Bag. Available in two different sizes-short and long.

Sets are available at a special price of \$154.00 each plus each set ordered will receive 4 free Players Guides.

Go-Go Golf Metal Driver

Oversize driver which is more forgiving and encourages longer and straighter hits. Features a high quality Aldila graphite junior flex shaft, aluminum alloy metal head with 16°

loft and is available in 37" and 39". The cost is \$44.00/driver.

Go-Go Golf 5-irons

Available in 34" and 36" and featuring the following benefits:

- Perimeter weighted irons which are again more forgiving
- A non-glare satin finish
- High quality junior flex shafts specially designed for children by True Temper, the world's leading golf shaft manufacturer
- Junior grips which are smaller in size and help promote the proper hand action

The cost is \$27.50/5-iron.

Go-Go Golf Players Bag

Nylon covered with a firm plastic inner featuring a padded strap, grip handle, tee holder and two storage pockets. The Players Bag costs \$33.00.

The prices in the new Go-Go Golf Equipment and Resource Order Form are also inclusive of the GST. Copies of the Form are available from the AGU or your State Golf Association.



WILSON GO-GO GOLF 2001 SPECIAL OFFERS



For LEVEL 0, ONE AND TWO PERSONNEL

Wilson SmartCore Straight Distance Golf Balls



Featuring SmartCore technology that reacts to your game, making it firm off the tee and soft around the greens. The straightest and lowest spinning ball off the driver of any distance ball. Less harmful side-spin reduces hooks and slices producing straighter shots. Price \$33.55/dozen plus postage. (Limit 3 dozen per person)

Wilson Carry Lite Golf Bag

Featuring 300D Ripstop polyester material, 6 pockets including large clothing pocket with internal security pocket with key clip, unique 9.5" by 6" 5 way top with full length dividers, durable lightweight stand, padded hip protector and towel ring with velcro glove holder. (Limit 1 per person)



Please copy this Order Form

Wilson SmartCore Straight Distance Golf Balls

Please send _____ dozen at \$33.55 = \$ _____

Wilson Carry Lite Golf Bag

Please send one bag at \$88.00 = \$ _____

Plus postage and handling = \$ 9.50

Total = \$ _____

Please note:- All prices are inclusive of GST. A maximum of 3 dozen balls and/ or 1 Carry Lite Bag per person. This Offer is valid until August 31.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Accreditation (please tick) Level 0 Level One Level Two

Phone No. _____

Please find enclosed a cheque or money order made payable to AGU or credit card details:

VISA Mastercard Bankcard

Card No.

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Name: _____

Signature: _____

Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Please copy this order form and Fax, including card details, to: (03) 9690 8510 or Post order including payment to: Australian Golf Union, 153-155 Cecil Street, South Melbourne Vic 3205