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## **Who will go home with Gladys?**

The nation's best female golfers have their eyes set on Geelong for the 2007 Australian Women's Interstate Teams Matches at Barwon Heads Golf Club. Beginning Monday 14 May, the most talented female players from Australia's six states will battle it out over five days for the Gladys Hay Memorial Cup.

Each state plays against each other in round-robin format with two foursomes and five singles matches each day determining the winner of each interstate contest.

The first interstate match was played in 1897 and in 1933 the series became the Gladys Hay Memorial Cup to honour Miss Hay and to perpetuate her great contribution to the game both as an administrator and player.

South Australia is defending champion and four of last year's successful players will be returning with hopes of keeping the trophy in Adelaide. However, they will not be able to romp away with the title if any of the other states have anything to say about it.

Victoria, led by Golf Australia National Squad members Emma Bennett and Kate Combes, will be doing their best to lead their state to glory on home soil. The Vics have not won the trophy since 1996 and look to have a team capable of taking the Cup.

New South Wales however, is always a consistently-strong performer. They have won five of the last eight interstate series and their 2007 team is shaping as one of the strongest in recent times. National Squad member, Frances Bondad, will look to lead her state with the form that carried her to victory in the recent WA 72-Hole Stroke Play at Lake Karrinyup, Perth. Bondad finished strongly to pip Australian team-mate, and Australian Amateur runner-up Bennett by one stroke.

The pair is currently in South Africa preparing for the Commonwealth Cup beginning on Monday 7 May. Joining them is South Australian Stephanie Na as well as Bondad's NSW team mates Helen Oh and Sunny Park, who is also the Australian Amateur Champion.

The strong international competition they experience in Johannesburg will stand them in good stead when they return home to face Australia's best - including matches against each other. Australia is aiming to win its fourth consecutive Commonwealth Trophy and we can expect the girls' confidence to be sky high should they return with the silverware.

The 2007 Australian Women's Interstate Teams Matches will be held at Barwon Heads Golf Club in the club's centenary year. The undulating women's par 73 course is set on the sandy dunes alongside Bass Strait and although not a particularly long course, Barwon Heads will challenge competitors with strategically placed hazards and potentially volatile weather coming in off the southern ocean.

Players will be able to practice on Saturday 12 May before the competition officially gets underway on Monday 14 May.

### **New South Wales**

Julia Boland  
Frances Bondad  
Emma De Groot  
Rebecca Flood  
Helen Oh  
Sunny Park  
Manager: Jane Searle  
Coach: Peter Van Wegen

### **Tasmania**

Laurie Chew  
Ashlee Dewhurst  
Abbey Gibbins  
Sarah Griffiths  
Sarah Johnstone  
Jessica Oakes  
Manager: Jennifer Greenhill  
Coach: Chris Crocker

### **Queensland**

### **Victoria**

Bree Arthur  
Sheree Hasson  
Katrina Jones  
Courtney Massey  
Cecilia Nha  
Maggie Yuan  
Manager: Jo-Anne Atkin  
Coach: Ian Triggs

Emma Bennett  
Clare Choi  
Kate Combes  
Jody Fleming  
Stacey Keating  
Grace Lennon  
Manager: Helen Gubbels  
Coach: Gareth Jones

**South Australia**

Jovanna Bozanic  
Louise Glennan  
Cara Guest  
Ebony Heard  
Samantha Holt  
Stephanie Na  
Manager: Lyn McGough  
Coach: Anne-Marie Knight

**Western Australia**

Tricia Boreward  
Whitney Hillier  
Rochelle Miles  
Stacey Shanahan  
Kristie Smith  
Manager: Sharon Dawson  
Coach: Ritchie Smith

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*Our goal is to raise the level of interest and participation in the game from grassroots golfers through to the elite levels, spectators, volunteers and associated industry bodies. Key responsibilities incorporate managing national tournaments and championships including the Australian Opens as well as rules and handicapping. Working in a commercial and inclusive manner with government, business and community, Golf Australia ensures the value of golf is understood and supported in all policy and business decisions.*

*Golf is a game for life where participation contributes to a healthy Australian community.*