

STATE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CATALINA COUNTRY CLUB

Ryan Smith of the Concord GC made an impressive up and down from the green side bunker on the last hole to take home the Boys' 2010 Subaru State Age Championship by 1 shot from Alex Pitty of the Wyong Golf Club.

Carly Beck of The Australian Golf Club held her nerve to take out the Girls' 2010 Subaru State Age Championship event.

BOYS OVERALL CHAMPION - Ryan Smith (Concord)

GIRLS OVERALL CHAMPION - Carly Beck (The Australian)

Boys 12 Years - Joshua Armstrong (Gold Greek)

Girls 13 Years & Under - Celina Yuan (Bankstown)

Boys 13 Years - Isaiah Wolferstan (Charlestown)

Girls 14 Years - Lizzy Elmassian (Concord)

Boys 14 Years - Rhys Dunlop - Playoff (Catalina)

Girls 15 Years - Esther Yoon (Bankstown)

Boys 15 Years - Tai Matsumura (Wakehurst)

Girls 16 Years - Chantal Hodson (The Australian)

Boys 16 Years - Jake Higginbottom (The Australian)

Girls 17 Years & Over - Carly Beck (The Australian)

Boys 17 Years - Blake Byrne (NSW)

Boys 18 Years - Ryan Smith (Concord)

[Please click here to be redirected to Jack Newton Junior Golf website for details.](#)

THE R&A LAUNCHES FREE RULES APP FOR iPHONE, iPAD AND iTOUCH

15 July 2010, St Andrews, Scotland:



The R&A has launched an official Rule App for the Apple iPhone, iPad and iTouch. It is available to download now for free from the iTunes App Store.

The Official Rules App allows the user to quickly find information about all aspects of the laws of the game from etiquette, through a summary of the fundamental Rules, to the complete Rules of Golf (2008 – 2011).

“The Rules App is a fantastic reference tool that allows you to find any Rules information you might require, on the move,” said David Rickman, The R&A’s Director of Rules and Equipment Standards. “It is useful for any golfer or official from those who are just starting to play, to those officiating at higher levels of golf.”

The Quick Guide to the Rules explains how a player should proceed in a number of frequently occurring Rules scenarios. Designed for easy reference, the Guide contains numerous images, diagrams and video footage.

Also included is a guide to the essential etiquette of the game, in which two-time Open Champion Padraig Harrington explains pace of play, care of the course, and consideration for other golf course users.

The complete Rules of Golf (2008-2011) can be referenced in the application. Further features include an interactive Rules quiz.

Ladies Committee Day.....Thursday 5 August

The 2010 Ladies Committee Day at Ryde Parramatta is fast approaching and time is running out to enter. We still have places available so if you would like to enter please visit the following link, complete the form and fax or email immediately.

http://www.nswgolffoundation.org.au/html/s02_article/article_view.asp?article_id=135&nav_cat_id=-1&nav_top_id=-1



2011 Bing Lee-Samsung NSW Women's Open starts summer of women's golf

The 2011 Bing Lee-Samsung NSW Women's Open is scheduled for 20-23 January 2011. It will be followed by the ACT Championship from 27-30 January, the HANDA Women's Australian Open from 3-6 February and the ANZ Ladies' Masters from 10-13 February 2011.

HANDICAPS RISE UNDER NEW SYSTEM

Golf Australia have announced that under the new handicapping system, handicaps on the whole have risen, with ladies' handicaps increasing (on average) by two strokes and men's handicaps (on average) by one stroke. Golf Australia has released a detailed memo to explain the changes that have occurred.

[Please click here for access to Golf Australia and Golf NSW memos on Handicapping and Course Rating.](#)

YOUNG NSW PLAYERS WIN OVERSEAS

Young NSW players Matt Stieger and Brett Drewitt have started their overseas experience in perfect fashion. Between them they have taken out both the stroke play and match play titles at the 109th PNGA Men's Amateur Championship held at Royal Colwood Golf Club in Victoria, British Columbia. Matthew Stieger (St Michael's), won the Charles Henry Davis Medallist Award after 36-hole stroke play. Brett Drewitt (Long Reef) went on to take out the Match Play title.

[Please click here for the iseek article.](#)

Coming Up!

Men's Events

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| 9 August | sureshotgps NSW Men's Fourball Championship - Metropolitan play-offs at Pennant Hills, Eastlakes, Ryde-Parramatta |
| 14 August | NSW Sand Greens Championship, Narromine |
| 16 August | sureshotgps NSW Men's Fourball Championship - District Finals |
| 29 August | NSW Foursomes Championship (36 holes), Carnarvon |

Women Events

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| 5 August | NSW Golf Foundation Ladies Committee Day, Ryde-Parramatta |
| 10-12 August | WGCNC Annual Tournament & Open Northern Cup, Port Macquarie |
| 16-19 August | RLGA Annual Tournament, Thurgoona |
| 23-25 August | BMDLGA Annual Tournament, Springwood |
| 28-29 August | Weekend Tournament, The Vintage |

Mixed Events

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| 8 August | NSW Mixed Foursomes Championships, Cabramatta |
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Results of all Golf NSW tournaments can be found on www.golfnsw.org

Meetings

ENCOURAGE SHIELD AGM

Monday 26 July at North Ryde Golf Club at 6.30 pm

MEN'S METROPOLITAN ZONES A, B AND C

Wednesday 28 July at North Ryde Golf Club at 7.00 pm

LADIES GRADE CAPTAINS

A meeting of Ladies Grade Captains will be held at Pennant Hills Golf Club on Friday 20 August at 9.00 am

LADIES METRO WEST DISTRICT

Monday 30 August at Muirfield Golf Club at 10.00 am

2010 NSW Open at The Vintage

Plans for the 2010 NSW Open Golf Championship to be held 25 - 28 November at The Vintage Golf Club are ramping up. One of the key focus areas is having some more high profile players join tournament host, Nathan Green, in the knowledge that this tournament is the ideal opportunity to prepare for the Australian Open the week after.

There are also some great **sponsor package opportunities** still available for prospective companies to get involved. Unlike many other sporting events, sponsorship packages start from \$5,000 through to Naming Rights where benefits such as exposure, marketing opportunities, hospitality and pro-am spots can be acquired. For more details contact James Black, General Manager - Commercial on (02) 9505 9105.

Do you have Perfect Vision?

Just a reminder that Golf NSW has come to an arrangement with Perfect Vision

Laser Eye Surgery to be able to offer a free consultation as well as a discount on any surgery undertaken. These benefits are available to all affiliated golfers in NSW as well as anyone who mentions this edition of Drop Zone when booking their consultation. Perfect Vision uses iLASIK surgery which NASA adopted for their astronaut program and has improved the eyesight of many notable individuals here in Australia. Simply go to www.perfectvision.com.au to find out more.



New Brand - New Interest

With our new business name and brand now in the market, this is evoking quite a lot of interest from businesses seeking to align with golf in NSW. Particularly, a connection with Golf NSW has the potential to reach 390 affiliated golf clubs and over 170,000 club members, not to mention the huge number of social golfers throughout the state.



Several new sponsorship opportunities are in the process of being finalised and these will be announced shortly. All our commercial partners assist Golf NSW to promote the game of golf on behalf of our member clubs and districts.

Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel & PowerPoint File Formats

For those of you with older versions of Microsoft and are having difficulty opening email attachments from newer versions, help is available in the form of a free download that you can install on your computers. Click the link below and read the instructions on the page and this will install a permanent file that will automatically open all those attachments in future.

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=941b3470-3ae9-4aee-8f43-c6bb74cd1466&displaylang=en>

ClubsNSW - Assisting clubs every day!

Over 250 golf clubs in NSW are registered members of ClubsNSW. When it comes to



support and advice about almost any aspect of the club industry - ClubsNSW is there to assist.

A few areas of expertise that are of particular interest to clubs is access to Director education programs through the Club Director's Institute (CDI), with workplace relations issues especially featured given the forever changing nature of applicable awards and wage reviews. Representation to Government generally to ensure clubs are not disadvantaged and viewed as genuine positive contributors to the community is something ClubsNSW has excelled at over the years. Further details, including how your club can become a member if it isn't already, can always be accessed from the ClubsNSW website www.clubsnsw.com.au

Club changes trading name

The very popular Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club on the Central Coast is going through a rebuilding and rebranding stage and Golf NSW is pleased to advise that as part of this process the club has decided to change its trading name to Shelley Beach Golf Club. This comes as no real surprise as the club is located on Shelley Beach Rd, Shelley Beach.

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.
Pete Seeger

The schoolteacher was taking her first golfing lesson. "Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?" she asked the instructor. "P-u-t-t is correct," he replied. "Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing."

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