

ENTER NOW - to play in the 2010 Team Challenge Pro-Am

That's right! Any golfer, male or female with an official Golf Australia handicap of 18.4 or less is eligible to enter the unique Team Challenge Pro-Am component of the historical NSW Open Golf Championship.

The 2010 NSW Open begins on 25th November and concludes on 28th November and will once again see the likes of Tournament Host and USPGA Tour winner, Nathan Green, regular USPGA Tour players Stephen Leaney and Bradley Hughes, together with European Tour regular, Peter O'Malley, and many more battle it out for the title.

The Team Challenge Pro-Am is Australia's equivalent of the successful and popular Pebble Beach Pro Am on the USPGA Tour. The NSW Open Team Challenge Pro-Am is similarly unique in that the trend is reversed – the tournament players compete over the first 2 days before the 'cut' is made. Those players that make the cut are then naturally contending for the prestigious NSW Open trophy and prizemoney, but at the same time drawn to partner a Pro Am amateur in a 2 ball best ball Stableford competition over the final two rounds of the tournament.



The experience of playing alongside a tournament player is almost priceless, and participants have the opportunity of not only playing in the Team Challenge Pro-Am, but walk the fairways with spectators watching your every move – nerve wracking for some but an experience that will last a lifetime.

Imagine playing the final holes on the Sunday of the championship and your partner is vying for or leading the NSW Open. Participants in previous years have been unanimous in their praise of the format and the experience they have taken from the event.

2010 Team Challenge Pro-Am PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:-

- *Two rounds of golf in the NSW Open at The Vintage, playing alongside a tournament player;*
- *Play for the Team Challenge Pro-Am title and exclusive event prizes*
- *Two event exclusive and branded 'Greg Norman' shirts*
- *An event branded cap*
- *One dozen Srixon Z Star-X golf balls*
- *A Cleveland overnight bag*
- *Two bottles of premium wine provided by Lindeman's Wines*
- *A commemorative NSW Open ball marker*
- *Passes to two functions for the entrant and one guest*
- *Ten chances to WIN one of three fabulous prizes including a 7 day trip to Malaysia for 2 people, a 6 day 'Stay & Play' package at Sanctuary Cove, and more...*

Limited spots are still available. Details on entry to this unique and exclusive Pro Am format are contained on the tournament website www.nswopen.com. Accommodation packages can also be obtained through the Official Accommodation Partner for the 2010 NSW Open, Cypress Lakes Resort.

The 2010 NSW Open will be held from 25th November to 28th November at The Vintage Golf Club, Hunter Valley.

Spectators are encouraged to walk the fairways with the players and, best of all - Entry to the tournament is FREE!

Our World Left-Handed Golf Champions

NSW pair **Jarrold Freeman** and **Nerida Gregory** took out the men's and women's championships at the World Left Handed Golfers Championships at the Disney Golf Resort in Florida.

Freeman fired rounds of 76, 77, 69, 70 (292) to finish nine strokes ahead of Jonathan Heer in second place. Freeman is the first Australian to win since Brad Macintosh won in 1998 (In Tasmania).

Gregory was never challenged and shot rounds of 77, 74, 78, 77, (306) - an astonishing 39 strokes ahead of Cornelia Ulm.

Both players are current Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation juniors and members of the NSW Junior State Teams.

Srixon International Junior Classic – played at Maitland & Kurri

Ryan Smith of the Concord GC has put his name on a very prestigious trophy by holing a good birdie putt on the 1st extra hole at Maitland to defeat his good mate and fellow Concord GC member Joshua Cabban. The playoff was required after both players finished equal on 268 (8 under par).

In the girls' event Annie Choi claimed the title easily in the end with a convincing 8 shot victory, finishing on 290 (2 over par).

The winners of the Srixon International Sub Junior Classic, played at Kurri Golf Club, have been crowned. In the boys' event Fidel Concepcion of the Lynwood CC shot a one over par 73 to finish one shot ahead of the fast finishing Grant Booth of the Ashlar GC. Grant finished the tournament with a two under par 70 in round 3 and then followed this up with a one under par 71 today.

In the girls event Su Hyon Oh fired a fantastic one under par 71 to move to 3 under par and take this prestigious championship by 7 shots over Min Jee Lee of Western Australia. More at <http://www.jnig.com.au/news/view/srixon-international-junior-classic/>

Max Garske announces his retirement from the PGA

THE Professional Golfers Association of Australia's long term CEO Max Garske has announced his retirement. He will step down after almost three decades of leadership at the PGA from July 2011 when his current contract expires. Garske will leave behind a rich legacy of achievements in the golf industry and in particular professional golf.

Golf NSW would like to thank Max for his contribution to the game of golf over the past 30 years and to wish him well in his retirement.

New phone system for Golf NSW

Golf NSW is experiencing a significant increase in the numbers of phone calls, hardly surprising after the amalgamation! Unfortunately, this has led to a number of dropped and missed calls. In order to arrest those problems, a new phone system is about to be installed which should assist our capacity to respond well into the foreseeable future.

The timing of this installation is **1pm on Monday 18th October, 2010**. As there will be a complete line transfer, the technicians have advised that Golf NSW will be unable to make or take any phone calls for at least two hours after the installation commences. The staff at Golf NSW will be having a training session that afternoon on the new system and we expect to be back to business as usual from **8.30am Tuesday 19th October**. Our phone number will remain the same – 02 9505 9105.

NATIONAL STROKE FOUNDATION

On behalf of the National Stroke Foundation, we would like to sincerely thank you for distributing FAST wallet cards / golf bag tags to all your players. With your help, we were able to raise awareness of the signs of stroke to over 330,800 golfers. Early recognition of a stroke and getting to hospital fast can make the difference between death, disability and a good recovery. So remember, **Face, Arms, Speech and Time**. Think **F.A.S.T.** Act **FAST!**

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Coming Events!

Men's

25 – 29 October Australian Men's Seniors Match Play, 13th Beach, Vic
6 – 7 November NSW Country Championships & Inter-District Teams Championship, Queanbeyan
25 – 28 November **NSW Open Championship & Team Challenge Pro-Am, The Vintage Golf Resort**

Women's

18 – 21 October Mountain Meeting – Springwood, Blackheath, Leura, Katoomba, Wentworth Falls
23 – 24 October NSW Sand Greens Tournament, Walcha
25 – 28 October Australian Women's Senior Amateur, Commonwealth (Vic)
8 – 10 November CCWGA Annual Tournament – Everglades, Gosford, Morisset, Tuggerah Lakes, Toukley, Wyong

Mixed

20 February 2011 2011 NSW Family Bowl, Bowral

Results of all Golf NSW tournaments can be found on www.golfnsw.org

Annual General Meetings

Formal notices will be issued shortly to all member clubs and DGA's advising the venue, date and time of the Annual General Meetings of WGNSW Inc, and Golf NSW (NSWGA). They will be held after the next Golf NSW Council Meeting on Thursday 11th November, 2010 at Bonnie Doon Golf Club in Sydney. The proposed schedule is:

5:30-6:00 WGNSW Inc.
Start approx. 6:00pm Golf NSW (NSWGA)

No elections are required at these meetings.

October Bulk Mail

The October Bulk Mail will be in the post on Monday 18th October so please look for it a little later next week. It can also be accessed via the website – www.golfnsw.org – click the mouse on the large Golf NSW logo and you will be taken to a page with the menu on the left including a "Publications" tag.

You can't help respecting anybody who can spell TUESDAY, even if he doesn't spell it right; but spelling isn't everything. There are days when spelling Tuesday simply doesn't count.

Winnie the Pooh

My uncle, who has golfed all his life, has his own definition of the word G.O.L.F.:
Getting Old and Living Fine!

