

## **2011 Bing Lee Samsung Women's NSW Open**

From 21-23 January 2011, Oatlands Golf Club will again be hosting the **Bing Lee Samsung Women's NSW Open**. This event kick starts the ALPG Tour of 5 tournaments, culminating in the ANZ RACV Ladies Masters in Queensland. For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the great British golfer Laura Davies will be playing, no doubt hoping to continue the terrific form that saw her win her 79<sup>th</sup> tournament this year, five of them in 2010. Other confirmed entrants include Sarah Oh, winner in 2009 and 2010, and Katherine Hull, who has also had an amazing year on the LPGA and LET circuits.

Entry forms are available via the website [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org) and amateurs are encouraged to enter who hold a current Golf Australia handicap or overseas equivalent of not more than 3.4 with those on a lower handicap taking precedence.

Entries close today, **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010**.

Entry is free for spectators and there is ample parking available. Come and see some great golf and cheer on our Aussie women.



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### **December Bulk Mail**

The November/December bulk mail was posted on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December to all clubs in NSW, one copy per club. Please share it around the various committees so that they can retrieve the information that is relevant to them. It is also available direct from our website – [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org) – under Publications.

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### **Course Rating Update**

As of 15<sup>th</sup> December the Course Rating Teams have completed some fifty Clubs' ratings. Some of the new AMCR/AWCR's and Slope Numbers have been issued, many of the others were audited (a requirement of Golf Australia) on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and will be issued to the Clubs in 2011. Golf Australia and USGA have now developed a new National Course Rating Database and those audited courses will be entered onto that database as soon as Golf Australia has it fully functional.

Three additional Course Rating Training Seminars have been arranged, one each in Newcastle, South West District and Murray District due to a small number of raters within those Districts.

Thank you to all the Clubs for the hospitality extended to the Rating Teams thus far. If your Club hasn't been rated or contacted yet, a Zone Co-ordinator will speak to you early in the New Year.

The Course Rating Committee wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Lynne Ritchie, Chairman Course Rating Committee NSW

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## ***Australian National Coaches appointed***

Golf Australia is pleased to announce the new Australian National Coaches as part of new developments in the structure of the national High Performance Program in 2011.

Each state will have a dedicated coach who will work intensively to identify and develop talent at state level.

The coaches are **Gareth Jones** (SA), **Martin Joyce** (VIC), **Peter Knight** (TAS), **Tony Meyer** (QLD), **Khan Pullen** (NSW) and **Ritchie Smith** (WA).

This approach allows Golf Australia to directly support the coaches that provide the day to day instruction for the players, as well as setting up a new coaching structure in Australian golf.

Golf Australia High Performance Director Brad James said the appointments would allow more face-to-face time between coaches and players.

"I am excited about this new structure," James said.

"The role of each National Coach will be to provide knowledge, resources and expertise for the best possible coaching, support service, daily training environment, sports science services and competition opportunities for all National Squad members, while working closely with all State High Performance Programs and the home based coach."

"This strategy and structure will give future National Squad members the best opportunity to reach their full potential by increasing their awareness of the tools needed to reach national and international standards," James added.

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## ***2011 National Squad members selected***

Golf Australia is pleased to announce the players selected for the 2011 National Squad.

**Tier 1: Ryan McCarthy (TAS)**

**Tier 2: Jessica Speechley (WA), Ashley Ona (QLD), Breanna Elliott (VIC) and Julia Boland (NSW).**

**Junior Squad: Cameron Smith (QLD), Jake Higginbottom (NSW), Minjee Lee (WA).**

The difference between Tier 1 and Tier 2 selected athletes is based on selection benchmarks and criteria met by each athlete.

Athletes will receive higher funding at the Tier 1 level for international competition. All other resources and opportunities will be equal at both levels.

Golf Australia High Performance Director Brad James said the changes to the squad structure will give a greater number of players access to a range of services to help their development.

"The benefit of introducing Junior and tiered level National Squads is that not only will players be sent to various camps and events nationally and internationally to gain elite competition experience; they will also have access to the full array of sports sciences that until now have generally been limited to the top amateurs and professionals," James said.

"A new structure has been put in place to assist Australia's elite player development, with a greater emphasis on development rather than solely at the top of the pyramid. These are new initiatives that will assist players to become more aware of the tools needed to compete and have success at the international amateur level and professionally," James added.

The new squad takes effect from January 1, 2011.

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## Coming Events!

### Men's

- 20 – 23 January 2011 Greater Building Society Lake Macquarie Men's Amateur Championship, Belmont  
25 – 28 January 2011 NSW Amateur Championship, including 2010 Champion of Champions, Cumberland and Liverpool  
31 Jan – 2 Feb 2011 NSW Amateur Championship (Match Play), New South Wales

### Women's

- 10 – 11 January 2011 Women's Summer Foursomes, Wollongong, entries close 22 December  
13 – 16 January 2011 Greater Building Society Lake Macquarie Women's Amateur Championship, Belmont  
**21 – 23 January 2011 Bing Lee/Samsung Women's NSW Open, Oatlands**  
3 – 6 February 2011 Handa Australian Women's Open, Commonwealth, Victoria  
10 – 13 February 2011 ANZ RACV Ladies Masters, Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast

### Mixed

- 20 February 2011 2011 NSW Family Bowl, Bowral

Results of all Golf NSW tournaments can be found on [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)

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## STOP PRESS – Mudgee Golf Club Burns Down

I am sorry to advise that Mudgee Golf Club burnt down last night. The pro shop was the only part saved, so if you're travelling in that area, stop and have a game and support their community.

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## Golf NSW office hours for the Christmas Period

Please note that the Golf NSW office will be closed after December 23 and will reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011. The next Drop Zone will be issued on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

The Board and staff of Golf NSW would like to wish you a safe, happy and relaxed festive season and we look forward to assisting you wherever possible in the New Year.

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*Sudden success in golf is like the sudden acquisition of wealth.  
It is apt to unsettle and deteriorate the character.*  
P.G. Wodehouse

It is always during a passing state of mind that we make lasting resolutions.  
Marcel Proust

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