

Inaugural Council Meeting



THE first major administrative gathering took place at Kogarah Golf Club with the inaugural Golf NSW Council Meeting on 30 August 2010. Over sixty Councillors, Board and Staff filled the room to discuss the merger outcome, major current issues, and the strategies for Golf NSW over

the next twelve months. Presentations were given by Frank Gal – Chair of Rules & Amateur Status Committee, Sandra Gillies – Chair of Women’s Match Committee, Alan Harrison on behalf of Les Browne – Chair Men’s Match Committee, Lynette Ritchie – Chair of Handicap and Course Rating Committee, Khan Pullen and Peter van Wegen from Jack Newton Junior Golf.



Key discussions included the finalisation of legal matters pertaining to the amalgamation, the proposed sale of the Homebush property, branding, changes affecting Clubs due to the introduction of the national Course Rating and Handicapping System.

CEO Greg Mills and COO Nicky Bethwaite discussed the current communications arrangements and sought feedback from the Council members and constituents on any areas to improve.

Major communications channels currently include: the bi-weekly Drop Zone e-updates, bi-monthly CD Bulk Mail-outs, Posters & Event Entry Forms, Annual Reports and Yearbook. Specialised communications include the bi-yearly *Rules of Golf Newsletter* and the *Golfers Club NSW/ACT E-Newsletter* issued to their respective members.

The day concluded with the Councillors collecting their new Golf NSW apparel. Minutes of the Council Meeting have been distributed to the respective District/Zone representatives.

WGNSW & Golf NSW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Notice of the AGMS for both WGNSW & Golf NSW is attached with this Sept/Oct Bulk Mail-Out. A pre-notice was issued via Drop Zone Issue #7 e-update on 1/10/10. The AGM will draw the curtain down on the period ending 30 June 2010.

DATE: 11 November 2010
VENUE: Bonnie Doon Golf Club
TIME: Starts at 5:30 pm & 6:00 pm respectively

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Hosted by Nathan Green

25–28 November
The Vintage
Hunter Valley



Incorporating the Team Challenge Pro-Am

Entrants will receive shirts, cap, balls, wine, functions and much more.

For entries and more information visit www.nswopen.com

Spectators will have the chance to WIN fabulous prizes including a 7 day trip to Malaysia and more.



Event Results



Greg Annesley and Margaret Mitchell from Concord Golf Club win 2010 NSW Mixed Fourball Championship State Final

BEATING over 4,200 pairs to take out a State title is no mean feat. But that's exactly what Greg Annesley and Margaret Mitchell from Concord Golf Club have done. The pair were the most consistent in the 2010 NSW Mixed Fourball Championship State Final, securing victory with an impressive 46 and 44 for a total of 90, to blitz the pack, winning the event by 7 points.

Playing at the magnificent Bonville Golf Resort over two days on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 September 2010, the Concord pairing were joint leaders after Day 1, and continued their consistent play and stretched their lead on Day 2. Annesley and Mitchell were incredibly humble in their victory, thanking each other, their playing partners, Golf NSW, Bonville Golf Resort and the weather!

The Championship kicked off on 1 January 2010, with club qualifying rounds commencing around the state. This year 251 clubs participated in this event, with 4,211 pairs competing at club level. In July, metropolitan and district play-offs narrowed it down to 20 metropolitan and 20 country pairs to contest the State Final. The State Final was 36-hole stableford (two rounds of 18 holes).

Nelson Bay's Sharon Dunn takes out the Division 1 The Vintage Weekend Title



THE Vintage Weekend Tournament was held Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August at The Vintage Golf Course – Hunter Valley. Winner in Division 1 was Sharon Dunn from Nelson Bay who had 38 points on a count back. Division 2 winner was Jann Reid from Wakehurst who had 44 points.

Winner of the A.M. Field on a +15 were from Kogarah Golf Club and comprised Marissa Duggan, Martha Eyre, Cate Lloyd and Pam Russell. Winner of the P.M. Field on a +13 count back were from Chatswood Golf Club and comprised Melissa Chapman, Michelle Docker, Michelle Watts and Carolyn Cochrane.

The Bardwell Valley Girls and the Camden Lakeside group (pictured) enjoyed their day at The Vintage.

Congratulations to The Vintage and their staff who did an excellent job all around which made for a great event.

Swanson Defends Her 5th Title NSW Women's Country Meeting

JULIE Swanson from Newcastle won her fifth consecutive title at the 2010 NSW Women's Country Meeting held at Mona Vale and Asquith Golf Clubs on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 September 2010. Julie retained the 36-Hole Division 1 title, the Mabel McKenzie Cup, with a score of 160 defeating Jocelyn McKay from Moss Vale who had 162.



In the Division 1 36-hole Nett event, the Una Clift Bowl, Nicole Bruce from Lismore blitzed the field with a score of 144. Nancy Phillips from Maclean was second with 153. In Division 2 (handicaps 21-27) it went right down to the wire in the 36-hole stroke play, Rose Payten Trophy. In the end joint winners were awarded, with Julie Jenkins (Cootamundra) and Lorraine O'Connor (Muree) both being crowned winners, with scores of 196. Julie Jenkins had an outstanding few rounds, also winning the The Una Clift Bowl, 36-hole stroke play, in Division 2 with 152.

Many of the longer markers have had difficulty on some of the courses when they played in these events, therefore a Third Division Stableford was introduced this year, along with a new perpetual trophy, the Marie Chapman Trophy. The Trophy was named after Marie Chapman, a distinguished figure in NSW golf, in particular in the South Coast. Pattie Hoschke from Bellingen took out the inaugural Division 3 Marie Chapman Trophy with 68, defeating Robin Greedy (Maitland)

who won second on a countback against Lorraine Broomfield (Woolgoolga), both players shooting 67.

Next year's event will be held on the 5th, 6th and 8th September 2011 in the southern suburbs of Sydney at Cronulla on Monday, a venue to be determined on the Tuesday, and the Foursomes on Thursday at Bexley.

More Results...

Zunic wins 2010 NSW Junior Boys Championship



NSW Colts Team Member Jordan Zunic (Bonnie Doon GC) beat a strong field of 140 competitors to win the 2010 NSW Junior Boys Championship. Held at Penrith Golf Club on 27-29 September 2010, Zunic dominated the Championship, leading on each day of play, finishing with a score of 286, and holding on in a tight finish to secure victory.

"I wasn't aware, but I sunk a 30-footer on the last for a birdie which gave me the win by a shot, so it was pretty special", remarked a pleased Zunic.

The pressure was on Zunic in the final day, leading by one shot, and with no less than eight players hot on his heels. However he held his nerve, scoring three under 69 over the first 18 (with an amazing seven birdies), and 75 over the final 18 to secure the title by one shot.

It was a strong win for the 18-year-old from Illawarra, who "got into golf by going to watch my Dad play socially with his friends and decided to try it and has never looked back since."



Hodson & Beck win the 2010 NSW Women's Foursomes Championship

After a long but exciting day on course the winners of the Molly McLeish Trophy/ Open Foursomes Championship were Chantal Hodson and Carly Beck both from The Australian Golf Club. The Division 2 winners were Denise Sainty and Christine Jacobs from Bayview Golf Club.

The event has been played since 1971 with many notable past winners. This year's foursomes were played in two divisions: Division 1 played 36 holes with Division 2 playing 18 holes. The draw was seeded with the lowest combined handicaps in the event leading the way, being the teams of Adriana Brent/Allyce Watkinson, Chantal Hodson/Carly Beck and Olivia Wilson/Elle Sandak.

In her acceptance speech, Carly Beck summed up by thanking Cromer Golf Club for the great condition of the course, a great partner in Chantal and congratulated all the winners on the day.

NSW Left Hander Pair Claim World Title

NSW pair Nerida Gregory and Jarrod Freeman 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 members of the NSW Junior State Teams.



Concord wins 2nd Year in a Row

The Concord Team of Narelle Sullivan, Margaret Bain-Smith, Philippa Clark and Rhonda Magner were extremely excited to win the Coronation Medal for the second year in a row. The team all met back at their home Club Concord for a celebration 'champagne all round', the order of the day. Club members came to join in when they heard the news. Concord Lady Captain Judy Haddrick stated that she was very proud of the team and was also ecstatic to have won a 2nd time.

Dean Woodman, Golf Operation Manager Concord, said that he was happy to host the event this year and as the winning Club again will be glad to host next year's Coronation Medal. The players at Concord and Long Reef all reported that the day ran smoothly and the eight minute intervals and three players per group assisted the field to move very well at both venues.

More Results & News

Golf NSW v the Australian Defence Force

by Tony O'Rourke, Captain/Manager

GOLF NSW assembled a strong team on 9-10 September to take on the ADF at Tuncurry Golf Club. The previous match at this venue was won by the ADFGA some three years ago. Golf NSW won all except one morning match, the other being halved. The afternoon Foursomes saw an encouraging fightback from the ADF Team, as we edged them by 3 ½ matches 2 ½. This left Golf NSW with a commanding lead of 9 matches to 3.

The semi-formal dinner at Forster Tuncurry GC was attended by all players as well as Roly Kinnear, Gary Harmish (Captain Forster Tuncurry GC), Steve Green (Vice President FTGC) and representatives of Service Point (sponsors of the ADFGA). The initiative to seat the following day's singles opponents together at the dinner was well received and the speeches reflected on the strong camaraderie that exists between the teams.

The ADF Team was unable to mount a comeback in the singles matches early on Friday morning. Golf NSW fielded a team where half of the players were off a handicap of scratch or better. This was the contributing factor in the final decision of 19 ½ matches to 4 ½.

The matches were played in a competitive vein with an emphasis on sportsmanship and mateship. Some players travelled many hours to attend and indicated a commitment to the event in the future.

Three Members are Recognised for their 50+ Years of Service to Golf in NSW

TWO Coffs Harbour golfers, **Alice McGregor** and **Jess Miller**, and Muswellbrook Golf Club member **Oliver (Ollie) Edwards** have been recognised for their 50+ years of service to golf in NSW.



Alice and Jess have been actively involved with the Coffs Harbour Golf Club for fifty years. Jess first joined the club in 1948 and was a golfer on a handicap of 17, winning the Club Championship seven times. She immediately became involved in the Ladies Committee serving in numerous roles as Captain, Secretary, Handicap Manager, Vice President, President and Delegate for the

Ladies Golf Union in Sydney. When she was in her 50s, she instigated the Veterans Club and Veterans Tournament, within both the Coffs Club and the Central North Coast Association. Jess will be turning 90 on 1st January. She is still very much involved with the Club and plays a very competitive game.

Alice spoke of her pleasure in being involved in the Club, the many friends she has made and their help to her over the years. Alice served on the Ladies Committee from 1970-1992 and held a wide variety of positions including Publicity Officer, President, Vice President and Vice Captain. She was also a representative for the Central North Coast Association and the Ladies Golf Union. Perhaps one of her most enduring achievements is the work she did with beginners. For over 20 years she fostered

THE Golf NSW Honour Roll was established in 2007 to honour members who have made a significant contribution (not just participation), through a period of 50 years or more service for women's golf in NSW. This program has been continued post amalgamation of NSWGA and WGNSW inviting nominees to incorporate men who have contributed in a similar manner.

the growth of new members through a special competition held on Tuesdays, boosting Wednesday fields to 160+. She stated, "I was very proud of this, to see our Club growing was wonderful." Many members owe their enjoyment of golf to Alice's work.

Over fifty years ago in 1959, Muswellbrook Golf Club gained a treasured member in Ollie Edwards. Ollie became hooked on the game ever since she stepped foot in the Club. Ollie has not only always been a playing member, but helped in all areas of golf at the Muswellbrook Club. She won numerous events, including the C Grade Championships six times from 1976-2004. Her volunteer activities saw her take on committee duties as a Ladies Committee member, Captain, President to her role as Patroness of the Ladies Club since 1996. To honour her contribution to the Club, Ollie was also made a Life Member in March 1998.



After being inducted into the 50-Year Service to NSW Golf Honour Roll, Ollie recounted that she has had many wonderful times being involved with golf over the years. She even met her husband Brian on the golf course. When asked about her best moments she said "playing in the Local Pro-Am with Nathan Green and winning the Holden Scramble twice in three years." And as an interesting note the annual

membership when Ollie joined Muswellbrook was 21 Shillings. It cost 2/6 to play and the winning prize was 7/6 and a ball!

Latest on Rules & Handicapping Golf Australia Suspends 2nd Package of Changes

MEMO from Golf Australia Chairman Ann Lenegan describes how the GA Board has now decided to suspend the implementation of the Second Package of Changes to the Australian Handicap System for an indefinite period. (Note: Irrespective of any requirements of the USGA Handicap System, GA would always encourage clubs to have a Handicap Committee.)

For details go to: http://admin.golfaustralia.org.au/site/_content/document/00008070-source.pdf



Golfers and Clubs Benefit From New Insurance Program

GOLF clubs and golfers now have access to some of the widest cover available at the most competitive premiums through a new insurance product partnership between Golf Australia and insurer Sportscover.

The new product is available now and clubs and their brokers can obtain more details at www.austriangolfinsurance.com or by emailing golfaust@sportscover.com

Upcoming Events

DATE	TOURNAMENT	HOST
OCT		
17	Cronulla Cup (V)	Cronulla GC
17	Warren & Gibson Trophies - Semi Finals	Various
18-21	Victorian Championship (National Order of Merit)	13 th Beach Golf Links and The Sands (VIC)
18-21	Mountain Meeting	Springwood, Blackheath, Leura, Katoomba, Wentworth Falls GCs
23	Carnarvon Cup (V)	Carnarvon GC
23	Bathurst Cup (V)	Bathurst GC
23-24	NSW Sand Greens Tournament	Walcha GC
24	Warren & Gibson Trophies - Final	TBA
25-29	Australian Women's Seniors Championship	Commonwealth GC, VIC
25-28	Australian Men's Seniors Match Play	13 th Beach Golf Links (V*C) TBC
30	Bayview Spring Cup (V)	Bayview GC
30	North Coast Open Amateur (V)	Coffs Harbour GC
31	**Bankstown Cup (V) (JV)	Bankstown GC

2010

NOV	WOMEN'S MEDAL PLAY-OFFS	
4	Bronze Medal Play-Off	Strathfield GC
5	Gold Medal Play-Off	Pennant Hills GC
5	Silver Medal Play-Off	Ashlar GC
8-10	CCWGA Annual Tournament	Everglades, Gosford, Morisset, Shelly Beach (formerly known as Tuggerah Lakes), Toukley & Wyong GCs
9-11	Australian Mid-Am Championship	The National GC, VIC
15	3BBB - State Final	Twin Creeks G&CC
25-28	NSW OPEN (MEN'S)	The Vintage GC
27-28	Women's Weekend Tournament	The Links Shell Cove

For more on Junior events go to: www.jnjg.com
 For more on Golf Australia events go to www.golfaustralia.org.au
 To stay updated on the latest events go to: www.golfnsw.org

Men's

Women's

2011

All Fixtures	Golf NSW Events	Vardon Events (M)	Pennants / Grade	Senior Events	National Events	Other State Events
Men's	Men's	Jean Derrin (W)	Men's	Men's	Men's	Men's
Women's	Women's	District Events (W)	Women's	Women's	Women's	Women's
Mixed	Mixed		Mixed		Mixed	Mixed

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2011	Start Date	End Date	Day(s)	Event Type	M/W/Mi	Event	Venue
January							
03-Jan-11	03-Jan-11	Monday		Public Holiday		Public Holiday - New Years Day	
06-Jan-11	09-Jan-11	Tue-Fri		State	Men	Men's Victorian Open	Spring Valley GC (VIC)
08-Jan-11	08-Jan-11	Sat	**		Men	North Ryde Amateur	North Ryde GC
08-Jan-11	09-Jan-11	Sat-Sun	**		Men	Yowani Open Amateur	Yowani
08-Jan-11	08-Jan-11	Sat	**		Men	South Coast Amateur	Wollongong GC
09-Jan-11	09-Jan-11	Sun		Golf NSW / Pennants	Men	2010 Eric Apperly Shield - FINAL	Pymble GC
09-Jan-11	09-Jan-11	Sun		Golf NSW / Pennants	Men	2010 Junior Pennant - FINAL	Pymble GC
10-Jan-11	11-Jan-11	Mon-Tue		Golf NSW	Women	Women's Summer Foursomes	Wollongong GC
13-Jan-11	16-Jan-11	Thur-Sun		Vardon/GA	Women	Women's Lake Macquarie Amateur Championship	Belmont GC
14-Jan-11	15-Jan-11	Fri-Sat	**		Men	Avondale Medal	Avondale
18-Jan-11	18-Jan-11	Sun	**		Men	Australian Cup (Invitational)	The Australian
20-Jan-11	23-Jan-11	Thur-Sun		Vardon/GA	Men	Men's Lake Macquarie Amateur Championship (GA National Ranking (V))	Belmont GC
20-Jan-11	23-Jan-11	Fri-Sun		Golf NSW	Women	Bing Lee / Samsung Women's NSW Open	Oatlands GC
23-Jan-11	23-Jan-11	Sun		Golf NSW / Pennants	Men	2011 Eric Apperly Shield DGA Country Rounds can commence	Various
25-Jan-11	28-Jan-11	Tues, Thurs, Fri		Golf NSW	Men	NSW Amateur Championship (Medal) (V) Including 2010 Champion of Champions (National Ranking)	Cumberland (72) Liverpool (36)
26-Jan-11	26-Jan-11	Wednesday		Public Holiday	Men	Public Holiday - Australia Day	
30-Jan-11	30-Jan-11	Sun	**		Men	The Lakes Medal	The Lakes
31-Jan-11	31-Jan-11	Mon		Seniors	Men	Wollongong Seniors	Wollongong GC



50% Off - Exclusive Member Discount on Australian Open Tickets

GOLF Australia is offering all golf club members the opportunity to purchase tickets to the 2010 Australian Open at 50% off the normal price for a limited time. Come and see Greg Norman, John Daly, Fred Couples, Adam Scott, Geoff Ogilvy and many more battle it out for the Stonehaven Cup at The Lakes Golf Club.

For details go to: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=AUSOPEN10>

Exclusive opportunity to play in a major golf tournament

That's right !! Any amateur golfer 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.

2010 NSW OPEN - TEAM CHALLENGE PRO-AM

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. 2009 NSW Open winner Leigh McKechnie will be out to defend his success last year as will recent previous winners Jason Norris, Aaron Townsend and Terry Price.

The NSW Open can boast previous winners of international fame including legends of the game in Norman Von Nida, Kel Nagle, Peter Thomson, Jack Newton, Greg Norman, Ian Baker-Finch and more recently Craig Parry and Peter Lonard.

The Team Challenge Pro Am is Australia's equivalent of the successful and popular Pebble Beach Pro Am on the USPGA Tour. The Pebble Beach event sees amateurs and celebrities partner tournament players on the first 2 days of competition before the 'cut' is made and only the surviving tournament players continue into the weekend final rounds. The event is littered with world famous movie, television and sporting celebrities from all parts of the globe who partner some of the USPGA Tour's biggest names.

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 seasoned tournament player is almost priceless, and participants have the opportunity of not only playing in the Team Challenge Pro Am, but walking 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.

Some consistent comments on the Team Challenge Pro-Am

- "What an experience ! To play with these guys on the weekend in a major tournament was a moment I'll never forget."
- "I was in awe of my playing partner as he split the fairway time and time again. There was a large crowd following us and the feeling just doesn't get any better."
- "To anyone thinking of taking part, don't think, just do it !"
- "I was made to feel like a star both on and off the course and my pro really made me feel part of the tour. There is nothing like it !"

Entrants in the 2010 Team Challenge Pro Am will receive the following package inclusions:-

- Two rounds of golf in the NSW Open at The Vintage, playing alongside a tournament player, and play for the Team Challenge Pro Am title
- Play for a number of exclusive event prizes
- Two event exclusive 'Greg Norman' shirts
- An event cap
- One dozen Srixon Z Star-X golf balls
- A Cleveland overnight bag
- Two bottles of premium Lindemans wine
- A commemorative NSW Open ball marker
- Passes to two functions for the entrant and their 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 in the Team Challenge Pro-Am 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 to 28th November at The Vintage Golf Club, Hunter Valley.

Spectators are encouraged to walk the fairways with the players and, best of all

Spectator entry to the tournament is FREE !

