



Club Connect



Greetings from our CEO

WHAT an incredible year it's been for the administration of amateur golf in New South Wales. The merger between the men's and women's organisations finally occurred on July 1 and the process was as seamless as could have been reasonably expected under the circumstances. The two staff groups have blended well and have worked harmoniously since day one and the volunteers from the Board down have similarly banded together to provide the staff and management with that all important input and policy direction. I take this opportunity to personally thank the entire staff and the many volunteers through our President, Chris Allen for their collective support and individual contributions which has allowed us to achieve such a positive outcome after such a long time in the making.



The Bulk Mail - we hope you find value in the information contained on this occasion and we very much look forward to announcing a whole new way of communicating with you in the new year including the launch of our brand new Golf NSW website.

Office Closure - please note our office will be closed after December 23 and will reopen on Tuesday January 4. Emergency calls can be made to Graeme Phillipson on 0416 057 965 or myself on 0411 366 799.

On behalf of all at Golf NSW may we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Greg Mills
Chief Executive Officer

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Nov/Dec Bulk Mail CDs

About Bulk Mail-Outs & CDs

The Bulk Mail CDs and Mail-outs continually evolve as we listen to feedback received from our Clubs about their needs. We are now incorporating the CEOs 'MEMO' and this Bulk Mail 'List of Contents' in the *Club Connect* Newsletter. We have also separated the documents into folders and segmented those further according to gender ... men's, women's or mixed events. Information about the Juniors will come directly from the Jack Newton Junior Golf. This will allow the various Club Committee members to access their respective information without having to go through all the files.



Contents of the Bulk Mail are also available online in the section under "**Publications**". Click on the "**Bulk Mail CD**" and then the "**month**" of the Bulk Mail-out. You will also note that the *Drop Zone* has also been stored on the website in its respective section at www.golfnsw.org

Only one (1) CD per Club is being posted to the designated Bulk Mail Address as indicated in the *Club Information Form*. To update addresses please email Robyn Jones at robyn.jones@golfnsw.org

Nov/Dec CD Contents



Administration Folder

1. Club Information Form 2011 (word format to update data for the Yearbook)
2. Club Information Form 2011 (for those who prefer the pdf format)
3. 2011 Yearbook Order Form
4. Information and Nomination Form - "Honour Roll of 50+ Years of Service to Golf in NSW"



Captains, Match & Rules Folder

1. Womens Captains Day Nomination Form 2011 (word format)
2. Womens Captains Day Nomination Form 2011 (pdf format)
3. 2011 Rules Venues



Golf Australia Folder

1. GA's MYGolf National Skills Challenge



USGA CR & Handicapping Folder

1. Memo - USGA Visit (22-11-2010)



Other Promotions Folder

1. Castle Hill Ladies Open Day Entry Form
2. Invitation to Clubs from The Palms GC
3. NSWGC Womens Silver Cup Form
4. Pacific Dunes Christmas_Poster
5. The Elanora Salver Entry Form



Tournaments Folder



Entry Forms Sub-Folder

Men's

- 1.1 About 2011 GBS - Lake Macquarie International Amateur Championship
- 1.2 Entry Form 2011 GBS - Lake Macquarie International Amateur Championship
- 1.3 NSW Men's Amateur Championship



Mixed

- 2.1 KENO + sureshotgps NSW Mixed Fourball Championship Schedule
- 2.2 NSW Mixed Family Bowl Entry Form



Women's

- 3.1 2011 Grade Conditions
- 3.2 2011 Grade Draw
- 3.3 2011 NSW WO Entry Form - Amateurs
- 3.4 2011 NSW Women's Open Fact sheet
- 3.5 2011 NSW WO Accommodation Options
- 3.6 2011 Summer Meeting Entry Form
- 3.7 Goodwill Plate Conditions & Result Sheet
- 3.8 International Bowl - Result Sheet 2011
- 3.9 GBS - Lake Macquarie Entry Form
- 3.10 Medal Competition Info and Forms



Fixtures

1. Fixtures Memo
2. 2011 Golf NSW Fixtures Poster
3. 2011 Women's Summary of Events
4. ALPG Calendar 2011



Results

Men's

1. 2010 Senior Order Of Merit - Report

Women's

1. International Bowl Results 2010
2. Goodwill Plate Results 2010

Meet the Golf NSW Board



Chris Allen - Chairman

CHRIS is a retired banker with extensive experience in the banking industry and financial markets, locally and globally. He has been a delegate to the NSWGA from Pennant Hills Golf Club since 2001 where he served as Club Captain for six years. Chris is currently a Director of Jack Newton Junior Golf and Chairman of the NSW Golf Foundation. He is state level rules accredited.



Sue Fabian - Deputy Chairman

SUE is a member of the National Championship and Course Rating/Handicapping Committees, a delegate to the GA Council, and Governor of the NSW Golf Foundation. She was President of WGNSW from 2009 until the merger, a Director for 6 years and Councillor for 4 years. She has served on a number of WGNSW Committees, including Finance and Match (Chairman 2006-2009), and joint WGNSW/NSWGA Committees, including Amalgamation (chairing the Constitution Committee), Rules, and State Rules Accreditation. A Nationally Accredited Referee, Sue is part of the Rules team for the Men's and Women's Australian Opens. A member of Pennant Hills Golf Club for over

25 years, Sue served as Honorary Secretary and Women's President. Her professional background is in secondary/adult education, and consultancy in Governance. She was Board Chairman of a large Sydney Independent School for 10 years to 2005, chairing Risk Management, Education and Planning Committees, and a Director on the Board of the NSW Association of Independent Schools.



John Waanders - Chairman of Finance

JOHN is a retired Chemical Engineer and has been involved in golf administration since 1982. He initially served as a Councillor for the NSW Golf Association in 2003 and became a Director in 2004, fulfilling the role as its Treasurer since 2007 until the amalgamation. John is also a member of the Rules and Amateur Status and the Sponsorship and Marketing Committees, and is a state accredited rules official.

John became a member of Muree Golf Club in Raymond Terrace in 1969, elected to its Board in 1982 and served as its Treasurer from 1983-1994. At District level, John served as Hon. Secretary of the Newcastle DGA from 1992-2002, following that served as its President for the maximum of six years until 2008, and then was re-elected back to his current role of Hon. Secretary.



Carolyn Bloch – Director

CAROLYN has been a member of the New South Wales Golf Club since 1990 and represented the club in interclub matches over many years. As a keen and involved golfer she has been closely following the progress of the NSWGA and WGNSW amalgamation.

Carolyn has extensive Board experience both as an Executive Director, most recently as the CEO of the NSW Coal Compensation Board and as a Non-Executive Director on the Boards of Special Olympics Australia, Diabetes Australia, Pacific Leadership Foundation and others. As Deputy Director General of the Department of Sport and Recreation she had the Department's primary responsibility for government interface with sporting organisations and brings insight into government machinery with strong connections and a strategic focus.

Golf NSW Board continued...



Frank Gal – Director

FRANK is a retired accounts supervisor who has been actively involved in golf administration at club level since 1992 and state level since 2000. At Club level Frank served as Vice President, Treasurer and Captain of Richmond Golf Club. At State Level, Frank served on numerous committees which included Rules and Amateur Status, Match, Handicapping & Course Rating, Planning & Development and the NSW Open. Frank became a NSWGA Director in 2004, and Chairman of the Rules & Amateur Status Committee in 2005. At the National Level, Frank is a member of the review group charged with the development of the National Rules Accreditation resources and has been a member of the Golf Australia Rules of Golf & Amateur Status Committee since 2006. Frank has officiated at State and

National level since 2000 and passed the R&A Referees School exam in 2009 with distinction.



Alan Harrison – Director

ALAN has been involved in the development, promotion and administration of golf at Club, District and with the former NSWGA for approximately twenty years. During this time he has served as a Club Captain for the Federal Golf Club, District Captain for ACT Monaro DGA, NSWGA Councillor and from 2005 to 30 June 2010 as a NSWGA Board Member. From November 2007 to 30 June 2010, Alan was also the Vice-President of the NSWGA and a delegate to Golf Australia. Alan has served on numerous NSWGA Committees including Finance, Membership and Golf Development, Match and was part of the Joint WGNSW/NSWGA Amalgamation Committee. He has over twenty years public sector experience in the areas of corporate governance, contract management and employee/workplace relations.



Jean Moran – Director

STARTING her career as a teacher, Jean later moved into business and ran a number of successful businesses prior to her retirement. She has been a golfer for over 20 years starting her golf at Oatlands Golf Club where she became the Lady Captain after a couple of years as vice-captain. She served on the Match and Greens Committee. She moved to the Central Coast and joined Toukley Golf Club where she has served as the Lady Captain and Treasurer and was elected to the Board of Directors. She is also currently the Women's District Captain. She also served as a member of the Board of Women's Golf NSW prior to the merger and is currently a member of the Women's Match Committee and

the Rules Committee. A state accredited rules official she is currently a member of the National Referees squad and regularly referees at the Men's and Women's State and National Open events.



Lynne Ritchie – Director

LYNNE has played a part in the golf administration from grass roots level to National level. She was elected to WGNSW Council in 2002 and is currently the Chair of the Course Rating and Handicap Committee as well as a Representative of NSW on the Golf Australia Course Rating and Handicap Committee. A Member of Lithgow Golf Club for 35 years, Lynne was Club Secretary for eight years and continues to be a Board Member. She has served as part of the Ladies Committee for 32 years holding positions of President, Secretary, Captain and Handicap Manager. At District level, Lynne is in her 13th year as Secretary of the BMDLGA and has been a Member of the Committee for 22 years.



Darrell Watts – Director

DARRELL has been involved in the game of Golf for over forty years. He served as a Councillor of NSWGA for five years, Director of NSWGA for four years, and served on the NSWGA Match, Marketing and Development & Course Rating Sub-Committees. Darrell was the Vice Captain of Ocean Shores Golf Club, past Vice President of Murwillumbah Golf Club, Chairman of Greens and Junior Co-coordinator for three years. He was the Junior Promotion Officer for NRDGA for six years, Vice President of NRDGA for five years and is the current President of NRDGA for the past five years and a Director of JNIG.

Event Results

O'Malley Breaks Drought at NSW Open



THE 2010 NSW Open saw one of its best fields in many years with international players such as Tournament Host, Nathan Green, Stephen Leaney, Peter O'Malley and Bradley Hughes entering the tournament. It was veteran 45 year old Peter O'Malley who had the luxury of taking a 5 stroke lead into the final round. He ended up in a tight tussle in the closing stages which culminated in a 3-way tie against British Amateur Tom Lewis and rising star Peter Cooke, forcing a playoff to decide the title. As the 500+ crowd held their breath, it was veteran Peter O'Malley from NSW who ended his five year drought to become the NSW Open Champion.

Interviews with Peter, further news and detailed results can be found by going to www.nswopen.com

Strong Performances from NSW Players at Dunes Medal



NSW state team member Adriana Brent won the 2010 Dunes Medal following a play-off with Queensland National Squad member Ashley Ona at The Dunes Golf Links in Rye, Victoria. Ona led the tournament after 36 and 54 holes but Brent pulled level with her in the final round to force a play off finishing with 75.

In the men's championship, Victorian Deyen Lawson won his first Dunes Medal with a three stroke victory. Lawson opened the tournament with rounds of 75-71 before an explosive 8-under par 64 and 4-under par 68 handed him the title. Matthew Steiger (NSW) finished with a final round 2-under par 70 to be in second place. Read More at www.golfaustralia.org.au

Higginbottom Tastes Success in China



JAKE Higginbottom has just returned all smiles from a most successful visit to China, finishing second in the Aaron Baddeley International event and winning the China Open Amateur.

Australia was also represented by Ryan Smith (NSW), Cameron Smith (QLD) and in the girls event by Annie Choi.

For a full list of scores, visit the Aaron Baddely International website on: <http://www.abijc.com/5043.html>

Thrilling finish in 2010 sureshotgps NSW Men's Fourball Championship State Final



IT was a thrilling finish to the 2010 sureshotgps NSW Men's Fourball Championship held at Bonville Golf Resort from 12-14 October, with two pairs finishing on 94 points, and battling it out in a sudden death play-off. Fred Pawlak and Bruce Pope from Charlestown Golf Club and Mark Hoath and Shane Swansborough from Coonamble Golf Club tee'd off the 18th hole in the play-off. In the end it was the composure of Swansborough on the green, sinking a four foot putt, which secured victory for the Coonamble pair. For Pawlak and Pope it was still plesing to be runners-up in the Championship. A good score on the final day of 48 for Ban Nee Lim and Tony Moody from Concord Golf Club saw them finish third.

The Coast claim both the Warren & Gibson Trophy's



CONGRATULATIONS to The Coast Golf Club who have successfully repeated their 2004 efforts to once again claim the double by winning both the Warren and Gibson Trophies for 2010. The final for both events was held on Sunday 24 October at Beverly Park Golf Club with The Coast playing Richmond in the Warren Trophy whilst Eastlake were against The Coast's Gibson team in the other final. Pictured are the winners of the Gibson Trophy (left) and the Warren Trophy (right).

Event Results...

CAREY UNDETERRED BY DOWNPOUR TO SEIZE THE NSWLGU SAND GREENS TITLE



ONE hundred and eighteen players from 26 clubs participated in the State Sand Greens Tournament hosted by N.E.D.G.A Inc., despite the weather playing havoc to both competitors and officials alike. Undeterred by the weather, Carey Lakeworthy from Tamworth claimed the Division 1 36 Hole Stroke title with a score of 170 (84 and 86). Playing off 14, Carey (pictured on the right next to Deputy Chairman Sue Fabian), produced some great shots to win from Vanessa Ward of Armidale.

comprised of team members P. King, C. McDonald and D. Martin. The SWLGA Bowl 36 Hole Scratch Team Event was won by the Armidale Team comprised of V. Ward, T. Clifton and K. Ireland.

The NSWLGU Bronze Salver Division 2 was shared by joint winners J. Cox (Howlong) and N. Dart (Werris Creek) with 198. The Bronze Bowl Best 36 Hole Scratch Division 3 winner went to B Newby (Uralla) with 211. Winning Teams

included the RLGA Jug 36 Hole Nett Teams Event with Walcha taking the title

Wentworth Falls' Kerrie Davis Keeps Cup in the Mountains

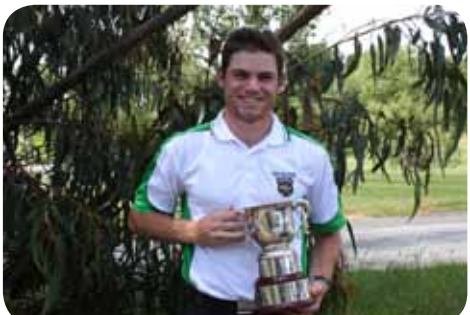


THE Yallambee Cup is one of the oldest trophies held by Golf NSW, with the trophy being awarded from 1930 to 2010. Many players have been coming to the Blue Mountains event for over 25 consecutive years. The event is a keenly contested tournament and also an excuse to meet up with old friends from around the state. This year's event saw over two hundred women play over 3 days at Katoomba, Springwood, Leura, Blackheath and Wentworth Falls golf courses from 18-21/10.

The Division 1 Yallambee Cup was won by Wentworth Falls' Kerrie Davis with a total of 166. The Division 2 Blue Mountains Salver was won by Wakehurst's

Marjorie Davids with a total of 196. The Division 3 Trophy was won by Suzanne Rees (Wakehurst) with 84 stableford points. Save the date for next year's event which will take place on 17-20 October 2011.

Newcastle Achieve Clean Sweep at Country Championship



LED by newly crowned NSW Country Champion, Chris Smith (Belmont), the Newcastle District has made a clean sweep of the major trophies at the 2010 NSW Country Championship, held at Queanbeyan Golf Club on 6 and 7 November. Chris Smith played solidly today to follow up his first round of 2 under 68 with a 1 over par round of 71, to finish at one under par for the 36 holes. Chris won by 2 strokes to Branxton's Mark Hale and Duntryleague's Robert Payne, who were closely followed by Charlestown's Jake Higginbottom and Byron Bay's Charles Wright.

Jake's rounds of 72 and 70 saw him take out the Junior Country Championship,

edging out Wyong's Alex Pitty and Brayden Peterson (Charlestown). Newcastle District were successful in both the Juniors and Seniors Teams events. In the net event, the locals took the spoils, with David Elliott's rounds of 68 and 69 for a total 137 winning by two strokes ahead of Stephen Dwight.

3BBB Bonville Women's Classic Trophy Goes to Emmaville



THE Emmaville Golf Club team of Shirley Lockwood (29), Melissa Symons (16) and Kathy Hogan (19) were ecstatic when they took home their winning 2010 3BBB Bonville Women's Team Classic Trophy with a +6. The three women, who made up the Emmaville team, came from a 9-hole sand greens golf course based in the New England District. Playing under wet weather conditions on a very difficult Twin Creeks Golf and Country Club proved extremely challenging.

The Wakehurst team comprised of Eve Moore, Carolyn Morris and Christine Carolyon followed closely behind as runners up with a +5. Third placed team from Pambula-Merimbula was comprised of Pam Appleby, Vivian Jordan and Maureen Treby who won on a countback with a +3 against Bonville.



De Bortoli Wines pairing win 2010 Corporate Partner Challenge

CONGRATULATIONS to De Bortoli Wines pairing Colin Leclere and Lisa Russell who have won the 2010 Corporate Partner Challenge held at Avondale Golf Course.

The pair finished with a nett score of 64.25 for the 2 ball ambrose event and just edged out Lakeside Financial Planning's Gerry Power and his partner Kevin Casey who had a 64.75, just 0.5 strokes off equalling the winning mark.

Event Results...



Denis Dale crowned '2010 SOOM Winner'

THE 2010 Senior Order of Merit culminated at the Cromer Seniors event, held on 23 November 2010 at Cromer Golf Club. Denis Dale (Twin Creeks GC) not only won the event, he was subsequently crowned '2010 Senior Order of Merit Winner'.

Dale took an early lead in the Order of Merit with a victory in the NSWGA Seniors event back in February. He finished on 2010 points after ending the year with an astonishing 15 top three place finishes from the 25 events he entered.

What makes Dale's achievements even more remarkable is he managed to win seven of these events resulting in a 314 point margin from Denis Day (Penrith GC) who finished in second position on 1694 points. Dale

has now won the Senior Order of Merit title an amazing four times. In the 65+ years age division of the Senior Order of Merit it was Jack Parker who staged some late form to capture the division with 1105 points.



Kirkright's Time-Off 'Pays Off' at the Links, Shell Cove

SALLY Kirkright from Kogarah won the 18-Holes Single Stableford event on Saturday, 27th November at the Weekend Tournament held at the Links, Shell Cove, with a convincing score of 44 (32 h/cap). The runner up Diane Simpson (23) from Liverpool followed with a 35 on a c/b from Hurstville's Janet Allam (27).

During her presentation, Sally (pictured far left) advised all players to "give work a break for a while and play more golf...!", which she took to heart when she seized the opportunity to take some time off her full-time job and is enjoying a little more golf. The Best Ball Teams V Par event the following day saw the team of Jane Skiperdene, Bev Flynn, Rhonda Riches and Sharon Griffin from Yowani Golf Club capture a "dream round" with a +16 to win by 3 from the Wakehurst Team of Ruth Chuter, Joan Cleary, Laura McCaffney and Anne Martin.



Camden Win Mostyn Shield

CAMDEN Golf Club have won the 2010 Mostyn Shield, with a convincing 10 stroke victory in this year's event, held in conjunction with the Rosnay Cup. The JH Mostyn Shield scores were Camden with 212, second was Rosnay with 222 and Gordon finished third with 223. The event result is based on the best 3 scratch scores from a team of 4.

The Camden players were Duncan Skinner (72), Rodney Hayward (70), Gary Rootsey (70) and Jason Webb (72). The Rosnay players were M Williams (76), J Russell (73), R Kumar (76) and A Ram (73). The Gordon players were C Lynch (76), G Inglis (69), P Waddell (78) and F Gurren (78). Hurstville had 243.



Women's Golf-Bronze-Silver Medal Play-Offs

117 players competed in the Gold Medal play off with an a.m. and p.m field from both the 1st and 10th tees. Judith Finkle (9 h/cp) negotiated her way around having a 79 off the stick to be the best of the morning scores to take the Country Gold Medal home to Cootamundra. The winner of the Metropolitan Gold Medal was Sue Chim (h/cp 16) from North Ryde who was excited to have had a good round in the damp conditions.

Congratulations to Bonnie Doon's Laura Prophet who fired an impressive nett score of 72 (hcp 24) to win the Golf NSW Silver Medal playoff at Ashlar Golf Club attended by 133 women. The Silver Medal was open to all amateur women

members of golf clubs affiliated with Golf NSW who have won a Division 2 or Combined WGNSW Medal (best nett aggregate of 3 WGNSW Medal rounds) in the current year.

The Bronze Medal was attended by 102 women with Mary Wahbe from Oatlands Golf Club taking home the Metropolitan Title. The Country Title was won by Nanette Childs of Yowani Golf. To qualify to play for the Bronze Medal players had to have won a Division 3 Golf NSW Medal at Club level. Clubs from all over NSW participated with competitors travelling from the city and as far away as Tamworth, Narooma, Howlong and Tuross Head.

50+ Years of Service to Golf in NSW



Melita Watson



Pauline Thomas



Eileen Potter



Nola Burke



Olga Gerathy



Priscilla Jeffery

THE Golf NSW Honour Roll was established in 2007 by WGNSW 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.

Honouring Our Dedicated Volunteers Who Have Served for More than Half a Century

Played in every Club Championships for 46 years total! ... back playing golf six months after bypass heart surgery! ... still playing golf at over 80 years old... all this and still pitching in to volunteer for their clubs... These are the stories of the amazing women who have been honoured by their Golf Clubs for their 50+ Years of Service to Golf in NSW.

Branxton Golf Club presented **Melita Watson** and **Pauline Thomas** with their awards in front of 60 family and friends. Quite a few tears were shed as the surprised women accepted their Certificates amongst nostalgic faces seeing friends who they played with return for the occasion after having left the area. For a small club it was quite the celebration. Melita Watson has held every single position in the Branxton Golf Club and has been the Captain for a number of years. The pages would fill up showcasing her tireless work and achievements. Pauline Thomas held a very significant record from 1960, unbroken up until a few years earlier. Whilst helping with the Club, Pauline played in every championship for 46 years total holding numerous Club records.

In 2004, six months after her bypass heart surgery, **Eileen Potter** went back to playing golf and is still going strong at aged eight-five with a handicap of 26! Eileen joined the Botany Golf Club over 50 years ago in 1956 at age 31. In 1990 in her 60s, Eileen had a hole-in-one on the 6th hole at Botany.

Nola Burke from Long Reef Golf Club was much overcome when she received her Certificate. She joined the Club in 1960 and at 81 years old she plays off 37 and is a regular in the 11-Hole competitions. Nola served as Secretary and is a valuable member supportive of women members.

Dunedoo Lady Golfers would not be the same without their dedicated volunteers. They recently presented four of their members the 50+ Years of Service to Golf in NSW Certificate. The surprised trio of **Beryl Cannen**, **Elaine Hurcum**, and **Marcia Rhodes** were overjoyed when they were presented the award. **Wendy Taylor** was unable to make the presentation, however was given her certificate at home and was equally surprised. Honorary Secretary, Elizabeth said that all four women have been invaluable members of the Dunedoo Lady Golfers and heavily involved in Committee Meetings, helping out with catering, organisation and management of tournaments and functions, gathering prizes and helping newcomers to the game, and said "Dunedoo thanks these amazing women for their time, labour, finances and passion for golf to keep the Dunedoo Lady Golfers moving forward".

Olga Gerathy and **Priscilla Jeffery** of the Forster/Tuncurry Golf Club proudly displayed their Certificates for over 50 years of service to golf in NSW, which was presented by their Club President Patricia Brown and CNC District Councillor Verelle Miller. Olga stated on receiving her certificate "My greatest pleasure in receiving this award is the assurance that Golf NSW still cares for veterans and aged golfers, who form a large part of the great game of Golf. I have had many years of enjoyment hitting that little ball around numerous golf courses only to discover it has a mind of its own. However, I still accept the challenge of being in the winning circle and that is the great game of Golf!". Priscilla has been a full playing member of the Forster/Tuncurry Golf Club for approximately 59 years and is presently Patroness of the Club donating her time, resources and trophies to support the Club and its members.

To read their bios go to www.golfnsw.org under "Community Recognition"



L-R: Elaine Hurcum, Beryl Cannen, Marcia Rhodes, Elizabeth (Hon Sec) Dunedoo LGC receiving certificate on behalf of Wendy Taylor (inset).

Vale - Frank Tobin



On behalf of the Golf NSW Board, Staff and golfing community, we send our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Tobin family and friends.

Frank Tobin passed away on the morning of 26 November. He was a dedicated and renowned golfer and golfing administrator in the Newcastle and Hunter Districts. Frank's involvement with NSW golf through the NDGA spanned over 25 years. He was extremely knowledgeable about the Rules of Golf and was an active Rules Official at numerous District and State events.

From all at Golf NSW

Latest on Rules & Handicapping



A copy of the MEMO from Golf Australia Simon Magdulski re: **USGA to Visit Australia for Collaborative Study** is attached in the Bulk Mail CD which states

“Following the suspension of the Second Package of Changes to the Australian Handicap System on 1 October, Golf Australia has had various discussions with the United States Golf Association. In these discussions, GA has updated the USGA on recent developments in Australia and passed on a summary of the feedback provided by Australian clubs and individual golfers. The key outcome of these discussions is that the USGA has agreed to take part in a collaborative study with GA looking at the implementation of the system to date, the golfing culture and structure in Australia and the application of the USGA Handicap System within the Australian environment. As part of this commitment, the USGA will send at least one senior person to Australia to work with GA. This is expected to occur in February 2011.”

Read further details and stay posted by going to www.golfaustralia.org.au

2011 Rules Seminars & Exams



Golf NSW seeks expressions of interest from those interested in hosting a seminar after April, 2011. At each venue, seminars are usually held once in the afternoon and once again in the evening. They would be open to all members of affiliated golf clubs, however, often many members of the host club are involved. Each seminar is followed up a fortnight later by an exam, where participants can become Club Level Accredited Rules Officials. For further information or to

register your expressions of interest, please return the form attached in the Bulk Mail by January 31, 2011, to rod.clark@golfnsw.org or contact Rod on (02) 9505 9105.

About the Yearbook

The 2011 Yearbook will be produced in the early part of the new year. Once we have received all the clubs' data from the "Club Information Form 2011" we will process these to produce our inaugural Golf NSW Yearbook. If you could please fill out the form enclosed in the Bulk Mail it would be appreciated so that we can order the appropriate numbers. The Yearbook will include both men's and women's Committee information.

2011 FIXTURES

Go to www.golfnsw.org and download the 2011 Fixtures

Bing Lee/Samsung Women's NSW Open

21-23 January 2011 at the Oatlands Golf Club

For an event that was first introduced to the women's professional tour in late 2006, the Women's NSW Open is now firmly etched in the elite women's golfing schedule as one of the coveted events to contest, which kick starts the "Summer Down Under" series together with four other events played nationally, and which culminates in New Zealand with the NZ Women's Open.

The 2011 Women's NSW Open takes place on 21-23 January 2011 at the Oatlands Golf Club in Sydney and has official ALPG Tour Order of Merit status, attracting Rolex World Ranking points. It is also a qualifying event for elite amateurs in the Karrie Webb Series.

Golf NSW is proud to lay claim as the only State to host a Women's Open. As its history recounts, the Bing Lee NSW Women's Opens have established a rightful place on the Australian Women's golfing schedule, attracting the cream of the best players from Europe and Australia. In the past few years the tournament has attracted players from all corners of the globe. 2011 continues that theme with a host of international players set to descend on Oatlands Golf Club keen to raise the NSW Open trophy in victory.

For more information on the 2011 Women's NSW Open visit: www.golfnsw.org

To view results of the 2010 Women's NSW Open visit www.alpg.com.au
or go directly to: http://www.alpg.com.au/index.php?page_id=tournament&season_id=24&id=230

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**2010 Leading Amateur - Stacey Keating (VIC),
2009 & 2010 2x Winner Sarah Oh (NSW) and
2010 Runner Up Katherine Hull (QLD)**