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STOP PRESS - Newcastle Secures NSW Open

As one of Australia's most renowned and respected golf courses, and certainly one of New South Wales' best, Newcastle Golf Club has secured the hosting rights of the historical NSW Open Golf Championship for 3 years from 2011 through to and including 2013.

Golf NSW CEO, Greg Mills and Newcastle Golf Club Captain, Michael Mulvaney today signed an historic agreement for the club to again become the host venue, in the company of two former champions – 1972 winner Owen Beldham, and 2008 winner, Aaron Townsend. A new event logo was also unveiled.

With Newcastle fast becoming recognised as the sporting hub in the state, some of Australia's - and indeed a sprinkling of international players - are expected to descend on this picturesque layout in November 2011.

A previous host venue for the championship back in 1972, Newcastle Golf Club has a course that has been consistently ranked in the top 15 courses in the country, and the club is justifiably proud that 3 of the holes are internationally ranked, particularly the short but testing 7th which is considered one of the best 18 holes in the world outside the USA and UK.

Back in 1972, a leading amateur golfer at the time and club member Owen Beldham called on all his local knowledge to trump the field and became the first amateur to win the title since the championship became 'Open' in 1958.

Beldham remembers his victory as though it were yesterday and has fond memories of raising the grand trophy in triumph "In those days the championship was one of the three big tournaments on the Australian tour, and attracted a high class international field" he said, before adding "The weather had a big effect that year but I played pretty well, knowing the right spot to place my ball and understanding the subtle breaks in the greens."

Likewise, 2008 NSW Open champion and Newcastle local, Aaron Townsend, has always considered the course a wonderful layout and to have an opportunity to contest for the title again at the venue is very special. Townsend, who is also a member of the club, said "I've grown up here and Newcastle has always been one of those courses through its worldwide reputation that you just love to have an opportunity to play, and now particularly at one of our leading championships. I hope I am able to be here in November to try and add my name to the trophy again."

Whilst he is currently in Europe, 2010 NSW Open winner Peter O'Malley sent a message of congratulations on learning of the news, admitting that Newcastle is one of the best regional courses in Australia. "It's a wonderful event with a great history



so congratulations to the organisers for arranging the 2011 Championship at Newcastle Golf Club," he commented.

The 2011 NSW Open, which forms part of the wider PGA Tour of Australasia, will be held at Newcastle Golf Club on 17th to 20th November 2011 and in continuing the tradition of the championship, entry to the course will be free of charge.

Women's Grade 5 & 6 Results

Grade 5 and 6 played their Final Day of the Grade Competition on Friday 10 June with Presentation to follow at both venues. In Grade 5 Mona Vale won in a nail biting finish from Asquith and in Grade 6 Camden Lakeside was victorious over Moore Park. Photos and full story available on the web - <http://www.golfnsw.org/default.aspx?s=news-display&id=71352>.

The Final Day for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be played on Friday 24 June and results will be posted when available. Golf NSW wishes all the teams good luck for their remaining matches in the 2011 season.

It's not golf – but it's useful information

If you are concerned about 'telemarketing' on your home phone, fax or mobile, you can register your number via a website to protect you from these nuisance calls that always seem to come at 7pm when you're just about to sit down and have some dinner! Once your numbers are listed on the register, telemarketers and fax marketers must not contact you. Registration is free.

<https://www.donotcall.gov.au> is a government website that is managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority on behalf of the Australian Government.

Beware of emails with links from someone you don't know, particularly if there is an exhortation (threats of death, illness or bad luck) to pass them on. They could be designed to attack your computer seeking personal information. Don't ever click on these links if you are unsure. Here is a website - <http://www.hoax-slayer.com/> - where these hoax emails can be checked.

Entries closing soon - 2011 Club Committee Charity Golf Days at The Lakes & Concord

The closing date is fast approaching for this event, and the fields are filling up fast. If you're thinking about it, enter now so as not to be disappointed. Entry forms available from the NSW Golf Foundation website – www.nswgolffoundation.org.au. Just a few reminders when entering:

*** Individuals may enter.**

* Motorised Transport: Bookings and payment for motorised carts are the responsibility of the player.

* Requests may be added to the entry form and Golf NSW will make every effort to assist where possible.

Entries close Sunday 3 July 2011. Please contact Donna Mitchell (donna.mitchell@golfnsw.org or 02 9505 9105) for further information.



NSW Sports Federation Workshops

The NSW Sports Federation has a comprehensive education program by way of seminars. These are held either at Sydney Olympic Park, or they can come to your club on request. Some of the workshop subjects are:

- Planning your Club's future
- Presentation skills
- Getting Volunteers in your Clubs
- Writing Winning Grants
- Resolving Conflict in Sport
- MPIO (Member Protection Information Officer)

Contact Julie Stafford Julie.stafford@sportsnsw.com.au or call 8116 9737 . All affiliated golf clubs come under the membership umbrella of Golf NSW.



Groupon a Good Deal for Clubs

All clubs would be aware of the recent Golf Australia announcement of an exciting promotion with group buying site Stardeals, which is operated by Groupon Australia.



The partnership will allow Australian golf clubs to market themselves to a new audience, offering the chance to experience what the club has to offer through a special deal offered via Stardeals.

Since its launch in November 2008, Groupon Inc. has led a worldwide movement in e-commerce, using the principles of collective buying to bring millions of dollars in new revenue to local businesses while saving more than US\$2 billion for subscribers. In 2010, Forbes Magazine named Groupon the fastest growing company in history.

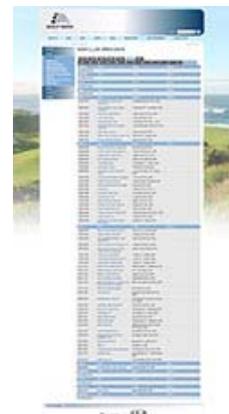
Stardeals commenced operations in February this year and now offers daily deals in every major city, in addition to national deals.

For more information on how your club could get involved in this promotional opportunity, simply contact the Groupon representative for Golf Australia, Mark Labrie on Mobile: 0429 012 125 or E-Mail: Mark.labrie@stardeals.com.au

NSW Club Open Days

There is a new feature on the Golf NSW website - a calendar exclusively featuring NSW Club Open Days. Click on the Golf Clubs tag at the top of the page and in the drop down menu on the left, you will find an option called NSW Club Open Days. Click on this and you will find a calendar listing all the information we have concerning these events up to the end of July. Information through to the end of the year will be uploaded over the coming weeks.

If you would like your event listed here, or if the details that are already there need to be changed, please contact [Mitsie Kent](#) or call 02 9505 9105.



June Club Connect Mail Out

The next mail out of Club Connect will be taking place next week. It contains the latest memos from Golf Australia regarding Handicapping, entry forms for all the upcoming tournaments (men's and women's), as well as the latest Golf Rules Newsletter. All in all, not to be missed!



As always, the latest edition of Club Connect is available via the website - www.golfnsw.org - under Publications.

Coming Events!

25 - 26 June Northern Weekend Tournament (Mixed), Pacific Dunes
19 July Women's Pewter Plate, Glenmore Heritage

Entries are now open for the following tournaments:

7 August [NSW Mixed Foursomes Championship, New Brighton](#)
27 - 28 August [Women's Weekend Tournament, The Vintage](#)
28 August [Men's & Women's Foursomes Championship, Oatlands](#)
5 - 8 September [Women's Country Meeting - Cronulla, Woolooware & Bexley](#)
12 September [Women's Coronation Medal, Concord & Castle Hill](#)
16 September [Women's Bronze Medallion, Cronulla & Wakehurst](#)
26 - 27 September [Women's NSW Sand Greens Championship, Narromine](#)

All entry forms and results are available from the [Golf NSW website](#) under the Events tag.

Golf as we know it?

I'm sure we'll all look at these players at the US Open slightly differently after watching this - http://www.pgatour.com/video/r/features/default/2011/06/14/feat_golfboys_nm195a.pgatour/index.html

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