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### ***A New Council for Golf NSW***

Council nominations, ballots and elections have now been completed for the 2011-2012 Golf NSW Council. All of those who have been elected or appointed take up their positions immediately. The first task the Council Members will need to perform is to elect four Directors to the Board of Golf NSW. Ballot forms and envelopes will be posted early next week and are due to be returned by post on 4<sup>th</sup> October by 4pm or in person by 6pm on 6<sup>th</sup> October at the AGM, to be held at Bonnie Doon.

Metropolitan Council Members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to their Zone clubs at Zone meetings scheduled for next week.

Zone B clubs have been invited to a meeting at Bexley Golf Club on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.

Zone C clubs have been invited to a meeting at Fox Hills Golf Club on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.

Zone A clubs have been invited to a meeting at Chatswood on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 6pm.

For the full list of Council Members please visit our website – [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org).

### ***Golf NSW AGM***

The Golf NSW AGM is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 6th October 2011 at Bonnie Doon Golf Club. Notice of Meeting, Agenda and the Annual Report will be mailed to all Golf NSW members in mid-September.

### ***NSW Open comes to Newcastle***

#### ***Great Sponsor Opportunities are still available***

The Australian golfing schedule for 2011 kicks off in early November, which will see some of the world's leading players converge on Australia. Whilst the President's Cup will attract the media's interest, the historical NSW Open will be held at the world famous Newcastle Golf Club on 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 just when golf will be top of mind.

Golf NSW, who own and run the tournament in conjunction with the PGA Tour of Australasia, are delighted to be able to have a course as highly rated as Newcastle to hold the annual tournament. "Newcastle Golf Club presents an excellent opportunity for Australia's leading golfers to play a course ranked in the top 15 nationally, and



which features several holes ranked in the best from around the world" said Golf NSW General Manager, Commercial, James Black. "To be warmly embraced by the club and the city of Newcastle augurs well for a great future for the tournament, and we look forward to some of the best players in Australia vying for the famous trophy" he added. [More on the website.](#)

### **Exciting golf?**

Australia's most famous golfer, **Greg Norman**, believes **golf could be entering an era of excitement** the likes of which haven't been seen since the 1980's and early 1990's when he and several others battled for domination of the sport. "I've never seen pro golf as healthy as what it is today, maybe not since it was back in the '80s when we had six to eight guys like Seve (Ballesteros), myself, (Nick) Faldo, (Nick) Price, (Fred) Couples and Jose Maria (Olazabal). It was tough to win because there were so many great players on a global basis and that's the case now and that's fantastic ... I've never seen golf healthier." [More...](#)



### **Women's NSW Open Dates Confirmed**

The 2012 Women's NSW Open will be held at Oatlands Golf Club from 27 to 29 January 2012. The Pro-Am will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January with a practise day available at the course on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please check with our website for entry forms and any further information.



There will be a new website dedicated to the Women's NSW Open, scheduled to be available in the next few months.

### **Joint Open a first for Aus golf**

Tuesday, 23 August 2011

Victorian State Government support for \$75, 000, renewed interest from potential sponsors and a unique and exciting concept heralds a new era for the Victorian Open Golf Championship in January 2012.

In a first for Australian professional golf, the Men's and Women's Victorian Opens will be jointly played in 2012 with both titles culminating at the Spring Valley Golf Club on Sunday January 8th.

The 2012 Men's Victorian Open will be played over 72-holes from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th January at Spring Valley while the Women's Victorian Open will be concurrently played over 54-holes. Prizemoney will also be identical with a minimum of \$125,000 on offer for each title. [More...](#)



*Paul Sheehan - winner of 2010  
Victorian Open*

### **Amateur to Professional Pathway**

**Applications for the 2012 PGA Traineeship close next week**, Wednesday 31st August. The [PGA Trainee Program](#) is open to golfers either male or female who have a passion for the sport of golf. Working alongside a fully qualified PGA Member, this three year program will provide you with invaluable on-the-job training and experience at a golf facility, whilst at the same time offering formal education in a variety of vocational areas.

### **September School Holidays**

Sport and Recreation Kids' [holiday and family camps](#) are being held in Sydney and across NSW regions this coming September spring holidays.

Supervised [kids' camps](#) are for children aged 7-15 years, and include a variety of themes and activities in a secure and professionally run environment. For a variety of camps see our [website](#).



### **Empowerment for Girls**

The Girls' Empowerment Program is the latest edition to the popular kids' holiday program and aims to boost the wellbeing and confidence of teenage girls aged 13–17 years.

The first all-girl camp will be held at the Borambola Centre, in the Riverina region near Wagga Wagga, in January 2012. Bookings open 7 October. For more information phone 13 13 02.

### **Great Weekend in the Hunter**

The Golf NSW Women's Weekend Tournament will be held this coming weekend, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August at The Vintage Golf Course in the picturesque Hunter Valley.

This year's event sees over 220 players travelling from as far afield as Tamworth and Byron Bay to compete in the Women's Weekend Tournament this weekend. The event has been running since 2008 and has become increasingly popular with entries filling well before the closing date. [More...](#)

### **Two for One - see the best players in the state together at Oatlands**

The 2011 Men's and Women's NSW Foursome's Championship is being held at Oatlands Golf Club on Sunday 28 August 2011. The Championship will be stroke play over 36 holes, with both morning and afternoon rounds.



NSW Women's Foursomes  
Trophy

There are over 100 competitors, with members of the men's and women's senior and junior representative squads all participating.

2011 is the first year the men's and women's events have been held together. Previously they were held separately, however with the merger of the men's and women's organisation in 2010, it paved an opportunity to unite the two events, and be held together on the same day.

[Draw, Player Information and Results](#) are all available on our website.

### **Coming Events!**

27-28 August	<a href="#">Women's Weekend Tournament, The Vintage</a>
28 August	<a href="#">Men's &amp; Women's Foursomes Championships, Oatlands</a>
5-8 September	<a href="#">Women's Country Meeting - Cronulla, Woollooware &amp; Bexley</a>
12 September	<a href="#">Women's Coronation Medal, Concord &amp; Castle Hill</a>
13-15 September	<a href="#">KENO NSW Mixed Fourball Championship State Final, Bonville</a>
16 September	<a href="#">Women's Bronze Medallion, Cronulla &amp; Wakehurst</a>

**Entries are also open for the following tournaments:**

25-27 September [Tasco NSW Boy's Junior Championship, Charlestown](#)

26-27 September [Women's NSW Sand Greens Championship, Narromine](#)

17-20 October [Women's Mountain Meeting, BMDLGA District](#)



29-30 October [Men's Sand Greens Championship, Portland](#)

All entry forms and results are available from the Golf NSW website ( [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)) under the Events tag.

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in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.

**Carl Sagan**

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