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NSW Open Pro-Am – entries closing shortly!

There are still a few spots available in the NSW Open Pro-Am being played on Wednesday 16th November at Newcastle Golf Club. This is a great opportunity to play with and meet the professionals as they test the course for the main event starting on Thursday. Morning or afternoon groups are available and there is an outstanding player pack that goes with the entry fee - an official event shirt and cap, a commemorative ball marker kit, wine and much more.

Entries can be made via the website - www.nswopen.com.

The NSW Open starts 17th November

Don't forget the NSW Open starts at Newcastle Golf Club on Thursday 17th November. A great field has assembled - confirmed Professionals include 2010 Champion Peter O'Malley, local stars James Nitties and Aaron Townsend and US Amateur Champion Kelly Kraft. Pre-Qualifying for amateurs takes place on Monday 14th November. For the full field so far, and all spectator details, go to the NSW Open website - <u>www.nswopen.com</u>.

October ClubConnect (bulk mail)

The October ClubConnect will be in hard copy only as the information that is normally contained in this mail out has been distributed by other means - via the website or independent mail outs. The next ClubConnect CD will be issued in December.

The latest ClubConnect that has been distributed can be found via the website - <u>www.golfnsw.org</u> then click on <u>Publications</u> in the menu.

Sylvia Donohoe wins 7th Australian Seniors Crown

Sylvia Donohoe from Narooma Golf Club on NSW's south coast has won her 7th Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship, defeating Carmel MacDermott on the 19th hole.

Donohoe faced local Toowoomba Golf Club MacDermott in the 18-hole final, and given it was MacDermott's first National Championship Final, the pressure was on Donohoe as the clear favourite going into the match. For more, please follow this link to our website – www.golfnsw.org.



2011 Champion Sylvia Donohoe





Stefan Albinski from Mona Vale Golf Club in Sydney has won his fifth National Senior Title after claiming the 2011 Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship.

The Championship, played in challenging conditions on the Beach Course at Thirteenth Beach Golf Links on Victoria's Bellarine Peninsula, saw 32 of Australia's best senior golfers play five rounds of match play competition. Albinski prevailed over Greg Corben from Twin Creeks Golf Club, also in Sydney, 7&5 in the 18-hole final.



Stefan Albinski holding his trophy

More on our website - <u>www.golfnsw.org</u> - and click on <u>Latest News</u>.

Blizard claims first professional title in WA Open

New South Welshman Rohan Blizard has won the John Hughes Geely/ Nexus Risk Services West Australian Open in dramatic fashion at Royal Fremantle Golf Club today.

The former Australian Amateur champion was a surprise winner following one of the most dramatic finales on Tour.

Entering the clubhouse at 10-under par, Blizard was tied for first with three other equal leaders in Matt Jager, Matt Stieger and Heath Reed still out on course. <u>More ...</u>

Some good news for golf clubs from environmental research?

Golf courses have always had their critics in environmental circles but a new study to be launched by the University of Melbourne could help inform the debate in a much more detailed way. According to the latest issue of the Australian Golf Course Superintendent's Association (AGCSA) Keeping It Green newsletter, the study will attempt to identify the biodiversity and carbon benefits golf courses have on Australian cities. <u>More...</u>

Roundup of past and coming Golf NSW events



Rohan Blizard



The Lakes, host of next week's Emirates Australian Open

Men's NSW Country Championship

The NSW and ACT's most talented country golfers will travel to Queanbeyan Golf Club this weekend to contest the 2011 Men's NSW Country Championship on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November 2011. The Championship will be played over 36-holes stroke play and also incorporates the NSW Junior Country Championship for players under 18 years of age and Inter-District Teams Challenge between teams from District Golf Associations throughout NSW. For full event information go to <u>www.golfnsw.org</u>.

Men's NSW Sand Greens Championship

Lithgow's Darren Hunter has won the 2011 Men's NSW Sand Greens Championship held at Portland Golf Club on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October. Junior Championship winner was Ben Koopman (Barraba Golf Club), while the teams event was won by Bathurst. For event report, prize winners and photo's <u>click here</u>.

Women's Silver Medal Play-off

The Golf NSW Women's Silver Medal Play-off was held Monday 31 October at Wakehurst Golf Club. Congratulations Patricia Styles (Killara Golf Club) – Metropolitan Winner & Jean Heaver (Bermagui Golf Club) – Country Winner. For a full report and prize winners <u>click here</u>.

Golf NSW 2012 Fixtures

The full fixtures listing for 2012 is now live on the <u>Golf NSW website</u>. Click through from the homepage for all events. For any enquiries please contact Christy Collier on 9505 9105 or <u>christy.collier@golfnsw.org</u>

Online entries for Golf NSW tournaments in 2012

Golf NSW has been working closely with MiClub to produce a tournament registration system to allow easy online entries for all our events for 2012. It is currently being trialled for the NSW Open Pre-Qualifying events.

This system will incorporate features such as automatic draws (including special requests), sms with tee-times and leaderboard displays for the Golf NSW website.

The Women's Summer Foursomes, to be held in January, can be entered online now.

Coming Events!

14 November	NSW Open Pre-Qualifying	Charlestown
		Cumberland, Eastlake,
15 November	Women's Medal Play-off - Gold	Long Reef
14 November	Women's Medal Play-off - Bronze	Bayview
5-6 November	Men's NSW Country Championship & Inter-District Teams Championship	Queanbeyan









