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### ***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All***

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout this year. Please note our Office will be closed from 23rd December 2011 and reopen again on 3rd January 2012. This will be our last Drop Zone for the year. Keep a look out for the ClubConnect CD that was posted to affiliated Clubs. We look forward to sharing our news with you again in the New Year. Have a safe and Merry Christmas!



### ***Srixon - Our New Major Supporting Partner***

Over the past 3 years, Srixon Sports Australia has been a valued commercial partner of Golf NSW as an extension of Golf Australia's elite development program. With Srixon's business strategies taking a slightly different tack, Golf NSW have secured a major coup for golf in NSW, by coming to new terms with Srixon to continue their association by becoming one of Golf NSW's Major Supporting Partners for the next 3 years. Golf NSW Chairman Chris Allen stated, "Srixon are a highly visible brand in golf and we are delighted to have come to a significantly different arrangement with them which will provide even greater assistance and support to our State Teams, our identified High Performance Program, as well as allowing us to deliver on our overall initiatives to foster the game at all levels." [\[Read More\]](#)



### ***Women's NSW Open Launches Inaugural Website***

The Women's NSW Open has its own dedicated website at [www.womensnswopen.com.au](http://www.womensnswopen.com.au). Langoor have linked with Golf NSW through the development of two new websites for both NSW Opens. The principals at [Langoor](#) have worked closely with Golf NSW to make both websites extremely user friendly. Visitors will be able to easily navigate through each screen and gain access to all the relevant tournament information.



## Event Update

### Major Pennant 2012

Please note that the 2012 Major Pennant competition commences on 12 February. There have been some minor changes to draw times which have been communicated to Clubs, however, it is recommended that you check the latest version available at [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org)

Some Clubs are still yet to provide tee times. It would be appreciated if these could be provided prior to 1 January, 2012 to [jon.shineberg@golfnsw.org](mailto:jon.shineberg@golfnsw.org).

### Warren and Gibson Trophy Events 2012

This note provides early advice regarding an impending change to the Warren and Gibson Trophy Conditions for 2012. The full Conditions and team entry form will come out early in the new year.

A players GA handicap must not be lower than 20 (W.Gibson Trophy) or 13 (T.L. Warren Trophy) from 1 February to 30 June in the year of the competition. A player must have attained his official Golf Australia handicap prior to this date. **Exception** - A players handicap may go to 19 (W.Gibson Trophy) or 12 (TL Warren Trophy) for a maximum of 14 days during this period. A player who reduces his handicap to less than the minimum after 30 June in the year of the competition may continue to participate in the competition for that year, **however** may not play in a match while his handicap is more than one (1) below this minimum.

Clubs must also enter both a Warren and Gibson team in 2012.

### Club Champion of Champions

This event, for 2011 Club Champions, is held in conjunction with the first two rounds of the NSW Medal (at Long Reef and Mona Vale Golf Clubs on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2012). Please ensure that your Club Champion has entered.

### Club Champion of Champions (Foursomes)

In 2012, there will be new events for Club Foursomes and Mixed Foursomes Club Champions to enter. They will be encouraged to enter the NSW Foursomes and Mixed Foursomes events, where a Club Champion of Champions trophy will be introduced. Please keep this in mind when hosting your Foursomes Club Championships and encourage your Club Champion pairs to enter.

## ***Golf NSW Event Results***

The annual **Women's International Bowl** concluded with Mary O'Connell (Bondi Diggers), winner of Division 3, becoming the Overall Winner to win a trip to the Women's Australian Open in February 2012 as well as a place in the Pro-Am. Judy Smith (The Coast) won Division 1 and Maureen Keogh (Murrumbidgee) won Division 2. [\[Read more\]](#) Traditionally the International Bowl supported national women's initiatives. However, it will be renamed the NSW Bowl in 2012 as a 4BBB event with a new aim to support the Women's NSW Open.



Annie Waller (Richmond) was successful in winning the **Goodwill Plate**, a special annual competition to raise funds for donation to a recommended Charity by the Golf NSW Board. This year over \$9,000 was raised for Carers NSW and the Melanoma & Skin Cancer Research Institute during 1 January and 30 September. [\[Read more\]](#)



Gerringong Golf Club took out the **NSW Women's 3BBB State title** held at the Cypress Lakes Golf Resort battling it out against 21 teams, 8 from Metropolitan Sydney and 13 from NSW Country. Runners up were Tenterfield GC. [\[Read more\]](#)



Sunday saw the finals of the **Eric Apperly Shield and the Junior Pennant** played at Pymble Golf Club. St Michael's became the first club in 13 years to capture both the Eric Apperly and Junior Pennant titles after both teams recorded narrow victories in the Finals. [\[Read more\]](#)



## NSW Players Update

### Golf Australia Men's Senior Team

Golf Australia has announced the Golf Australia Senior Team for the 2012 Sanctuary Cove Trophy – an annual match against seniors from New Zealand. The match will be played at Christchurch Golf Club from 12-14 February. The team members are **Stefan Albinski (NSW)**, **Bill Banks (ACT)**, John Beaumont (SA), Graeme Bowen (WA), Allan Bullas (Vic), Chris Coats (Qld), **Vince Clark (NSW)**, **Greg Corben (NSW)**, **Denis Dale (NSW)**, **Richard Greville (NSW)**, Peter King (Qld) and **Roy Vandersluis (NSW)**.

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### New High Performance Program

Golf NSW has determined that the NSWIS Golf Program will be discontinued to allow an approach to be adopted that is consistent with Golf Australia's philosophies. The information provided to potential 'World Class' players will be consistent from their time as juniors, through to their involvement in National Squads. Khan Pullen will act as the High Performance Manager sharing his time between JNJG and Golf NSW starting 1st January 2012.

The first group of eleven player's were inducted in to the Elite Player Program yesterday. These players are enthusiastic about the opportunities that are available to them. Those inducted were Matt Stieger, Brett Drewitt, Jake Higginbottom, Luke Humphries, Jordan Zunic, Jarrod Freeman, Daniel Bringolf, Dimi Papadatos, Carly Beck (pictured), Cathleen Santoso, and Adrianna Brent. These players will have access to the Golf NSW team of Service Providers –including Matt Green (Physiotherapist), Chris Smith (Strength and Conditioning), Gary Barter (Technical Coach) and John Crampton (Sports Psychologist). [\[Read More\]](#)



### Kato Receives Highest Honours

Seventeen-year-old Ricky Kato from Bonnie Doon was awarded the Val Lembit Trophy as the most outstanding male athlete in the Combined High School Sports Association. [\[Read More\]](#) His name is now etched on the trophy along with Ian Thorpe and fellow golfer Nick Flanagan. Kato also capped off the week to finish runner-up at the Junior World Championships in China. [\[Read More\]](#)



## [wontworkwillhurt](#)

Golf NSW encourages all Golf Clubs to support the **wontworkwillhurt** campaign against the Federal Government's proposed mandatory poker machine pre-commitment legislation. Click the banner below for more information and how you can best help.



**WONTWORKWILLHURT.COM.AU**

## [New Staff Appointment](#)

Golf NSW welcomes Nicole Bessant as the newest member of staff, who takes on the role of Events Coordinator. Nicole is the current Ladies Champion at Liverpool GC and has recently been employed at Macquarie Links, Macarthur Grange and Camden Valley.

## [Upcoming Events](#)

### **Men's NSW Senior Foursomes Medal**

9 Jan 2012

The Coast Golf Club - Little Bay, NSW

Late entries will be accepted (with late entry fee) - enter via entry form only as online entries have closed.

### **Women's Summer Foursomes**

9 - 10 Jan 2012

The Coast Golf Club - Little Bay, NSW

### **Women's Lake Macquarie Amateur**

10 - 13 Jan 2012

Belmont GC - Newcastle, NSW

### **Men's Lake Macquarie Amateur**

26-29 Jan 2012

Belmont GC - Newcastle, NSW

### **2012 Bing Lee/Samsung Women's NSW Open**

27 - 29 Jan 2012

Oatlands Golf Club - Sydney, NSW

### **Men's NSW Amateur Championship**

*(incorporating the NSW Medal and 2011 NSW Champion of Champions)*

1-8 February 2012

Long Reef, Mona Vale & Elanora Golf Club's, NSW

### **Men's NSW Senior Championship**

28 February 2012 to 1st March 2012

Lynwood Country Club, Sydney, NSW

### **NSW Senior Secondary Event**

*Players must enter each event separately.*

6 February - The Lakes, Sydney, NSW

7 February - The Australian, Sydney, NSW

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