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**Golf NSW and Street Smart Energy are pleased to announce a joint venture with the formation of the Golf NSW Electricity & Gas Buying Network.** Together we have generated an energy buying pool for our clubs, members, supporters and associated businesses so that together we are all able to secure lower electricity and gas rates from the major retailers. As we are all aware, energy costs have risen considerably in recent times and are tipped to go higher. Golf NSW have created the buying pool for our community so that we are able to assist our clubs and members combat rising energy costs and help offset these increases. All clubs should have received an email with details on the arrangement. If you haven't received this, please contact us. [[Click here for special energy arrangements](#)]

## Upcoming Elections

A reminder that Council Member election notices have been sent out to all Clubs with the [July ClubMail](#). Information related to Golf NSW elections can be found on the Golf NSW website by clicking on the "Elections Notices" button on the home page. [[Click to view Election Info Page](#)]. Note the date for the Golf NSW AGM will take place on the 31st October 2012 at the St George Rowers Club, Wolli Creek.

## Contacts Directory

Council Members were given a sneak peak of the *2012 Golf NSW Club Contacts Directory* at the June Council Meeting. Clubs were sent letters to confirm their recipient to receive a complimentary copy of the Directory which was due by 13th July and to gauge how many further copies should be printed. Order forms for additional copies will be available shortly.

## Seminars & Workshops

Governance has been a hot topic and is a constant balancing act for administrators in golf. We have researched a number of organisations that provide training for Board Directors, member & child protection, volunteer recruitment and management. Links to these workshops can be found under Events > [Seminars & Workshops](#).

## Australian amateurs reach the top



It was heart wrenching to witness Australia's Adam Scott's loss at the British Open after being so close to victory only to lose on the final holes to South Africa's Ernie Els. Although the top prize eluded Australia's best hope for the title, the amateurs have been forging ahead achieving milestones.

QLD's Daniel Nisbet became the first Australian since Aron Price in 2004 to win the coveted Players Amateur title at

Berkeley Hall Golf Club near Hilton Head, USA. Brett Drewitt (T13), Jake Higginbottom (T20) and Matt Stieger (T20) were amongst the NSW players on the national squad who teed off at the event. [more...](#)

WAs Minjee Lee became the first Australian to win the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship held at Lake Merced Golf Club in Daly City. [more...](#)

Congratulations to both Daniel and Minjee on their achievement.

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## Manly win consecutive Women's Pewter Plate



Manly ladies Alison Grey and Janet Meagher took out the Pewter Plate title on 23 July at the Richmond Golf Club with a massive 75 points ... an 8 shot lead! Janet also took out the individual prize for the day. Second place went to the ladies from Cromer Golf Club, Linda Hayes and Marion Fennessy. Janet Hartley from Penrith Golf Club won second place for the individual prize on a countback from Linda Hayes. [more...](#)

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## NSW Aboriginal Golf Championships



### 2012 NSW Aboriginal Golf Championships

The NSW Aboriginal Golf and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council are presenting the *NSW Aboriginal Golf Championships* to be held at Dubbo Golf Club on Thursday, September 27 and Friday, September 28. The Championship is a 36 hole stroke event open to male and female amateur golfers with a current Australian handicap. There will be scratch and handicap events in three Grades as well as an overall Veterans (55 years and over), Ladies and Junior Divisions (12-18 years). [more...](#)

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## Update from the Events Team

### 2013 Fixtures

Planning is now well underway for the 2013 Golf NSW Fixtures Calendar. Dates, venues and host club are being locked in, with the schedule expected to be available on the Golf NSW website at the end of August.

### Workforce

The volunteer workforce for Golf NSW events for the remainder of the year has now been finalised. Golf NSW draws from a pool of volunteers involved with the organisation, including various Committee members, Council members and State accredited Rules personnel.

### KENO NSW Mixed Fourball Championship



State Finalists have now been determined for the [2012 KENO NSW Mixed Fourball Championship](#). Twenty metropolitan and twenty district pairs will battle it out for the title at Bonville Golf Resort from 11-14 September 2012. Congratulations to all participants at Club & District level, and we hope to see you back again next year. For any queries regarding the above please contact [christy.collier@golfnsw.org](mailto:christy.collier@golfnsw.org).

### Sign up for Events eNews

Golf NSW is publishing their first edition of the Events eNewsletter which will be sent out once a month. If you would like to subscribe simply email to [events@golfnsw.org](mailto:events@golfnsw.org)

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## Course Rating & Handicapping Update

The current USGA Course Rating process is still being undertaken by NSW trained course raters across the state. With 393 courses to rate under the USGA System it has proved to be a monumental task however great progress has been made and the completion of this rating process is only a number of months away. Within the Sydney Metropolitan region only 7 courses remain unrated. The country districts have proved to be a greater challenge to complete mainly due to the sheer distance needed to be covered to complete the ratings. Whilst a large number of districts have had individuals accredited as course raters there has still proved to be a shortage of personnel within particular areas. Approximately 60 courses are still to be rated in the country districts with a large proportion of these being sand green courses. [... more](#)

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## Rules - Out & About



This year we have seen a vast increase in the number of clubs wishing to have us conduct either, a rules of golf seminar and exam for club level accreditation or a club rules session for their members (no exam). It is highly likely this is in part because this is the first year of the four year cycle of the Rules of Golf booklet and the fact that there were several fairly significant changes to the Rules (although we would love to think there is just a great desire for better knowledge of the Rules).

So far this year our sessions have been conducted at: Tamworth GC, Dubbo GC, Mudgee GC, Merewether GC, Royal Canberra GC, Thurgoona GC, Jerilderie GC, Camden Haven GC, Murwillumbah GC, Roseville GC, The Lakes GC, Elanora GC, Beverly Park GC and Ryde Parramatta (for PGA Trainees).

Still remaining are: Coffs Harbour GC, Cronulla GC, Mollymook GC, Narooma GC, Tura beach GC, Wallacia GC, Port Macquarie GC, Foster-Tuncurry GC, Pennant Hills GC, Newcastle GC, Wollongong GC, Belmont GC and Oatlands GC.

As can be seen it is a busy year with most points of the compass covered within the state. Whilst out and about we have also been able to assist a number of clubs with course marking and local rules issues as we have travelled into and through their areas.

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## Emirates Australian Open Volunteers Wanted



Golf Australia and TRP Sports, the event organisers, are seeking Club's assistance to once again facilitate volunteers to be involved in this year's Emirates Australian Open to be held at the host venue, The Lakes Golf Club from 6-9 December 2012. Fill in the forms which are to be returned to The Lakes Golf Club on or before **1 September**. [more....](#)

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## Recent News Headlines

- [Golfer's blind faith in game he loves](#) - Manly Daily | 19/07/12
  - [Annie Sheridan is bound for the USA](#) - Camden Haven Courier | 18/07/12
  - [New look for Narooma Golf Club](#) - Narooma News | 18/07/12
  - [Bonville serves up two more plates](#) - The Coffs Coast Advocate | 17/07/12
  - [State title tonic for Perry](#) - Newcastle Herald | 10/07/12 (SA),
  - [Mudgee's golf club rises from the ashes](#) - ABC [Central West] | 05/07/12
  - [At seven Sophie's already on the fairway to stardom](#) - Nyngan Observer | 05/07/12
  - [NSW Junior Champion of Champions](#) - Jack Newton Junior Golf | 04/07/12
  - [New greenkeeper Sean Turbridy gives Branxton lift](#) - Newcastle Herald | 03/07/12
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## Upcoming Events



25-27 September  
Glenmore Heritage Valley



3, 4 & 6 September - Rd1-Concord,  
Rd2-Bankstown, Rd-3 Carnarvon



3-4 November  
Muswellbrook Golf Club

- o 30 July - [Men's Golf Foundation Day](#) - Elanora CC
  - o 5 August - [Mixed Foursomes Championship](#) - Ryde Parramatta GC
  - o 8 August - [Women's Golf Foundation Day](#) - Avondale GC
  - o 11-14 September - [KENO NSW Mixed Fourball Final](#) - Bonville Gold Resort
  - o 20-21 October - [Men's NSW Sand Greens Championship](#) - Walcha GC
  - o 20-21 October - [Women's NSW Sand Greens Championship](#) - Cobar Bowling & GC
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## Upcoming Grants & Awards

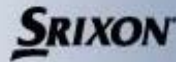
- [Telstra Foundation Everyone connected grants program](#) - Close 30 July
- [Australian Golf Media Awards](#) - Close 17 August
- [NSW Volunteer of the Year Award](#) - 31 August
- [NSW Sports Safety Awards](#) - Close 3 September
- [Aim for the Stars Foundation](#) - Close 16 November
- [Elite Indigenous Travel & Accommodation Assistance Program](#)
- [Local Sporting Champions Program](#)
- [Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme](#)

## Upcoming Rules & Governance Seminars

- Golf NSW has developed a section on its website to enable its members to access information on the latest seminars & workshops...including Rules, Governance, MPIO, Child Protection & [more](#)



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