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## Stuart Fraser appointed new CEO



After eight years as CEO of Castle Hill Country Club, Stuart Fraser has been appointed the new CEO of Golf NSW. Amongst a long list of candidates, Stuart was a stand out according to Chairman of Golf NSW, Chris Allen. "We are very pleased Stuart has agreed to join us and he will commence on September 24 and assume the CEO position the following Monday, October 1st, which provides a one week handover period from retiring CEO, Greg Mills" said Allen. Fraser has a distinguished golf administration career behind him including quite a number of years with the PGA and he also holds executive roles with Golf Management Australia, both here in NSW as well as nationally. A capable golfer in his own right, the new man will continue the momentum created following the amalgamation of the NSW Golf Association and Women's Golf NSW to form Golf NSW in 2010.

## Is your website ready for the mobile revolution???



Did you know that by 2013, more people will be accessing the web via mobile devices (iPhones, Androids, tablets) than PC's? What does this mean for your golf club? If you take a look at your club's website on an iPhone or Android device you may notice that the user experience is not the same as your desktop site. You will need to zoom in and out to view content, the site can be slow to load and the crucial information that your customers and members are looking for can be difficult to locate. All in all, this creates a frustrating experience, which can reflect badly on your club. A recent Google study found that 57% of mobile users would not recommend a business with a poor mobile site. Our on-line partner, Langoor, has the solution to this problem – its simple and can be found through [Langoor.mobi](#). ... [more](#)



## NSW Open cancelled for 2012

The Board of Golf NSW has determined that the Men's NSW Open is financially unsustainable, due to a lack of sponsorship support for the event in recent years, and accordingly the event has had to be cancelled for 2012. Efforts will continue to be explored for future years, but this will depend on securing financial support from prospective sponsorship partners.

## Club Mail-out - Director Nomination Forms

Nominations are now OPEN to be a Director on the Board of Golf NSW

General Information and Director Nomination Forms have been emailed to the Club's primary contact, to the DGA's Secretary and to the current Council Members. **NOMINATIONS CLOSE 4PM FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2012.** For further information [\[click here\]](#).

## Expression of Interest from Golf Clubs



### NSW Golf Industry Environmental Compliance / Best Practice Covenant

A joint initiative between Golf NSW, the Australian Golf Course Superintendents' Association, NSW Golf Course Superintendents' Association, Golf Management Australia (NSW), the Environmental Protection Authority and Golf Australia will assist the Golf Industry in NSW to deliver on its ambition to become one of the golfing world's leading environmental performers. Through the collective efforts of all involved it is intended to empower every golf club to embrace environmental best practice...[more](#)



## Contacts Directory

The Golf NSW Contacts Directories were posted to Clubs that confirmed their request to receive the Directory. An online Directory can be viewed in the *Club Login* section of the website. An Order Form is available on the website under "Publications" ...[more](#) or [Click to download Order Form](#)

## The Golfer under new management



Many would have seen the changes occurring to The Golfer magazine since the beginning of the year. On 1st August **Le Faucon Publishing** took over the operation of *The Golfer* magazine. The publishers are hoping to introduce content and design changes from the next issue to increase its quality and appeal to a broader readership. They are currently reviewing their process and overall market audience to find the niche for the publication, which may result in the magazine taking on a different format to past editions.

This change in operation has been the reason why clubs have not been receiving The Golfer of late. However, we are in discussions to reach a new arrangement in the best interests of golf in NSW.



## ACT Monaro DGA Launch new website

The ACT Monaro District Golf Association launched their new website at: <http://www.actgolf.com.au/cms/> The ACT Monaro DGA Executive already see the advantages of the new site which includes easier navigation, current news displayed on the front page, a calendar of events which displays basic details when hovering over an event, and the ability to pay online or download forms for ACTMDGA events. To link to their Seniors event for 13-15 November [click here](#).



## 2012 Women's Weekend Tournament & Country Meeting

Another fabulous weekend of golf for the 240 ladies from all over the state who participated in the **2012 Women's Weekend Tournament** at The Vintage Golf Club from 25-26 August. Day 1 Division One winner was Bernice Ellise from Bonnie Doon. Day Two's format was a Four Person Team V Par event with prizes awarded to both morning and afternoon fields. The ladies from Longyard Golf Club took home the winning prize on a countback for the AM event. The Cromer Golf Club ladies won convincingly with a massive +14 in the PM field....[more](#)

The **Women's Country Meeting** took place from 3-6 September at the Concord, Bankstown & Carnarvon Golf Clubs. Newcastle's Jane MacDonald won the Division One Mabel McKenzie Cup with a 170 off the stick. The Una Clift Bowl winner was Wendy Gordon from Port Macquarie. Tough conditions didn't faze the Women's Country Meeting Foursomes Champions, Di Thomlinson (Gosford) and Kim Burke (Shelly Beach), who one the Division won scratch Vera Rankin Trophy with a 13 over par. For further information and full list of winners click for [more](#)



## Stieger named on Australian team for World Amateur

Matt Stieger (St Michaels) is one of three members in the Eisenhower Trophy team who was selected to represent Australia at the World Amateur Team Championship. The other members are Queensland's Daniel Nisbet and Cameron Smith. The women's Espirito San Trophy team is Whitney Hiller and Min Jee Lee from WA, and Breanna Elliott (VIC). The Championship will take place in Antalya, Turkey from 27 September - 10 October [...more](#)

## Event News

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## Second Event News is out

The introduction of the *Event News* has been well received attracting a number of new subscribers. The new publication provides the latest information related to Golf NSW events - news, results and entry details. To view the latest edition go to the website under Publications or [\[click here\]](#). **Let us know if you would like to receive a copy each month.**

## Vardon News

The Vardon Trophy news provides the latest news, information and results on the Vardon Trophy. The current Top 10 as at 04 September 2012 are:

Rank	Avg	Name	Club	Rounds Played
1	68.91	Jake Higginbottom	The Australian Golf Club	11
2	69.33	Callan O'Reilly	Pennant Hills Golf Club	17
3	69.33	Daniel Bringolf	The Australian Golf Club	14
4	69.50	Jordan Zunic	Bonnie Doon Golf Club	17
5	69.83	Ricky Kato	Bonnie Doon Golf Club	20
6	69.94	Luke Humphries	Pymble Golf Club	16
7	70.63	Ben Clementson	St Michael's Golf Club	20
7	70.63	Dimi Papadatos	Moore Park Golf Club	12
9	70.65	Troy Moses	Bonnie Coon Golf Club	17
10	70.67	Andrius Belkus	Cabramatta Golf Club	11

To view the latest Vardon Trophy News [\[click here\]](#)

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## Jean Derrin News

The Jean Derrin news provides the latest news, information and results on the Jean Derrin Trophy. The current Top 10 as at 12 September 2012 are:

Rank	Avg	Surname	First Name	Club
1	72.00	Welsford	Jana	Pambula-Merimbula
1	72.00	Huff	Aiza	Pennant Hills GC
3	74.00	Burke	Kim	Shelly Beach GC
4	75.00	Shin	Shelly	Concord GC
4	75.00	Hibbert	Lauren	Pennant Hills GC
6	81.00	Fairhurst	Suzanne	Bonnie Doon GC
7	82.50	Thompson	Sharon	Avondale GC
8	83.00	Donohoe	Sylvia	Narooma GC
9	87.00	Smyth	Liz	Royal Canberra GC
10	89.00	Moon	Nicky	Federal GC

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## Recent Headlines

- [Deirdre's hole in one pretty as picture](#) - Newcastle Herald | 11/09/12
- [Bonville 1st golf course to receive 'Hat' for dining](#) - Bonville GC | 08/09/12
- [Christie wins Senior Amateur on debut - Golf Grinder](#) | 07/09/12
- [All smiles at Howlong's MYGolf Junior Tournament](#) - Golf Australia | 07/09/12
- [Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club is officially up and running](#) - Golf NSW | 05/09/12
- [Winning grins for young and younger](#) - St George & Sutherland Shire Leader | 02/09/12

## 2013 FIXTURES

VIEW ALL THE EVENTS

The **2013 Fixtures Calendar** is now available on the website under Events > 2013. Please review events your Club is listed as hosting and let us know if any changes are required...[\[Go to 2013 Fixtures\]](#)

## Upcoming Events



- ON NOW .... 11-14 September - [KENO NSW Mixed Fourball State Final](#) - Bonville Golf Resort
- 18 September - [Women's Coronation Medal](#) - Ryde-Parramatta & Concord GCs
- 21 September - [Women's Bronze Medallion](#) - Carnarvon & Pymble GCs
- 25-27 September - [2012 Boy's NSW Amateur Championship](#) - Glenmore Heritage Valley
- 9-12 October - [NSW Men's Fourball State Final](#) - Bonville Golf Resort
- 20-21 October - [Men's NSW Sand Greens Championship](#) - Walcha GC
- 20-21 October - [Women's NSW Sand Greens Championship](#) - Cobar Bowling & GC
- 29 Oct - 2 Nov - [National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Golf Championship](#) - Albert GC, VIC
- 3-4 November - [2012 Men's NSW Country Championship](#) - Muswellbrook GC

## Upcoming Grants & Awards

- [Grants for Community Building Partnership 2012](#) - Close 30 October
- [Aim for the Stars Foundation](#) - Close 16 November

**Next Rules Seminars >>> CLUB LEVEL – Regional – sessions commence at 6.30 p.m.**

Venue	Seminar	Examination
Newcastle GC	Thursday, 11 October	Thursday, 25 October

[\[Click Here to go to the Rules Seminar webpage\]](#)



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