



DROP ZONE

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Welcome to Drop Zone #55

Welcome to Drop Zone #55. The Drop Zone eNews has been providing information to our golfing enthusiasts and has also evolved to become an important communication tool to let our Club and District Committee members know what has been happening in Golf NSW and golf in NSW.

The Drop Zone will now be a monthly edition distributed mid-month. The newly created Event News will provide more detailed information about our Golf NSW specific events which will be distributed towards the end of each month. We appreciate any feedback related to these two publications. Many thanks to those who have provided comments.

Board Executives to serve 2nd term



At the last Board meeting held on November 8, the Directors nominated the Board Executives. **Chris Allen** (pictured right) was re-elected, Chairman, **Sue Fabian** (centre) re-elected as the Deputy Chairman, and **John Waanders** (left) re-elected as the Chairman of Finance. Directors Frank Gal, Alan Harrison, Jean Moran, Lynne Ritchie, John Robinson and Darrell Watts will be overseeing the various committees of Golf NSW.

The new Committee Chairs have also been appointed as follows: Finance - John Waanders; Golf Foundation - Chris Allen; Handicap & Course Rating - Lynne Ritchie; High Performance - Darrell Watts; Men's Match - Les Browne; Women's Match - Jean Moran; and Rules - Frank Gal. A special vote of thanks to Sandra Gillies who has served as the Chair for Women's Match under WGNSW and continued in her role under Golf NSW. Sandra recently stepped down from her role and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Seeking volunteers for the Opens

2013 Bing Lee / Samsung Women's NSW Open

Event host Oatlands Golf Club is seeking volunteers for the **2013 Bing Lee / Samsung Women's NSW Open** which will be held from 25-27 January. To express an interest [\[Click Here\]](#)

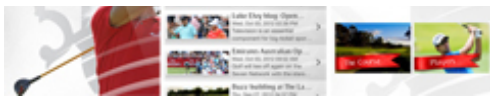
Lydia Ko who will be back to defend her title at the Women's NSW Open said "I am very happy to come back and play at Oatlands again. I have such good memories". Ko's historic win at the Open as the youngest player, male or female, continues to be in the news as she adds to her numerous major titles to her winnings in 2012. Her achievements have not gone unnoticed, given she is up for a Laureus Award nomination.

Emirates Australian Open

Emirates Australian Open is seeking volunteers as Courtesy Vehicle Drivers. Volvo, major sponsor of the Emirates Australian Open will be providing the official courtesy vehicles...[more](#)

Free App for the Emirates Australian Open 2013





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No matter where you are in the build-up or during the event, you can stay up to date with breaking news, live scores, photo galleries and plenty more of the action on the new free Emirates Australian Open 2012 iPhone App....[more](#)



2013 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open

Entries are now open for the 2013 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open to be played at Royal Canberra Golf Club from 14-17 February. Further information about Qualifying and entry details [\[click here\]](#). To volunteer [\[click here\]](#)

2012 Women's Golf, Silver and Bronze Medal Playoffs

The Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Playoffs were conducted recently, with over 300 women taking part. Gold Medal winners were Susan Chim (Ryde-Parramatta) and Maddy Boyd (Merewether). In the Silver Medal Playoff Sandra Pratt (Cabramatta), Pat Whiteley (Wingham) and Margaret Swan (Mollymook) were the winners. The Bronze Medal playoff winners were Anne Horsley (Killara), Helen Neil (Asquith) and Danii Eford (Shelly Beach). [\[Click to view Full Results.\]](#)



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High Performance Update



Juniors do well in Thailand

Jack Newton Junior Golf recently sent four players to compete in the Singha Thailand Junior World Championships played at Royal Hua Hin Golf Course. The group performed extremely well with Victorian Ryan Ruffles shooting rounds of 70-73-65-74 to be the winner of his boys 13-14 age group and overall runner-up of the tournament. Ruffles earned his place to compete in the championships via his win in the JNJG Srixon International Sub- Junior Classic in October. Ruffles teamed up with Monash Country Club member Brayden Petersen to win the boys teams championship for Australia by a convincing 23 shots. Petersen finished runner up in the boys 15-17 years division.

On the girls side Shelley Shin took out the girls 13-14 age and teamed up with Hayley McNeill to finish 4th in the girls teams championship. We congratulate all teams members on a wonderful performance. For a full run down on the teams scores go to JNJG Website...[more](#)

Golf Australia names 2013 National Squad

Golf Australia named its 2013 National Squad in early November. Three NSW players were named in Tier 2 being Jake Higginbottom, Brett Drewitt and Ricky Kato. For a full list of squad members go to the Golf Australia Website...[more](#)

New squad members and two NSW players on Golf Australia's "watch list", Ruben Sondjaja and Cameron Davis attended a National Induction Camp held at Moonah Links from November 12-17. Players had a number of individual and group sessions with Golf Australia Service providers and National Squad Coaches.

Golf NSW names 2013 High Performance Squads

The Golf NSW High Performance Committee recently selected players for the 2013 High Performance Player Development Squads.

- **Elite Squad:** Jordan Zunic and Daniel Bringolf
- **Emerging Squad (21 and under):** Ruben Sondjaja, Carly Beck and Cathleen Santoso
- **Junior Elite Squad (18 and under):** Mitchell Venables, Brayden Petersen, Cameron Davis, Dylan Perry, Celina Yuan and Elizabeth Elmassian.

Information about the Golf NSW High Performance Program which outlines the program objectives, selection criteria and benefits can be found on the Golf NSW website...[more](#)

New Junior Vardon/Derrin conditions for 2013

Jack Newton Junior Golf has announced the new conditions for the 2013 Junior Vardon/Derrin averages on its website. The change of conditions sees the introduction of Open Amateur National Ranking events and Vardon/Derrin competitions contributing towards the players averages.

Golf NSW/JNKG High Performance Manager Khan Pullen mentioned "the change in conditions recognises that our elite juniors more and more are playing open amateur events as opposed to junior events." Pullen adds "the conditions are also in line with the changes Golf Australia has introduced to its junior ranking conditions in 2013." Pullen goes on to say that the conditions "also act as a selection guide for our elite and emerging elite juniors."

JNKG recognises that not all juniors are at the elite level so another set of averages known as the "JNKG Futures" averages which focus just on junior events will also be introduced in 2013. For information on both averages please go to JNKG's Player Rankings and Averages...[more](#)

Can you beat these records?

The Coffs Coast Advocate [15/11/12] recently wrote that "Golfing 'ace' Mavis may be an Australian record breaker." At 92-years old Mavis is one of the oldest golfers to record a hole in one. The world record holder is McLean (USA) at 102 years old...[more](#)

What about the *most* holes-in-one? Gail Willesee wrote in the Golfer Pacific [May 2011] that NSW golfer Grant Todd may hold the Australian record for the most official holes-in-one by a single player, the latest being his 22nd. Do you know anyone that can beat this from NSW?

To further support players who achieve hole-in-ones, the **De Bortoli Wines Hole in One Club** initiative recognises players over 18 years of age with an official Golf Australia handicap who has secured a hole in one in a recognized official club competition [*conditions apply*]...[more](#)

Keep us in the loop about any such achievements and record breakers so that we can recognise these on our website. Email info@golfnsw.org



Rules Update

Being the first year of the four year cycle of the new *Rules of Golf* booklet, many clubs have been keen to give their members an opportunity to upgrade their knowledge on the rules and changes to the rules.

This has meant that 2012 has been a very busy year. We have conducted 14 separate Club Level Rules seminars and exams, eight within metropolitan areas and seven in regional areas. These were conducted at: Regional - Dubbo, Canberra, Laurieton, Murwillumbah, Wollongong, Tura Beach and Newcastle; and Metropolitan - Roseville, Pennant Hills, The Lakes, Cronulla, Wallacia, Elanora, Concord and PGA (Trainees)

Added to this were a number of club rules sessions which included: Tamworth, Mudgee, Narooma, Mollmook, South West Rocks, Coffs Harbour, Thurgoona, Jerilderie, Merewether, Belmont & Port Macquarie; Beverly Park, Camden, Liverpool, Monash & Oatlands.

With sessions remaining to be conducted and a number of inspections for course markings and local rules, it highlights what a busy year.

ClubsNSW says pokie law timetable not fair on clubs & pubs

In November ClubsNSW sent out communications about the [Gambling reforms legislation](#) which was introduced by the Australian Government. As many Golf Clubs are not members of ClubsNSW

and can be potentially affected by these reforms, we will endeavour to update you on the latest updates about this legislation.

More recently Clubs Australia announced they were supportive of voluntary pre-commitment technology installed on poker machines; however felt the Federal Government's proposed timetable does not provide sufficient time for the majority of clubs to comply with the 2016 deadline.

Executive Director of Clubs Australia Anthony Ball said the timeline of 4 years is substantially less than that proposed by the Productivity Commission for the roll-out of voluntary pre-commitment. "A fairer method would be to require all new poker machines be equipped with voluntary pre-commitment but to allow all remaining machines to be phased out of their natural life cycle...[more](#)



Communications Update



Social Media



Did you know there is an exclusive list dedicated to Golf Clubs in NSW on twitter? Go to: <http://twitter.com/GolfNSW/golf-clubs-in-NSW>

Send us your golf club twitter accounts to add to this list. You can also subscribe to this list to access twitter feeds of all golf clubs. We have also created a list of State/National golf bodies for those interested in following our affiliated interstate and national partners.

November ClubMail



In November posters were sent to affiliated Clubs which included the 2013 Women's Summer Foursomes, 2013 Men's NSW Medal & Amateur Championship and 2013 NSW Family Bowl. We would kindly ask that you display the flyers in the appropriate locker rooms. To view lists of ClubMail visit the Publications > [ClubMail](#) section of the website.

Contacts Directory

Hard copies of the 2012 Golf NSW Contacts Directory are still available for purchase. To order copies download the Form under Publications > [Contacts Directory](#). As information changes the moment the material is being printed, we do not anticipate printing any hard copies in the near future. However, we will be updating the digital version at the end of the year. This version can be found under the Club Login section of the website which is available for all our Club and Committee members. Please send in any changes to us by mid-December to be included in this digital edition. Email info@golfnsw.org

Up-to-date sports information

A sports information portal is available to access up-to-date sports information and research materials. This includes access to national and international sport-related matters, on-line journals, databases, images and videos to name a few. For more information visit the [Clearinghouse for Sport](#) or contact 13 13 02...[more](#)

Member Protection & Governance

Getting your club on board - Inside Golf

While revenues, membership and cost controls are all important to your club, one area that is often overlooked is the effectiveness of The Board....[more](#)

October and November are busy periods for numerous golf clubs as they appoint new Board and Committee members. The ClubsNSW Flexible Learning Program offers many Boards, Managers and Staff with a mix of face-to-face training, online learning or a blend of both to better support their roles...[more](#)

The Play-by-the-Rules Online Event Calendar is now available to promote safe and inclusive sport...[more](#)

Recent Headlines

Andrew Tharle (ACT)



- [Clubs discover what women want](#) - ClubsNSW | 16/11/12
- [Andrew Tharle \(ACT\) wins Australian Mid-Amateur](#) - Golf Australia | 16/11/12
- [Golfers teeing off in the spirit of remembrance](#) - Federal Golf Club | 16/11/12
- [Daniel Bringolf wins Federal Amateur](#) - Golf Grinder | 11/11/12
- [Golf will drive your health](#) - Hornsby & Upper North Shore Advocate | 19/11/12
- [Monash Country Club Breaks New Ground](#) - Monash Golf Club | 08/11/12

Upcoming & 2013 Events

Golf NSW Events



- 2-4 December 2012 - [NSW Women's 3BBB Team Classic](#)
State Final - *Bonville Golf Resort*
- 14-15 January 2013 - [Women's Summer Foursomes](#) - *Cromer GC*
- 14 January 2013 - [Men's NSW Senior Foursomes Medal](#) - *Cromer GC*
- 25-27 January 2013 - [Bing Lee / Samsung Women's NSW Open](#) - *Oatlands GC*
- 30 Jan - 5 Feb 2013 - [Men's NSW Amateur Championship](#) - *The Coast, Bonnie Doon, Royal Sydney*

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