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Welcome to the final edition for 2012



As 2012 draws to a close, what better way to start the New Year than with some exciting tournament golf. The 2013 Bing Lee Samsung Women's NSW Open at Oatlands Golf Club is sure to provide exactly that, with a truly world class field set to display their skills from January 25 to 27.

Recent golf participation figures from the Australian Golf Industry Council showed a 3.5% increase in Club competition rounds being played from July 2011 - July 2012, with approximately 12.085 million rounds being recorded by GolfLink across the same facility base. This is very positive news for the golf industry, and should provide Clubs with some much needed momentum heading into 2013...[more](#).

To further support the golf industry, Golf Australia, the State Associations and industry stakeholders have united to develop a strategy for a national club support and development program to assist the health and sustainability of Australian golf clubs...[more](#)

In closing, the Board and staff of Golf NSW wish to extend to you, your family, friends and colleagues warmest greetings of the season, and for the best of health and happiness in the New Year...

Stuart Fraser, CEO

The Golf NSW Office will be closed from Tuesday, the 25th December 2012 and will re-open on Wednesday, 2nd January 2013.

2012 GMA NSW Club Manager of the Year



Congratulations to Craig Scott, CEO of Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club on winning the 2012 GMA NSW Club Manager of the Year. Craig was pivotal in the negotiations to develop the Club. The process commenced when he was General Manager of Ashlar Golf Club, a position he held for 5 years. He oversaw complex land swap arrangements and protracted dealings with developers.

A "Services to Golf" award was also announced on the night with recently retired Golf NSW CEO, Greg Mills the worthy recipient...[more](#)

NSW Women's 3BBB Team Classic - State Final Result



The team from Bonnie Doon Golf Club, Kathryn Howe, Laura Prophet and Elizabeth McMaster, have won the 2012 NSW Women's 3BBB Team Classic State Final played at Bonville Golf Resort from 2-4 December. Twenty one teams (8 metropolitan and 13 country) qualified through Club and District events to reach the State Final. It was a tight finish with Temora's team of Sandra Crowe, Julie Boland and Fay Guymer coming in as runner up, and local team from Bonville consisting of Carolyn Garland, Vicki Kalmar and Dianna Happ finishing in third place...[more](#)

The Australian & Bankstown worthy winners

The Australian Golf Club and Bankstown Golf Club have prevailed in the Eric Apperly Shield Junior Pennant Finals respectively.



Apperly Shield: In conditions that would tempt some with the nearby beach, Cronulla Golf Club was presented in excellent condition as it played host to the Final of the Eric Apperly Shield. A good crowd of supporters and locals were on hand to witness some of the State's most talented up and comers put on display of matchplay golf. The Finals capped a great season for The Australian as they remained undefeated to take the Pennant...[more](#)



Junior Pennant: With Cronulla successful in qualifying for the Final of the Junior Pennants, the contest was transferred to Liverpool Golf Club as Bankstown looked to put the exclamation point on an already fantastic season. It was Cronulla who struck the first blow in the Final as their number five, Sean Liddy, was successful over Bankstown's Tom Punnett. The rest of the Final would belong to Bankstown as they went on to secure three of the remaining four matches, with the last match declared halved as they took the contest 3.5/1.5. The win by Bankstown gave them an undefeated season and was just reward for the efforts of all involved...[more](#)

Events, SOOM and Pennant News

The latest on Event News, Men's SOOM and Masters Pennants can be found in their recent news. For more details click on the links below:



- Golf NSW Men's SOOM News [\[Click to read\]](#)
- Golf NSW Men's SOOM - Season Wrap [\[Click to read\]](#)
- Masters Pennant 2013 - The 2013 Pennant Competition is programmed to start in late April / early May 2013. A draw will be circulated to all participating clubs by 1st February 2013. For more information visit: www.masterspennant.com.au
- 2013 Apperly Shield entries are now open...[more](#)
- Event News - Issue #5. Note the new 'Featured Club Events' section... [\[Click to read\]](#)

2012 Goodwill Plate & NSW Bowl Results



Congratulations to Joanna Holt from Federal, winner of the 2012 Women's Goodwill Plate. Joanna had a score of -10, winning by 2 strokes. There were 4156 participants from 102 Clubs across NSW entered in this year's competition.

The winners of the 2012 Women's NSW Bowl were Rosemary Bullen and Susan Stewart from Woollahra who won with a massive 51 points, on a countback from Jenny Vernooy and Christine Carlyton from Wakehurst. The Women's NSW Bowl is a special annual competition to support the Women's NSW Open. As overall winners, Rosemary and Susan are rewarded with a place in the Pro-Am at the Women's NSW Open in January 2013 ...[more](#)

High Performance Update



Callan O'Reilly Leading Amateur

Callan O'Reilly a member of the 2012 victorious NSW Men's State Team was the leading amateur at the 2012 NSWPGA Championship at Mt Broughton Golf Club. O'Reilly finished in 6th position overall...[more](#)

Cameron Davis wins the China Open Amateur

Seventeen year old Cameron Davis from Roseville and Monash Golf Clubs has claimed his first major amateur title by winning the 2012 China Open Amateur. Davis who was sent by Jack Newton Junior Golf to compete in the event finished 9 under over the four rounds to win by four shots...[more](#)



Australian School Sport Championship

In the Australian School Sport Team Championships NSW took out the *Craig Parry Cup* and the *Brenda Carnavas Cup*...[more](#)



St Georges Girls High School from Kogarah, NSW are the new Australian School Teams Champions after winning at Peninsula Country Golf Club in Melbourne...[more](#)



Jake Higginbottom turns pro

Golf Australia National Squad and New South Wales State Team Member Jake Higginbottom from The Australian and Charlestown Golf Clubs turned professional after his win at the recent BMW New Zealand Open...[more](#)



Matt Stieger wins NSWPGA Championship

Former NSW State Team Member and Golf Australia National Squad Member Matt Stieger recently turned professional and won his first professional event at the NSWPGA championship at Mt Broughton...[more](#)

Rules & Course Rating Update

Rules of Golf



Most will be aware of some changes that will affect the use of the longer versions of the putter being effected jointly by the governing bodies (R&A and USGA). The longer versions of the putter have not been banned but how they may be used is being clarified. Many have thought this is immediate, not so; the changes are intended for inclusion in the next edition of the Rules of Golf booklet (2016).

Below is a link to the R&A website with considerable information and clarification on the intended changes. A video explanation is also available for viewing as well as pictures of methods of making a stroke that will be permitted and not permitted. <http://www.randa.org/en/Rules-and-Amateur-Status/Anchoring.aspx>

Golf NSW Rules of Golf Quiz

This month the quiz that is online is a version to accommodate December 2012 /January 2013. This is available at the following address and recommended for all: <http://www.golfnsw.org/default.aspx?s=rules-quiz-2012-12>



Course Rating

As we near the end of 2012, we are still full steam ahead rating the courses across NSW under the new USGA Course Rating System. Golf NSW and its 29 rating regions are still on track to have all these finalised well before the roll out of the new Golf Australia Handicapping System, which is currently predicted for late September 2013. Due to the large areas of the state that need to be covered as well as the three hundred and ninety three courses that have to be rated it has certainly proved to be an enormous task.

If your club is one of the few courses yet to be rated you should receive communication from your zone coordinator within the first couple of months next year. As you could understand due to the magnitude of this project we ask for continued patience in this process. Once the rating is done, there is a lengthy audit process required to 'sign off' that the ratings have been done in accordance with the prescribed system...[more](#)

ClubsNSW Update



Statement regarding passing of national gambling reform bill (2012)...

Clubs NSW sent out a Media Release on 29 November regarding the passing of the amended *National Gambling Reform Bill 2012*. They stated it is a vast improvement on which was proposed several weeks earlier, and is substantially different to the original proposals. The amendments provide clubs with a much needed additional 2 years to install the required technology on their poker machines...[more](#)

Communications Update

ClubMail - December's ClubMail included:

- Emailed 14/12/12 - FW: Advice Letter Re: EPA
- Posted 20/12/12 - Numerous Promotional posters & flyers including information for the 2013 Australian Youth Olympic Festival, and flyers addressed Attention to Men's and Ladies Captains.
- For a detailed list go to www.golfnsw.org > Publications > [ClubMail](#) > December



Golf NSW receives NSW Small Heritage Grant



Golf NSW was successful in receiving a grant for the *New South Wales Heritage Small Grants Program 2012/2013*. The grant was provided by the Royal Australian Historical Society through the Heritage Branch of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. The funds will be used as a seeding grant to develop a digital Golf NSW library.

Our earliest minutes dating back from 1903 from both the men's and women's golf associations will be the first to be microfilmed. We are also developing a strategy to gradually add our early annual reports, photographs and important documents related to golf in NSW to this digital collection.

Looking for historical information about your golf club? Many local Councils have a Heritage Society. These societies can be a great resource to find information about the history of your local golf club.

Membership & Governance

National Competition Rounds Report

YTD September 2012 - A report for the Australian Golf Industry published October 2012 ... [\[Download PDF Report\]](#)

Member & Child Protection Seminars

The NSW Sport & Recreation have updated their 2013 calendar for seminars which include the Member and Child Protection Seminars across NSW...[more](#)

Play-by-the-Rules PR Booklets

Promotional booklets are available at the *Play by the Rules* website which provides information, resources, online training and promotional campaigns as a start ... the information encourages everyone in sport, whether as players, coaches, administrators or on the board to provide an enjoyable, safe environment, free from discrimination, harassment or bullying. A new PR Booklet is available to download [\[Click Here\]](#)

MYGolf - Congratulations to ...

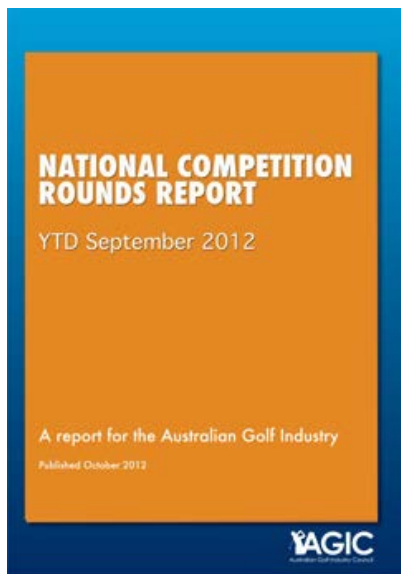
- **Howlong Country Golf Club** who were named the *2012 MYGolf Centre of the Year*. Howlong's program has gone from strength to strength in 2012 and have had 95 participants register since it began with approximately 60-80 children attend each session...[more](#)
- 12 year old **Toni McDuff** from Ballina Golf and Sports Club who is the *2012 MYGolfer of the Year*. Toni is one of the first MYGolfers at Ballina who reached the bronze level and produced some outstanding results in 9-hole competitions...[more](#)

Notable Achievements

The Lakes Golf Club recently had two players in the same group record consecutive aces during their weekly Member's competition. Congratulations to Jonathan Cook (Beverley Park) and Peter Hough (The Lakes) for their amazing feat!...[more](#)

Mavis Baggott, a 91 year old golfer hits a hole-in-one for her first time at Sawtell Golf Club...[more](#)

Congratulations to the latest De Bortoli Hole-in-One Club achievers. To view the full list [\[click here\]](#).



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- [Pictured left]

Upcoming Events



Golf NSW Events

- 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
- 8 Feb 2013 - [Women's Captain's Meeting](#) - Pymble GC
- 10 February 2013 - [NSW Family Bowl](#) - Wentworth Falls CC

>>>> [Click to view the 2013 Event Entries Open](#)

Upcoming Grants & Awards

- [Participation and Facility Program Grant Opens 21 January](#) - NSW Sport & Recreation - Close 26 February
- [Local Sporting Champions](#) - Australian Sports Commission - Close 28 February
- [Numerous grants related to social inclusion & environment](#) - GrantsLINK - Various



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