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Welcome to the February 2013 edition of Drop Zone

It is pleasing to see flood waters from the recent deluge in Northern NSW subsiding, and our thoughts are with all those affected by the flooding. The NSW Golf Foundation may be able to assist (via its grant program) Clubs which have been adversely affected. Eligibility details of this assistance can be found by [[clicking here](#)].

Inclement weather on the final day in no way dampened the spirits of the impressive field which assembled to compete in the recent *Bing Lee / Samsung 2013 Women's NSW Open* at Oatlands Golf Club

Swede Caroline Hedwall managed to repel persistent challenges by her two amateur playing partners (in the final group of the day), defending Champion Lydia Ko (NZ) and recently crowned Australian Amateur Champion Minjee Lee. Hedwall won the Championship with an impressive three round score of 13 under par.

[Click image to view 2013 Bing Lee / Samsung Women's NSW Open Final Round Video Highlights](#)



I would like to thank Oatlands Golf Club for their support as a host venue for the event, and for turning out a quality golf course under very difficult climatic conditions leading into the Tournament. Thanks also must go to Bing Lee and Samsung for their continued support of the Women's NSW Open, and women's golf in general.



A venue agreement has been finalised to stage the *2013 Men's NSW Open* at Castle Hill Country Club in Sydney's North West.

Castle Hill is no stranger to hosting major golfing tournaments, which have included the Australian PGA Championship, and more recently the Canon Challenges, and Golf NSW looks forward to working closely with the Board and Members of Castle Hill Country Club to ensure this prestigious event regains its rightful position on the Australian Golf Calendar [[click here](#)].

The date for the Championship will most likely be in mid to late November, and I look forward to updating you on this event in future editions of Drop Zone.

Until the next edition good golfing.

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

EOI to join EPA initiative



A joint initiative between Golf NSW, the NSW Golf Course Superintendents' Association, The Australian Golf Course Superintendent's Association, Golf Management Australia (NSW), Golf Australia, and The Environment Protection Authority is set to launch in March 2013.

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Vale - Jim Speirs, former NSWGA Board Member



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jim Speirs. Jim was a former NSW Golf Association Board Member during the 90's. He served on the Council and on a number of Committees. Jim was an accredited rules official and officiated at a number of events, including the Opens. Jim's contributions to golf led to him receiving many accolades throughout local, regional and NSW golfing communities. He was a loyal and popular member of Wagga Wagga Country Club and his advice on rules was constantly sought by the Match Committee and fellow golfers. His contribution to the club in terms of 'bar time' was second to none. He is widely known for his dedication to golf and will be sorely missed...[more](#)

Events Update



MEMO - An important memo was sent to all Clubs recently outlining changes to the Men's, Women's and Mixed Fourball events.

There will be no charge to players to participate in these events.

There are also a number of key changes to the six Golf NSW year-long events. For full details [[click here](#)] and download the [Memo](#).

NSW AMATEUR - A high quality field, including a host of internationals, took part in the premier men's event on the Golf NSW Calendar, the Men's NSW Amateur Championship, held at Bonnie Doon, The Coast and Royal Sydney Golf Clubs on 30 January - 5 February. The Victorians took home the silverware with Ben Eccles winning the Amateur, and Thomas Horan claiming the NSW Medal...[more](#)

STAFF UPDATE - The events team welcomes Adam Dransfield back to the fold. Adam has had the task of managing the course rating over the past 18 months, and with that project winding up we welcome him back to the team. Adam will manage all Pennant Competitions, SOOM, Vardon and Jean Derrin, as well as managing Club events on our website. Adam assumes this position as Jon Shineberg has moved into a Sponsorship and Marketing role.

Don't forget if you would like your key men's, women's and mixed Club events to feature on our website. Send the details to Adam at adam.dransfield@golfnsw.org



CAPTAIN'S MEETING - The annual Women's Captains Meeting was held on 8th February 2013 at Pymble Golf Club. Items on the agenda included Handicapping and Course Rating, Grade, the Website and Rules. This event is a great opportunity for the Women's Captains of NSW golf clubs to network and get the latest information on what is happening in golf in NSW. The forum enables the Captains to ask questions and address global issues that affect their role. For more information about these meetings contact: Nicole Bessant at nicole.bessant@golfnsw.org

High Performance Update

The first training session for the members of the 2013 *Golf NSW High Performance Player Development Squads* took place at Twin Creeks Golf and Country Club on Tuesday February 13th. The players went through a number of skill drills that covered the various facets of the game. Players also received some advice about their pre-shot and post –shot routines from Golf NSW Sport Psychologist John Crampton. John also discussed with the group how to mentally prepare and debrief for each tournament round.

NSW State Junior Teams to be announced in upcoming weeks

The NSW Boys and Girls Teams to compete at the Australian Junior Interstate Teams Matches in April will be announced in the upcoming weeks. The boys team will be announced at the presentation of the Concord Cup on Saturday February 23rd, while the girls' team will be announced at the presentation of the NSWGC Silver Cup on Monday February 25th. Golf NSW High Performance Manager Khan Pullen commented "The performances of many of the juniors has been very consistent over the last 12 months, making it a very difficult decision for the Golf NSW selectors to decide on the final 6 places for each team. With a heavy influence on current form taken into account in the selection process, the performances of the players in the final few selection events will be very important for any hopefuls." For more information on the Golf NSW State Teams please click on the following links:

- [Golf NSW State Teams](#)
- [Junior Interstate Teams Matches - Girls](#)
- [Junior Interstate Teams Matches - Boys](#)
- [Australian Boys Championship Entry Details](#)
- [Australian Girls Championship Entry Details](#)

National Rankings

Fourteen year old Shelley Shin from Concord Golf Club has just moved into 1st place on the Golf Australia Girls National Rankings list. With her recent sound performances at the Australian Amateur and Women's NSW Open, Shelley continues to show why she is the player of the future to watch out for.

- *Men* – Golf NSW Elite Squad Members Brett Drewitt (Long Reef -5th) and Jordan Zunic (Bonnie Doon- 10th) are inside the top 10. The biggest movers have been Dale Brandt – Richards (Mona Vale - 21st) and 17 year old Cameron Davis (Roseville -25th) who both moved into the top 25.
- *Women* – Lauren Hibbert (Pennant Hills – 6th) and Adriana Brent (The Lakes – 10th) are inside the top 10. The biggest mover is Shelley Shin (Concord – 23rd) has moved inside the top 25. Another 14 year old Celina Yuan (Bankstown) is hot on Shelley's heels moving into 27th.
- *Girls* – Shelley Shin 1st while Golf NSW Emerging Squad Member Cathleen Santoso (The Australian) is in 9th place. Golf NSW/ JNG Junior Elite Squad Members Celina Yuan (13th) and Elizabeth Elmassian (The Australian -16th) also find themselves in the Top 20.
- *Boys* – Golf NSW/JNNG Junior Elite Squad Members Dylan Perry(Long Reef) and Cameron Davis find themselves in 5th and 9th place respectively after the solid summer of golf.

NSW Amateurs Perform well at the Bing Lee/Samsung NSW Open

Although the headlines show that Swede Caroline Hedwall won her second Bing Lee/Samsung Open at Oatlands in January over two rising stars in the amateur game Lydia Ko and Minjee Lee, sound performances were returned by several leading NSW Women. State Team Members Cathleen Santoso, Lauren Hibbert and Carly Beck all had decent finishes of 17th, 27th and 29th respectively. Talented 14 year old Shelley Shin also performed well to finish 17th...[more](#)

Australian Amateur Championship



Golf Australia National Squad members Cameron Smith (Qld) and Minjee Lee (WA) won the 2013 Men's and Women's Australian Amateur Championship played at Commonwealth Golf Club during January. Golf NSW/Jack Newton Junior Golf Junior Elite Squad Member Dylan Perry (Long Reef GC) along with Dale Brandt-Richards (Mona Vale GC) were the best performing NSW players with each making it through to the quarter finals.

On the women's side the best performing NSW players were Lauren Hibbert, Cathleen Santoso and Shelley Shin who were all defeated in the second round. Santoso was narrowly beaten by the eventual winner Minjee Lee on the 19th hole, while Shelley Shin was defeated by finalist Jenny Lee...[more](#)



Yuan wins Gold

Fifteen year old NSW State Junior Boys' Team member Kevin Yuan (Bankstown GC) has won the first ever Australian Olympic Gold Medal in Golf by winning the individual boys title at the Australian Youth Olympics Festival Golf Tournament held at Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club. Celina Yuan claimed Silver in the individual girls championship, while the Australian Team also clinched Silver in the teams competition...[more](#)

Rules & Course Rating Update

New GA Handicap System: Calculation Method and Anchor

Golf Australia introduced a new series for the club golfer to cover all the elements of the new GA Handicap System in a week-by-week feature. In the latest weekly edition they covered the calculation of the handicap and the anchor system...[more](#)

2013 Rules Seminars & Exams

Last year there was a very busy schedule with the rules seminars and exams. It was suggested that the interest was related to the fact that it was the first year of the four year production cycle of the R&A Rules of Golf book. The level of interest from Clubs has remained for 2013, which is very pleasing.

We have developed an on-line exam for 2013, which we are sure will be much more convenient and accessible for the majority. It also takes some of the pressure away from those who would prefer not to do in an exam amongst their peers.

After each seminar, participants will be provided an access code and password which will enable them to do the exam on-line at their convenience, rather than physically having to return to where the seminar was conducted. Participants will be notified of their results immediately after the exam is completed or when the three hour limit has expired.

To allow sufficient time to develop this facility and ensure that it functions properly, it has been decided that we will not be conducting any seminars until June 2013.

Environment & Planning Alert!

ThomsonsLawyers alerted us to changes to personal liability for environmental offences in NSW. These important changes assented to on 26 November 2012 are set to reduce the overall liability of directors and managers for offences in NSW. It is recommended all directors and managers become familiar with the new personal liability provisions and ensure that good corporate governance remains in place. An E&P Alert circular was sent to member clubs. A copy has also been placed in the Club Login section of the website under "Governance"...[more](#)

Communications Update



At the end of [January](#) a number of posters were sent to Clubs which included the 2013 Golf NSW Fixtures Posters, the NSW Foursomes, the Men's SOOM and the Women's Autumn Meeting.

[February](#)'s ClubMail included a Memo re: Changes to Golf NSW Events, EOI invitation to get Streetsmart, Entry details for the Men's & Women's NSW Foursomes Championships and Women's Autumn Meeting and an E&P Alert - Changes to personal liability for environmental offences in NSW. The January ClubMail list and the February ClubMail list are available on the website at www.golfnsw.org > Publications > [ClubMail](#).

2013 Contacts Directory - A digital version of the 2013 Contacts Directory is now available in the *Club Login* section of the website. For any updates please send an email to wynter.hines@golfnsw.org.

Club Management Manual

Due to dynamic changes occurring with legislation affecting club management, the update the Club





Management Manual has been put on hold. The current version has therefore been removed from the website as some of the legislation in the document has been superseded. We anticipate the new Golf Australia Club Support and Development program will provide a valuable resource which will replace the Club Management Manual.

Ladies GOLF Magazine - Special Offer



Published three times per annum **Ladies GOLF Magazine** is a full colour glossy, lifestyle publication that has an extremely, loyal following of women who enjoy the game of golf and the pursuit of leisure. Ladies GOLF Magazine will profile the results of the major Tournaments both here and overseas and we will also preview many of the approaching events. **Ladies GOLF Magazine** will contain stories on Tips and Training, State Golf Associations' News, Golf Course Living and Property Reviews and Travel and Holidays. We also feature the latest in Fashion and accessories and of course Golf equipment and product reviews. NSW Lady Golfers can purchase 7 issues for the price of six. For only \$45.00 you will receive 7 issues delivered to your door. Simply email subscriptions@ladiesinsportpublications.com.au or call 1300 783 112 or logon to www.ladiesinsportpublications.com.au

Get active through golf

- The Australian Sports Commission recently pointed us to a UK Report - "Move It: increasing young people's participation in sport". Much of the content resonates with the declining physical activity levels in Australia. It also introduces a number of recommendations to encourage participation. The *Designed to Move - Executive Summary* (page 8) states: "The science is clear. Physical activity does more than create good health. It contributes to leadership, productivity and innovation. It lowers depression and crime, increases educational achievement and income levels, and generates returns to business." [\[Read Report\]](#) Those are compelling reasons to go to the nearest golf club and play a round!
- Universities the great untapped reservoir of elite Australian sport, says John Coates** - The Australian Sport | 29/01/13

Latest Achievers

- The 2013 Hole-in-One Achievers have now been added to the website - www.golfnsw.org > Golf Clubs > Hole-in-One Club. Congratulations to all the hole-in-one achievers. For any queries on how to register contact: info@golfnsw.org
- Humble Howlong Coach receives Recognition Award - Golf Australia | 07/02/13

NSW Sports Federation

The NSW Sports Federation, through a generous grant from IMB Community Foundation are able to offer free workshops for sports clubs in the South and South Coast areas of NSW. To book your free place, please visit: www.sportnsw.com.au under Education - For Sports Clubs. Upcoming workshops include:

Course	Location	Date	Time	Presenter	Cost
Writing Winning Grants	Bomaderry	Thursday 28 February	7.00-9.00pm	John Morris	Free
The Role of the Board & Running Effective Meetings	Corrimal	Wednesday 6 March	7:00-9:00pm	Steve Allen	Free
Strategic Business Planning	West Leagues Club, Leumeah	Wednesday 13 March	6:30-8:30pm	Pierre Comis	Free
Marketing Your Club	Corrimal	Wednesday 17 April	7:00-9:00pm	Steve Allen	Free

Recent Headlines

- [Central Southern District Golf Association launches new website](#)
- [Zach drives records home](#) - The Border Mail | 07/02/13
- [Craig Molloy steps down as NSWGCSA President](#) - Australian Golf Course Superintendents Association | 06/02/13
- [Burgess to lead veteran golfers](#) - Narromine News | 06/02/13
- [Clubhouse has potential to 'reinvent' Mudgee Golf Club](#) - Mudgee Guardian | 04/02/13
- [Bankstown council keen to tee up Georges River GC Decision](#) - Canterbury-Bankstown Express | 23/01/13
- [Bridge up to par, according to golfers](#) - Muswellbrook Chronicle | 18/01/13
- [Lane Cove Country Club golf site to be redeveloped](#) - North Shore Times | 17/01/13

Upcoming Events



2013 NSW

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

INCORPORATING THE NSW FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

If you are your home Foursomes Club Champion, enter this event! The winning Men's and Women's teams will be crowned.

2013 NSW Foursomes Champion of Champions, NSW, USA Open points are awarded from the National Federation.

MEN'S FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

WOMEN'S FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Grants & Awards

The NSW Golf Foundation has just had its first meeting for 2013. Two grants were issued and another two look like being recipients of some much needed financial assistance. Lane Cove received a grant towards a new shed to help accommodate the members' bags and clubs. Sidney Henderson has been provided assistance towards his trip to participate in the Australian Amputee Golf Open at Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club in March. For more information about the NSW Golf Foundation [[click here](#)].



- [Participation & Facility Program Grant - Rd 2](#): Opens 21 January - NSW Sport & Recreation - Close 26 February
- [Local Sporting Champions - Australian Sports Commission](#) - Close 28 February
- [Funding to build stronger communities >>> Diversity and Social Cohesion Program \(DSCP\)](#) - Close 1 March [[View Media Release](#)]
- [Numerous grants related to social inclusion & environment](#) - GrantsLINK - Various



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