



DROP ZONE

News from GOLF NSW

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Welcome to the March 2013 Edition of Drop Zone



As recently announced, the **2013 Men's NSW Open** will be hosted at the challenging Castle Hill Country Club, in Sydney's Northwest. The date for the event is in the final stages of being confirmed, with mid to late November looking the most likely timing. I look forward to updating you further in future editions of Drop Zone.

March 8, 2013 was **International Women' Day**. Across the country and globally momentum is building to support women in leadership roles, and in addition the Federal Government is pushing for more women to take up roles on sporting Boards.

Women's participation is also critical to the growth of golf and Golf Australia has also identified the need to take a greater leadership role to help grow the female market. An action group involving representatives from State Bodies, PGA, ALPG, Golf Australia Board members, Golf Clubs, Australian Sports Commission and Tennis Australia has been formed to develop strategies to increase women's participation, and engagement into the game.

Golf NSW recently commenced a formal Strategic Planning process (with the assistance of Sport Business Partners), to determine the best way forward for the organisation, and to develop ways to further benefit amateur golfers in NSW, along with all of our member Clubs.

The Golf NSW Strategic Plan will align with many key areas which have been identified in Golf Australia's Strategic Plan. This will develop a coordinated approach to growing the game of golf.

I look forward to reporting further on this, and other goings on at Golf NSW in upcoming editions of Drop Zone.

Until next edition.....good golfing.

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

When 'no news' is 'bad news'



Editor's Picks

When 'no news' is 'bad news'

One of the most common flaws in any business or organisation (or, according to my wife, a marriage!) is a failure to



Richard Fellner, Group Editor of *Inside Golf* wrote in the February 2013 Edition of the "starter's box" about the importance of communication. This has been one of Golf NSW's biggest challenges since the merger to communicate with both the men's and women's committee members. We recently sent out correspondence to all of our affiliated Golf Clubs to confirm/update their **Primary Contacts** and to seek their support to distribute information to the rest of their committee members. We thank those who continue to support us in that manner, and urge those who don't to share the news no matter how minor.

Golf NSW has news... on our website, Facebook, Twitter, Email-outs and ClubMail. Monthly wrap-ups are provided via this monthly *Drop Zone* and *Event News* and published on the website under **Publications**. More recently Golf NSW introduced the quarterly *Club News* to highlight support available to our golf clubs. An index of what has been circulated can be found in ClubMail.

[\[Click to read Richard's article "When 'no news' is 'bad news'" and share your comments.\]](#)

High Performance Update

Men's & Women's State Teams



Golf NSW is pleased to announce its Men's and Women's State Teams that will compete in the Australian Interstate Teams Matches to be contested at Tasmania Golf Club, from April 30th – May 3rd.

The Men's Team of Dale Brandt – Richards (Mona Vale), Cameron Davis (Monash), Brett Drewitt (Long Reef), Ricky Kato (The Australian), Troy Moses (Bonnie Doon), Callan O'Reilly (Pennant Hills), Ruben Sondjaja (Bonnie Doon) and Jordan Zunic (Bonnie Doon) will be looking to defend the title they won at Royal Adelaide Golf Club last year. The last time a NSW men's team accomplished this feat is when they won three consecutive series from 2005-2007. The Team will be managed by Les Browne and coached by Khan Pullen, who is also Golf NSW's High Performance Manager.



The Women's Team of Carly Beck (The Australian), Adriana Brent (The Lakes), Lauren Hibbert (Pennant Hills), Alizah Huff (Pennant Hills), Cathleen Santoso (The Australian) and Olivia Wilson (NSWGC) will contest the *Gladys Hay Memorial Cup*.

The Team will be managed by Kim Burke and coached by the *PGA's NSW/ACT Division Teacher of the Year* Dennise Hutton.

It was a difficult process to select the teams, as many players have been performing consistently well over the selection period.

Khan Pullen commented, "There is quite a difference between the experience levels of both teams. The Women's team is very experienced with all players having had experience at this level before, except for Alizah Huff who makes her debut.

On the other hand the men's team is introducing four new players to this level of Interstate golf. Dale Brandt – Richards and Troy Moses are representing NSW for the very first time. Both Cameron Davis and Ruben Sondjaja were members of the boys junior team last year. Ruben is also the Captain of the boys team this year.

We are confident that each team will be very competitive during their respective series and will represent NSW and themselves with distinction."

The Men's and Women's State Teams will attend team trainings at NSW Golf Club on Monday March 25th and Bonnie Doon Golf Club on Tuesday March 26th. Both Team Captains will be selected by the players and management at the NSW Golf Club on Monday 25th. For more information about the Men's and Women's Interstate Teams Matches click on the links below:

- Men's Interstate Teams Matches [\[Click Here\]](#).
- Women's Interstate Teams Matches [\[Click Here\]](#)

Junior State Teams



Golf NSW has announced the NSW Boys and Girls Teams that will travel to Western Australia in April to contest the 2013 Australian Junior Interstate Teams Matches. Golf NSW High Performance Manager and convenor of selectors Khan Pullen stated that it was very competitive for positions in each team, with a number of the juniors performing consistently over the last 6-8 months. "It is a great honour to represent your state and we look forward to each team competing to the best of their abilities and bringing back the cups to NSW".

Boys Team

[Ruben Sondjaja – Captain \(Bonnie Doon\)](#)
 Harrison Endycott (Avondale)
 Zac Stolz (Pymble)
 Mitchell Venables (Bankstown)
 Nicholas Watts (Concord)
 Kevin Yuan (Bankstown)

For more information on the Boys Interstate Teams Matches please [\[click here\]](#).

Girls Team

Elizabeth Elmassian - Captain (The Australian)
 Antonia Gonzalez (Concord)
 Jessica Lasky (The Australian)
 Tess MacDonald (Pennant Hills)
 Hayley McNeill (Catalina Country Club)
 Celina Yuan (Bankstown)

For more information on the Girls Interstate Teams Matches please [\[click here\]](#).

The Golf NSW selectors each year also select a number of boys and girls development players to travel with the team to play in the Australian Junior Championship. The following players have been selected:

Boys Development Players	Girls Development Players
Grant Booth (The Australian) Daniel Gale (Fox Hills) Isaac Noh (Avondale) Blake Windred (Monash)	Isabella Chan (Pennant Hills) Doey Choi (Concord) Amy Chu (Bonnie Doon) Pamela Tsiamis (The Lakes)



The Australian Golf Club to host Emirates Australian Open

Golf Australia announced that the Emirates Australian Open will be played at The Australian Golf Club in 2014, back to its roots where the Open was first played in 1904. The announcement coincided with the unveiling of the re-design for the course by eighteen-time winner and six-time Australian Open Champion Jack Nicklaus. Peter Stone writes about Nicklaus and an insightful article about Packer's vision to make The Australian the 'home' for the Open...[more](#)

Events Update



Men's & Women's NSW Mid Amateur Championships

Golf NSW is pleased to announce that for the first time ever the **Men's and Women's NSW Mid Amateur Championships** will be played together. Nelson Bay Golf Club will host this event from 5-7 May, including a welcome BBQ for participants on the first night. The Mid-Amateur Championship is for those aged 30-54 years. Further details can be found on the [Men's](#) or [Women's](#) web pages.



Srixon Men's Major Metropolitan Pennant

The **2013 Srixon Men's Major Metropolitan Pennant** comes to a conclusion in a few weeks' time. Semi Final and relegation matches will be played on Sunday 24 March, while the Finals will be played on Sunday 7 April. Results, ladders and further information on Pennants can be found on our website [here](#).



2013 KENO NSW Mixed Fourball Championship

Is your Club participating in the **2013 KENO NSW Mixed Fourball Championship**? If so, don't forget to nominate your club qualifying date [\[Click Here\]](#). For further details on the event simply check it all out on the [KENO Event Page](#).



Women's Summer Meeting

Over 300 ladies competed in this year's Women's Summer Meeting held at Bowral, Highlands, Moss Vale and Mount Broughton Golf Club's on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2013. To view list of winners click [more](#).



Banks wins 5th NSW Seniors Championship

Royal Canberra's Bill Banks has won his fifth Men's NSW Senior Championship title, winning by one stroke from Mona Vale's Stefan Albinski....[more](#)

Rules, Handicapping & Course Rating

[Rules Quiz?](#)

Hi to all - have you completed the March 2013 Golf NSW Rules Quiz – do you know where to find it? To view the latest **Rules Quiz** [\[Click Here\]](#)

This is proving a very popular way for golfers to both test and increase their knowledge on the



Rules of Golf.

Rules in Focus - Rule 18-2b – The Exception - Ball moving after address (Pictured left) - go to the link below and see the R&A's explanation of this new and often misunderstood exception [[Click Here](#)].

ClubMail for February/March



- Golf NSW inaugural quarterly ClubNews - 2013 Summer Edition
- Letter re: Digital v Hardcopy preference for Annual Reports
- Letter re: Changes to and/or confirmation of Primary Club Contact
- 2013 Women's NSW Senior Championship Information & Entry Forms
- National Rules News [for anyone who participated in a Rules Officials' Seminar]
- Memo & Promotional Posters for Men's & Women's Locker Rooms - 2013 NSW Mid Amateur Championship, 2013 NSW Mixed Weekend Tournament and the 2013 Women's NSW Senior Championship. All posters can also be found on their respective event pages on our website. [[Click logo on left to go to ClubMail](#)]

Governance & Membership



- [Golf Clubs Doing Their Bit To Improve Biodiversity](#) - Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority | 05/03/13
- [New watering system now in action](#) - The Young Witness | 20/02/13
- [Round numbers continue growth through summer](#) - Golf Australia | 14/03/13

Australian Sports Commission - Club Management Resources

The ASC website is a hub of information, resources and templates to support sporting organisations which includes information on managing risks, Club Management, Information Management, Starting a Club, People Management and Administration to name a few. If you are after templates this is a good spot to browse around [[more](#)].

National Integrity of Sport Unit by Andy Gibson

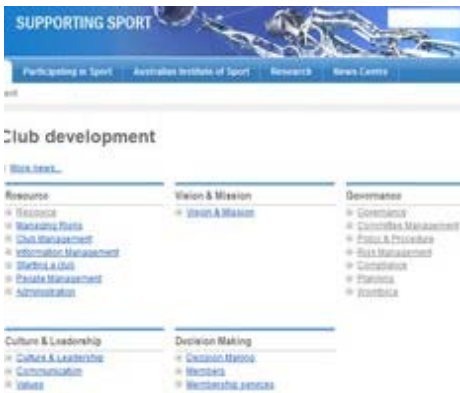
As the first weeks of February 2013 demonstrated, integrity in sport is under threat from corruption as a result of illegal activities such as match-fixing and fraudulent sports betting which Interpol suggests is generating hundreds of millions of dollars each year for criminals around the world ... CCH Australia | 04/03/13 ... [more](#)

Member and Child Protection

There are a number of Member Protection Workshops being conducted throughout NSW by NSW Sport and Recreation. To book [[Click Here](#)] or phone: 13 13 02.

Workshops will be held at Sydney Olympic Park, Woonona and Ourimbah on 30th April. Others are held at Armidale (5/5), Newcastle (16/6), Ourimbah (17/9) and Singleton (27/11).

To get a snap shot of what sports clubs need to do to create a child safe environment visit http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/children/child_safe_environ.asp



Juniors News



New "go-to" person at Jack Newton Junior Golf

Welcome to Sheridan Graham-Tupaea, the new "go-to" person at Jack Newton Junior Golf. JNJG has recognised that effective communication in today's technological world is critical. In order to improve their services to members and stakeholders, and to support JNJG Territory Managers, JNJG has engaged Sheridan to oversee that communication process. ...[more](#)

Junior News



- JNJG helps teachers spread the word on golf | JNJG ...[more](#)
- Pro golfer set to lend a hand to youngsters | Town & Country Magazine ...[more](#)
- Junior Cadet Program strong at Avondale | JNJG ...[more](#)
- School students take part in the challenge | JNJG ...[more](#)
- Juniors on the Move Pups Tour Popular with Juniors | JNJG ...[more](#)
- Encourage Shield season at a glance | JNJG ...[more](#)
- Girls Encourage Shield in Full Swing | JNJG ...[more](#)
- Excitement for MYGolfers at ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open | GA ...[more](#)

Latest Achievers



Hole-in-Ones

Comments are being recorded on golfers' reactions to the hole-in-ones when we receive the registration forms; we wanted to share a few with you. For latest Achievers [[Click Here](#)]

"Long time coming for my first one"... "I think it is in the hole - you beauty!"... "Couldn't believe it, 1st hole in one in 30 years of playing golf" ... "That's just great it's in the darn hole"... "Did not see it go in the hole but said it's been a long time between drinks when reaching the green and retrieving the ball from the hole"... "Holy xxxx, that's a good shot!"... "Yahoo!"

Hutton first woman to win Teaching Pro accolade



Congratulations to Golf NSW's Women's High Performance Coach, Dennise Hutton, who has been honoured as the first ever female PGA Professional to be awarded the prestigious *Teaching Professional of the Year* title, at PGA's NSW/ACT Division Graduation and Awards at Manly Golf Club. Others recognised on the night were Matthew Stieger - PGA Rookie of the Year, Matthew Millar - PGA Player of the Year & Piranha Golf Order of Merit Winner, Richie Gallichan - PGA Trainee of the Year ...[more](#)

Gibson's 55 enters Guinness Book of Records



Lismore born professional Rhein Gibson's 16-under-par 55 over 18 holes at River Oaks Country Club in Oklahoma has been officially recognised by the Guinness Book of Records. ...[more](#)

MyGolfers recognised

- [Toni McDuff: My time in Canberra](#) - Golf Australia | 04/03/03
- [Howlong celebrate MyGolf Centre of the Year Award](#) - Golf Australia | 12/03/13

Calling all ClubsNSW registered clubs...



Do you think your local club is the best in New South Wales? ClubsNSW is searching for the State's best registered club, with one lucky club lover to win a \$10,000 overseas trip to Mauritius. To nominate your club for this prestigious award, all you have to do is log onto <http://www.yourlocalclub.com.au/people's-choice> from today, leave your contact details and rate your registered club out of 10 for value for money, food, entertainment and community service...[more](#)

Recent Headlines

- [Bradbury returns as new Bonnie Doon Course Manager](#) - AGCSA | 14/03/13
- [\[Leeton GC seeks\] Support for Council](#) - The Irrigator } 15/03/13
- [Di and Marge win season opener](#) - Namoi Valley Independent | 05/03/03
- [Golfers sink Henbury rivals](#) - Hunter Valley News | 27/02/13
- [O'Malley named interim NSWGCSA President](#) - Australian Golf Course Superintendents Association | 27/02/13
- [2013 Club Champions tame rain soaked fairways](#) - Armidale Independent | 07/03/13
- [No worries over playing numbers, says new pro](#) - The Area News | 20/02/13
- [Liam edges Lucas in a thriller](#) - Ballina Shire Advocate | 19/02/13
- [Message from the ASC CEO Simon Hollingsworth](#) - Australian Sports Commission | 18/02/13

Upcoming Events



- 23-24 March - [Men's NSW Sand Greens Fourball](#) - Holbrook GC
- 21 April - [Men's & Women's NSW Foursomes Championship](#) - Magenta Shores GC
- 29 Apr - 2 May - [Women's Autumn Meeting](#) - ACT (Various)
- 5-7 May - [Men's & Women's Mid Amateur Championships](#) - Nelson Bay GC
- 20-24 May - [2013 Women's NSW Senior Championship](#) - Manly GC

Upcoming Grants, Scholarships & Awards

- [Nominate - 2013 Australian Golf Course Superintendents' Association Award](#) - Closes 12 April
- [Sports Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women](#) - Closes 26 April
- [Local Sport Champions Grant for Individuals or Teams](#) - Round 1 Closes 30 June



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