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Welcome to the April 2013 Edition of Drop Zone



Like many, I feel absolutely privileged to have watched live, Adam Scott break Australia's long drought to win the US Masters at Augusta.

Even those that say golf is boring, were made to eat their words as we watched the drama unfold, the pressure increase minute by minute, and the outcome finally decided in a most emphatic way.

This compelling drama, viewed by millions of sport lovers around the world showcased the many qualities and facets that make the game of golf so great.



To see two elite sportsmen under extreme pressure, competing in the fiercest of manners, yet at the same time showing compassion, sportsmanship (when each player gave the other a "thumbs up" after hitting superb approaches to the 10th green on the second playoff hole), and humility set a priceless example of how sport can and should be played.

At the post event presentation and press conference, to hear Adam Scott acknowledge and thank all those that had contributed to his win, and most notably the influence that Greg Norman had had on not only himself, but "a nation of golfers", showed the true quality of a very worthy Champion.

At a time when the integrity of many other sports is under question for drugs use and match fixing, etc. golf is shining bright. The events of this week will give golf and its profile a wonderful boost, and we should all look to make the most of the opportunities that result.

Until next edition.....good golfing.

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

Golf unites a nation



Catch the historic moment when Adam Scott claimed Australia's first ever US Masters green jacket in the [\[Video Highlights.\]](#) Three other Aussies did us proud. Jason Day came in third, Marc Leishman came in T4 with Tiger Woods and also John Senden T35. Whether involved in golf or not, this week has been abuzz with people talking about golf and the internet going viral watching the Aussies take on the golfing world. We have a lot to be grateful for to these golfers who captured the heart of our nation. Congratulations, Adam Scott. [\[To send Adam a message click here.\]](#)

Understand your new obligations to employees under Stronger Super?

This year the Government's Stronger Super package will introduce major reforms designed to enhance Australia's superannuation system. These reforms require employers to comply with a strict schedule of change.

Is your business ready?

To prepare for Stronger Super you need to:

- understand Stronger Super and your new employer obligations
- know what MySuper is and how it affects your business and employees
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More information

For assistance or queries relating to Stronger Super, please call Club Plus Super's Employer Hotline on **1800 210 098**.



High Performance Update

Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Amateur Championships and Interstate Teams Matches were held in Perth, WA between 10-18th April.

The NSW Girls' State team and development players performed well coming in equal 2nd in the Interstate Series...[more](#) In the Australian Girls' Amateur, Bankstown's Celina Yuan came in 6th overall and is the U16 Champion. Concord's Doey Choi came in 23rd overall and is the U14 Champion...[more](#)



The NSW Boys' State team finished equal third with SA. The boys prepared well, played their hardest and gelled as a team...[more](#)

Thirteen NSW boys made it through the 36 hole cut +6 going into the 3rd round of the Australian Boys' Amateur Championship. Bankstown's Kevin Yuan tied third at 8 under par with WA's Minwoo Lee. SA's Anthony Murdaca won the Championship for the second time...[more](#)

All players were great ambassadors for Golf NSW.



National - Golf NSW Rankings

The Golf NSW website now lists the top 10 NSW golfers in the National Rankings which can be found under High Performance. Click on the links below to view the Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' Top 10 Rankings.

- [Men's Rankings](#)
- [Women's Rankings](#)
- [Boys' Rankings](#)



- [Girls' Rankings](#)



Eat your greens

At a recent Golf NSW High Performance training session, squad members visited a local supermarket with Golf NSW consultant nutritionist Joanne Turner to gain an insight on how the players can best prepare nutritionally when on the road. Joanne informed the players on general aspects of food labelling, what types of foods the players should be looking to purchase for meals and also for on-course snacks. Joanne also provided individualised information depending on each athlete's training and weight management goals. The squad members were required to purchase food items based on Joanne's advice to make lunch for the day...[more](#)

Industry Update



Golf Australia - Congratulations to Kerri-Anne Kennerley who has joined the Board of Golf Australia as an Appointed Director. Kerrie-Anne is a member of The Australian and Macquarie Links Golf Clubs, and is a keen golfer with a handicap of 17. We look forward to her wealth of industry knowledge to support our golfing community...[more](#)

ALPG - Warren Sevil steps down as CEO of ALPG after 15 years in the role. He leaves a footprint on women's golf and was recently named 25th in *The most influential people in Australian Golf over the past 40 years*. We wish him all the best...[more](#)

Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update



- **Rules Seminars** > The Golf NSW Rules Seminars schedule is now out. [\[Click to view and / or Register Online\]](#)
- **Anchor Change** > The Chairman of Golf Australia sent out a letter to all clubs to provide information about the review that GA recently performed on the Handicap Anchor regulation, and of the subsequent decision to increase the Anchor from 4 strokes to 5 strokes. [\[Download Letter\]](#)
- **April Rules Quiz** - Test your knowledge on the Rules of Golf with the most recent April Rules Quiz...[more](#)

Events Update



Grade Winners Decided

The final round of the Women's Grade Competition was played on Friday 12 April 2013. Pennant Hills GC won Division 1 in a tightly contested round against NSW GC. Monash CC clinched Division 2 and Cromer GC won in Division 4 (pictured). Divisions 3, 5 & 6 were decided on 26 March. Killara took out Division 3, Moore Park were winners in Division 5 and Penrith secured the Division 6 title. Congratulations to all teams and ladies who took part this year. For a full report and results click for [more](#).



St. Michael's GC defend their Major Pennant Title

The 2013 season of the **Srixon Men's Major Metropolitan Pennant** competition has concluded with the five divisional finals all taking place over the first weekend in April at various venues. It was St. Michael's Golf Club who claimed the Division 1 Major Pennant defeating Long Reef Golf Club 5-2. Division 2 was won by Monash 5.5 over Antill Park 1.5. The Division 3 title went to Bayview, overcoming Windsor 4-3. Wallacia Panthers defeated Richmond in Division 4, 4.5 – 2.5. In Division 5 Marrickville took the spoils against Gordon 5-2. [More](#)

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Online

2013 Women's NSW Senior Championship

The 2013 Women's NSW Senior Championship will be played at Manly Golf Club on 20, 21, 23, and 24 May 2013. Although a State Championship event, for every serious competitor, there will be a handful of participants out to enjoy the few days of golf. All senior golfers from around the State are encouraged to get a group together, travel to Manly, and participate. Find all the event details [here](#).



2013 NSW Men's Fourball Championship

Is your Club participating in the 2013 NSW Men's Fourball Championship? If so, don't forget to nominate your club qualifying date [here](#). For further details on the event simply check it all out on the [web page](#).



2013 Men's NSW Sand Greens Fourball Championship

Having previously won the event in 2011, Nyngan Golf Club's David Monahan and Guy Rose secured the 2013 Men's NSW Sand Greens Fourball Championship (played at Holbrook Golf Club - Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2013) in an astonishing seven-hole play-off. Condobolin's Brad Hurley and Zac Mitchell took on the pair, the teams squaring the first six holes, Monahan and Rose eventually winning the 7th. Cobar's Craig Dillon and Gary Wilkin finished in third place. For full results and a list of prize winners click [here](#)

Communications Update



April Mail-Out

- To Clubs, DGAs, Council - Letter re: Governance and Structural Review of Golf NSW - 17/04/13
- To SOOM Participants - Golf NSW SOOM Entry Forms

Report shows digital world shaping sporting megatrends

Social media and new media have been identified as major influences in the way Australians participate in sport in a new report released by the Minister for Sport Kate Lundy...[\[Read More\]](#)



Media release

Senator the Hon Kate Lundy
Minister for Sport, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Minister Assisting
for Industry and Innovation

Report shows digital world shaping sporting megatrends

Governance and Membership Update

Preventing Golf Injuries

- **Smartplay - Sports Medicine Australia**, the peak body for sports medicine and sports science, is encouraging golfers to get the maximum health benefits from their game. They provide a brochure with tips on preventing golf injuries: [\[Preventing Golf Injuries Fact Sheet\]](#)

[ASC raises governance standards](#)



Australian Government Australian Sports Commission

Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Chairman, John Wylie AM, said recent events have confirmed that many sports need to raise their governance standards significantly. Wylie said "A lot of the issues in Australian sport recently, if you were drawing a common thread, it would be governance failures. The leadership of these sports generally are up for change and improvement. [[Read more](#)].

As one of the tools to increase excellence and participation in sport, the ASC introduced their Policy Statement: [NSO Governance - Mandatory Requirements for ASC large partner NSOs](#) and covers:

- Improved organisation structures
- Improved [Board election processes](#) and gender balance
- Redress gender imbalances
- Zero tolerance for any lack of [transparency by sports](#) on how they spend money
- Public company level requirements for sports financial reporting practices
- Proper supervision by Boards of sports science practices
- [[Read more](#)]



Free member protection courses

Play by the Rules and the ASC have developed free online training courses which cover some of the most important topics in sport, including: child protection, harassment & discrimination and complaint handling. They've also developed free online training for Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs) plus details on the dates/venues for face-to-face MPIO workshops. [[Click here for details.](#)]



Golf Australia releases Match-Fixing & Anti-Corruption Policy

The policy is designed to: maintain the integrity of golf in Australia; protect against any efforts to impact improperly the results of any golf tournament; establish a uniform and consistent scheme of enforcement and sanctions applicable to all tournaments conducted under the auspices of Golf Australia; and adhere to the provisions of the National Policy on Match Fixing in Sport adopted and endorsed by all Australian Sports Ministers on 10 June 2011...[more](#)

Juniors Update



- [Golf proving popular in after-schools program](#) - Julia Hunt, AASC | 17/04/13
- [WDLGA Coaching Clinic & Membership Drive](#) - Sharon Nott - WDLGA JPO
- [Bathurst Junior Golf \(Video\)](#) - Prime 7 - Yahoo!7 | 11/04/13
- [More Teachers Delivering Golf in Schools](#) - JNJG | 02/04/13
- [Women's Golf Central North Coast Invite Junior Girls to Committee Day](#) - JNJG | 28/3/13
- [ACT Secondary Schools Golf Championship](#) - JNJG | 25/03/13
- [Sticking it to them at the Bankstown City Council Recreation Expo](#) - JNJG | 20/03/13

Recent Achievements



- [Charles Dunlop wins NSWGCSA Vince Church Award](#) - AGCSA
- [Hole in one at Narooma!](#) - Narooma News | 03/04/13
- [Hole New Level: Golfer lands his first ace at Dubbo](#) - Daily Liberal | 03/04/13
- [Latest Golf NSW's Hole-in-One Register](#) - Updated 16/4/13
- [The National Golf Club in Victoria - first club to receive GEO Certification](#) - GEO | 04/14/13

Recent Headlines



- [Lithgow Lady Golfers get together for some 'storytelling'](#)- Lithgow Mercury | 16/04/13
- [ACT's Darren Tait heading to Macau](#) - Special Olympics Australia | 16/04/13
- [Novelty game a hit for tourism](#) - Ballina Shire Advoate | 11/04/13
- [Oberon duo joint winners](#) - Oberon Review | 04/04/13
- [Bob Baker claims monthly medal](#) - Wauchope Gazette | 03/04/13
- [Ladies host huge comp](#) - Milton Ulladulla Times | 03/04/13
- [Cooke and Reay are the new vets golf champions](#) - The Macleay Argus | 02/04/13
- [\[Duntryleague golfer\] Payne claims 8th big win](#) - Daily Liberal | 02/04/13
- [\[Brett Drewitt\] Aiming for Pro \(Video\)](#) - Prime 7Armidale, Moree, Tamworth | 01/04/13

Upcoming Events



- 21 April - [Men's & Women's NSW Foursomes Championship](#) - *Magenta Shores*
- 29 Apr - 2 May - [Women's Autumn Meeting](#) - *ACT (Various)*
- 5-6 May - [Women's NSW Mid Amateur Championship](#) - *Nelson Bay*
- 5-7 May - [Men's NSW Mid Amateur Championship](#) - *Nelson Bay*
- 20-24 May - [Women's NSW Senior Championship](#) - *Manly*
- 1-2 June - [Mixed Weekend Tournament](#) - *Mudgee*

Grants...Awards...Scholarship



- [Volunteer Grants 2013](#) | Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs - Closes 24 April
- [Sport Leadership Grants & Scholarships for Women](#) - Closes 26 April
- [Community Heritage Grants](#) - Closes 1 May
- [Multicultural Youth Sport Grant Round Opens](#) - Closes 2 May
- [Local Sporting Champions Program](#) - Closes 30 June
- [Sport Incentive Program](#) - Ongoing
- [NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Sports Leadership Program](#)



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