

CLUB NEWS

A quarterly Golf NSW Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to report the Golf NSW Governance and Structural Review is now under way, and Sport Business Partners (the engaged consultant) has commenced "one on one" interviews with a mix of key industry stake holders including Board Members, Staff, Member Clubs, Council Members, Delegates, and District Golf Associations.

At a broad strategic level, the key objective of the Governance and Structural Review is:

To assist Golf NSW in adopting an appropriate governance structure that will ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness for its members and golfers.

Our review comes at a time when government agencies such as the Australian Sports Commission, are encouraging all sporting associations to adopt governance models and structures that will best position their organisations to adapt with the ever changing trends of the sporting industry.

As part of the review process, Clubs will be asked to supply a copy of their most recent Annual Report, so that a Club "health check" can be conducted. This information will be paramount for the review, and future strategic planning, and I thank you in advance for assisting by forwarding this information to Golf NSW, if you have not already done so.

I look forward to reporting further on the review progress in future editions of *Club News*.

Kind regards

Chris Allen
Chairman

CALLING ALL CAPTAINS

The men's and women's Captains or their representatives are invited to attend a special information seminar designed to support and guide captains and their committees in their roles. The seminar is not rules based, but rather provides valuable information and advice on competition management and course set up. Sessions will be held in all areas of NSW and Captains will receive invitations when a session is held near them.

Upcoming Seminar Dates:

Day	Date	Venue
Tuesday	25th June	Coolamon
Wednesday	26th June	Federal

2013 NATIONAL CLUB LEVEL RULES ACCREDITATION

The schedule for the 2013 seminars and exams conducted in NSW by Golf NSW is now available on the website under Rules > Rules Accreditation.

From there you may book online and you will also see mention of a great new innovation whereby the exams will be online. This will prove much more convenient for the majority of participants and in particular for those in regional areas where it may significantly reduce time and travel issues.

CEO'S MESSAGE



As mentioned by the Chairman, the current Governance and Structural Review is a very exciting and important undertaking for the future of Golf NSW.

In conjunction with this review, Golf NSW has also commenced a Strategic Planning process, to develop and implement strategies to successfully deliver the key objectives of Golf NSW.

One of these key objectives is to provide ongoing support to our member Clubs, especially at a time when trading conditions and traditional membership models are being challenged.

To this end, the Board of Golf NSW recently approved an initiative to bolster the financial strength of the NSW Golf Foundation, by contributing \$0.50 of each Adult Affiliation fee for 2013/14, to the Foundation.

The Foundation considers all grant applications and encourages individuals and Clubs to seek support; not just for financial hardships, but to help fund projects and services to develop golf in NSW.

Clubs can apply for grants via the Golf NSW website at www.golfnsw.org under About > NSW Golf Foundation, where grant criteria and application forms can be accessed.

Numerous grants have been awarded in 2012/13 and you can read about some of these "good news" stories in this edition of Club News.

Until next edition of *Club News*, good golfing.

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

JACK NEWTON JUNIOR GOLF



One objective of Jack Newton Junior Golf (JNKG) is to introduce more young people to the game of golf and to nurture their skills and enjoyment of the sport.

With this objective in mind JNKG developed an initiative to get golf into NSW Primary and Secondary schools. By utilizing the Golf Australia MyGolf schools program JNKG Territory Managers across the state provide teachers with the training and equipment to teach the skills of the sport and to include a regular golfing program into their schools curriculum.

Teachers receive a *MyGolf Schools Program Manual*, a resource that explains the program and how to implement the program at school. They also receive a full day of training with the Territory Manager where they are taught the basic fundamentals of the sport and are shown games that help the children practice these newly learnt skills. JNKG pay for their teacher relief while they are on the training day. Schools are then able to purchase their own equipment kits to begin teaching their students. JNKG Territory Managers are also available to conduct school clinics or assist with PASS or SLR courses.

By utilizing this pathway we are able to get golf out to more children at a younger age. This initiative means golf programs become a regular part of a student's education rather than a one off experience. Through the JNKG pathway students are exposed to the game, learn the skills, practice the skills and are then introduced to the local golf club where it is hoped they will become a member.



Over 700 teachers across NSW have been trained so far, which means the number of students being exposed to this great game is phenomenal. JNKG continues to push this initiative so every child is offered the opportunity to give golf a go!

For more information contact JNKG on:
9567 7736 or email jnkg@jnkg.com.au



DRIVING GOLF FORWARD IN NSW



The New South Wales Golf Foundation encourages the participation in, and the development of, the game of golf when barriers such as location or adversity may otherwise prevent people from taking part. Its vision is to build a bright and vibrant future for golf.

The New South Wales Golf Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Golf NSW and has provided support for numerous worthy causes since its inception. The "Foundation" was developed in 2001 to build a sizeable Trust Fund over a number of years and thereafter uses the investment earnings to support its various programs. Its single charter is to build and develop golf in the state for all who play the game to ensure its strong future... It is all about "Driving golf forward in NSW".

Despite sponsorship of the Foundation being a challenge, it has continued its benevolent work providing grants to most eligible applicants this past year.



Lane Cove Country Club's new Storage Shed.

A shed for Lane Cove members

In response to Lane Cove Country Club's request to help purchase a new shed to house their members' clubs, the Foundation was able to contribute a large part of the cost in the way of a grant to the Club, minimising strain on their available funds.

President of the Lane Cove Country Club, David Haugh, wrote to the Foundation stating that "Your welcome assistance in enabling us to provide this facility for our members is very much appreciated. It will make it easier for some of our older members to continue playing."



The photos do not do justice to the extent and severity of the storm", said Woodburn Evans Head Golf Club President Murray Cornelius. The storm, declared a Natural Disaster, caused est. over \$80K in damages.



Tottenham Golf Club's Captain enjoying the repaired tractor.

Tottenham's captain enjoys the ride

The Tottenham Golf Club members are a very determined and resourceful lot! They would not let the obstacle of a malfunctioning tractor get in the way of their game. Without a working tractor, Tottenham Golf Club would have struggled mowing their course which would have made it unplayable. Their course is maintained solely by volunteers. When their 40-year old tractor started giving in, they quickly kicked in some fundraising activities to purchase a new one.

They raised about \$80 weekly through Meat Raffles. However, Tottenham is only a small club with less than 50 members. Their fundraising could only go so far with just a few months of weekly golf available per year from March through October. It became evident that purchasing a new tractor was beyond their reach. They turned to the NSW Golf Foundation and their local community.

With the help of a Foundation grant, a local mechanic and club members who were willing to volunteer their labour to repair the existing tractor, the Club now has a working tractor to pull their grass slasher. The volunteer support alone saved the Club approximately \$3,000 in labour costs.

Woodburn Evans Head disaster recovery

On the evening of Saturday, 17th November 2012 a furious storm, later declared a Natural Disaster by the NSW Government, caused catastrophic damage to the Woodburn Evans Head Golf Club. When the Club's President, Murray Cornelius, along with numerous club members investigated the damage at first light the following day, they faced a course awash with uprooted trees and massive debris littered across the Fairways and Greens.

Although insurance would have covered costs towards damage to the Club House and outer buildings, it would not cover the damaged irrigation on the course caused by uprooted trees which lifted piping. Flag poles, signage, security protection fences had also been extensively damaged and required urgent repair. The strewn debris had to be cleared by hire machinery and by hand.

The President closed the course immediately and went on local radio appealing for volunteers to help in the course clean-up. The response was overwhelming and clean-up began the next day. Volunteers pitched in hours of work for the next eleven days to make the course playable. As a result 13 days later on 1st December, the course was declared open for play.

Estimated costs of clean-up, repair, replacement of assets and loss of trading incurred over \$80K in damages. The Foundation contributed towards the Club's clean-up and repair.

For more information about the NSW Golf Foundation visit:
www.nswgolffoundation.org



CLUBS STARTING TO GET 'STREET' SMART



All clubs would be aware of the recent correspondence regarding the opportunity to achieve savings on energy costs by taking advantage of Golf NSW's association with Streetsmart Energy. A group energy buying initiative who have similar arrangements with other sporting codes, Streetsmart Energy have already assisted businesses and householders achieve savings on ever increasing energy costs.

We are all looking at various ways to improve the budget 'bottom line' through savings or increasing revenues – this can achieve both.

However, the opportunity is not only for NSW golf clubs – your members, relatives, and associated businesses can also take advantage of the opportunity. This is a new revenue stream for the club – Streetsmart Energy will provide a fee back to the club, via Golf NSW, for each individual and business that nominates their golf club during the process.

**For all enquiries contact
Streetsmart Energy on 1300 767 056.**



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