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Welcome to the July Edition of Drop Zone



The 2013 NSW Open received an enormous boost when NSW Minister for Sport & Recreation, Graham Annesley, announced that well known coffee retailer, **Gloria Jean's Coffees**, would become the title sponsor of the historic tournament.

The announcement was made at Castle Hill Country Club, the host venue for this year's tournament. Also a new tournament logo was unveiled with the Gloria Jean's brand. We encourage everyone to have a 'cuppa' at their nearest Gloria Jean's outlet to celebrate with us...[more](#)

Good golfing

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

Election Notice - Golf NSW Council Members



Nominations are now open to become a Golf NSW Council Member. The Council of Golf NSW consists of sixty-five Council Members from country districts and metropolitan zones. Conditions apply. To be eligible to stand for election as a Council Member, a candidate must be a Registered Player of a Club in their respective Metropolitan Zone, or Country District in which he or she is seeking election. Detailed information and a Nomination form can be found on the website under Golf Clubs > Elections...[more](#)

"What's the Government doing to super and does it affect me?"



As well as the introduction of MySuper, from 1 July 2013 the Superannuation Guarantee (SG) will increase from 9 per cent to 9.25 per cent. The SG is the minimum percentage of your salary your employer must contribute to your super. The increase to 9.25 per cent marks the start of a gradual increase to 12 per cent by 2019, designed to boost Australians' retirement savings and reduce pressure on public coffers.

For the more mature workers among us, another important change will be the introduction of compulsory employer contributions for those over 70 years old from 1 July 2013. Also, if you're over 60, the maximum you can contribute to super with favourable tax treatment (the 'concessional cap') will rise from \$25,000 p.a. to \$35,000 p.a. from 1 July 2013. Further, this increased concessional cap of \$35,000 p.a. will be extended to everyone over 50 from July 2014.

Find out more

To find out more, [subscribe](#) to the latest edition of CommUnity in which Club Plus Super's CEO, Paul Cahill, answers some common questions about super.

Governance and Membership Update



Club Director and Manager Training Exemption Guidelines:

From 1st July, a club director and manager training framework applies providing a staged introduction of **mandatory club director and manager training** over the next five years. Courses are available for ClubsNSW Members (free) and Non-Members (fee for service). To view more about the mandatory training and courses [\[Click Here\]](#). Club directors and managers with specific skills, qualifications and experience may be exempt. To download the Club Director and Manager Exemption Guidelines [\[Click Here\]](#). For information about the new training requirements contact: Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing on 9995 0300.

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Board Governance Webinar Presentations

This is an informative series of Webinars on Sport and Board Governance... [\[more\]](#)

Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

Rules

June/July have seen a busy period with conducting numerous National Club Level Rules Accreditation Seminars and other club rules sessions. The on-line exam format has been developed by Golf NSW and all indications are that the other states are eagerly awaiting the outcomes so they can also access this format. This format has proved popular as participants do not have to return to a venue to sit the exam.

So far we have conducted National Program seminars at: Magenta Shores, Kogarah, Long Reef, Killara, Lynwood, Wagga Wagga, Finley and Bathurst. Soon to be conducted are: Wauchope, Bonville, Muree, Oatlands, Catalina, Federal, Camden and Woollahra....[more](#)

Numerous other club rules sessions have been conducted and are planned in the near future.

Golf NSW are conducting a State Level Accreditation Seminar in early September this year. Invitations are extended to those who have achieved high marks in the Club level and pleasingly we have easily filled all twenty four positions available for this year.

Already in Effect	to come from 1st July 2014 Link to Proposed Changes 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 8 of 20, replaced by 10 20 • Aches • Immediate updating of handicaps • No lowest handicaps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Club Search Rating • Slope • SWA (Standard Handicapping Adjustment) • Handicapping of Continuing Social Events • Handicapping of Four ball scores (all be used in current regulations) • Changed Stroke regulations (which were to be automatically held in DOLF Link for consultation with next 8 hole round)

Already in Effect 

Handicapping & Course Rating

Clubs were recently forwarded information on the proposed introduction of the Slope System and other components of the revised handicapping system.

The main points are that the introduction of the Slope System and other components are scheduled for 23 January 2014. It is also intended clubs will receive their "Slope Ratings" in the September/October 2013 period.

There will be much more correspondence forwarded to clubs in the near future to keep them apprised of the upcoming changes and how it will impact on them and their members. Pleasing news is that following some recent seminars conducted by Golf Australia, most club representatives have come away realising that the impact on clubs and individuals is not nearly as burdensome as many had previously thought. For full details [\[Click Here\]](#).

High Performance Update



Our elite players are making the most of the competitions scattered across the globe. Golf NSW High Performance Manager provided an update on the progress of our players in their respective overseas competitions .

- Jordan Zunic and Brett Drewitt finished T26 and T33 at the Players Amateur in S.C., USA. They will be competing along with Callan O'Reilly from 17-20 July in the Southern Amateur in Texas.
- Among the juniors, Grant Booth and Jessica Lasky are competing in the Callaway Junior World Championships from 16-19 July in Torrey Pines Golf Course.
- Cathleen Santoso (T11) and Carly Beck (T46) competed in the Women's Trans National from 9-12 July. They are currently competing in the North and South Women's Amateur at Pinehurst Resort (15-20 July).
- Cameron Davis and Rick Kato took part in the Japan Amateur. Kato missed the cut, however Davis finished T12 to qualify for the match play and was knocked out in the semi-finals.

To view results and leaderboards or to post comments to the players [\[Click Here\]](#).

Industry Update



Remembrance Golf Day

Last year Legacy Australia, the Australian Defence Force and Golf Australia worked together to initiate the REMEMBRANCE GOLF DAY Campaign. Legacy are seeking support from golf clubs again for this annual campaign week. 100% of the funds raised have been distributed through Legacy to provide practical assistance for the families of our incapacitated and fallen veterans...[more](#)

Events Update



The **Event News** is now jam packed with Golf NSW's Event Results and keeps players in the loop about upcoming events and featured club events. To view the latest monthly edition go to the Golf NSW website under Publications or [\[click here\]](#).

Those involved in the participation events, e.g. The Vardon, Jean Derrin, etc. receive special eNews specific to those events.

With the weather holding up, golf clubs have been busy. The Club Results section has seen a flurry of activity with some stand-out results. To view the latest **Golf Club Results** ... [\[Click Here\]](#)

[Open Entries & Upcoming Events](#) ♦ [Full Events Calendar](#)

Juniors Update



As one door closes another opens

Ruben Sondjaja exited the junior ranks in style by capturing the Junior Open title at his home club, Bonnie Doon. Ruben won the event with an impressive two under par round of 69, three shots ahead of his nearest rival Kurt Burns...[more](#)

While the juniors move on to the adult rankings, the newest member of the JNKG team, Tanya Kirby, Sydney South and Illawarra Territory Manager has wasted no time in her new role. Not only has she made contact with numerous golf clubs and junior development officers in her territory to assist with club junior golf programs but she has also helped run teacher professional learning days and trained ten teachers to make golf part of their everyday curriculum....[more](#)

Boys State Development Program Squad

Golf NSW and Jack Newton Junior Golf announced the squad members for the 2013-14 JNKG/Golf NSW Boys State Talent Development Program. The program commences with a two-day camp at Riverside Oaks Golf Course. Players undertook skill testing, physical testing and attended practical education sessions on routines, shot selection strategies and goal setting...[more](#)

Recent Achievements



Toomey & Thiele win NSW Aboriginal Golf Championship

The NSW Aboriginal Golf Championships took place at the Hunter Valley Golf & Country Club, NSW from 20-21 June. Congratulations to the winners ... [more](#)

Hole-in-One Register

To view the latest Golf NSW Hole-in-One Register [\[Click Here\]](#).

Recent Headlines



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It is getting busier & busier on the Golf NSW News Site - Recent news include:

- Oberon Golf Club celebrates the town's 150th birthday
- The Masters Pennant reaches quarter finals
- Active After-school Communities - Western Region Junior Golf Development
- Rules Insider: Dispute resolution
- How Ernie Els saved Adam Scott

Grants...Awards...Scholarship



- Elite Indigenous Travel & Accommodation Assistance ... [more](#)
- Sport Incentive Grant ... [more](#)
- 2013 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards - Close 30/08 ... [more](#)
- Regional Achievement & Community Awards - Close 02/08 ... [more](#)
- Illawarra Golf Academy of Sport Athlete Nominations - Close 16/8 ... [more](#)
- Community Building Partnership - Close 31/07 ... [more](#)
- Aim for the Stars 2014 Grant - Close 15/11 ... [more](#)



How can your club use social media to increase membership?

We are inviting our members to a Social Media Workshop at the Golf NSW Office: 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe on Thursday, 1st August from 6:00 pm. to chat with...**Golf Australia's John Sutherland and Hamish Jones.**

John is the Digital Director at GA and the ex-Production Manager at Perform Australia (Sportal). He worked on delivering digital solutions for Cricket Australia, AFL, NRL, PGA and FFA over the last 10 years. He has doubled traffic on the GA digital assets over the last 14 months.

Hamish is the Media & Communications Manager at GA, Media Centre Manager for the Emirates Australian Open and the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open. He provides content for the GA sites and social media platforms. He has been instrumental in increasing GA Twitter Followers by 50% in 12 months. **To REGISTER >>> EMAIL: mitsie.kent@golfnsw.org**



WGNR launches new website



Women's Golf Northern Rivers recently launched their brand new website at <http://womensgolfnr.com.au/>. The Northern Rivers District takes in one of the state's most progressive and fastest growing areas, from Grafton in the south, just over 600km north of Sydney, to the Queensland border at the southern end of the Gold Coast...[more](#)

Communications Update



The latest ClubMail included:

- 20/6 - Entry Form for [2013 Men's NSW Sand Greens Championship](#)
- 27/6 - Entry Form for [Women's Committee Day](#)
- 12/7 - Letter from Golf Australia re: [Implementation Date for New GA Handicap System](#)
- 15/7 - Council Nomination Information and Application Forms

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