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Welcome to the August 2013 edition of Drop Zone

The Golf NSW Governance and Structural Review is progressing to schedule, and a preliminary report will shortly be presented to the Board of Golf NSW.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those industry stakeholders who provided valuable information and feedback during the "one on one" interview stage (conducted by Sport Business Partners).

All Clubs, Districts, and Council Members would have recently received a survey, which was another opportunity for all stakeholders to provide feedback on Golf NSW, and its current and future role within the industry.

A detailed presentation of the review findings/recommendations, along with a presentation on the Golf NSW Strategic Plan for the future, will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on October 30, 2013.



Further to information already sent to Clubs and District Golf Associations, please be aware that **nominations for Council close at 4pm on August 21, 2013.**

Until next month, good golfing.

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

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Governance and Membership Update

Governance Principles and Resources

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NSW shows positive growth in latest golf rounds data for winter

The Australian Golf Industry Council released their latest golf rounds data which showed 5.6% increase compared to the previous year in July. NSW and Victoria showed strongest results...[more](#)

The HLB Mann Judd's annual golf survey shows that although membership numbers in Sydney have declined, the 'Adam Scott factor' is kicking in and there is a surge in under 25s...[more](#)

Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

Rules Videos

Golf Australia have on their website access to ten Rules of Golf video clips that are produced by the R&A – these are highly recommended and available at the following link: <http://www.golf.org.au/default.aspx?s=rules-vids>

Club Level Rules Accreditation

The 2013 program for our Rules Seminars and Exams now has the majority completed and the online exam format is proving very popular and successful.

Special thanks to John Robinson (Rules Committee Member and Director of Golf NSW) for his input into this project. He has provided his overall expertise from the computer industry and programming background to drive the development and implementation of this national project. This online system will be used Nationally. Thanks also must go to a considerable number of people who have assisted with the drafting, review and editing of the pool of questions. It is a time consuming process that can only be done by personnel with considerable rules knowledge and experience.

State Level Rules Accreditation

By invitation, persons who have achieved an appropriate pass mark in club level, are invited to express interest in participating in the State Level Accreditation process. This year we have our maximum number of 24 attending the 2013 State Level seminar and exam to be conducted at Elanora Country Club on the weekend 7th & 8th September.

Captains & Committee Seminars

These are conducted for captains and committee members to assist in efficient and effective running of competitions – included are subject matters such as, resolution of disputes, drafting conditions and local rules for events, how to handle weather disruptions, delays and much more. Attendees have shown great appreciation in their feedback.

Most recent sessions have been conducted at Wagga and ACT. Next will be 9th September at Bermagui for Far South Coast and 10th September for Illawarra (venue to be confirmed). We are on schedule to have covered all regional and metropolitan areas in NSW by mid 2014.



Course Rating & Slope

Information regarding the new Handicapping System is available online at: <http://www.golf.org.au/default.aspx?s=newgahandicapsystem>. All Golf Australia course ratings and slope information will be released to Clubs in September. This should ensure sufficient time for Clubs to prepare for the introduction of the new system on January 20, 2014.

High Performance Update



High Performance Manager Khan Pullen recently returned from overseas and provided an update on our NSW players. Callan O'Reilly was the only NSW player to compete in the Porter Cup. Cathleen Santoso and Carly Beck both competed in the Women's Canadian Amateur. Cathleen was tied 31st with Jayde Panos for best placed Australian. In the Western Amateur, Brett Drewitt finished best placed Australian T27. Jordan Zunic, Ruben Sondjaja, and Ricky Kato also competed but missed the 36 hole cut. For the last major event of the US summer, the Men's US Amateur is currently being contested. Brett Drewitt, Jordan Zunic and Will Flitcroft were the three NSW players to qualify. Unfortunately, Jordan sustained injuries in a car accident and had to withdraw. Both Brett and Will missed qualifying in the match play. Aussies Brady Watt, Oliver Goss and Nathan Holman have progressed to the round of 32...[more](#) Both Goss and Watt made it further to the Quarter Finals...[more](#)

Events Update

The Gloria Jean's NSW Open has launched a new website on the national digital network designed with a fresh new look and feel at www.nswopen.com. It will be updated regularly during the NSW Open with the latest news and information about the Championship. Be part of this historic championship which will take place at the Castle Hill Country Club from 21st - 24th November. To



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Recent Achievements

HOLE-IN-ONES

Hole-in-Ones from the Daily Club Results

We went through the list of Daily Club Results on the website to find all the hole-in-one achievers since July. Over 100 hole-in-one achievers were listed in the daily results. Congratulations to everyone! [[Click to view](#)]

Hole-in-One Register

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

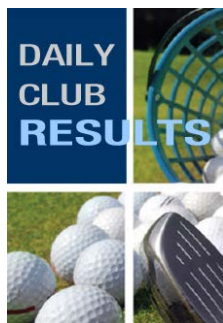
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Communications Update

Social Media Workshop



Golf Australia Digital Director John Sutherland and Media and Communications Manager Hamish Jones discussed a range of social media strategies for golf clubs and the options on a number of the most popular platforms at a recent Social Media Workshop. "Lots of clubs are doing great things on social media ... and we're looking to help clubs grow this area of their business," Sutherland said...[more](#) We trawled the twitter sphere and found over 40 golf clubs in NSW on Twitter. "[Follow Us](#)" to be added to the list. [[View how twitter is used to promote their clubs.](#)]



New Website and Logo for WGCNC

Women's Golf Central North Coast (WGCNC) recently introduced a new website to propel its district forward at www.womensgolfcnc.org.au A brand new WGCNC Logo was also introduced. As the WGCNC's logo was out-dated, a modern yet appropriate new logo for the District was sought. The new logo reflects the vision which embodies WGCNC. The balls on the logo all lead to the centre and become unified, signifying that the District and Committee are there to support all their clubs from the different areas within their District...[more](#)

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