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Welcome to February 2014 edition of Drop Zone

Congratulations to Karrie Webb in winning her 5th Australian Open title. It's an old cliché, but once again the cream rose to the top, and what a special moment it was to see Karrie hold aloft the Patricia Bridges Bowl, at Victoria Golf Club. Congratulations too on Minjee Lee's win as the first amateur to win the Oates Victorian Open. It has been an incredible time for golf in Australia. Jason Day has been catapulted to World #4 with his recent victory at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. The momentum keeps on growing and we are only at the start of the year.

We would like to welcome Golf NSW's new Committees for 2014. The Committees will be more strategic planning focused with the aim to develop the game for golfers of all ages and abilities. We are pleased that representatives from across NSW, including Metropolitan and Country regions, have been nominated. The members will meet three to four times a year to address key areas in the Golf NSW Strategic Plan [\[Read more\]](#).

Clubs will soon be receiving details of the *Golf NSW Strategic Plan 2014-17*, and I would encourage all Clubs and industry stakeholders to take a brief moment to read this document, which clearly defines Golf NSW's future focus and direction.

[\[Download Golf NSW Strategic Plan 2014-17\]](#)

2014 is certainly shaping up to be a very busy year, and the extremely successful summer of golf, along with the large spectator support, provides me with renewed optimism that the recent tough times in the golf industry are hopefully about to turn.

Until next month, good golfing!

Stuart Fraser

Chief Executive Officer

Time: don't waste it

The magic number is 46. That's the age most people become interested in their super. It's also when many realise they've squandered one of their super's most important assets: time.

Super is designed to be most effective over the long term. Even seemingly small changes when made early (optimising investment options or making additional contributions, for example) can have a huge impact on super's eventual returns. Given time, even the smallest amounts can grow significantly, and benefit from the added bonus of compounding returns – that's earnings on earnings.

As super is tax effective, the young also have most to gain from tax savings on contributions. Over time these savings add up, and again benefit from the power compounding returns.

For advice about your super, make an appointment with a Club Plus Financial Planning adviser at clubplussuper.com.au/fp or call **02 9376 9422**.



Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

DETERMINING
COMPETITION
GRADES
Daily OR GA Handicaps?

Should Competition Grades be Determined on the Basis of GA Handicaps or Daily Handicaps?

We have had many queries regarding how to set up "Grades", relevant to the newly introduced GA Handicap System. In order to answer this each club must assess their own reasons for the structuring of their grades. There is no mandated structure from any governing bodies regarding grades and clubs may structure their own grades to have best effect for their membership. For more information and guidelines about *Determining Competition Grades - Daily or GA Handicaps ...* [\[Read more\]](#)

Recent Headlines

Change of management for GOLF Link



There has been a change of management at Golf Australia's (GA) GOLF Link handicapping service. GA's previous service provider, GOLF Link Partners, has sold its rights to deliver the GOLF Link service. GA's new service provider is MSL Solutions Limited (MSL), owner of Micropower and isseekgolf.

The GOLF Link service will continue to be known as "GOLF Link" and clubs should not expect any disruption or deterioration in service delivery...[\[Read more\]](#)

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- [Day wins WGC MatchPlay, climbs to world no.4](#) - Golf Australia | 24/02/14
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- [Historic Victory for Amelia at Armidale Golf Club](#) - JNJG | 21/02/14
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- [Albinski Wins Fourth Tasmanian Title](#) - Golf Tasmania | 14/02/14
- WOW! 100+ [#Australian](#) Golf Clubs now using [@TwitterAU](#) to promote themselves. Have we missed your club? View list: <https://t.co/7MYWIW2TEv> — Golf Australia (@GolfAust) January 28, 2014

Events Update

Bing Lee Fujitsu General Women's NSW Open



On Australia Day, it was Frenchwoman Joanna Klatten who fired a dazzling course record nine-under-par 63 closing round to win the Bing Lee Fujitsu General Women's NSW Open by three strokes. Minjee Lee, the current Australian Amateur Champion, took home the leading amateur medal, finishing at 11-under-par and tied for 5th.

This year didn't disappoint with its high calibre field, which included the likes of France's Gwladys Nocera, England's Laura Davies, Sweden's Sophie Gustafson, Australians Sarah Kemp, Lindsey Wright and Rebecca Artis.

To view the **Daily Highlight Videos** and player interviews visit: www.womensnswopen.com

High Performance Update



Golf Australia has announced the members of the Golf Australia Rookie Professional Squad for 2014. Congratulations to the NSW players Rebecca Artis, Jake Higginbottom and Matt Stieger who were selected in the squad.

Thirteen-year-old Doey Choi created history, becoming the youngest ever competitor to win the Women's NSW Amateur Championship. Choi and her last opponent Ali Orchard (QLD) went head to head over thirty-six holes on the final day. A fitting end, Doey holed a 30ft birdie putt to secure the win...[\[Read more\]](#)

Ricky Kato, Travis Smyth and Elizabeth Elmassian represented NSW at the Tasmanian Open in a State Team event held from 6-9 February. Seventeen year old Elizabeth won the 2014 *Elvie Whitesides 72-Hole Stroke Play Championship* by one stroke...[\[View Lizzy's Blog\]](#). NSWs Travis Smyth (St. Michael's) finished 3rd on 5 under par and Ricky Kato (The Australian) 16th. Bonnie Doon Golf Club's Ben Corlette came in 27th. For full results...[\[Read more\]](#).

The Oates Victorian Open saw some really good results by the NSW players. Former State Team members Brett Drewitt and Matt Stieger were at the top of the leaderboard heading into the final round in the Oates Victorian Open. Stieger lost on the third playoff hole to Victoria's Matt Griffin. Brett finished one stroke back at 6 under. In the Oates Women's Victorian Open, Lizzie Elmassian finished T15. Shelly Shin shot 7 under in her last round.

Shelly Shin was invited by GA to play in the ISPS Handa New Zealand Open which took place at Christchurch from 31 January to 2nd February. Shelly did NSW and Australia proud finishing best of the Aussie amateurs just one shot away from leading amateur China's Jing Yan...[\[Read more\]](#)

Well done to all the players and good luck to Cameron Davis, Jordan Zunic and Elizabeth Elmassian who will represent Golf NSW at the Riversdale Cup from 6-9 March.

2014 State Boys' & Girls' Teams

Golf NSW is pleased to announce the 2014 State Boys' & Girls' Teams. Congratulations to the following players on their selection:

2014 State Boys' Team: Grant Booth (Captain) (The Australian), Harrison Endycott (Avondale), Daniel Gale (Fox Hills), Isaac Noh (Avondale), Blake Windred (Monash), and Kevin Yuan (The Australian). *Development Squad:* Jason Hong (Concord), Daniel Kolar (St. Michael's), Jay McKenzie (Ballina), and Joseph Trinder (Cootamundra)...[\[Read more\]](#)

2014 State Girls' Team: Isabella Chan (Captain) (Pennant Hills), Doey Choi (Concord), Antonia Gonzales (Concord), Jessica Lasky (AGC), Shelly Shin (Concord), and Celina Yuan (The Australian). *Development Squad:* Amy Chu (Bonnie Doon), Stephanie Hall (St. Michael's), Chloe Thornton (Queanbeyan), and Pamela Tsiamis (St. Michael's). *Team Manager:* Vicki Stride...[\[Read more\]](#)

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