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EDITORIAL

Another summer of golf has come and gone and for those of us who are parents so has another schools term. Speaking of Schools, through the good work of Peter Webster we have welcomed another five schools registering for the MYGolf for Schools program. This brings us to a total of 38 school in the State incorporating five weeks of golf into their annual physical education program. In addition we welcome the registration of the Smithton Golf Club to the MYGolf program and 12 MYGolfers, they have registered in the last couple of months. Golf Australia has recently advised that they are on track to relaunch the MYGolf program nationally in May with a key element being that it is being done as an official joint venture with the PGA. There will be more information coming soon. Also coming soon will be information and an invitation for clubs to participate in a national 'Golf Week' marketing campaign. This should be a great opportunity for clubs to open their doors to their communities and initiate new relationships. This concept was trailed in South Australia last year (and as Golf Month in 2012) and has been very successful. Also in conjunction with Golf Australia we are participating through Tony and the CSDA group and through regular integration of the State CEO's to develop a set of tools and resources to assist clubs undertake their own review, planning and implementation across a broad range of club activities. This is being modelled on work done previously by Golf England and is being supported by the Australian Sport Commission. Launch of these resources is expected around mid-year. Don't forget the Golf Tasmania AGM is being conducted at the Campbell Town Golf Club on May 4 at 11am. Everyone is welcome, and I suggest if you are coming along check with your club to see if they have nominated anyone to represent your club as only nominated representatives count towards the quorum. During the second half of 2014 the Golf Tasmania Board will be holding Board meetings in each

of the regions and hosting member forums and discussions in conjunction. We have already been in touch with each of the area associations seeking advice on dates and venues and should have further information out to you following the AGM. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at these events. Finally, the boy's, women's and men's State teams will all compete during April in their respective interstate teams events. The boys are in Victoria this week, while the women and men travel to Canberra later in the month. My congratulation to you all for making your respective teams and best wishes for the events. My thanks to the Coaches and volunteer team Managers for their support of the teams.

Craig French, **GENERAL MANAGER**

ELMASSIAN WINS ELVIE WHITESIDES

New South Wales' Elizabeth Elmassian came from behind to capture the 2014 Elvie Whitesides 72-Hole Stroke Play Championship held in conjunction with the Tasmanian Open from February 6-9. The 17-year-old Australian Golf Club member sunk a massive putt for birdie on the 18-hole to clinch victory. Elmassian trailed overnight leader Hannah Green from Western Australia by four strokes going into the final round. But carded a final one-under-par 70 to win her first National Ranking event by one stroke from Green. Ulverstone Golf Club's Sarah Johnstone finished third only four strokes behind Elmassian on 294 after carding 72, 75, 72 and 75.



Elizabeth Elmassian (NSW)

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

During the last month, the Lander and Rogers report investigating all aspects of Golf in Tasmania has been released to our golfing community. Also made public are the 24 recommendations arising from the report, which the board has discussed, with some being implemented immediately, some to be considered by the Strategic Plan Working Group which had it's first meeting on April 13th, and others such as suggested constitutional changes awaiting the writing of the new Strategic Plan before going to the membership for consideration. The new Strategic Plan and proposed constitutional changes will be considered by the membership at a special general meeting during January or February 2015 in order that 2015 board elections are able to be held under the new constitution should it be accepted. On a lighter note; I attended a meeting of the Club Support and Development Group in Melbourne recently, other attendees were CEO's of other states, GA and Sport and Recreation representatives and others. An interesting figure discussed was that only 11% of our sporting population looks for competition in their sport. The overriding considerations are location, socialization and then competition. I'm sure when the Strategic Planning Working Group discuss club viability and participation, the above information will make for some interesting suggestions as we move forward!

Tony Bush, **CHAIR**

TAMAR VALLEY JUNIOR CUP

Victoria's Brett Coletta took out Tasmania's secondary Australian Boys' Order of Merit event the Tamar Valley Junior Cup conducted from January 19-21. Coletta shooting scores of 69, 70, 71 and 69 to finish five strokes in front of Queensland's Lawry Flynn. Flynn, a junior member at the Brisbane Golf Club, posted scores of 71, 69, 74 and 70, a four-under-par total of 284. Prospect Vale Golf Club's Jack Tregaskisjago was the leading Tasmanian placing equal third on 286 with Victoria's Kyle Michel with scores of 77, 68, 67 and 74. Victoria's Konomi Matsumoto picked up the girls championship with scores of 77, 75, 74 and 71, a nine-over-par total of 297. Tasmania Golf Club's Georgia Milbourne placed ninth with rounds of 84, 88, 88 and 84.

TASMANIAN JUNIOR MASTERS

Queensland's Jacob Tonkin from the Coolangatta and Tweed Heads Golf Club won the 2014 Tasmanian Junior Masters conducted from January 23-24. The 17-year-old played consistent golf to win the Australian Boys' Order of Merit tournament held at the Devonport Golf Club. In near perfect conditions, Tonkin shot rounds of 69, 70, 69 and 68, a four-under-par total of 276, to win by five strokes from Lachlan Barker and Matias Sanchez. South Australia's Barker and Victoria's Sanchez finished the event with one-over-par totals of 281. 17-year-old Riverside junior Kade Philpott performed the best of the local entrants placing thirteenth overall. Philpott carded rounds of 76, 77, 74 and 67 for his 72-hole total of 294 (+14) and in doing so the two handicapper claimed the closed Tasmanian junior title. The boys' team trophy, named after the late John Michael, went to Victoria which was represented by Edward Donoghue and Kyle Michel with a total of 579 (+19). The girls' section was won by Victoria's Alexandra Hilliard with rounds of 73, 74, 73 and 71 a total of 291 (-5). The talented 14-year-old claimed the championship by four strokes from Kirsty Hodgkins of Queensland in second place on 295 (-1). Hilliard and fellow Victorian Konomi Matsumoto collected the girls' team trophy with a combined total of 594 (+2). Launceston Golf Club Mitch Van Noord won the Men's Under 24 Championship.



Jacob Tonkin (Qld)



Alexandra Hilliard (Vic)

FELTON WINS TASMANIAN OPEN

Gosnells golfer Jarryd Felton won the Country Club Tasmania Open Golf Championship by two strokes in February. The 18-year-old finished with a final round 73, having shot 70, 66 and 66 in his opening three rounds, to finish at nine-under-par on 275. Felton claimed the event by two strokes from Queensland's Kade McBride on 277 (-7). McBride carded 71, 65, 67 and 74 to finish three strokes in front of third placed New South Welshman Travis Smyth on 279 (-5). Tasmania Golf Club's Mark Schulze was the leading Tasmanian in fourth place on 280 (-4) with scores of 69, 70, 71 and 70. Other Tasmanian's to figure prominently were Launceston Golf Club's Greg Longmore and Kingston Beach's Nathan Gatehouse who all had top ten finishes. Longmore placed equal seventh on one-over-par (285) whilst Gatehouse finished outright tenth on three-over-par (287). Admirable performances by Cameron Bell from the Launceston Golf Club and local member Jack Tregaskisjago who placed equal eleventh and fourteenth respectively. While a Tasmanian wasn't successful in winning the major title, Gatehouse and Schulze did collect the Don Cameron Shield. The pair combined to win the two-man teams event conducted in conjunction with the Open with aggregate total of 567 (-1). Gatehouse and Schulze's efforts were enough to edge out the New South Wales pair of Ricky Kato and Travis Smyth on 570 (+2). Queensland's Cory Crawford and Anthony Quayle placed third with a total of 579 (+11).



Jarryd Felton (WA)

ALBINSKI CLAIMS FOURTH SENIOR TITLE

Mona Vale Golf Club member Stefan Albinski won his fourth Tasmanian Men's Senior Amateur title in February. Albinski shot rounds of 70, 75 and 70 around the Mowbray Golf Course to win the Australian Senior Order of Merit event with a 54-hole, two-over-par total of 215. The 61-year-old easily accounted for local member Michael Leedham who finished two strokes behind Albinski in second place. Leedham, a five-time champion in the event, shot scores of 70, 74 and 73 for his four-over-par total of 217. The 54-hole net championship went to Launceston golfer David Hamilton with scores of 69, 72 and 67, a total of 208. The 67-year-old won the handicap championship by four strokes from Queensland's Norm Way. 68-year-old Huon Valley Golf Club member William Wellington collected the 65-69 age group title. While local members Terry Clare, Tim Leonard and Ian Gilfillian claimed the 55-59, 60-64 and 70+ brackets.



Stefan Albinski (NSW)

2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

Tasmanian Junior Pennant Final (South)	May 2
Tasmanian Women's Pennant Finals (North)	June 1-2
Tasmanian Men's Pennant Finals (North)	July 6
Barclay Shield	September 29
Tasmanian Business Women's Open	October 26
Bronze Stableford	November 10

A more detailed schedule of events can be viewed at <http://www.golftasmania.org.au/default.aspx?s=events&year=2014>

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ

In a match, Lisa's tee shot is accidentally deflected by her opponent's golf bag and rebounds into the rough. What is the ruling?

No penalty and the ball may be either played as it lies or the stroke cancelled and the tee shot replayed.



TASMANIA WIN ELEVENTH CLAREMONT SHIELD

Tasmania Golf Club's Stuart Bonnitcho, Richard Kube, Andrew Phillips and Mark Schulze fired to win an eleventh Claremont Shield title in March. The tournament was keenly contested at Kingston Beach with one stroke separating Tasmania and a quartet of clubs following Saturday afternoon's foursomes round. Tasmania's Stuart Bonnitcho and Andrew Phillips leading the way for the club and combining for a one-over-par round of 72. Tasmania was followed closely by the host club Kingston Beach, Prospect Vale, Riverside and Royal Hobart with two-over-par totals of 73. However Tasmania was too strong on Sunday in the singles event with three team members figuring in the top ten on the final individual leader board. Kube was the best performed of the Tasmania Golf Club members contributing to the team's total with rounds of 66 and 74, a two-under-par total of 140. Schulze, the current Tasmanian amateur champion, and Phillips rounded out the best three for the club with one-over-par totals of 143. For a second year running Launceston Golf Club were runners-up on the final leader board at seven-over-par. Best for the Launceston club was Mitch Van Noord who tied for fourth in the individual standings on even-par with scores of 73 and 69. Cameron Bell and Joshua Molendyk were also great performers for the club finishing the singles rounds in equal eighth on two-over-par.

Defending champions Mowbray represented by John Cassidy, Curt Mathews, James Pyke and Shayne Walker claimed third place with a ten-over-par total of 507. Pyke was awarded the 36-hole gross title at the conclusion of the event after finishing the championship with a six-under-par total of 136. Tasmanian junior team member Jack Tregaskisjago placed second on three-under-par with scores of 71 and 68. Kingston Beach Golf Club member Nathan Gatehouse also performed exceptionally well during the singles rounds. Gatehouse utilising local knowledge to place equal fourth after carding 70 and 72, a 36-hole even-par total of 142. Launceston Golf Club found consolation in the net championship winning the Eric Bourke Memorial Trophy with a handicap total of 494½.



L-R: Andrew Phillips, Stuart Bonnitcho, Marh Schulze and Richard Kube

FRITH WINS SENIOR OPEN TITLE

Tasmania's Steve Frith secured the 2014 Tasmanian Senior Open at the Devonport Golf Club. Frith played excellent tee-to-green golf to finish the tournament with scores of 67 and 65, an eight-under-par total of 132. Frith held off defending champion Michael Ferguson in second place on six-under-par and Victorian Tim Elliott in third on one-over-par. Ferguson returned 67 and 67 for his total of 134 and Elliott carded 72 and 69 for his 36-hole total of 141. Frith will look to defend his title in Devonport next year, with the tournament set to return to the picturesque Woodrising course in 2015. Craig Clarke from Smithton Golf Club won the best gross score for the amateurs with rounds of 79 and 77, a sixteen-over-par total of 156.

GOLF TASMANIA CONSISTENCY AWARDS

Golf Tasmania recently presented the 2013 consistency awards for men, women, colts, boys and girls. Kingston Beach Golf Club member Nathan Gatehouse collected the prized Toogood Consistency Trophy for men with an average of 70.13. Tasmania Golf Club's Mark Schulze placed second with 71.96 followed by fellow club member Andrew Phillips in third on 73.11 and Riverside's Sam Rawlings on 73.50. The Lindy Goggin Consistency Trophy for women went to Launceston Golf Clubs Tammy Hall with an average of 77.85. Rawlings won the Merv O'May Trophy for colts, Jack Tregaskisjago the Athol Shephard Trophy for boys and Georgia Milbourne the girls consistency trophy.

SOUTH TOO STRONG IN THYNE AND PLATE

A thrilling final day has seen the Southern Metropolitan Golf Association crowned the 2014 James Boag Thyne Trophy champions. Heading into the final round the Southern Metropolitan Golf Association held a slender lead three match points over Golf North West. However a 4-3 victory over the challengers saw the Southern boys secure the title by four match points over the Golf Tasmania North. The final standings saw Golf North West in third place on one contest win and seven and a half match points followed by Southern Country in fourth on five and a half match points. Undefeated players included Golf Tasmania North's David House and Mitch Van Noord, and Southern Country's Drew Roberts. Southern Metropolitan's Craig Christie, Andrew Phillips and Mark Schulze also dominated contests with three wins from as many matches. The annual women's North vs South Plate was also proving to be a keenly contested event at Claremont Golf Club. Saturday afternoon's foursomes round saw the South leading the championship four matches to one. The South claiming victories through Jane Hyland and Karen Calvert, Pamela Chen and Zibeth Daubenton, Georgia Milbourne and Leslie Bick, and Kalynda Cowen and Chris McNab. The North's sole foursomes match point was won through Tayla Bennett and Sally Gibb defeating Sue Frith and Stephanie Sykora 1up at the twentieth hole. Sunday's singles matches were just as thrilling with Calvert, Chen, Milbourne, Daubenton, McNab and Bick winning for the South. While Lu Proud and Cheryl Richards recorded victories for the Northern team. Cowen and Port Sorell Golf Club's Sharon Crowden, and Frith and Launceston's Deidre Panton halved their number two and number six matches. In the end the South captured the prized Keryn Henry Plate with a 11-4 victory over the North.

Final Standings (Thyne Trophy): Southern Metropolitan Golf Association 3-16.5, Golf Tasmania North 2-12.5, Golf North West 1-7.5, Southern Country Golf Association 0-5.5.

Final Standings (North vs South Plate): North 11, South 4.



Southern Metropolitan Golf Association



Southern Tasmania

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

The R&A and the USGA announced recently that Distance Measuring Devices will be permitted during competition play. Distance Measuring Devices will be in use at both the 2014 British Amateur Championship and 2014 US Amateur Championship. Further to this Golf Australia has now made the decision to permit the use of Distance Measuring Devices at Golf Australia National Amateur Championships. Golf Australia has introduced the following Local Rule for all Golf Australia National Amateur Championships.

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (eg gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

SA AMATEUR CLASSIC & RENE ERICHSEN SALVER

A handful of Tasmanians were in action at the Golf SA Amateur Classic and Rene Erichsen Salver at the Glenelg Golf Club in South Australia. Launceston Golf Club's Joshua Molendyk was the best placed of the Tasmanians competing in the men's event from April 3-6. Molendyk recorded rounds of 80, 74, 79 and 78, a twenty seven-over-par total of 311 to finish tied for fifty first position. Riverside's Samuel Rawlings and Launceston's Cameron Bell also took part in the event. The duo missing the cut for the final two days with Rawlings and Bell each carding 81 and 78 for a seventeen-over-par total of 159. Simon Viitakangas from Queensland fired a Glenelg Golf Club course record seven-under-par 64 to take out the men's championship. The Robina Woods Golf Club member won by one stroke ahead of fellow Queenslander Aaron Wilkin. The women's event was convincingly won by Western Australian Hayley Bettencourt from the Mandurah Golf Club. Bettencourt won the championship by seven strokes from Victoria's Jo Charlton after carding 77, 74, 72 and 73 for her eight-over-par total of 296. Tea Tree Golf Club's Kalynda Cowen placed twenty first in the championship with scores of 86, 85, 83 and 83, a total of 337. The 22-year-old enjoyed her hit-out at the National Ranking event finishing five strokes ahead of current Tasmanian amateur champion and Victorian Grace Lennon.



Joshua Molendyk



Kalynda Cowen

AUSTRALIAN BOYS' AND GIRLS' AMATEUR

Prospect Vale's Jack Tregaskisjago and Riverside's Kade Philpott were the best performed Tasmanians at this year's Australian Boy's Amateur Championship. The pair finished twenty one-over-par and in equal fiftieth at the event conducted at the Heritage Golf and Country Club in Victoria last week. The two 17-year-olds had mixed rounds with Tregaskisjago carding 77, 76, 82 and 74 whilst Philpott returned 73, 80, 78 and 78. Of the boys who participated in the first two rounds Elijah Stanley was the next best placed behind Tregaskisjago and Philpott. Stanley, a 15-year-old member of Kingston Beach Golf Club, tied for 76th position on 156 (+12) with scores of 78 and 78. Riverside's Sam Manix-Geeves and Mowbray's Joel Harwood sat nine shots adrift of Stanley on 165 (+21) after carding identical rounds of 80 and 85. Luke Gilbert from the Tasmania Golf Club was a further one shot adrift on 166 (+22) with scores of 84 and 82. Development Squad members Lachlan McDougall from the Scottsdale Golf Club and Gus Burrell from Kingston Beach placed 129th and 152nd respectively. Victorian Ryan Ruffels capped his performance with a 72nd hole birdie to win the Australian Boys' Amateur Championship by three strokes. Ruffels fired rounds of 70, 69, 68 and 70 to finish at eleven-under-par on a rain-soaked course. Ruffels finished three clear of New South Welshman Blake Windred and six clear of third placed Victorian Brett Coletta. Victorian junior Konomi Matsumoto held on to win the Australian Girls' Amateur Championship at Yering Meadows Golf Club in Victoria's Yarra Valley. Matsumoto, a member of Victoria Golf Club, finished with rounds of 71, 76, 76 and 77 to defeat Queenslander and Australian Amateur runner up Karis Davidson by one. Tasmania Golf Club's Georgia Milbourne made the cut in her first Australian Girls' Amateur Championship. The 15-year-old placed 50th on the final leader board with rounds of 82, 88, 84 and 85, a total of 339. 14-year-old North West Bay junior Zahara Lemon was less successful and missed the cut with scores of 96 and 89.



Jack Tregaskisjago

VIC AND SA JUNIOR MASTERS

The Victorian Junior Masters was conducted at the Waverely Golf Club from January 6-8 with Gus Burrell, Luke Gilbert and Georgia Milbourne taking part. 14-year-old Burrell from the Kingston Beach Golf Club was the best placed of the two boys representatives. Burrell finished with rounds of 85, 79, 87 and 90, a total of 341 (+53) and in outright 60th position. Gilbert from the Tasmania Golf Club unfortunately had to withdraw from the event due to illness. Milbourne performed well in the girls' division and finished eleventh overall with scores of 83, 85, 84 and 87, a 72-hole total of 339. Milbourne, who plays off a handicap of eight, also tied for first in the under 16 girls net and tied for third in the overall girls net competition with a total of 307. Riverside Golf Club's Sam Manix-Geeves and Kade Philpott, and Mowbray's Joel Harwood also took part in the event. Philpott and Manix-Geeves finished in equal 45th and 49th positions respectively with Philpott carding 81, 80, 84 and 80 for his total of 325 (+37). Harwood failed to make the cut for the final two rounds after carding 85 and 80. Western Australian Curtis Luck stormed home to win the boys championship with scores of 71, 71, 75 and 67, a four-under-par total of 284. Whilst New Zealander Alanna Campbell held her nerve in a three-way play-off to win the girls championship. Later in the week the Golf South Australia Junior Masters was conducted at the Royal Adelaide Golf Club. Scottsdale's Lachlan McDougall, Riverside's Alex Groves and North West Bay's Zahara Lemon represented the State at the prestigious event. 15-year-old Lachlan McDougall lead the Tasmanian charge shooting rounds of 87, 82, 80 and 82 to finish in outright 33rd position on 331. Groves, who finished in equal 43rd position, experienced an up and down tournament with scores of 91, 92, 91 and 87, a total of 361. Lemon who plays off a handicap of eight, finished the event in outright 21st position with scores of 92, 89, 93 and 95, a 72-hole total of 369. Riverside Golf Club's Kade Philpott made the journey to South Australia after participating in the Victorian equivalent. Unperturbed by the quick turn-around of events, Philpott finished in equal 21st position with scores of 76, 78, 77 and 83, a 72-hole total of 314.

Victorians Brett Coletta and Soo-Bin Park started the 2014 season in fine style by taking out their respective events. Coletta finished the tournament at one-under-par with rounds of 71, 71, 71 and 74, a 72-hole total of 287, four strokes ahead of South Australian Billy Cawthorne. Park from the Kingswood Golf Club claimed the championship finishing one-over with rounds of 74, 71, 74 and 74, a total of 293, three strokes ahead of Alyssa Keir of Western Australia.

TASMANIAN TEAMS SELECTED

Golf Tasmania recently announced its men's, women's and boys' teams to contest the 2014 Australian Interstate Teams Matches. The teams will prepare for their respective series over the coming months which will be conducted in Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory during April and May.

MEN'S TEAM: Cameron Bell (Launceston), Aaron Dobson (Burnie), Nathan Gatehouse (Kingston Beach), Andrew McCarthy (Riverside), Andrew Phillips (Tasmania), Samuel Rawlings (Riverside), Mark Schulze (Tasmania), Jack Tregaskisjago (Prospect Vale), Gary Purdon-Manager (Iron Pot) and Alex Head-Coach (Tasmania).

WOMEN'S TEAM: Jacqueline Baker-Stubbs (Penguin), Sharon Crowden (Port Sorell), Sarah Johnstone (Ulverstone), Zahara Lemon (North West Bay), Georgia Milbourne (Tasmania), Amanda Smith (Riverside) Lu Proud-Manager (Devonport), and Zak Rollins-Coach (Seabrook).

BOYS' TEAM: Luke Gilbert (Tasmania), Joel Harwood (Mowbray), Sam Manix-Geeves (Riverside), Kade Philpott (Riverside), Elijah Stanley (Kingston Beach), Jack Tregaskisjago (Prospect Vale), Peter Harwood-Manager (Mowbray) and Bryce Gorham-Coach (Prospect Vale).

The Australian Men's and Women's Interstate Teams Matches will be conducted at the Federal and Gungahlin Lakes Golf Clubs, Canberra from April 29 to May 2. While the Australian Boys' Interstate Teams Matches will be conducted at the Hertiage Golf and Country Club, Victoria from April 13-16. States engage each other over singles match play in a round robin format. The men's and women's series conclude with a final. The Interstate Teams Matches are Australia's pinnacle Amateur Team Golf Championships for men, women and boys.

2014 LAKE MACQUARIE MEN'S AMATEUR

The 2014 Lake Macquarie Men's Amateur Championship was conducted in January at the Belmont Golf Club in New South Wales. Representing Tasmania in the championship was Sam Rawlings from Riverside and Mark Schulze of the Tasmania Golf Club. Rawlings the best of the Tasmanians at the conclusion of the event in a tie for fifty seventh place on ten-over-par after rounds of 76, 72, 77 and 73. Unfortunately Schulze was unsuccessful in making the cut for the weekend rounds after carding scores of 73 and 78. Expatriate Cory Crawford from the St Helens Golf Club qualified for the final two rounds and finished with a total of 294 (+6) and a share of thirty sixth position. English golfer Ryan Evans shot a four-under-par final round of 68 to win the National Ranking Event by two shots. Evans defeated New Zealand's Luke Toomey and Jarryd Felton of Western Australia who both carded two-under-par rounds of 70 for a four round total of 283.

GOLF AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC PLAN

After around 18 months in development Golf Australia (GA) have released their strategic plan 2013 – 2016. GA have identified;

- Governance and Deliver Model
- Club Viability
- Grow the game
- Golf Investment
- Golf Link Database and Membership Channel
- Australian Opens

As their 6 key strategic items for this period. As we embark on the development of the Golf Tasmania strategic Plan we will be able to utilising the work that GA have already done. Alignment of our common strategic objectives to those of GA will also enable us to best utilise the tools and resources that they invest in towards our goals. The GA strategic plan is available at:

<http://www.golf.org.au/default.aspx?s=Strategic-Plan>

2014 AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

19-year-old Samuel Rawlings and 20-year-old Cam Bell attempted to capture Australian golf's most prestigious amateur prize in January. Rawlings, a member of the Riverside Golf Club carded rounds of 75 and 71, a total of 146 (+2) to qualify 46th for the match play section of the championship. Rawlings was however defeated 3&1 in the first round by New South Wales' Cameron Davis. Bell from the Launceston Golf Club was less successful and failed to qualify for the match play section after carding 77 and 76, a nine-over-par total of 153. Expatriate golfer Cory Crawford, formerly from St Helens, also participated in the National championship. Queensland-based Crawford qualified for the match play rounds in seventeenth position with 72 and 70, a two-under-par total of 142. Unfortunately Crawford was halted by New Zealand's Josh Munn in the first round, Crawford going down 3&2. New Zealand 19-year-old Tae Koh clinched the first major win of his amateur career on his first trip to Australia. Koh claimed a 6&5 win over Western Australian Curtis Luck at The Australian Amateur Championship at The Grange Golf Club in Adelaide. In doing so, Koh became the first New Zealand man to win the title since former US Open champion Michael Campbell did in 1992. Koh also earned an exemption into the Australian Open at The Australian Golf Club in Sydney later this year. In the women's championship Western Australian Minjee Lee successfully defended her Australian Amateur Championship crown. The former Elvie Whitesides champion defeated 15-year-old Queenslander Karis Davidson 6&5 in Sunday's final at The Grange Golf Club. Lee, who graduated from school in 2013, has now won two Australian Amateur titles, the Australian Junior title and the US Girls' Junior title among a host of other victories.

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP – MARKET SEGMENTATION

Check out this short video created by the Australian Sports Commission. It provides an excellent summary of the outcomes from the recent market segmentation research that was carried out by the ASC with key learning's and opportunities for golf and clubs. http://www.ausport.gov.au/information/nsr/market_segmentation: Further information and reports are also available from the ASC web page.

GOLF TASMANIA ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF ONEGOLF

Golf Tasmania is pleased to announce the launch of OneGolf, a comprehensive tee sheet booking and competition management platform developed in conjunction with leading golf industry software providers MiClub. The web-based OneGolf system has been specifically designed to assist Tasmanian golf clubs ranging from 30 to 600 members in all aspects of their golfing operations. OneGolf is a fully automated Golf Management solution that provides to smaller clubs the features and efficiencies normally reserved for fully integrated tier 3 systems. These features include:

- On line time sheets
- Easy score input
- Tier 3 GolfLink integration
- Automatically generated results
- Live Fixture books – no more need to print hard copies
- Member contact details – the ability to build a simple member database
- Clubs can also opt for member score entry through provision of a touch screen
- Live news from Golf Tasmania

In addition, the OneGolf system meets all requirements of the new Australian Slope Handicapping System, and is fully compatible with MiClub's integrated range of industry products such as the popular Golf Autoscore scorecard scanning platform. The launch of the Golf Tasmania OneGolf product follows the successful launch of similar projects that MiClub have undertaken with GolfNSW, GolfSA and GolfWA over the past 18-months.



The graphic features the OneGolf logo at the top left, which consists of a blue circle with a white globe icon inside. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "OneGolf is a fully automated Golf Management solution that provides to smaller clubs features and efficiencies found at the larger golf clubs." Below this, the background is a blurred image of a golf ball on a green tee. Two white boxes with black text are overlaid on the image. The first box, titled "Member Benefits", lists nine items with checkmarks. The second box, titled "Testimonial:", contains a quote from Mark Bill, Handicap Manager at Secret Harbour Golf Club. At the bottom of the graphic, there are logos for Golf Tasmania and OneGOLF, along with contact information: "OneGolf is a Golf Tasmania initiative." and "P: (03) 6244 3600 W: www.golftasmania.org.au E: admin@golftasmania.org.au".

Member Benefits

- ✓ Book tee times online 24/7
- ✓ Delete bookings 24/7
- ✓ View full field results online
- ✓ Update your contact details
- ✓ Look up club members contact details
- ✓ See all fixtures live online
- ✓ Keep up to date with Golf Tasmania News
- ✓ Direct link to Golf Link
- ✓ Simple to use

Club Benefits

- ✓ Remove practically all golf administration tasks
- ✓ Remove the club fixture book setup and printing costs
- ✓ Provide member benefits enjoyed at larger clubs
- ✓ Reduce IT costs and administration
- ✓ Keep up to date with Golf Tasmania news
- ✓ Covers the new handicapping changes from Golf Australia
- ✓ Maintains member contact details

Testimonial:

“ Let me congratulate the state body for introducing a golf management system that is both affordable and practical for small clubs and social clubs. We are extremely happy with the system and would recommend it to any other golf clubs that are interested. ”

Mark Bill
Handicap Manager
Secret Harbour Golf Club

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Links to the One Golf demo site, along with further information on pricing, will be available soon under the Industry section of the Golf Tasmania website

For more details on One Golf contact the Golf Tasmania office on (03) 6244 3600 or MiClub National Account Manager – Chris Little via chris@miclub.com.au or 0418 506 814.

A FINAL SAY.....

Don't Forget the Golf Tasmania AGM! Sunday May 4, 11am, Campbell Town Golf Club – All welcome but only nominated representatives count towards a quorum. So if you intend on coming check with your club and be their representative.

RIVERSDALE CUP

A number of Tasmanians took on Australia's best at the Riversdale Cup at the Riversdale Golf Club in Victoria. Riverside Golf Club's Sam Rawlings was the best placed of the Tasmanians competing in the men's event from March 6-9. Rawlings recorded rounds of 73, 73, 74 and 75, a seven-over-par total of 280 to finish tied for thirty seventh position. Burnie's Aaron Dobson, Launceston's Cameron Bell, Riverside's Isaac Pinnington and Jack Tregaskisjago from Prospect Vale also took part in the event. The quartet missing the cut for the final two days with Dobson the best on a five-over-par total of 149 after carding 74 and 75. 15-year-old Ryan Ruffels from the Victoria Golf Club set the record as the youngest ever winner of the championship in its 106-year history. Ruffels finished with rounds of 72, 72, 66 and 70 to win at eight-under-par, one stroke clear of Todd Sinnott from Victoria on 281. The women's event was convincingly won by New South Wales' Shelly Shin from the Concord Golf Club. Shin won the championship by a massive fifteen strokes from Victoria's Bianca Ling after carding 72, 71, 72 and 75 for her two-under-par total of 290. Ulverstone Golf Club's Sarah Johnstone placed thirteenth in the championship with scores of 82, 75, 79 and 81, total of 317. Tea Tree Golf Club's Kalynda Cowen represented Tasmania at the championship for the first time in five years. Unfortunately the 22-year-old missed the cut for the weekend rounds with scores of 90 and 89.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Golf Tasmania recently announced the launch of its new regional development program. The program aligns with and is a direct pathway to the national, Golf Australia High Performance Program. The Golf Tasmania program aims to provide greater opportunities for developing players to access resources generally only available within elite player programs. This program will provide a pathway for players from a variety of playing standards to potentially progress through to State team selection, National High Performance squad membership and national team selection. Tasmania National High Performance Coach, Alex Head, has been appointed to guide the program. PGA members Zak Rollins based at Seabrook Golf Club, Bryce Gorham at Country Club Tasmania and Christian Rainey have been appointed as regional coaches for the North West, North and South. The role of the Regional Coaches will be to identify and invite players to join a Regional Development Squad. Through guidance from the National High Performance Coach regional coaches will conduct squad training, set individual training programs and performance goals. Regional coaches will also coordinate access to other coaching and development resources for squad members. Each squad will be provided with approximately 18 training sessions per year which will cover technical advice, and may include strength and conditioning, sports psychology, sport nutrition and physio. Squad members will be expected to commit to attendance at both training session and State average events. As additional development opportunities, members will be eligible for selection for a number of interstate tournaments Golf Tasmania is invited to send representative players. Contact Golf Tasmania on (03) 6244 3600 to register for your area's regional development squad.

USEFUL LINKS/TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR CLUBS:

There are a number useful tools available for clubs and associations and over the coming additions we will included here the ones that we come across. Of course if you know of any please let us know so that we can share with everyone.

PlayGolf.com.au

<http://www.playgolf.com.au/>

PlayGolf has been relaunched and is set to be the website for all national golf marketing programs to direct inquiries, including the soon to be announce national GOLF WEEK set for November 2014. Make sure you club details are correct and contact Golf Australia to find out how to make use of this space for advertising you memberships offers and participation activities.

Junior Golf Participation/Development:

<http://www.mygolf.org.au/default.aspx?s=junior-coordinator>

For clubs junior coordinators there is fantastic information contained in the Junior Coordinator Administration kit available from the MYGolf Web page, including a step by step guide to establishing a junior program.

Australian Sport Commission:

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/clubs>

The Club Development link from the Australian Sports Commission home page has a vast amount of information and tools for clubs, particularly the resources tab.

Good Sports:

<http://goodsports.com.au/>

Good Sports provides free support to sporting clubs to change their culture and reduce high risk drinking. Under the program, clubs will focus more on young people, families and sport participation and less on drinking alcohol

Sport & Recreation Tasmania:

<http://sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/>

Sport and Recreation Tasmania's vision is "all Tasmanians being physically active through sport and recreation." Sport and Recreation Tasmania's goals are to: Develop and support a vibrant, innovative and inclusive sport and recreation sector; Develop Tasmania's elite athletes; Facilitate participation opportunities in sport, recreation and physical activity; Promote the individual, social, economic, environmental and health benefits of sport, recreation and physical activity to the Tasmanian community; Support the provision of quality facilities and environments that meet the sport, recreation and physical activity needs of the community.

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