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EDITORIAL

There is a lot happening in the junior golf participation space at the moment. We recently hosted joint presentations from Golf Australia and the PGA on the relaunched MyGolf product and how to register your club. We have also set dates and started taking registrations for the level one coaching accreditation programs across each of the three regions. Please also note the recently announced changes to the laws requiring a number of employees and volunteers that engage with children as part of their role to register for a 'Working with Children' check commence on October 1 this year and are compulsory by April 1 2015. You will find more information on each of these items within this edition. Also further details is being provided to all of our clubs. We are also continuing with our planning for Playgolf Week. We have 27 clubs registered to participate in the week of events from November 17-23. All of the registered clubs should now have received their marketing packs from Golf Australia. This week Golf Australia have also provided to us their final marketing plan for the event, we are now reviewing this to implement our own strategy to compliment the national plan. In addition to Playgolf Week promotion, we will also be assisting clubs be facilitating an opportunity to promote their club through the Active After Schools Community programs state-wide and we will be hosting a Women's Come and Try Day as a launch event in conjunction with the two southern women's associations. Finally during Playgolf week we will be launching a new high school teams challenge which we intend to run during 2015. Further details to the Playgolf Week registered clubs shortly.

Finally a reminder to our North West Coast colleagues that the Golf Tasmania Board is holding a forum at the Burnie Golf Club on September 24. A second forum is being planned for October 15 in Launceston to be held in conjunction with the Golf Tasmania North's AGM, and a final forum on November 12th in the South. Further details on the North and South forums will be circulated closer to the dates.

Craig French

GENERAL MANAGER

North West Member's Forum

*Burnie Golf Club
6:30pm
Wednesday
September 24*

The Chair, Mr Tony Bush, on behalf of the Golf Tasmania Board invite club Presidents, committee members and club members to a forum/discussion/presentation of recent activities and the future of Tasmanian golf.

RSVP not required, but appreciated:

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SOUTHERN BOYS AND GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern Boys and Girls championship will be played at Royal Hobart and Colebrook from September 29-30. Royal Hobart Golf Club will host the first 36-holes of the event on the Monday with the final 36-holes at Colebrook on the Tuesday. Handicap limits are 18.4 for boys and 23.4 for girls and the entry fee for the championship has been set at \$35. A 36-hole event has also been introduced for higher handicapped players with 18-holes on each morning. A reduced entry fee of \$20 applies, entries close on September 16 and entry forms are available at local clubs.

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ

Sarah and Nicole are playing in the monthly medal stroke event. They arrive at the 7th hole, a tricky downhill par 3 where club selection is always difficult. A stiff breeze is also blowing. "Gee," says Sarah, "what club are you going to hit Nicole?" Nicole replies: "I'm going to hit a four iron." Fellow competitor Andrea then questions their actions. What is the ruling?

- A. No penalty to either player.
- B. Sarah is penalised two strokes while Nicole incurs no penalty.
- C. Nicole is penalised two strokes while Sarah incurs no penalty.
- D. Sarah and Nicole are each penalised two strokes.



CLUB LEVEL RULES ACCREDITATION

A component of the National Rules Accreditation & Education Programs, the Club Level Rules Accreditation course assists those looking to develop their knowledge and/or delivery of the Rules of Golf. The course provides an education of the key Rules of Golf for club golfers and provides an education as to how to navigate around the Rule book, and how to locate the appropriate Rule/s to cater for a situation. The course also facilitates a greater intra-club spread of Rules knowledge, assist with intra-club administration of club events and provides for uniformity of the development of skills and application of skills.

Golf House	September 30
Launceston Golf Club	October 7
Ulverstone Golf Club	October 8

Please contact Golf Tasmania to enrol in either of these courses.

2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

Barclay Shield	September 29
Sth Boys' & Girls Championship	September 29-30
Southern Open	October 5
GTN 27-Hole Stroke	October 5
GNW Championship (inc. Junior)	October 18-19
Tasmanian Business Women's Open	October 26
Aus Women's Senior Amateur	October 27-31
Bronze Stableford	November 10
Judy Elphinstone 54-Hole	November 16-17
Tas Women's Senior, B & C Grade	November 16-17
Tas Men's & Women's Amateur	November 20-23
Tas Men's B & C Grade Amateur	November 22-23
GTN Northern Amateur	December 14

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

SPSSA – WINTER CARNIVAL

The Southern Primary School Sports Association Winter Carnival was conducted on August 26. Golf Tasmania in conjunction with officials from the Royal Hobart Golf Club presented the day. Grade five and six students representing schools from across Southern Tasmania participated in the day. Golf Professionals Roger Hughes and Christian Rainey, assisted by volunteers conducted the MYGolf styled day.



PLAYGOLF WEEK

Nearly 300 golf facilities across Australia will host the inaugural Playgolf Week campaign from 17-23 November. Held nationally for the first time and presented by Drummond Golf, Playgolf Week will be Australia's biggest week of golf events, aiming to increase participation and engagement with the sport. The participating facilities will be opening their doors to the local community for a Come & Try Day on Sunday 23 November. Clubs will also promote special offerings around Memberships and other Club services during the week. Many clubs will also schedule other activities during the week to ensure as many people as possible can experience one of Australia's largest and most popular participation sports. Golf Australia CEO Stephen Pitt said Playgolf Week was a key component in the ongoing development of the game at a national level. "We've been tremendously supported in this first year of the national program with nearly 300 clubs registering to be involved, engaging with their local communities and showing people why golf is such a great sport to be involved in," Pitt said. Various public awareness events will be conducted in each capital city and some major regional areas during Playgolf Week, supported by each State Golf Association. "This is a great chance for golf clubs to introduce themselves to people who may not have considered playing golf or may have lapsed playing at some point. It will be great to have a mix of families, women and juniors involved in all of the activities during the week. There are terrific benefits to being part of a golf club and the clubs play an important role in the community, particularly in regional areas," Pitt added. "Drummond Golf has been a longstanding supporter of grassroots golf in Australia and we're delighted to have their support to help promote the event to as many golf fans as possible. The exposure that Drummond Golf stores can bring to Playgolf Week to engage more people in the sport and assist the viability of golf facilities is significant", Pitt said. Golf Australia is also working with the PGA of Australia who are supporting the initiative. A list of Playgolf Week Activities and Offerings at golf clubs will be available from playgolf.com.au from the end of September.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN – CHANGES TO THE LAW

If you work with children in certain activities or services, you will need to register for a background check, called the "Working with Children Check". People from clubs and associations can start to apply from 1 October 2014. You must hold registration by 1 April 2015 to participate in activities like coaching, team management and committee membership for organisations that primarily involve the participation of children. The Working with Children Check provides a minimum screening process for people working or volunteering in these organisations. The new law requires registration for some important roles within child related organisations, but importantly allows organisations to adjust the screening requirements to suit their particular organisation. There are a number of exemptions under the new law regarding situations where people engaged in regulated activities need not apply. These exemptions can be overridden if, after assessment of the risk of harm to children, an organisation determines that it wants these roles to be included in their screening regime. For more information about exemptions read the Exemptions Fact Sheet available from www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children. For instance, you will be exempt if working or volunteering for a club, or association if:

- you are engaged in a regulated activity for a particular employer or volunteer body for not more than 3 days in any 4-week period and for not more than 7 days in any calendar year
- you are doing the same activity as the child (for example, playing together in a sporting team)

Applications are commenced online at

www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

ROYAL HOBART CUP

Sam Rawlings won last weekend's Royal Hobart Cup last weekend with rounds of 69 and 70, a five-under-par total of 139. The current State team and Riverside Golf Club member won the Toogood Trophy event by seven strokes from Launceston's Mitch Van Noord on 146 (+2). Van Noord carded rounds of 76 and 70 to claim the runner-up position behind the 19-year-old Rawlings. Tasmania's Mark Schulze and Kingston Beach Golf Club's Nathan Gatehouse placed third on six-over-par.

ENTRIES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR

Entries are now open for the Australian Women's Senior Championship to be played at Riverside Golf Club from October 27-31. The Championship is open to women aged 55 years and over (as at 27 October), with a maximum handicap of 20.0. It is played over 36-holes qualifying, followed by elimination match play. The leading 16 players will qualify for the major championship, with another eight players in four age divisions qualifying for match play flights. The State Stroke Teams Event will again be played in conjunction with the qualifying rounds, with three players representing their state in the aggregate scratch competition. A Handicap Competition will also be held over the first two days. Defending Champion Josie Ryan of Queensland is sure to return to defend her title along with seven time winner Sylvia Donohoe from New South Wales. 2012 Champion Jacqui Morgan from New South Wales will also be in the mix along with 2013 runner-up Wendy O'Connell of Queensland who currently sits in second place on the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Rankings. Off the course, players will be able to renew friendships at the Welcome Cocktail Reception on Tuesday evening, and conclude with the Presentation Reception on Friday afternoon, all included in the entry fee. Any player who introduces a friend to the Championship for the first time will go into the draw to win a prize for a \$200 voucher to spend at the Riverside Golf Club pro shop.

QANTAS GOLF CLUB

Qantas Frequent Flyers will soon be able to earn Qantas Points on the golf course when Qantas Golf Club tees off this summer. Qantas Golf Club is a new online community that provides the ability to earn Qantas Points for playing golf. The program also offers the ability to book tee times online, exclusive invitations to attend golf events and tournaments, and access to travel packages to visit some of the world's best courses. All Qantas Frequent Flyer members can join, with a choice of a basic, free membership or premium membership that includes the ability to obtain an official Golf Australia handicap. CEO Qantas Loyalty Lesley Grant said with golf being a favorite pastime among many of the program's 10 million members, the program was expected to be a popular new way to earn points. "Many of the Qantas Frequent Flyer program's over 10 million members have indicated that they are keen golfers. "Qantas Golf Club gives Qantas Frequent Flyers the opportunity to join this one club but access many courses, as well as a range of other golfing activities," she said. Australian golf legend and Qantas Ambassador, Greg Norman has endorsed the new program. "Qantas Golf Club is an incredible value-add to the frequent flyer program. It will provide the ability to play a diverse and varying network of courses which is a fantastic opportunity for all golf fans." Qantas Frequent Flyers who register their interest at qantasgolfclub.com.au and sign up for a premium membership at launch, will receive 5,000 bonus Qantas Points.

WORLD AMATEUR TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Golf Australia has announced the men's and women's teams to represent Australia at the World Amateur Team Championships to be played from September 2-13. The men's Eisenhower Trophy team is Geoff Drakeford, Lucas Herbert and Ryan Ruffels from Victoria. The men's team Coach will be Gareth Jones from South Australia and Matt Cutler will be the team Manager for both the men's and women's teams. The women's Espirito Santo Trophy team is Minjee Lee from Western Australia, Victoria's Su-Hyun Oh and Shelly Shin of New South Wales. The women's team coach will be Shani Waugh from Western Australia). The Australian men's team last won the Eisenhower Trophy in 1996 in a team that included Jamie Crow, David Gleeson, Jarrod Moseley and Tasmania's Brett Partridge. The last Australian women's team to win the Espirito Santo Trophy was Katherine Kirk (nee Hull), Lindsey Wright and Vicky Thomas (nee Umland) in 2002. Each team has two or three players and plays 18-holes of stroke play for four days with the four-day (72-hole) total the team's score for the championship. In each round, the total of the two lowest scores from each team constitutes the team score for the round. Organised by the International Golf Federation, teams of men and women come from all over the world to compete for the Eisenhower and Espirito Santo Trophies. The World Amateur Team Championships will be hosted by the Iriyama and Oshitate Courses at Kurizawa 72 Golf Complex in Japan.

JUNIOR GOLF PARTICIPATION - MYGOLF

As previously announced, Golf Australia and the PGA have established a joint venture and commitment to a single national product for junior participation. While the MyGolf name has now been in the market place for a few years, the product has undergone a significant review and the product relaunched in July this year is a vastly different product. The key messages in developing and now marketing the 'new' programs are: MyGolf is a 'kids only clubhouse' MyGolf is fun, exciting, healthy and accessible junior golf program for children aged between 5-12 years of age MyGolf promotes skills development in an accredited coaching environment. MyGolf is a national program delivered in partnership with the PGA of Australia and Golf Australia (Industry, PGA Members, Clubs and Community Coaches) The MyGolf program has been redeveloped in line with feedback from within the industry (Industry, PGA Members, Clubs and Community Coaches). The national MyGolf program is a central strategy to driving future growth of the Australian golf industry, and create the next generation of players and fans of the game (PGA Members, Club & Social Golfers and Community Coaches). So far in the lead up and following the re-launch, communication and forums have been focused on disseminating information to clubs and recruitment of clubs to register for the program. During September and October, the focus will change to consumer marketing and driving enquiries from participants to the MyGolf website where they will be looking to find their local centre, details about for the coming programs and direct on-line registration and payment into club programs. If your club has been waiting to register or reregister, Now is the time to take action.

NCAS COMMUNITY COACH ONE

A course designed to accredit participants under the NCAS Community Golf Coach One Accreditation scheme. Accreditation enables junior co-ordinators and beginner coaches to coach beginner golfers of any age. The role of a Community Coach is also to co-ordinate camps and clinics, and to link with organisations (both regional and State). This course offers sessions on teaching fundamentals, group management, sourcing resources and contacts, and practical assessments and feedback. The coach may also be remunerated to a maximum of \$15k + GST per annum without jeopardising amateur status.

Royal Hobart Golf Club	September 14
Launceston Golf Club	September 21
Devonport Golf Club	October 5

Please contact Golf Tasmania to enrol in either of these courses.

2014 MANDURAH AMATEUR OPEN

Launceston Golf Club's Mitch Van Noord and Tasmania's Mark Schulze will represent Tasmania during September in Western Australia. The pair will tee up against Australia's best at the Mandurah Open Amateur at the Mandurah Country Club from September 13-15. The event has a rich history in Australian amateur golf with previous winners including Brett Rumford (1997) and 2006 US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy (1998). The last Tasmanian to win the Golf Australia National Ranking event was Wynyard's Paul Marshall in 1995.

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.

ONEGOLF is a fully automated Golf Management solution that provides to smaller clubs features and efficiencies found at the larger golf clubs.

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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, it is also the home for Playgolf 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.

RULES OF GOLF QUIZ ANSWER

D. Sarah and Nicole are each penalised two strokes. (Rule 8-1).



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