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## Welcome to Drop Zone



After a highly successful tournament in 2014, and in a major coup to maintain stability to the historic NSW Open, Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club have extended their arrangements to be the host venue for at least another two years. The announcement is expected to be the impetus to retain the majority of event partners and enable Greater Western Sydney to further embrace this event. An even stronger field is expected in 2015 after the plaudits the course received from players, officials, sponsors and spectators alike.

Today we lost one of our most treasured icons in golf. [Kel Nagle](#) passed away in Sydney aged 94. He was not only a great player, but a great role model admired and loved by many. Kel will be sorely missed.

Until next edition, good golfing.

Yours in golf

Stuart Fraser  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Congratulations - Golf NSW Wine Club Winner



The first Golf NSW Wine Club promotion conducted in the lead up to Christmas for all members who placed an order has been drawn. The lucky winner of a new Srixon deluxe cart bag and one dozen St Hallett wines is Ralph Imberger from Narooma Golf Club.

Ralph was more than pleased when informed that his name had been drawn out, and it is just reward for this club volunteer who looks after the handicapping at the club... [more info](#)

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## Good things come to those who plan

Whether you're planning for a long holiday or gearing up for an extensive home renovation, there's no doubt that either one is made easier if you had spent some time planning.

As you consider your immediate lifestyle goals, it's easy to forget your long-term investment options, such as planning for a comfortable safety net at retirement.

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## Industry Update



### Golf Australia Chairman John Hopkins receives OAM

Congratulations to Golf Australia Chairman John Hopkins who has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day honours...[more](#)

## Child safe sports workshops - Update



A reminder that people who work or volunteer in the sport and recreation sector are being phased in to the new *Working with Children Check (WWCC)* system in NSW from April 2015. For more information or online training visit: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) or Phone: 9286 7219.

For those in ACT view "[Working With Vulnerable People Check](#)" or Phone: 6207 3000

## Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

### 2015 Rules of Golf Seminars and Club Session EOLs



Clubs were forwarded invitations near the end of last year to apply for a Rules Seminar/Club Rules Session with a reminder forwarded about a week ago. Applications are requested to be returned to Golf NSW by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2015** so we can start coordinating the schedule for 2015. If your club is interested please make sure you apply to be considered. Further details can be found [\[Click Here\]](#) or contact Rod Clark, Manager - Rules & Handicapping.

## Recent Headlines



- [Coleambally GC awarded "Event of the Year for hosting RLGA Sandgreen Championships](#) | The Observer - 26/01/15
- [New Sport Comes to Teven](#) | The Northern Star - 21/01/15
- [Connors too good at Lakes Macquarie Am](#) | iseekgolf.com - 18/01/15
- [Funding for Coonabarabran Clubs](#) | The Land - 18/01/15
- [Australia wins its fifth Astor Trophy](#) | - Golf Australia - 16/01/15
- [Golf's pitch to youngsters paying off in Tamworth](#) | Northern Daily Leader - 15/01/15
- [New playground a community effort](#) | The Singleton Argus - 09/01/15
- [Central Coast Academy of Sport SRIXON Golf Program launched](#) | JNKG - 19/12/14

## High Performance Update



### NSW elite going from strength to strength

If the results of recent elite amateur Championships are anything to go by, NSW players are going from strength to strength. The work that National Coach - NSW Dean Kinney and his team have been doing is finally paying off.

At the end of last year Cameron Davis (Monash) and Shelly Shin (Concord) won the 36-hole finals at the [Victorian Amateur Championships](#). Continuing their fine form, the duo again played superb golf, both mentally and physically, to capture both their respective [Australian Amateur Championships](#) titles.

It was during the Australian Amateur Championships that NSW players started leaving their mark. Justin Warren (The Australian) earned his nickname, the "Giant Killer" after knocking out the tournament favourite Ryan Ruffels (VIC). Justin then defeated fellow state player Brayden Petersen (Monash).

Kevin Yuan (The Australian) eliminated Corey Connors -- the Canadian had just won the Lake Macquarie Championship and was another key player on the watch list.

Elizabeth Elmassian (The Australian) showed that NSW golfers are in form, making it through to the Women's Australian Amateur Final before losing to fellow NSW amateur Shelly Shin. As mentioned above, Shelly is in outstanding form having won the VIC Amateur, [Women's Lake Macquarie Amateur](#) and then the Australian Amateur. Prior to that she had just returned from Adelaide as a member of a five-woman national team who won the [Astor Trophy](#). She is certainly the player to beat at the NSW Amateur Championship.

Kinney spoke highly of former Olympic runner, Herb Elliott, who addressed the NSW HP Squad in November about self-mastery and mental toughness. National Coach-NSW Dean Kinney said "these skills were really evident by all NSW players in the Australian Amateur. Taking out both men's and women's titles was a real team effort. I'm so proud of them all."

For our elite NSW amateurs, it has been a great way to start 2015. Whilst the NSW Amateur Championships has had a rocky start with rain delays, play is well underway. Watch the players in action - come and support them at Monash CC, Killara and Avondale Golf Clubs. Play ends 3rd February. For details [\[Click Here\]](#).

## Event eNews ♦ Open Entries & Upcoming Events ♦ Full Events Calendar ♦ Club Results



### Seeking Volunteers for the Women's NSW Open

If you've ever wanted to get up close and personal with some of the world's best golfers, here's your chance. We are currently seeking volunteers for the 2015 Bing Lee / Fujitsu Women's NSW Open. The Open will take place from 6th - 8th March 2015 at the Oatlands Golf Club. Meal and drink vouchers will be provided for all volunteers along with a tournament shirt. To register your interest please fill in the online form [\[Click Here\]](#).

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### 50% Off Entry Fees for NSW Golf Club Members!

The hottest field in the summer of Australian golf has committed to the 2015 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open to compete for a stunning US\$1.2 million purse. New Zealand superstar Lydia Ko (world No.3), Chinese dynamo Shanshan Feng (No.5), Korean fan favourite So Yeon Ryu (No.7) and hometown hero Karrie Webb (No.9) will spearhead an incredibly deep field at Royal Melbourne from February 19-22.

Also emerging star Minjee Lee will play her first national title as a professional – and be surrounded by no fewer than 11 major championship winners and five former No.1 players on the Rolex World Rankings.

For more information visit: [www.WomensAusOpen.com](http://www.WomensAusOpen.com)



Tons of posters and information about tournaments were sent to Clubs last year. To view the latest Club Mail-outs [\[Click Here\]](#)

## Grants...Awards...Scholarship

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### St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers

Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers: Zac Anglekovic, Anthony Borg, David Fenn, Gregory Hanson, Jim Jackson, Robert King, Karl Kosowski, David Lee, Arthur Ruttley, Kerry Selman, John Walters, Kevin Ware, Gregory Weber, and Colin Whitehead...[more](#)

- "Half your luck" - Double Hole in Ones at Thurgoona CC...[more](#)  
Send us your Hole-in-One Story to [info@golfnsw.org](mailto:info@golfnsw.org)

- [Government funding available to support NSW Sport](#) - Reminder closes: **30 January 2015**.
- [PGA IGI Scholarship Opportunities ...more](#)
- Revitalised Multicultural grants program - Various...[more](#)
- Veteran and Community Grants - Ongoing...[more](#)
- OurCommunity.com.au Funding Centre...[more](#)
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