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Welcome to Drop Zone

Welcome to the latest edition of the Drop Zone eNewsletter.

Since the last edition we have had yet another successful staging of the Women's NSW Open. Congratulations to Holly Clyburn from England who was successful in adding her name to a trophy that has become indicative of the tournament's international stature. Thanks must go to Oatlands Golf Club for once again providing an excellent host venue, and to the many volunteers for their tireless efforts throughout the week. It was also great to see New South Wales' own Shelly Shin finish as the leading amateur as she continues her golfing development. Shelly's recent form has seen her selected to represent Australia at the Queen Sirikit Cup at the Hong Kong Golf Club in May and we wish her and the team all the best.

The Summer edition of our quarterly Club News was recently sent to all clubs and can be downloaded below. This newsletter contains an update on some of the initiatives we are working on at Golf NSW, including our recently launched "Buddy Club" program.



Until next edition, good golfing.

Yours in golf

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer



Bing Lee Fujitsu Women's NSW Open

The Bing Lee Fujitsu Women's NSW Open was won earlier this month by England's Holly Clyburn at Oatlands Golf Club. Rounds of 69, 66 and 70 for an 11-under par total saw her finish one shot clear of home state favourite Rebecca Artis, Christine Wolf (Austria), Vikki Lang (Scotland) and Switzerland's Fabienne In-Albon...[more](#)



Partnership Upgrade with New Age Caravans Announced

Golf NSW is pleased to announce New Age Caravans as Presenting Partner of the Men's and Women's NSW Senior Championships and Senior Order of Merit. The support from New Age Caravans comes on the back of their sponsorship of the 2014 Mazda NSW Open...[more](#)



UV Index Available on Golf NSW Website

Golf NSW is proud to support the Cancer Council SunSmart campaign with the aim of reducing the instances of skin cancer among all Australians. The Cancer Council's UV indicator can now be found on the right hand side of the Golf NSW website, which provides a daily recommendation for appropriate sun care and protection. Golf NSW has also developed a Sun Protection policy that can also be found on the website...[more](#)



Policy Priorities for NSW Community Sport

Sport plays a key role in NSW communities. The NSW Sports Federation developed a "Policy Priorities for NSW Community Sport" document to outline concerns and challenges facing community sport for the government to address. Sport NSW also highlighted not only the health and community benefits of sport, but also the economic impact in the state. For more information visit: www.sportnsw.org

Damn Good Advice for Board Members



Another free handbook in the "Damn Good Advice" series by the CommunitySmart initiative (a national financial literacy program) produced by the Institute of Company Directors Australia was just released. This free booklet provides 25 questions a not-for-profit board member should ask about finances.

You can read a digital version, download a pdf version and order a free hard copy of the booklet from the Institute of Company Directors Australia website...[more](#)

Good Governance

Become a Child Safe Organisation

Organisations that involve children in their work should have a strong interest in keeping children safe in those environments.

Good child safe policies and practices are the best way to reduce potential environmental risks and keep kids safer in those environments.

The Child Safe approach includes education and supervision of both paid and unpaid staff about appropriate and acceptable behaviours.

The Office of the Children's Guardian encourages organisations to use a range of responses to manage the potential risks in their individual environments, including meeting their Working With Children Check legal obligations.

While a criminal record check can be an important tool in an organisation's approach to being 'child safe', they can't identify people who have not previously been caught or are yet to offend.

Implementing effective child safe policies and practices is the best way for an organisation to protect the children they are involved with.

A Child Safe organisation:

- [develops Child Safe policies](#)
- [has a Child Safe code of conduct](#)
- [ensures effective staff recruitment and training](#)
- [understands privacy considerations](#)
- [has a plan for managing risk](#)
- [encourages children and young people to participate](#)
- [effectively deals with concerns or complaints about behaviours towards a child](#)
- [attends Child Safe Organisation training](#)



EVERY DAY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND NSW SPEND TIME WITH ADULTS IN WORKPLACES SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, CHILDCARE CENTRES, YOUTH REFUGES, SPORTING CLUBS, CHURCH GROUPS AND HOSPITALS.

Anchoring Prohibited from 2016



Golf NSW would like to confirm that the adoption of Rule 14-1b of the Rules of Golf that prohibits anchoring the club in making a stroke, will take effect on 1 January 2016 in accordance with the regular four-year cycle for changes to the Rules of Golf, for both professional and amateur golf.

The R&A and the USGA have prepared a detailed report to explain the reasons for the decision to adopt Rule 14-1b. The report explains the principles on which the Rules of Golf are founded, why freely swinging the entire club is the essence of the traditional method of stroke, and why anchoring is a substantially different form of stroke that may alter and diminish the fundamental challenges of the game. It points out that the Rule will still allow the use of belly-length and long putters and that a wide variety of types of strokes remain for players to use. The report concludes that the new Rule should not adversely affect participation in the game, that it is not too late or unfair to require players to comply with it and that it will remove concerns about any potential advantage that anchoring provides

For more information please visit the R&A website by [clicking here](#)

Club Rules Seminars

The 2015 schedule for club rules seminars has now been released and is available on the [website](#).

Please feel free to print the below posters to promote the rules sessions to your members.

[Sydney Metro rules sessions](#)
[Regional rules sessions](#)

Test your rules knowledge.....



- Test your rules knowledge on the latest Rules Quizzes by visiting: www.golfnsw.org > Rules > [Rules Quizzes](#)
- The Summer 2015 edition of the National Rules Newsletter is now [available here](#)

Recent Headlines

NEWSFEED

- [Making teeing off easier for busy women](#) - Tweed Daily News | 20/3/15
- [Industry to benefit from new PGA Member Development Officers](#) - PGA of Australia | 19/3/15
- [Leeton golf course given a two-year lifeline by council](#) - The Irrigator | 2/3/15

High Performance Update



Pennant Finals This Sunday

Terrey Hills Golf & Country Club will play host to the five Men's and two Women's Srixon Major Pennant finals this Sunday 29th March. Start for each contest is listed below:

Men's Division 5 - 7.00am
Men's Division 4 - 8.00am
Men's Division 3 - 9.00am
Women's Division 2 - 10.00am
Men's Division 2 - 11.00am
Women's Division 1 - 12.00pm
Men's Division 1 - 1.00pm

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Open for entry

[Eric Apperly Shield](#)
[Men's & Women's Foursomes Championships](#)
[Srixon Men's & Women's Mid Amateur Championships](#)



Results

[Men's Senior Championship](#) - Presented by [New Age Caravans](#)
[Women's Summer Meeting](#)
[Men's Sand Greens Fourball Championship](#)

To view the latest Club Mail-outs [\[Click Here\]](#)

- [Club News - 2015 Summer Edition](#)
- [Men's SOOM Calendar - Updated](#)



Grants...Awards...Scholarship

St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers

Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers:

Ken Briscoe, Elizabeth Cullen, John Furneaux, Ron Gibbs, Mick Hall, Dong Kang, Oliver Lee, Anna Mace, Stephen Manfredotti, Chris Morris, Zac Pavlovski, Jan Wood

Send us your Hole-in-One Story to info@golfnsw.org

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- [Sport and Recreation Disability Grant](#) - Closes: 02/04/15
- [JNKG 2015 State Junior Boys Talent Assessment Camp](#) - Application Closes: 17/04/15
- [Opportunities for Country Junior Golf Western NSW](#)
- [Revitalised Multicultural grants program - Various...more](#)
- [OurCommunity.com.au Funding Centre...more](#)



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