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Welcome to Drop Zone

Welcome to the latest edition of the Drop Zone eNewsletter.

Golf Month has arrived! This is a great opportunity to promote your Club and introduce new members. It's not too late to get involved. Just visit: www.golfmonth.com.au

Notices of the Golf NSW Ltd. Annual General Meeting were posted last week to all our Member Clubs and District Golf Associations. The AGM will take place on Wednesday, 28 October at Rowers on Cooks River, 1 Levey Street, Wollie Creek NSW. There are three separate Special Resolutions on which a vote will be taken on proposed changes to the Constitution. We encourage Clubs to contact their local Council Member to discuss the proposed changes. All Club delegates are invited to attend the AGM, however if you are unable to attend clubs may still vote by submitting the Member Proxy Form.

Golf NSW is pleased to announce the appointment of [David Tease](#) as its new Media and Digital Manager. David brings to Golf NSW a strong background in all forms of traditional and new media through his former career as a news and sports photojournalist with Fairfax Media.

The new Council Members have also been elected for 2015-2016. To view the latest list go to: www.golfnsw.org/Council

Nominations for the Board of Golf NSW have now closed. A list of all candidates will be sent to all Member Clubs, Country District Golf Associations and Council Members.

We are now heading towards the NSW Open which is just over a month away. The regional qualifying events have been well received with many deserving recipients gaining automatic entry to the NSW Open. Spectator entry is free. For the latest information visit: www.nswopen.com

Until next edition, good golfing.

Yours in golf

Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

The weather gods have certainly been kind so far, and let's hope spring delivers many more weeks of great golf conditions.

As more clubs explore ways to generate alternative income streams and strengthen their financial position, the topic of club house renovations/upgrades, and development of club land comes to mind.

Club house renovations and/or the development of club land has the potential to provide clubs with a strong financial future, however they can also have the opposite effect if things don't go to plan.

To this end, Golf NSW is pleased to announce a corporate partnership with the leading club industry provider in this field, Paynter Dixon Constructions.

Paynter Dixon is highly regarded and experienced within the club industry, and Golf NSW looks forward to recommending their services to member clubs with what can be the biggest and most important decision of a club's future.

If you are considering a club house renovation and/or wish to explore opportunities in regards to the development of club land, please don't hesitate to contact Paynter Dixon via Lindsay Verdon (lindsay.verdon@paynterdixon.com.au).



Lightning Detection - Limited Time Offer

With winter seemingly behind us and summer fast approaching, which also brings the inevitable storm season. As clubs would be aware Golf NSW is partnering with UBIMET to provide every golf club in NSW with access to the most sophisticated and advanced lightning detection system in Australia at a heavily discounted rate.



UBIMET
WEATHER MATTERS

- Receive immediate notification of lightning activity near your club
- SMS and email alerts to Course Superintendents and/or other staff
- Access data from your PC, tablet or smartphone.

Already a number of clubs have taken up the special offer of just \$395 (normally \$950) for an annual subscription. UBIMET are now offering three years coverage for 1000 plus GST, for a limited time only. [Click here to register your interest.](#)

Industry Update

GOLF MONTH

We hope you're as excited as we are...It's time to **Rediscover Your Drive** as GOLF MONTH has started!

[\[CLICK TO VIEW THE LATEST POP-UP GOLF ACTION\]](#)



Working With Children Check

View the latest *Child Safe Training* programs run by the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) at: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

The OCG may consider requests from clubs that would like specific training or information about the Working With Children Check or Child Safe Organisations. [Click here to request training please complete the training request form.](#)



Golf History Quiz

1. When and where was golf first played in Australia?
2. Below you'll see an extract from a mock-heroic poem published in 1743. What process is the poem describing?



... two balls ...

*That with Clarinda's breasts for colour vye,
The work of Bobson; who with matchless art
Shapes the firm hide, connecting ev'ry part,
Then in a socket sets the well-stitched void,
And thro' the eyelet drives the downy tide;
Crowds urging Crowds the forceful brogue impels,
The feathers harden and the Leather swells;
He crams and sweats, yet crams and urges more,
Till scarce the turgid globe contains its store;
The dreaded falcon's pride here blended lies
With pigeons glossy down of various dyes;
The lark's small pinions join the common stock,
And yellow glory of the martial cock.*

Questions are provided by the Australian Golf Heritage Society History Sub-Committee. Answers will be in the next issue of Drop Zone.

Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

Test your rules knowledge...



Is time spent in playing a wrong ball counted in the five-minute period allowed for searching for a ball? YES or NO

Test your rules knowledge on the latest Rules Quizzes by visiting: www.golfnsw.org > Rules > [Rules Quizzes](#)



Rules Presentation from the R&A

The R&A will be visiting the Asia-Pacific region in October/November to conduct presentations on changes to the Rules of Golf effective 1 January 2016. The R&A Rules Presentation offers NSW clubs and Districts a unique opportunity to hear first-hand from the game's governing body on current and potential future changes to the Rules of Golf.

Up to two representatives from each affiliated Club and District Association are invited to attend. Attendance is limited to 200 attendees...[more](#)

Recent Headlines



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- [Future of Golf in the Hunter Looks Promising](#)
- [Junior golfers invited to NSW Open Pro Am](#)
- [Fire guts Nelson Bay club house](#)
- [Local Junior Wins Thurgoona Open](#)
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- [Luke's luck shines at Gunnedah](#)
- [NSW Golf Club to launch Caddie Program](#)
- [This Club Hasn't Run Out of Gas Yet](#)

High Performance Update



Golf NSW Partners with Precision Athletica

Golf NSW is thrilled to announce they have partnered with Precision Athletica from September. The partnership will see Precision Athletica offer Golf NSW's high performance athletes the support and tools they need to take their game to the next level...[more](#)

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

Grants...Awards...Scholarship

St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers

Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers:

Noel Dick, John Grills, Brenden Kilham, Kim Kyun, Jamie Lind, Chris Liney, Pat Mackie, Ian Murray, Neale Olney, Brian Pearson, Donna Rann, Greg Rogovoy, Eileen Stratford, and Naomi Yoe.

Send us your Hole-in-One Story to info@golfnsw.org | [View archived HIO's](#)

St Hallett



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GRANTS

- [Scholarships available for NSW golfers](#) - PGAIGI
- [Newcastle Port Community Grants Now Open](#) - Closes 2pm, 5 November



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