



Welcome to Drop Zone



Dear Fellow Golfers

As 2015 draws to a close I have taken the reins as Chairman of Golf NSW. I would first like to thank our outgoing Chairman Mr Chris Allen for his tireless dedication over the last five years. Golf NSW is in a much better place due to his superb efforts. We all owe a large debt of gratitude to Chris.

As I take the Chairman's role we face a time of challenge. But in that challenge I also see a time of great opportunity. We are fortunate that we have the building blocks in place that will allow us to capitalise on the opportunities that present themselves. Not only do we have the skills in our management team and staff; we also have the financial resources to undertake the programs that we believe will benefit golf across our State.

Personally I am keen to see a major initiative to assist with the growth of golf for both the men's and women's game. To that end we have put in place some exciting plans for 2016 that target this area.

Golf NSW is constantly investigating new ways by which we can assist our members clubs across the State. Recently we have been busy initiating a Club Buddy Program. This program is intended to bring together clubs that can assist each other. Such assistance may come in many forms. It could encompass advice in club operation or with green keeping knowledge and skills. It could facilitate making equipment that is redundant for the use of one club and making this equipment available for the use by another.

There is no secret that many country clubs face increasing challenges. We are hopeful that through the Club Buddy Program we can offer a new dimension of assistance. While Golf NSW can facilitate the pairing of clubs it is up to buddy clubs to define the scope of their mutual assistance.

The Club Buddy Program requires clubs that can assist and those that would like assistance to step forward and advise Golf NSW. We can then take the necessary steps to pair the clubs that have the best fit.

The Club Buddy Program can be a win-win for all involved and can provide critical assistance to those clubs that most need it. I urge all clubs to consider how they may be able to assist other clubs across the State. For further details about the program view the latest **Club Support News**.

We have no shortage of ideas and look forward to sharing our exciting golfing future with all of you.

Yours in golf

[John Robinson](#)
Chairman

Club Support News out now...

The *Club News* has been renamed *Club Support News* to better reflect the aim of the newsletter. The latest edition is out now. Clubs are being sent hard copies. Contents include:

- Club support service gains momentum
- Stonecutters flicks the switch to solar
- Grant opportunities for golf clubs
- Oatlands to head over the mountains for buddy benefit
- Buddy up with your local primary school
- Club support - preferred service providers

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Industry Update



Justice

Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing

Commencement of Registered Clubs Amendment (Exception to 5 Kilometre Rule) Regulation 2015

The NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) announced that an amendment has been made to the Registered Clubs Regulation 2015 to provide a new exception to the 5 kilometre rule that will support clubs and their important role in providing refuge for people during emergencies, e.g. floods, bushfires, storms and heatwaves. This Amendment commenced on 11 December 2015...[more](#)



“Golf is of great benefit to economies, communities and environments, but it can do a lot more.”

It's time for golf to go on the offensive!

This is a great message to share with the rest of the community. R&A asks..."Fed up of the negative perceptions that seem to plague golf? Is it really the elitist, socially exclusive, land hungry polluter that we hear about in the press? Golf is of great benefit to economies, communities and environments, but it can do a lot more"...[more](#)



Golf's drive to get more women playing

Be a part of something big. In fact, be a part of two things really big in golf right now – The ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open and Australia's new national program to get more women playing golf; Swing Fit!...[more](#)



Australian GOLF MONTH 2016

The Australian GOLF MONTH will return in 2016 following a successful campaign this year. So clubs - get ready to plan for the month to make most of this campaign which promotes golf nationally ... [more](#)

For more information about GOLF MONTH and how to get involved visit: <http://www.golfmonth.com.au/>

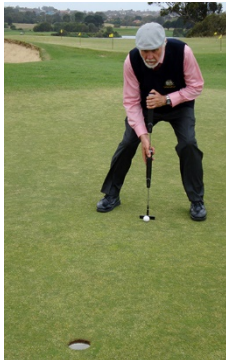


Stuart Ayres
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events
Minister for Sport

Sports grants available for NSW Communities

Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres has announced applications are now open for NSW Government grants to help local sports groups across the State in all 93 NSW electorates. These include the *Local Sport Grants Program* (applications close at 5pm on Thursday 11 February 2016) and the *Sport Development Grants*...[more](#)

The Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing will be conducting a regional audit program throughout the Mid North Coast and North Western areas of NSW during December and January...[more](#)



Golf History Quiz

1. What is the name of the golfer who won the Australian Open the most times as an amateur? [\[Hint - click to view image\]](#)
2. Croquet style putting was popular in the 1950s and into the 1960s. In 1968 the R&A and USPGA banned the style. What two things were banned in the Rules of 1968 that effectively made croquet style putting illegal?

Questions are provided by the Australian Golf Heritage Society History Sub-Committee. To view the answers to questions from the last edition of Drop Zone [\[Click Here\]](#).

NOTE: Answers and fresh questions will appear in the February 2016 issue of Drop Zone.

Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

Test your rules knowledge...

The R&A recently published their full results of the *Pace of Play Global Survey* to discuss at their Golf Industry Forum. To view the publication [\[click to download\]](#)

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

NOTE: The December Rules Quiz will cover both the December 2015 and January 2016 period.

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High Performance Update



New coaching staff announced

Golf NSW is pleased to announce the appointment of the coaching staff in preparation for the 2016 Interstate Series Events. New appointments are John Serhan as Coach of the Men's Team, Liz White as Manager for the Girls, along with Sue Harrison as the Girls' Assistant Manager...[more](#)



HP Camp a cooking classic

Swapping golf clubs for a frying pan, an apron and oven mitts might seem a strange way to train a budding golf superstar at a High Performance Camp, but for National Coach NSW Dean Kinney, it's all part of the plan that will hopefully turn Golf NSW's finest young talent into more rounded, complete athletes.

The cooking class was a part of a recently completed Golf NSW High Performance Camp held at the Riverside Oaks Golf Resort. Nine of the State's finest amateurs attended the two-day session to learn about topics ranging from cooking and nutrition, to bio mechanics, physiotherapy, emotional intelligence and psychology...[more](#)



NSW dominates end-of-year amateur rankings

Golf Australia published their end-of-year amateur rankings..."New South Wales has ruled the roost in the 2015 Australian Amateur Ranking System results." To view the results read...[more](#)



Get behind Jordan Zunic - VOTE

>>> The Illawarra Mercury *Sportsperson of the Year* Award will be announced on Boxing Day, **Saturday, December 26**. Voting closes December 21 at 11.59pm. [\[Click here\]](#) to vote for Jordan Zunic.



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Golf NSW recently posted numerous posters, including the 2016 Golf NSW Fixtures posters to all affiliated golf clubs in NSW.

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

St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers



Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers: David Bailey, Adrian Boyle, Michael Butcher, Allan Crapp, Terrence Dankin, Ian Douglas, Derek Douglas, Philip Edgar, Paul Eding, Peter Emslie, Laraine Gianniotis, Graham Halliday, Mark Hicks, Kevin Joyce, Kevin Joyce, Grace SJ Kim, Dev Kuna, Leo Lennon, Graham McCartney, Mitch Panada, Lynne Papandrea, Warren South, and Robert Stamp.

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* [Hole-in one for Fogarty](#) - The Northern Star

Grants...Awards...Scholarship

GRANTS

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- [Indigenous Sports Grants Program \(ISGP\) ACT](#)
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