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Welcome to Drop Zone



What a start to 2016!

It's been great to hear the feedback from the many large clubs and their smaller country 'buddies' who signed up for the first stage of the Golf NSW Buddy Club Program.

Many wonderful initiatives have been put in place to help support those small clubs that have struggled with the expertise required to run many parts of their businesses. From expert advice in greens keeping and administration, to revamping catering facilities.

Oatlands and Oberon got the ball rolling with a visit by the Oatlands crew to their new buddy. Advice was offered in areas ranging from Golf instruction, and course care, even down to the donation of restaurant plate ware for the small country club...[more](#)

January 31 saw the launch of the Golf NSW "Join Your Local Golf Club" Campaign, featuring media personality and avid golfer Deborah Hutton alongside NRL great Brad Fittler.

To support the Join Your Local Golf Club Campaign is a prize draw to win a game of golf with Ms Hutton at the magnificent NSW Golf Club, which is ranked 30th in the world by the renown US Golf Digest magazine. The prize includes carts and lunch. All you have to do to enter is join or renew your club membership, as long as that class of membership makes you eligible for a Golf Australia handicap. Then go online at www.golfnsw.org and enter your details after clicking on the campaign banner.

Response to the campaign has been great to date and we intend to continue the campaign right through until November.

Finally, it was thrilling to see so many wonderful performances by NSW golfers who competed with distinction in our nation's most prestigious amateur golf tournaments this past month. Congratulations to all on your efforts and to those recently selected to the NSW State Team.

Yours in golf
Stuart Fraser
Chief Executive Officer

Vale - Maggie O'Donnell and Meg Felan



We are very sad to inform our members that one of our inaugural Golf NSW Council Members, [Margaret \(Maggie\) O'Donnell](#), passed away after battling a long illness. Shortly after, we were informed that Golf NSW Honorary Member [Margaret \(Meg\) Felan](#) passed away at age 93. Both women were very much loved and admired in our community. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to their family, friends and their local communities.

Tee-Off



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Australia's Biggest Morning Tee-Off!

As a proud supporter of Cancer Council NSW, Golf NSW is encouraging Clubs and members to support Australia's Biggest Morning Tea during May. The official day is **26 May** and it's a great opportunity to gather friends, peers and the community to support those affected by cancer and raise funds for vital research, prevention programs and support services. Golf NSW will recognise the club which raises the most money by presenting a plaque for display and announcing this through its broad communication network including social media channels...[more](#)



Golf NSW Membership Campaign

The membership promotion campaign swung into action at the end of January with the airing of our TV commercial across regional NSW, the ACT and metropolitan Sydney. All clubs should have received their marketing kits by now and feedback has been positive. Entries into the membership promotion competition are flowing in. A great time to promote the competition being run in conjunction with the campaign is around the time of your club's subscription renewals. The competition has been created as a value add for clubs to pass on with their existing membership benefits...[more](#)

Industry Update



Golf Australia Updates

An early reminder that GOLF MONTH is on again in **October** this year and we are aiming to increase the facilities who participated in last year's campaign! Stay tuned for updates, and in the meantime if you have any queries contact Golf Australia at golfmonth@golf.org.au or (03) 9626 5050.

Child Protection Toolkit

[Moores](#) and [Our Community](#) developed a *Child Protection Toolkit* as part of their 'shared commitment to promote child safety, and help not-for-profit organisations ensure compliance with the complex web of legislation in this area...[more](#)

To view Golf NSW's Member Protection Policy & Related Documents scroll to the bottom of the attached link: www.golfnsw.org/governance

Play by the Rules online magazine - Issue 13

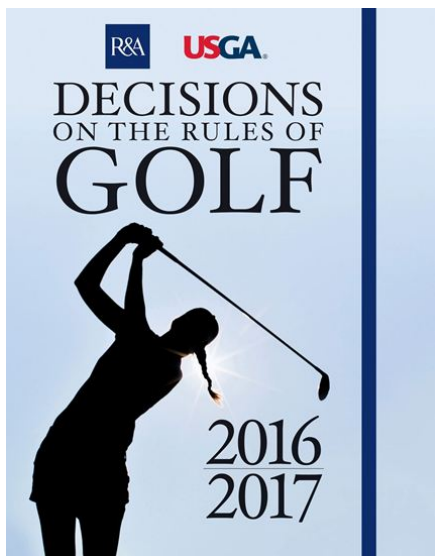
The February issue of the Play by the Rules online magazine is out. It includes information on issues that arise from the use of social media, illicit drugs in sport online education programme, sport without integrity is deceit on steroids, does your sporting organisation practise best practice?, online courses update, video of the month...[more](#) A new *Sport and the Law* eBook released [\[download pdf\]](#).

'NSW First' Tourism Workshop Launched

The 2016 'NSW First' Workshop program has been launched, providing tourism operators in Sydney and Regional NSW with product development advice and industry resources to help grow tourism across the State...[more](#)



Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update



2016-2017 Decisions on the Rules of Golf

The *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* book is an invaluable resources for golf clubs. Within the Definition of "Rules" it includes "the Decisions on the Rules of Golf." As such it is a valuable reference and at times it may be near impossible to answer rules queries for competitions without same.

Sometime back we did keep stock of these to on-sell to clubs. It is unfortunate but the reality is that these outlets can often provide the item (delivered) for about the same price we can purchase. As we were then often left with excess product at the end of the cycle, decision was made that we will no longer keep them for re-sale.

Where can you purchase the 2016-2017 Decisions on the Rules of Golf?:

I cannot be sure of any outlets in Sydney that might currently hold stock of these. Best option may to be on-line purchasing. The top three listed below advertised stock on hand at the start of the year – you may need to check any delivery costs to compare final costings:

- **R&A:**
<https://shop.randa.org/decisions-on-the-rules-of-golf-2015-2016>
- **Angus & Robertson:**
<http://www.angusrobertson.com.au/books/decisions-on-the-rules-of-golf-randa-championships-limited/p/9780600632160>
- **Book Depository:**
<http://www.bookdepository.com/Decisions-on-Rules-Golf-R-Championships-Limited/9780600632160>
- **Booktopia:**
http://www.booktopia.com.au/search_ep?keywords=decisions+on+rules+of+golf&productType=917504

The following appeared not to have stock of the hardcopy at start of the year (did advertise Kindle type electronic downloadable version) – but will possibly have hard copy in the future:

- **Dymocks:** <https://www.dymocks.com.au/>
- **Amazon:** <http://www.amazon.com.au/>

The following link was provided by a club who successfully purchased recently through this outlet:

<http://www.bookdepository.com/Decisions-on-Rules-Golf-R-Championships-Limited/9780600632160>

Test your rules knowledge

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

Recent Headlines

- [Casino golf clinics to help women tee off on the right foot](#) - Tweed Daily News
- [Golfers urged not to play around with skin cancer risk](#) - The Northern Daily Leader
- [Enjoy morning treat on greens with girls](#) - The Coffs Advocate
- [SunSmart Cancer Council program targets men and golfers on the greens](#) - News Local
- [Teeing up skin safety](#) - The Coffs Coast Advocate
- [Moree Golf Club now sun safe](#) - Moree Champion
- [Blayney Golf Club set for refurbishment](#) - Blayney Chronicle
- [Gender-neutral travel allowance policies a must for sporting bodies wanting funding, Government says](#) - ABC Radio Australia
- [Gibraltar Country Club course changes from 18-hole to 12-hole](#) - Southern Highland News
- ['Golf for Seniors' a winner for Wagga City Golf Club and Office of Sport and Recreation](#) - The Daily Advertiser
- [CSGA Girls Golf Day 2016..... well kind of!](#) - JNJG



Golf History Quiz

1. Name the golfer who has won the Australian Open the most times?
2. When was the last golf major won using only hickories in winner's bag?

Questions are provided by the Australian Golf Heritage Society History Sub-Committee. The view the answers from the last edition of Drop Zone [\[click here\]](#).

High Performance Update



It was a great start in the year for Golf NSW as the nation's most prestigious men's and women's amateur events were conducted. Travis Smyth of St. Michael's Golf Club put on a courageous effort before being defeated in the final of the Australian Amateur Championship.

Golf NSW HP Squad Member and 2015 Australian Amateur Champion Cameron Davis has made a successful return to competitive golf after recovering from surgery to a serious wrist injury over five months ago. The Monash Country Club member chose the Avondale Medal as his comeback event, finishing second in the event to NSW State team mate Harrison Endycott....[more](#)

Austin Bautista has taken out the coveted 2016 Golf NSW Amateur Championship over his Bonnie Doon team mate Troy Moses at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort.



The final of the Golf NSW Women's Amateur Championship was an international affair with Ga-young Lee of Korea victorious over Yu Chian Hou of Taiwan. However the 2016 Golf NSW Amateur Championship came down to Bonnie Doon team mates Austin Bautista and Troy Moses. Bautista was never headed in the final and put on a commanding display of golf, winning 6 and 5 in the 36-hole final...[more](#)

Congratulations to the NSW Men's, Women's, Boys' and Girls' Teams who have been selected to compete in the Interstate Teams series and the Australian Boys' and Girls' Championships.....[more](#)

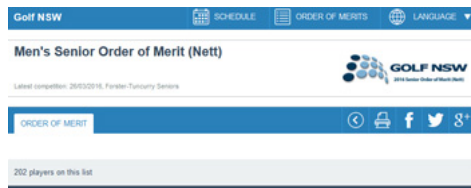
Golf NSW's Club Support News portal

Stay abreast with club support resources by visiting the Golf NSW Club Support News Webpage at:

<http://www.golfnsw.org/gnswwclubsupport-news>



Senior Order of Merit Points Table launched



Golf NSW is pleased to announce that in 2016 the Men's Senior Order of Merit Points Table is going 'online' via our new GolfBox Tournament System. The use of this system will decrease the manual administration tasks involved in maintaining the SOOM Points Tables and should result in a faster turnaround for updates. All Players who participate in a designated SOOM event will automatically be included in these points tables (eliminating the need to register for the Senior Order of Merit). As the number of competitors increases, the points tables may be filtered for ease of administration (e.g. only showing participants who have played in 2 or more SOOM events).

Other event updates:

- Important changes to the KENO NSW Mixed, Men's and Women's Fourball Championships...more
- 2016 Year-long events are now available online...more
- **List your key events for 2016** - Reminder for Clubs that you can advertise your Key Events on the Golf NSW website. Send your entry form or flyer to [Tom James](#) and your event will be listed under the Club Special Events page on the Golf NSW website. For more information please contact us.



- "Join a Golf Club' Campaign and Marketing Kit to all affiliated golf clubs
- Expression of Interest to host a Rules of Golf Education Sessions / Seminar
- Survey of All Clubs on the new GA Handicap System

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

St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers

Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers:

Pauline Breckton, Philip Duke, Terry Hardy, Glen Hines, Mark Koszek, Marc Mana, Bill May, David Rankin, Dennis Tan, Matt Worthington, and Gary Wynne.

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



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