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Welcome to Drop Zone



Welcome to the latest edition of the Drop Zone eNewsletter.

April has been a great month for Golf NSW. We recently announced that eleven golf courses will play host to eight Regional Qualifying Tournaments for the 2016 NSW Open Championship. The Regional Qualifying Tournaments are a great opportunity for golfers in regional areas to qualify for the 2016 NSW Open. The events will also showcase the great golf courses we have across NSW, and provide a boost in tourism in those areas...[more](#)

Golf NSW is also thrilled to announce that the inaugural 36 Hole Sand/Grass Greens State Championship will be held at Forbes and Grenfell Golf Courses this August. The combined competition is a first for not only NSW but we also believe Australia.

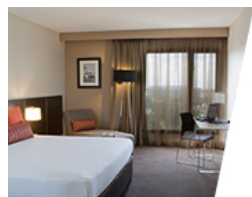
Our representative Junior Teams did the State proud in the recently completed Golf Australia Junior Interstate Series with the girls bringing the Championship home to NSW, while the boys tied equal first and will share the Championship for 2016 with South Australia. Congratulations to all of the team members, coaches, managers, and staff on their efforts.

We are pleased to announce that the Mercure Hotels Sydney International Airport is our new venue partner for future Golf NSW Annual General Meetings and Council Meetings. They are also offering a special 'Stay Park and Fly Package' to our golf supporters. Information will be sent shortly.

Finally, we welcome on board two new staff members, [Andrew Robb](#) as the new Participation and Programs Manager and new Marketing Manager [Piret Elmassian](#). Andrew will help drive Golf NSW's key strategic initiatives to help build participation and increase membership levels for all affiliated clubs across NSW, while Piret will manage the marketing of all Golf NSW's programs and events.

Until next edition, good golfing,

Stuart Fraser
 Chief Executive Officer



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Industry Update



GOLF INDUSTRY CENTRAL PRESENTS
 STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR PRIVATE CLUB GOVERNANCE
 With Greg Patterson & Norm Spitzig
 "UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL"
 MAY 9-13, 2016
 Greg Patterson: Club Management Expert, 2015 Club Executive of the Year
 Norm Spitzig: One of Europe's to earn the distinction of Master Club Manager

Club Governance Seminar

Golf Industry Central is very pleased to invite all board and committee members as well as senior managers to an exclusive Greg Patterson and Norm Spitzig first ever joint presentation, **Strategic Issues for Private Club Governance**, to Australia and New Zealand the week of May 9–13, 2016. They will be in Sydney on May 12 at Moore Park. Cost is \$110. For more information or to download the flyer [\[click here\]](#).



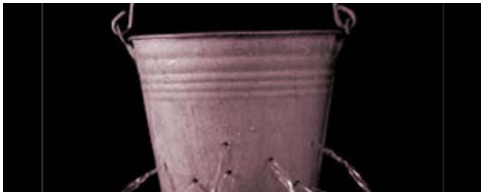
Golf Australia appoints National Inclusion Manager

Long-serving PGA of Australia member Christian Hamilton will take up the role of National Inclusion Manager from July 1 in a ground-breaking shared services arrangement between Golf Australia and Golf Victoria.....[more](#)



Rounds growth continues in 2015

The Australian Golf Industry Council recently released its National Competition Rounds Report for the final quarter and full-year results for 2015. ...[more](#)



Membership retention: Look after new members

It is well established that membership subscriptions are the biggest determinant of the financial health of a club. The findings suggested that if a club can retain a new member for the first 3-4 years, the chances of them leaving reduce significantly to levels of the longer term "rusted on" members," Paul Vardy, Club Support Manager, Golf Australia...[more](#)

Tee-Off



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 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...[more](#)

Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

Test your rules knowledge



Tom's ball at rest touches a line defining the margin of a water hazard. He may ground his club in the hazard in addressing the ball for his next stroke..... *True or False?*

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

View the online Rules of Golf site - an easy to access online index of rules and etiquette on the rules of golf...[more](#)

Recent Headlines



- [Cronulla Golf Club developing own junior masters](#) - St George & Sutherland Shire Leader
- [Olympic Golf Course increased local biodiversity.....](#) - Rio 2016
- [Disability Golf program kicks off](#)
- [Chinese primary school makes golf compulsory](#) - Daily Mail
- [Close finish for ACT Monaro Junior Pennant Final](#) - JNJC
- [Cowra ladies golf receives a boost](#) - Cowra Guardian
- [Gunnedah junior golf program coaching the stars of tomorrow](#) - Namoi Valley Independent

Golf History Nuggets

1. In the 1960 Australian Open how many amateurs were in the top ten?
2. Why are the names James McEwan and Hugh Philp important to golf collectors and historians?

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



High Performance Update

Golf NSW Boys and Girls grab Interstate Series Titles



Both the Golf NSW Boys and Girls Teams have claimed the ultimate prize in the national Interstate Teams Matches which took place at Ulverstone and Devonport Golf Clubs in Tasmania. The Boys Team shares the title with the South Australian Team. The Girls Team had a sensational win against the more fancied Queensland opponents. Congratulations to all the players and coaching staff who did the state proud. For more information and to view final results [\[click here\]](#).

Another boost for the state took place when Harrison Endycott was called up to be part of the national squad in March. He paid special tribute to his mother, Dianne, honoring his word to make the squad four years after she passed away....[more](#)

Grants...Awards...Scholarship



Hartman awarded PGA IGA Scholarship

Harrison Hartman has been awarded the 2016 Golf NSW PGA IGA Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded annually to a golfer aged 18 to 25 years from a Golf NSW affiliated golf club. This industry recognised qualification prepares graduates for a career in the golf industry, in either operations, administration or management....[more](#)

St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers

Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers: Peter Chatillon, David Corben, Simon Gilbert, Jonathan Gravenor, Steven Lingwood, and Patrick York. To view the latest Hole-in-One achievers [\[click here\]](#).

- [Dawn proves you're never too old for something new](#) - The Daily Advertiser
- [Two holes-in-one at Wentworth Falls Golf course](#) - Blue Mountains Gazette

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

NSW Golf Foundation Update

The NSW Golf Foundation recently supported two golf clubs to help offset costs to maintain their grounds. Junee Golf Club repaired and replaced a broken automatic watering system controller and foot valve for the course's watering system....[more](#)

Culcairn Golf Club members are beaming with pride viewing their new grass verges that appeared around the Murray District Club's sand greens....[more](#)

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