

Golf SA Board & Committees

Board:

Chris Whitford (Chair), Jenny Butcher, Bob Crosby, Bill Klaebe, David Manning, Deb Miller, Gordon Scott

Committees:

Course Rating & Handicapping – Bob Crosby (Chair), Tony Bourne, Ros Brown, John Ward

Finance, Audit & Risk Management – Deb Miller (Chair), John Butler, Bill Klaebe

Golf Development – Bill Klaebe (Chair), Neil Brown, Jenny Butcher, Chris Creighton, Steve Hayes, David Manning

High Performance – David Manning (Chair), Bob Crosby, Gordon Scott, (2 women TBA), Chris Whitford (ex-officio)

Match and Competition Committee – Gordon Scott (Chair), Neil Brown, Jenny Butcher, Bob Crosby, Steve Hayes, Sue Hedley

Development Coach

Golf SA welcomes Allan Telford into the newly created position of Development Coach. Allan has a wealth of experience and depth of understanding on all matters golf in South Australia. As Development Coach his priorities will include:

- Delivery against the State Development Plan
- Implementing the national Community Coaching program
- Providing a range of golf development/coaching particularly to regional SA

Allan will work in conjunction with Sarah Barlow (Development Coordinator) on a range of programs and activities that are aimed at increasing club membership.

News from the Office for Recreation and Sport

Traineeships

The Office for Recreation and Sport are offering eligible recreation, sport and fitness organisations additional incentives to take on a young Trainee in 2010, through the Recreation and Sport Youth Traineeship Incentive Program.

24 incentive packages of \$5,000 each will be available to offset the wages and administrative costs of taking on a Trainee.

The program is being conducted with the industry peak bodies, Recreation SA and Sport SA.

Would your organisation like another employee in 2010? Why not consider a Trainee?

For more information visit the ORS website

<http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/programs-services/youth-traineeships.html>

Coaching and Officiating training opportunities

For the latest courses run by the Office for Recreation and Sport please visit their State Coaching and Officiating Centre Course Information website by clicking on the following link:

www.recsport.sa.gov.au/training-development/coaches-courses.html

Police Checks

The National Criminal History Record Check (NCHRC) process is changing. Effective Monday 26 November 2009 applicants will be required to complete the NCHRC application form online and then take the completed form together with 100 point ID to a police station for lodgement.

Completed forms should then be forwarded to Golf SA for endorsement of the Volunteer Organisation Authorisation Number (VOAN).

Visit the SAPOL website for more information

www.police.sa.gov.au/sapol/services/information_requests/national_police_certificate/volunteer_organisation_authorisation_number_voan.jsp?str=checks%20police

Golf Australia News

Golf Australia's 2009 club membership survey is available online and club members are encouraged to complete it. It will be used to assist all levels of the golf industry in developing strategies and programs to grow the sport. Visit the Golf Australia website for more information.

<http://www.golfaustralia.org.au/default.aspx?s=newsandmedia>

USGA Course Rating update

Golf SA USGA Course Rating Trainers Ros Brown, Tony Bourne and Bob Crosby will be attending a National Audit & Calibration Exercise in Sydney on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December. A discussion/seminar is also scheduled to take place at the New South Wales Golf Club on Wednesday 2 December.

All attendees will rate three courses over two days. Golf Australia has committed to achieve a successful audit and calibration of Australia's peak course raters.

Following the audit our trainers and raters will be in a position to proceed with the rating of courses in South Australia.

In due course, all clubs will be advised of potential dates for rating together with a list of pre-rating requirements.

SA Representatives

Federal Amateur

Chris Austin (TTG) and Max McCardle (Flagstaff Hill) were the 2 Man Team selected to represent SA in this ACT Ranking event. Chris Austin a late call up to replace Jordan Sherratt continued his fine form from the Interstate Series finishing T10 (-2) 74, 69, 71, 72. Max McCardle finished T42 (+10) 75, 77, 73, 73.

Asian Amateur Championships - China

Jordan Sherratt from Thaxted Park has finished T3 on -6 in the inaugural Asian Amateur Championship in southern China, at Mission Hills Golf Club's World Cup Course. In a field of 116 players from 30 Asia Pacific Golf Confederation member countries 3rd place was an outstanding result.

Country Week (Men)

Close to 100 Country Golfers from District clubs such as Port Pirie, Naracoorte and Swan Reach participated in the Country Golf

Week from 21-25 September. Celebrating its centenary, all players were keen to have their name etched alongside the inaugural winner in 1909 Mr FE Barritt. The man whose name will now appear on that trophy is Ramon Thorne (Loxton) - the 2009 Country Champion - see results below.

Country Foursomes Championship – Grange
Gross Winners Jarrod Steele - Paul Pridham (Clare) (77)

Vice President Salver – Grange
Cancelled (due to bad weather)

Country Championship – Stroke Play (Tea Tree Gully & Thaxted Park)
Leading Qualifier - John Beaumont (Mt Gambier) (151)

President's Cup – Stroke Play - (Tea Tree Gully & Thaxted Park)
Winner - Max Williams (Naracoorte) (176)

Individual Stableford – Flagstaff Hill
A Grade Winner - Peter Johns (Swan Reach) (35pts)
B Grade Winner - Bill Moorhouse (Naracoorte) 31 pts C/B

Four Ball Better Ball Stableford – Royal Adelaide
1st Rob Roy & Daryl Funnell (Gawler) 44 pts

Clubs Team Championship
Port Pirie – A Chivell, W Forrest, G Norton, G Ryan

Group Associations Championship
South East – J Beaumont, W, Hyslop, S Lawrie, C Moyle, T Smith, C Sunderland

Country Championship Matchplay – Royal Adelaide
Champion – Ramon Thorne (Loxton) 2 Up v Matt Overall (McCracken)

Elizabeth Pitcher Business Women's Championship

24 players played in the Elizabeth Pitcher Business Women's Championship held at The Vines Golf Club of Reynella on Sunday 18 October 2009. Results are published below:

Silver Division

Winner: Deb Christie (Lameroo) 83
Runner-up: Angela Masters (Blackwood) 85
Best Net: Cathy Hayward (The Vines) 69

Bronze Division

Winner: Jan Windows (The Vines) 95
Runner-up: Jane Greening (Flagstaff Hill) 98
Best Net: Deb Gill (The Vines) 74 (on countback)

Thank you to Golf SA Official Joan Coles for Managing the event and Pam Baverstock, Captain of The Vines. A special mention to Elizabeth Pitcher who attended the event and presented the winners trophies.

Open Meeting (Women)

Thank you to the following clubs for making their courses available - Glenelg, Mount Lofty, Grange, Blackwood & Mount Osmond. The event concluded with a presentation luncheon at Mount Osmond for approx. 100 with special guests including ex- Presidents of WGSA.



Country Championship

Silver - Winner – Reo Jenner (Clare) 167
Bronze - Winner – Michelle Justin (Lucindale) 200

Country Veterans' Championship
Winner – Beth Wright (Mt Pleasant) 185

Champion of Club Champions
Winner – Reo Jenner (Clare) 167

Ethel Wyatt Memorial Bowl
Winner – Gail Beaumont (Riverside) -1

Britten-Jones Cup
Winners – Vicki Snodgrass, Sharon Menz, Isobel Carracher (Lucindale) +20

The Hon Lady Hore-Ruthven Cup
Winners – Louise Dearing, Margaret Smibert, Sharion Thompson, Meredith Daniel (Grange) + 18

Handicap foursomes
Country - Winners – Isobel Carracher and Sharon Menz (Lucindale) 74.5
Metropolitan - Winners – Mieun Jin and Kim Murdock (Mt Osmond) 68

Men's Senior Amateur Championship

The Golf SA Senior Men's Amateur Championship was held over 3 days at the Mount Gambier Golf Club - Monday 2nd November to 4th November 2009, played over 54 holes – 18 holes stroke play each day.

The event was open to male amateur golfers who were 55yrs of age or over, within the handicap limit of 15.4 .

The 2009 Championship, a Golf Australia Senior Men's ranking event, attracted a strong field of forty eight players, from thirty six clubs. Thirty six players were from interstate, including 17 from Victoria and 12 from NSW.

Denis Dale from Asquith Golf Club in NSW, and a two time winner of the Australian Senior Championship and Australian Senior Order of Merit took out the Championship with rounds of 72, 76, 76, finishing +11. Chris Coates from Royal Queensland was 2nd one shot behind and Dave Morrison (Coolangatta) was third on +15. SA's leading player was John Beaumont (Mt Gambier) + 21.

Golf SA representative Neil Brown who was Head Official for the event said that the course was presented in 'outstanding condition' and he had nothing but praise for course Superintendent Brendan Clark, Head Pro Damian Swadling and Club Manager Adam Stevenson and staff for hosting a fabulous 3 day tournament.

The event also gained significant media coverage via The Border Watch, WIN TV, ABC Radio, The Advertiser and various websites.

SA v Vic Country

The matches were played on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November at the Nhill Golf Club. Players were selected from results from Golf SA Country Week in September (100 country players enter).

Team: Tim Atze (Pinnaroo)
Ramon Thorne (Loxton)
Craig Sunderland (Millicent)
Mark Pretty (Millicent)
Trevor Smith (Naracoorte)
Dave Pateyjohns (Willunga)
Dylan Goers (Tanunda)
Aaron Parkyn (Renmark)

Managers: Ian McInnes & Peter Howard

Victoria 10 ½ Defeated South Australia 5 ½

Vardon Trophy

Junior Vardon winner - Brad Moules (Royal Adelaide)
 Women's Vardon winner - Ebony Heard (Kooyonga)
 Men's Vardon winner - Stephen Speirs (Kooyonga)

Kooyonga Open Day

59 players took part in the Kooyonga Open Day on Sunday 29th November. The Results are as follows:

A Grade (0-16)

James Tregenza (Mt Barker/Hahndorf) - 39 pts
 Chris Whitford (Glenelg) - 36 pts
 Tim Jenkins (Clare) - 35 pts

B Grade (17-27)

Stuart Griffin (The Vines) - 38 pts
 Pete Averay (Links Lady Bay) - 37 pts
 Sandy Francis (Gawler) - 32 pts (on a countback)

The next Open Day is to be played at The Grange Golf Club on Monday 21st December. To book tee times call the Golf SA office on 8352 6899 after Thursday 3 December.

Aaron Baddeley Junior Championship

The Australian final of the Aaron Baddeley Junior Championship was held at the Heritage Golf and Country Club on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November 2009.

The final was won by 17 yr old Hayborough resident Matthew Overall from (McCracken) who shot 70, 68 (138).

Runner Up only 1 shot behind was Alex Curtin (Royal Adelaide) 69, 70 (139). Brad Moules almost secured fourth but unfortunately went down on the fourth play off hole.

The top four boys and two girls have qualified to contest the International Final to be held in China at the Dragon Lake Golf Club at the end of November. In addition these players have been invited to play in the China Amateur Open the week prior to the final.

Membership Attrition & Retention Golf Queensland Study

Golf Queensland has recently completed a study into **Membership Attrition and Retention at Golf Clubs in Queensland**. The Study was undertaken by JBAS www.ibadvisory.com.au one of the leading providers of independent golf advisory services.

Jeff Blunden, the Director of JBAS, created and managed the Golf Advisory Business Unit of Ernst & Young from 2001 to mid-2006, before spending time in roles with both Golf Australia and Troon Golf prior to formally creating JBAS in 2008.

JBAS offers the following Retention Checklist for Clubs:

- Measure attrition on an annual basis. What gets measured gets acted on.
- Communicate to all members on a regular basis
- Measure member rounds frequency
- Communicate direct with members with low frequency
- Survey your members at least every two years
- Consider your membership structures – are they relevant for today's market?
- Conduct resigned member surveys – what are they telling you?
- Conduct new and existing member events – the goal is to add value to the annual fee paid
- Know your market – both the wider population and regional peers
- Ensure you have payment flexibility

- Limit the barrier for transition from Junior to Adult membership
- Incentivise members to introduce new members

A full version of the Study is available on the Golf Queensland website www.golfqueensland.org.au under Reports – Industry Info.

Club Level Rules Accreditation

Congratulations to the following club members who have successfully completed the Club Level Rules exams held recently:

Ray Diamond (Mount Osmond), Annie Haynes (Lucindale), Peter Hoffmann (Mount Osmond), Michelle Justin (Lucindale), Will Maley (Network), Heather Shekle (Flagstaff Hill), Vicki Snodgrass (Lucindale), Michael Stopp (The Vines), Chris Thomas (Flagstaff Hill), Greg Young (Oakbank).

SA v Vic Country Jnr

The annual South Australia vs Victoria junior interstate golf series was played at the Millicent Golf course from 21-22 of November with the host staging a successful defence of its previous years win.

With the course in excellent condition, each State Team comprised six players from the metropolitan region and six country based players.

In a hard fought and tightly contested event, the result was not decided until the last group on the final day and South Australia came away with an 18 ½ to 17 ½ win.



The members of the South Australian Team were:

Metropolitan:

Anthony Murdaca (Grange)
 Jake Stockley (Royal Adel)
 Tim Baker (Kooyonga)
 Jak Carter (Glenelg)
 Kieran Barratt (Thaxted Park)
 Michael Ratajewski (Glenelg)

Country:

Cory Baker (Mt Gambier)
 Matt Stone (Naracoorte)
 Doug Johns (Swan Reach)
 Thomas King (Naracoorte)
 Jackson Hughes (McCracken)
 Zac Fuller (Barossa)

Manager: Tony Bourne
Coach: Marcus Casey

Holiday Clinics

Will your Club be running any junior clinics or activities during the holidays? If so email the details to Sarah Barlow – sarah@golfsa.com.au and we will publish them on the Golf SA Web Site

Christmas Office Closure

The Golf SA office will close 5.00pm Tuesday 22 December 2009 and will re-open Monday 4 January 2010.

Hole In One

Congratulations to the following club members who have now joined the Golf SA and



Hole In One Club

- Blackwood Golf Club**
 John Gilleade - (12 September - Hole 14)
 Rob Pfitzner - (19 September - Hole 8)
 Frank Van der Linden - (27 June - Hole 8)
- Blue Lake Golf Club**
 Annette Ford - (19 September - Hole 14)
- Edinburgh Golf Club**
 Richard Hill – (29 March – Hole 10)
- Fulham Ramblers Golf Club**
 Sid Roennfeldt - (15 August - Hole 12 at Westward Ho)
- Kadina Golf Club**
 Ken Haynes - (16 September - Hole 14)
- Kapunda Golf Club**
 Christine Pfitzner - (27 May - Hole 14)
- Kingston SE Golf Club**
 John Dowling - (18 July - Hole 15)
 Helen Gluyas - (10 October - Hole 17)
 Alex Walter - (24 January - Hole 6)
- Maitland Golf Club**
 Heather Ramsey - (25 August - Hole 5)
- Mount Osmond Golf Club**
 Jason Baker - (10 October - Hole 2)
 Sam Johns - (30 October - Hole 16)
- Oakbank Golf Club**
 Ben Traeger - (21 November - Hole 10)
- Penfield Golf Club**
 Daniel Alberto - (25 July - Hole 16)
 Ross Beacham - (8 October - Hole 13)
 Bob McCullagh - (9 September - Hole 7)
- Riverside Golf Club**
 Lorraine Greig - (27 October - Hole 15)
 Stephen Hodge - (5 October - Hole 15)
 Peter Rundell - (3 October - Hole 16)
- Royal Adelaide Golf Club**
 Ross Fleet - (28 October - Hole 16)
 Robert Hoey - (26 November - Hole 16)
 Greg Lyall - (3 October - Hole 16)
- South Lakes Golf Club**
 Roger Phillips - (7 October - Hole 15)
- Tea Tree Gully Golf Club**
 David Harding - (28 September - Hole 3)
 Anthony Haskell - (24 November - Hole 2)
 Phil Hoffman - (27 October - Hole 3)
 Carl Hollsten - (20 September - Hole 3)
 Kevin Rose - (24 November - Hole 2)
- Thaxted Park Golf Club**
 Julie Baird - (22 October - Hole 8)
 John Payne - (25 January - Hole 15)
- Westward Ho Golf Club**
 Neville Hoffmann - (5 September - Hole 12)
- Willunga Golf Club**
 James Murray - (17 October - Hole 3)
 Helen Pengilly - (27 October - Hole 3)
 Ross Putland - (12 September - Hole 5)

Thanks to the Tap Inn, players who achieve a Hole In One receive a certificate and voucher to The Tap Inn for two half hour sessions (2 x 100 balls) in their indoor driving range and a full round of golf in their simulator room.

To register a Hole in One have your club email lyn@golfsa.com.au your name, home club, date of hole in one, hole number and course at which you achieved the hole in one.

Available from the GSA office

- Decisions on the Rules of Golf - \$38.00 plus postage
- Golf Rules Illustrated - \$33.00 plus postage
- DVD Rules of Golf in Action - \$35.00 plus postage

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Upcoming Events

December 2009	
14-15	72 Hole Junior Open (Grange) (boys and girls)
21	Grange Open Day (men) (east)
21-22	72 Hole Junior Open (Glenelg & Blackwood) (boys)
January 2010	
7-8	Junior Masters (Royal Adelaide) (boys)
10	Mount Osmond Vardon
11-15	Junior Amateur Championship (Tea Tree Gully)
17	Mount Lofty Vardon
21-22	72 Hole Junior Open (Grange & Kooyonga) (boys)
31	Thaxted Park Vardon

For copies of Club Vardon entry forms please contact the host club.

