**NSW ALL SCHOOLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**

**May 7th - 8th**

**Jack Newton Shield – Years 7 – 9**

Wentworth Falls Golf Club played host to the Year 7-9 All Schools event for the first time with chilly conditions greeting the players on Tuesday morning. A strong contingent of students (18) from Catholic schools attended the tournament with testing conditions on the firm greens and fast running fairways. Sisters Madeline and Teresa Nurdi from St Ursula’s Kingsgrove completed a remarkable double with Teresa winning the overall net competition and older sibling Madeline capturing the coveted scratch event with rounds of 79 – 87 to romp in by 11 shots.

Other students to play well were Lachlan Bill from Trinity Catholic College who won the year 8 boys gross, Casey Cook (Lumen Christi) year 8 girls net winner, Tess Clarke (Bridgidine College St Ives) year 9 girls gross winner and Brooke Conroy (John Paul College Coffs Harbour) year 9 girls net winner. Courtney Miller (St Francis Xavier) and Luke Corcoran from Marist College both won daily net events.

Congratulations to the Nurdi girls who both won trips to NZ with the NSW team in February 2014.

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The open All Schools Championships returned to Blackheath this year. A capacity field of 128 players hit-off in brisk, drizzly conditions early Tuesday morning. Lightning fast and firm greens made scoring difficult on the short but tight layout where position was more important than length. Surprise first round leader in the boy’s competition was Daniel Davies from St. Joseph’s Albion Park who signed for an impressive 3 under par 66 to hold a two shot lead from Zac Stoltz and Kristian Hooker. Jack Pountney (John Paul College Coffs Harbour) shot 70, Jamie Krzyszczak (St Joseph’s Albion Park) and Ben Stokes (St Catherine’s Singleton) fired 72’s to be well positioned after day 1.

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The girl’s CCC numbers were depleted by injury and HSC commitments. Doey Choi (Santa Sabina) placed equal second in the girl’s NSW All Schools competition. Rising star Lily Baker from Port Macquarie (St Paul’s) announced her arrival at this level with two solid rounds to cement her position in the NSWCCC team. Doey and Lily will be joined in the team by Millie Hickman (John Paul College Coffs Harbour) and Madeline Nurdi (St Ursula’s Kingsgrove). Overall girl winner was Sheridan Gorton from Wollumbin.
Daniel Davies was crowned NSWCCC Boys Champion for 2013 with Doey Choi winning the Girl’s event this year. Jack Pountney and Lily Baker were the respective runners up in the scratch events.

Jack Hickey (John Paul College Coffs Harbour) won the net event from Daniel Kolar.

**NSWALLSCHOOLS MATCH PLAY**

**GIRLS**

Doey and Lily were our two match play representatives this year Lily was paired against the powerful Kura Poko, a 2012 State team member, in the morning round. Despite leading 4 up early Lily was eventually beaten 1 down in a tight match that could have gone either way. Lily showed great composure under pressure and has a very bright future in school golf. Doey was seeded was into the quarter finals but lost a close game to her Sydney rival Nisha who almost caused a huge upset in the semi losing narrowly to state team player Jess Laskey.

CCC boys’ Daniel Kolar and Wil Barnett (St Joseph’s Aberdeen) fared much better with Wil disposing of Justin Kim from CIS 3 and 1 in his first round match. Daniel defeated good mate Joe Trinder 2 up. Daniel faced All Schools Champion Fidel Conception in his quarter final and after being two down early in the match, rallied to defeat Fidel on the last to win 1 up. Meanwhile Wil defeated the Hunter’s Hayden Gulliver 3 and 2.

Unfortunately the boys were on the same side of the draw and met each other in the semi final with Wil prevailing 4 and 3 in a solid match play performance. Wil then faced off against former USPGA tour player Andre Stoltz’s son Zac in the final. The final was a close tussle all day with Zac taking an early lead which was soon overhauled by Wil as he fired a number of birdies including a 3 at the difficult 10th hole to maintain his 2 up lead. Zac clawed his way back into the match with a fortuitous bounce off a tree onto the green on the short par 5 14th which enabled him to make 4 and square the match.

A slick birdie on the long par 3 15th gave Will the lead once again which disappeared on the next hole. The boys stood on the 18th tee all square and remarkably BOTH players hit their tee shots out of bounds. A birdie with his second ball enabled Zac to win the hole and the match one up. Wil’s strong showing in the match play earned him selection in the NSWCCC team for 2013.

Once again thanks to the members and staff of both Blackheath and Wentworth Falls Golf Clubs for their assistance in running both tournaments and for “giving up” their courses for the duration of the events.

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