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The countdown begins for WDCG 2022

30 July: WELL DONE AUSTRALIA!

It will be our honour and privilege to welcome the World Deaf Golf community to our shores for the 14th WDCG 2022! A MOU (memorandum of understanding) will be forthcoming from the world deaf golf body WDGF by end of October. The MOU spells out our duties & obligations along with timelines and milestones leading up to the week of 20-27 August 2022. An organising committee (OC) will need to be elected and formed by early or mid 2019. We are assured of support from organisations such as Golf Australia, Gold Coast City Council, Deaf Sports Australia and Golf Queensland amongst others. DGA has issued a press release (a copy is available on our website) announcing the success of our bid. We will need help from everyone at Deaf Golf Australia and let's put together an unforgettable & memorable WDCG 2022 for the world deaf golf community! **Photo above:** Wendy Home in a video shown at the WDGF meeting.



Aussie Onslaught at WDCG 2018!

Congratulations to Jack McLeod for his runner up placing in the Men's event. Jack's performance is all the more remarkable given Jack's shoulder injury only weeks prior to arriving in Dublin. It was either "surgery" or play defensively was the grim assessment given by his physiotherapist. "Beware the wounded golfer!" quipped team manager Lachy Foulsham when first told of Jack's injury concerns. It has all paid handsome dividends for everyone because the team won the Men's team Cup thanks to the contribution made by everyone – Mark Aird, Luke Ellis, Jack Besley, Andy Honeysett, Dean Connell and of course Jack. The ladies did us proud by coming 2nd in the Women's team! Well done to new comers Linda Marchesi and Debbie Byrnes who came 4th and 10th respectively! The 5 strong women team, also including Chantell Greaves, Therese Pierce and Mariellen Coles, scored a total of 663 for an overall 2nd placement, 26 strokes behind the Germans and edging out the Americans by 9 strokes. The seniors were very valiant coming a very respectable 4th overall and by only one stroke! Well done to Robert Bowler, Craig Douglas, Barry Engelsman and Robert Fogarty for an admirable result. It was the first time we had a PGA member, Lachy Foulsham as team manager for the Irish campaign. Detailed scores at wdgc2018.com & story by Golf Australia at <http://www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/aussies-soar-to-world-deaf-crown/101224>

Embassy BBQ

July 23: A successful evening BBQ reception was held in honour of the Australian team at the Australian Ambassador's residence on the eve of the World Deaf Golf Championships 2018 in Dublin. Pictured center is Ambassador Richard Andrews proudly holding the Aussie flag in great anticipation of Aussie performance on the golf course. Irish State Minister, Finian McGrath, gave a speech on support for people with disabilities in Ireland. Approx 50 guests including World Deaf Golf Federation board members, key members of the Irish deaf community including Larry Coogan, Aussie visitors and partners of Aussie golfers made up a full house in the backyard. Our thanks to President Wendy Home for the initiative of contacting the Australian Embassy in Dublin early this year.
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