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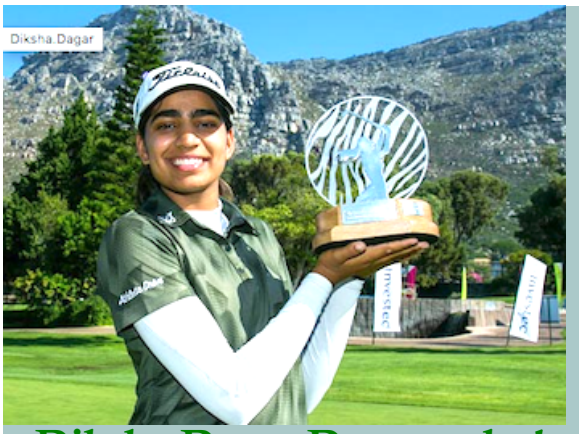
25th Deaf Golf Australian Championships

LATEST UPDATE: The Executive Committee is very pleased to announce that we have a total of **45 golfers** teeing off next month at Country Club Tasmania 14-16 April for the 25th Championships! All five States - QLD, NSW, VIC, WA and TAS - will be sending teams. There is a chance we may also field 3 Women State Teams (to be confirmed). This is a great result after months of preparation and planning. Deaf Golf Australia is very grateful for the support shown by Golf Tasmania, the Tasmanian Government and Deaf Sports Australia. We are in the final stages of planning. As a final reminder please note the following :-

- For those who require the use of motorised carts a valid Dr's certificate is required. Exemptions are granted to seniors who have previously given a Dr's certificate in previous Championships. Cart hire is $40 per day. If you are planning hire a cart please let ***us know BEFORE you arrive in TAS***.
- Pull buggies are available for $5 hire per day.
- Therese Pierce will be the Official Technical Director for the Championships and ably supported by a committee as per the Guidelines. Each golfer will be emailed an "information kit" that will include all details and tee times.
- **FINAL CALL/REMINDER** to those who would like to be nominated for all 3 positions on the Board of Deaf Golf Australia. All nomination forms (please see your state rep) must be received by the secretary no later than Sat 6 April 2019 to :-

dgasecretary@gmail.com



Diksha Dagar Downunder!

In early January Deaf Golf Australia received an "S.O.S" message from Diksha Dagar's caddy father Narinder – pleading for assistance with entries into as many ANZ Ladies tournaments between January and March. Dagar obtained her Ladies European Tour (LET) 2019 card only last December and was hoping to use her new credentials to play the ANZ circuit that began at the end of January. However, the ALPG does not automatically allow LET players play in certain tournaments but allows them to play in the qualifying rounds for tournaments such as the VIC Open and Australian Womens Open. So on Dagar's behalf, DGA wrote to the CEO of ALPG Karen Lunn who was able to secure Dagar a starting position at the NSW Womens Open. We are happy to report that Dagar eventually qualified to play the VIC Open and wish to thank DGA member Mariellen Coles for her kind hospitality in billeting Dagar and her party. To end on a very high note, Dagar came 5th in the entire tournament at the NSW Womens Open at Queanbeyan – her best ever performance downunder. We were thrilled to learn that the week after Dagar's NSW Womens Open success, Diksha scored her maiden tour win in Capetown by winning the Investec South African Womens Open (pictured above holding the trophy)! A remarkable achievement only days after a long haul flight from Australia. DGA is very proud to have been part of her journey!

WDGC 2020 News

We're having an Auction! 15 April

FACT: Auctions at the last few Championships have been very successful for raising very valuable $$$$$$$. Some real bargains can be had for a great auction price! If you have an item to donate for auction PLEASE bring it with you to Tasmania next month. We have prepared a letter on DGA letterhead addressed to potential sponsors/donors to help you source items for the auction. To download this letter try this link :-

http://www.deafgolfaustralia.com.au/pdf/donation.pdf

Otherwise, make sure to bring some spare $$$$$ for bidding auction items for yourself!! Funds raised will go towards the costs of sending a team of representatives to the World Deaf Golf Championships at Forest of Arden, England in 2020.