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South Australian Amputee Golf Association

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A message from The President Gary Hart

"Concentrates on ABILITY not disability"



Dear Readers,

South Australian Amputee Golf Association (SAAGA) is pleased to be supporting the first edition of "Inspired", The Amputee Golf Magazine.

Over the past 5 years SAAGA has become a globally recognised and well respected State Amputee Golf Association and now enjoys overwhelming support and sponsorship from all facets of commercial and government organisations. SAAGA has built a strong working relationship with the Office of Sport & Recreation and plays a strong roll in the "Be Active" program run by this South Australian Government Department.

disabled support base at the Rehabilitation Hospitals and Prosthetic Clinics in South Australia. These sessions include inpatients and outpatients of all disabilities and give participants the opportunity to share, learn and understand from fellow amputees and disabled persons how to overcome the day to day challenges that lay ahead. Participants have the opportunity to progress to the First Swing Golf Clinics.



Realising that health and exercise are critical in amputee and disabled life, SAAGA's most recent initiative has been to partner with Shapeup GYM to offer its members the opportunity to develop strength and wellbeing with the assistance of personal trainers who will tailor exercise programs to meet each individual's needs.



In its drive for excellence, SAAGA has developed and implemented a number of programs such as the First Swing Golf Clinics, held in metropolitan and country regions of South Australia, Golf Days and junior development programs. We have expanded the First Swing Golf Clinics to Tasmania and most recently to Western Australia, which have proved equally successful, with numbers strengthening with every clinic. All of this hard work culminates in members being able to participate in our annual State and Junior Tournaments which have exceeded all expectations since their inception 3 years ago. SAAGA understands the need to be proactive in the development of its members and operates an introductory clinic and amputee



On an international level, SAAGA has been asked to sit on the IPC (International Paralympic Committee) and assist in the bid to have golf included in the 2016 Paralympics and we are very excited about this opportunity.



With the knowledge SAAGA has gained over the years, and our belief in continually supporting the development of programs such as the ones mentioned above, we are happy to offer our support to other State Amputee Associations who wish to implement similar program in their own state. We also understand the importance of unity and we support the formation of a National Body to oversee Amputee Disabled Golf in Australia. In order to ensure that the formation of the National Body is by way of a full consultation process, amputees will be given the opportunity to answer a research survey and submit any comments or views on the National Body which will allow full transparency.

For more information on any of the programs and a copy of the National Body research survey or any general enquiries visit our website: www.saaga.org.au

Yours truly,
Gary Hart – President SAAGA
Chris Crichton – Secretary SAAGA



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amputee golfer



Chris Crichton

DOB: 1960

Home Town: Adelaide

Amputation: Right Arm below elbow

Date of Amputation: 23rd December 1980

Reason for amputation:
Passenger in a car accident

Home Club: Tanunda Pines Golf Club

Started Golf In: After Amputation 2004

Tournaments played: 2 Australian Opens,
2 SA Opens, 7 Corporate Tournaments

Best score off the stick: 78

Worst score off the stick: 119

Employment: General Manager

For more information on any programs please contact either

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"Never look down on someone, unless you're helping them up"

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