Manly host contest

LAWN BOWLS: The Manly Bowls Club is hosting a two-bowl open triples tournament on Sunday, August 7, offering prize money of $1000, entry details are available from the club by calling 3396 3272.

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Ryan clubs his rivals

GOLF: A gifted young golfer from Runaway Bay has won a $2500 scholarship from the prestigious Greg Norman Foundation. Ryan Gaske, 16, is one of only two junior golfers to receive the 2011 Alan Davidson Scholarship, which is given out each year to one girl and one boy who display exceptional golfing talents.

The Year 11 student from Moreton Bay Boys’ College (MBBC) said he was planning to use the money for equipment, coaching and tournament entry.

Mrs Joy Davidson funds the $2500 scholarship each year in memory of her late husband, who was a keen supporter of junior golf.

Ryan plays off a handicap of 2 and in his short career has won a host of tournaments in his age group including the North Queensland Junior Classic and the Titleist Two Day Summer Classic held at Mt Coolum. He also won the Best Net at the Gary Player Junior Classic last year.

Ryan, who plays for the Pacific Gulls Golf Club at Carindale, said he looks to Australian golfers such as Jason Day and Adam Scott for inspiration.

Ryan’s mum, Vicki Gaske, said she was excited but not surprised when she found out her son had won.

“When it comes to golf - we don’t Gaskell, he pushes us,” she said.

Mrs Gaske said Ryan had a promising future in golf, having qualified for the invitation-only Greg Norman Junior Masters every year since he was 13. He started going to Saturday morning clinics at the age of 10 and now he trains five days a week – straight after school until the sun goes down,” she said.

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Win would be fitting tribute to legend

RUGBY LEAGUE: With the Sea-gulls having a bye last weekend I thought I would take this opportunity to talk about the upcoming State of Origin game.

It makes for extremely compelling viewing.

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He sees a sports physio every week to help lengthen the muscles and does exercises at home to keep his swing consistent,” she said.

Mrs Gaske said Ryan’s ultimate dream was to secure a golf scholarship at an American college.

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HIGH STAKES

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SCHOLARSHIP BOOST: Golfer Ryan Gaske has a bright future.

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