



2007 MFS AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

to be played at



Commonwealth Golf Club, Melbourne, Victoria

Entrants must be at least 55 years of age as at 1/5/2007

conducted by

GOLF AUSTRALIA

Telephone – (03) 9626 5050 Facsimile – (03) 9626 5095

Tuesday 1 May to Thursday 3 May

Closing Date for Entries – Wednesday 4 April 2007 at 5:00 pm

HANDICAP LIMIT 6.4

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Tournament Entry (plus Practice Round)
- Tournament Welcome Cocktail Party
- Tournament Shirt
- Tournament Bag Tag

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The draw & an associated memorandum to competitors will be posted on www.golfaustralia.org.au at 5:00 pm on Friday 13 April.

www.golfaustralia.org.au

DO NOT DETACH ANY SECTION

To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205, Australia (Fax 03 9626 5095)

***** TOURNAMENT SHIRT *****

For all competitors, the entry fee includes a quality tournament shirt – please list your size below.

	SIZE
Shirts are available in S / M / L / XL / XXL	

***** TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS *****

Welcome Cocktail Party - Entree to the welcome cocktail party (finger food plus alcohol & soft drink included) is included in the entry fee.

Presentation Dinner - (THE PRESENTATION DINNER IS **NOT** INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE) Will be held at the Commonwealth Golf Club on the evening of Thursday 3 May. Places are limited and are available strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$75 per person (drinks are included in the price – a maximum of two places are available for each competitor – competitors must purchase a place themselves should they wish to attend). Places should be purchased at the time of entry but, subject to take-up may still be purchased as late as Registration Day.

	Number of Purchased Places	Guest's Name	Price per Ticket	Cost
WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY (NB: Players already included)			\$32.00	\$
PRESENTATION DINNER			\$75.00	\$
Total				\$

METHOD OF PAYMENT – VISA MasterCard BANK CARD CHEQUE MONEY ORDER CASH (Golf Australia Office Payments)

Cost of Tickets to Functions \$ Entry Fee \$150.00 Late Entry Fee (if applicable) \$

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE \$

Expiry Date / / Card Number

Cardholder's Name Cardholder's Signature

NB In the event that this entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant shall be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of \$40.00 (the "late entry fee" – includes GST). Where the entrant nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the entrant will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.

Please enter me in the **2007 MFS Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship**. I am an amateur player in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and am eligible under the Conditions of the Championship.

THE ENTRANCE FEE (\$150.00) MUST BE ATTACHED

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
ADDRESS				Postcode
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone		EMAIL		
Home Club		GOLF Link No.	EXEMPTION CATEGORY	
Date of Birth		Age as at 1/5/2007	Club Handicap (Exact)	
Official Home Club Stamp	STAMP REQUIRED			
Signature of Manager of Home Club	SIGNATURE REQUIRED			Date:

I confirm that the information supplied is correct, that I am eligible to enter under the Conditions of the Championship, and that I submit myself to be bound by these Conditions. I also confirm that I have read and understood Condition 5.10.

Signature of Competitor	* NB – All players must supply either a six-month HANDICAP RECORD or a GOLF LINK NUMBER.
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2007 MFS Australian Men's Senior Amateur Golf Championship



CONDITIONS

1. Championship Procedure

- 1.1 The Championship shall be played over 54 holes of stroke play at Commonwealth Golf Club.
Round 1 – Tuesday 1 May
Round 2 – Wednesday 2 May
Round 3 – Thursday 3 May
- 1.2 After 36 holes, a maximum of 108 players (75% of the starting field) shall continue. Those players either in a position greater than 108th, or tying for a position that includes 109th position, shall be eliminated (NB these players shall be eliminated from the championship only – not from the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event). HOWEVER, all eliminated players shall be drawn to play at the Commonwealth Golf Club on the day of the 3rd Round – their starting times shall be in the final quarter of the draw.
- 1.3 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Senior Amateur Champion* and will receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3rd place getter will receive a bronze medallion.
- 1.4 In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.
- 1.5 Winners in each of the following categories who have completed the championship (and who are not the winner of the championship, or the 2nd or 3rd placegetters, or anyone tying for 2nd or 3rd place) will receive mementoes (count-back will apply if ties occur):
- Under 60 years of age
 - 60-64 years of age
 - 65-69 years of age
 - 70 years of age and over

2. Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event

- 2.1 Each state may nominate a team comprising a maximum of four players who will meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.
- 2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of the three best scores from each round.
- 2.3 Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round of the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise.
- 2.4 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 2.5 Members of the winning team will receive mementos.

3. Championship Play Committee

- 3.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise one person appointed by the Championship Committee of Golf Australia, the Championships Manager and Manager – Rules & Handicapping of Golf Australia, together with one member each from the Victorian Golf Association and Commonwealth Golf Club.
- 3.2 In the absence of a full Championship Play Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.
- 3.3 The Championship Play Committee will have the sole management and control of the Championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.
- 3.4 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

4. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by 1 May 2007 and; whose Australian Men's Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 6.4 strokes at the time of entry or who are an exempt player as detailed in Condition 6. The exact Handicap certified at the time of entry is the handicap to be used for all purposes.
- 5.2 Entrance Fee \$150.00 (includes GST).
- 5.3 Entries will only be made on the Entry Form issued by Golf Australia, or a facsimile copy thereof.
- 5.4 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, and will sign a declaration to that effect in the Entry Form.
- 5.5 Entries will be subject to approval from the committee of the entrant's Home Club.
- 5.6 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (144), applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 6 shall be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.
- 5.7 Fully completed Entry Forms, together with appropriate Entrance Fees, must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5:00 pm on Wednesday 4 April 2007. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HIMSELF TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until his name has been posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au.
- 5.8 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Bank Card only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note though that Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to **Golf Australia**.
- 5.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall be subject to the application of a \$40.00 late fee (includes GST).
- 5.10 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant will be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of \$40.00 (the "late entry fee" – includes GST). Where the entrant nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the entrant will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.
- 5.11 Only entry forms accompanied by credit card payment will be accepted by facsimile or email. Entry forms accompanied by other acceptable payment methods must be submitted by post or in person. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Entry forms will not be accepted unless they are fully completed.

5.12 Monies received will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete. All refunds paid to players who have withdrawn will be subject to an \$11.00 administration charge (includes GST).

5.13 Entry Forms must be accompanied either by; a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months (officially endorsed by his Home Club), or by the entrant's GOLF Link number.

6. Exemptions

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2007 MFS Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (**Note** – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.)

6.1 Previous winners of the Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship:

1981 – Keith Pepper	1994 – Bill Simpson
1982 – Don Sharp	1995 – Trevor Wood
1983 – Eric Routley	1996 – David Meredith
1984 – Don Sharp	1997 – Barrie Baker
1985 – Ken Knowlson	1998 – Tony Gresham
1986 – Eric Routley	1999 – Tony Gresham
1987 – Harvey Wilson	2000 – Tony Gresham
1988 – Allan Ellis	2001 – Bill Banks
1989 – Keith Pepper	2002 – Owen Beldham
1990 – Trevor Wood	2003 – Nick Dunn
1991 – Bruce Arnot	2004 – Rodney Barltrop
1992 – Frank Musgrave	2005 – Rodney Barltrop
1993 – Trevor Wood	2006 – Denis Dale

6.2 Leading 20, and anyone tying for 20th, in the 2006 MFS Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship:

Denis Dale	David Meredith
Doug Thorp	Ross Percy
Alex Cleave	David Spilstead
Bill Bell	Ross Bain
Tony Gresham	Alan Evans
Phil Wood	Rodney Barltrop
Ross Bockman	Angelo Siokos
Chris Carey	Chris Smale
Nick Dunn	Vince Clark
Tony Kennings	Andy Dakers
Phillip Billings	Bill Banks
Cameron Fraser	

6.3 Leading 20, and anyone tying for 20th, on the 2006/07 Australian Senior Order of Merit as at Wednesday 4 April 2007.

6.4 Current state men's senior amateur championship winners as at 13 April 2007.

6.5 Winners of Australian Senior Order of Merit events 2006-2007.

6.6 Team members – 2007 Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event.

7. Television and Media

All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia and may only be made under licence.

8. Starting Times & Golf Balls

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls (see page 134) and Time of Starting (see pages 135 & 136).

9. Driving Clubs

The driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited. Note: Any individual driver on the List, if tested on pendulum apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited, must not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds. (The list may be viewed at www.randa.org.)

Penalty: Disqualification

10. Practice

Monday 30 April 2007.

11. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Play Committee. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty: 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee).

Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Note: Permission will only be granted to entrants who, for medical reasons, normally use a vehicle at their Home Club. Attach Home Club endorsement to this effect to a written application.

12. Registration

Competitors are to register between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm at the Commonwealth Golf Club on Monday 30 April. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

13. Drug Testing

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of the prohibited substances will be available as registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au.

14. Database of Competitors' Details

14.1 The data contained on an entry form submitted by an entrant for a Golf Australia event is permanently retained by Golf Australia within its database of competitors' details.

14.2 This database is operated to assist with the management of current and future Golf Australia events. From time to time Golf Australia may also allow a sponsor/s to utilise the information contained in this database for its/their own purposes.

14.3 From time to time players may be sent entry forms or event literature for either Golf Australia events, or events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies, and accompanying material.

14.4 Upon receipt by Golf Australia of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

15. Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

Acknowledgement of Receipt

A list of all entries received by Golf Australia will be posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au – please note that inclusion on this list is not an indication of inclusion in the Championship field. A player's entry form has not officially been received until his name appears on this list.