

THE 2009 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

27 - 30 OCT 2009

HUNTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE, NEWCASTLE



The 2009 National Aboriginal Golf Championships marks the 30th anniversary of the 1979 inaugural championships hosted at Dunheved Golf Club. The Nationals have, for 30 years, attracted the best Indigenous golfers, male, female and juniors, from across the country.

The Nationals are a time when Aboriginal people from all corners of the country gather to renew and create friendships, craft memories and embellish stories of missed putts and prodigious drives.

The game of golf, based historically in class and privilege, is a relatively new sport for most Aboriginal Australians; however, Aboriginal people display a skill for the game that belies this relative brevity of time and access to golf courses and clubs across the nation.

In this the 30th anniversary of the Nationals, it is fitting that NSW has once again been given the honor of hosting the championships in 2009.



National Aboriginal golf championships founders Syd Jackson & Bob Morgan watching Ian Stanley conduct a clinic at the inaugural championships in 1979



Winner of the inaugural championships, Chooky Lester with Ian Stanley, Kel Llewellyn and Syd Jackson.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, TO:

Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club, Corner of Lovedale & Allandale Roads, Pokolbin, New South Wales, Australia, 2320
by 5pm Friday 14th October 2009.



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GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
PROUDLY CELEBRATING
30 years
OF INDIGENOUS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
1979 - 2009



NSW ABORIGINAL GOLF INC.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please enter me for the 2009 National Indigenous Golf Championship.

I enclose the required nomination fee of \$300.00 which includes player gift pack, with logo polo shirt and cap, lunch daily, celebrity golf game (if ticked below), and a 3-course dinner at the trophy presentation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: (H) _____

(Work/Mobile) _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/19____ Age: (as at 27/10/09) _____

Home Club: _____

Exact Official Australian Handicap: _____

GolfLink No. (if applicable): _____

I wish to reserve a Motorised Cart for the Championship and have included a Medical Certificate to prove I am entitled to a cart as per Conditions, (point 11): YES NO

I certify that I am eligible under the Conditions of the Championship and I am an Amateur Golfer in accordance with the rules of Amateur Status, as issued by the R & A Golf Club of St Andrews:

Signature of Competitor: _____ Date: ____/____/2009

I wish to nominate for the Celebrity Golf Day: YES NO

I certify that this competitor's handicap is correct under the Golf Australia Official Handicapping System and that the player's Home Club is as stated above:

Signature of Club Official or Community Elder to confirm identity:

_____ Date: ____/____/2009

Polo Shirt Size (please tick):

Mens Ladies S M L XL XXL XXXL

Nomination Fee of \$300.00 must accompany this form.

Method of Payment: Cheque Money Order Visa Mastercard

Credit Card No.:

Expiry Date: ____/____ Signature: _____

<http://huntermvalleygolf.net.au/>

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP The Championship will be played over 72 holes on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th October, 2009.

2. CELEBRITY GOLF DAY On Monday 26th October, all Championship entrants are invited to participate in a Sponsors/Celebrity Golf Day hosted by the Championship Committee. The game will be a 10am Shotgun start. If the field entries exceed expectations, a 2 tee start from the 1st and 10th tees will be introduced. Players need to nominate for this event on the Nomination Form. The timesheet for this will be available from Thursday 22nd October. Telephone Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club on (02) 49914777 to confirm your spot in the field.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE The Championship Committee, appointed by NSW Aboriginal Golf Incorporated, shall have sole management and control of this event. The Championship Committee reserves the right to:

- fix and/or alter starting times.
 - in the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, either shorten the contest, or fix another date/venue.
 - vary any condition should they deem it advisable.
 - reject any entry without assigning any reason.
- The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters and in the absence of a full Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any such decision shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 The Championship is open to all male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander amateur golfers who are aged a minimum of 12 years, as at the 27th October, 2009, with an 'Official Australian Mens or Womens Handicap' as authorised by Golf Australia, who are members of a Club affiliated through their District Golf Association and with their respective State's Golf Association. The maximum handicap for entries to the Championship is 27. Wherever possible, entrants should provide GolfLink numbers on the registration form. Others without such details will need to provide documented evidence of an established, current handicap to the organising Committee at Registration. There will be no exceptions.

4.2 An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is someone who is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identifies as such, and is accepted by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island communities as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

4.3 The field will be limited to a maximum of 144 players - should entries be received that are less than this number, the field will be that number received by the nominated closing date.

4.4 Entries must be received by the Corporate Event Coordinator, Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club, 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale, NSW 2321 by 5pm on Friday 14 October 2009. For more information call (02) 49914777. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

4.5 The prescribed nomination fee of \$300.00 (incl.GST) must accompany the nomination form at the time of nomination. Faxed and telephone entries will not be accepted.

4.6 Do not send cash in the mail - Hunter Valley Golf club and the Championship Committee will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.

4.7 Entries must be endorsed by an official of the player's home club, a senior Elder of your community, or a Justice of the Peace representative.

4.8 Once the draw is completed there will be no refund of entry fees to players who withdraw from the event.

5. RULES The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply, together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.

6. PROTESTS Protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of the player's round on the day of the alleged breach.

7. TIES In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others, or until the winner is determined. All other ties will be decided by the Australian Count back System.

8. PACE OF PLAY Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who, by their pace, contribute to such delay. Warnings may or may not be issued prior to penalties

9. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES All play will commence from the 1st Tee. The draw for the first 18 holes will be random, in groups of 4 players. The draw will be posted on the Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club website, the NSW Golf Association's website, and the Golf Australia website. For the 2nd 18 holes, the order of play for the first day will be reversed. For days 3 and 4 (last 36 holes) the leading 12 players in each grade will be seeded, while all other groups will be drawn randomly. Seeded groups will follow the main field on both final days, with a re-seeding taking place for the final day. Seeded groups will tee-off in the order of A, B C Grades on Day 3, and in the reverse order on the final day. Draws for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th rounds will be available by 4pm on the day prior to play. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee. Rule 6.-3a provides "The player must start at the time established by the Committee". The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of this Championship that, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within 5 minutes of his/her starting time, the penalty to start on time is 2 strokes at the first hole, instead of disqualification.

10. EQUIPMENT/BALL It will be obligatory for all competitors to play using their own individual set of clubs and to play with a ball which is named in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach of Condition is Disqualification.

11. USE OF MOTORISED BUGGIES Players must not ride in any form of motorised transport in any stipulated Championship round (this does NOT include the Celebrity Day) unless authorised by the Championship Committee. Exemptions to this condition may be granted when a player suffers from a medical condition. A copy of the medical certificate must accompany the player's nomination form and the original produced to the Championship Committee at Registration. Private motorised buggies may be used under this condition. No non-exempt players can ride on exempted player's vehicles.

12. DRESS REGULATIONS It is a requirement of the Championship that all players comply with the dress regulations of the host course. As a guide, dress shorts may be worn (board shorts/athletic shorts not permitted); predominantly white sports socks; tailored slacks - but not tracksuit pants; shirts with collars or turtle necks - but not T-shirts; golf or sports shoes - but not metal spikes.

13. ELECTRONIC AIDS Devices that measure or gauge distance, or other course conditions, are not approved for use in this Championship. (Rule 14b)

14. TROPHIES Trophies will be awarded to the Championship winners of the overall men's and ladies' gross, overall nett and runners up. Veteran golfers (55+ years) will be awarded a best gross and a best nett prize. A, B & C Grades best gross and best nett prizes will be awarded. Also, prizes for best gross and best nett for Juniors will be awarded (12 y.o. to 18 y.o.inclusive, on date of first round), if applicable. Nearest to pins prizes will be awarded in each Grade, daily. Major prizes limited to one per competitor.

15. PRACTICE Prior practice on the course will only be available by arrangement with Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club (02) 49914777. On any day of the Championship, no practice on the course, nor testing of the surface of greens, is allowed - Rule 7-1b.

16. REGISTRATION Competitors will be required to Register on Monday 26th October in person to the Championship Office at the Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club (adjacent to the Pro Shop). Each competitor will receive conditions for the Championship and a gift pack. The office will be open from 7.30am until 4pm.

17. PRIVACY NSW Aboriginal Golf Incorporated and the Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, email address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on their records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on future events conducted by either group (above) can be forwarded, as deemed appropriate. This information will not be available to any other organization, and any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning either the Club on (02) 49914777, or the Secretary, NAGI, on 0407 018237.

18. MEDIA Media organizations, may be filming players on the course and conducting pre and post golf interviews, and/or on-course vision on the driving range or any other areas within the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley resort. All players and their assistants that participate in the Championship agree that their images may be used in all media to promote the event. Your signature on the nomination form is used as acceptance to this condition. Players and the assistants are encouraged to be friendly and approachable during the Championship in order that the best possible coverage can be displayed to the nation.