



# 2013 WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF VICTORIA

Thursday 21 February – Sunday 24 February 2013

## TOURNAMENT FACT SHEET

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# TOURNAMENT DETAILS AND INFORMATION

<b>NAME OF EVENT:</b>	<b>WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF VICTORIA</b>
<b>VENUES:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links</b> Lot 1G Barwon Heads Road Barwon Heads VIC 3227 Ph: +61 (3) 5254 2922 Fax: +61 (3) 5254 1097 Website: <a href="http://www.13thbeach.net">www.13thbeach.net</a>
<b>DATE:</b>	21 – 24 February 2013
<b>PRO-AM TOURNAMENT:</b>	Wednesday 20 February 2013
<b>TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY:</b>	<b>AUD\$150,000</b> (pay up to 60 players)
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	<b>\$AUD 110</b>
<b>TOURNAMENT DIRECTION:</b> (CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE)	<b>David Greenhill</b> – Chief Operating Officer Golf Victoria <b>Warren Sevil</b> - CEO, Australian Ladies Professional Golf <b>Graham Nightingale</b> - Chair, ALPG Tour Match Committee <b>Andrew Langford-Jones</b> PGA Director of Tournaments <b>Graeme Scott</b> – PGA Manager Tournament Operations <b>Brian Lasky</b> – Chairman, Golf Victoria Match Committee <b>Lee Wills</b> – Vice-President, Golf Victoria
<b>KEY SUPPORT PERSONNEL:</b>	<b>Fiza Errington</b> – Operations & Marketing Manager, ALPG <b>Sandy Lonergan</b> – Media Coordinator, ALPG

## **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - OVERVIEW**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
<b>MON</b>	18/02	Practice Round
<b>TUES</b>	19/02	Practice Round Registration at 13 <sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Club 9am – 5pm
<b>WED</b>	20/02	Official Pro-Am Tournament
<b>THU</b>	21/02	Round 1 – Creek Course
<b>FRI</b>	22/02	Round 2 – Creek Course
<b>SAT</b>	23/02	Round 3 – Beach Course
<b>SUN</b>	24/02	Round 4 – Beach Course

# PLAYER INFORMATION

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## 1. TOURNAMENT FIELD

The field for the 2013 Women's Victorian Open shall consist of up to a maximum of 120 players made up by the following:

- i. The Leading 60 professionals eligible under 2012/13 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories
- ii. Amateur entries as exempted by Golf Victoria to a maximum of 20 for female amateur players from final qualifying into the 2013 Championship to be allocated in the following order:-
  - a. 2012 Australian Women's Amateur Champion
  - b. 2012 Australian Women's Open - Leading Amateur
  - c. Current Golf Australia Squad members (maximum of 3 as per Australian Amateur Ranking System as at the close of entries)
  - d. Members of the 2012 Victorian Women's Amateur State Team (maximum 6)
  - e. Two nominated players from each other Australian State (maximum 10)
  - f. 2012 Victorian Women's Amateur Champion
  - g. 2012 Victorian Women's Amateur Medalist
  - h. 2012 Women's Victorian 72-hole Stroke Play Champion
  - i. 2012 Women's Riversdale Cup Champion
  - j. 2012 Women's Dunes Medal Winner
  - k. 2012 Victorian Junior Girls Champion
- iii. Balance of the field to comprise of any player who is a member of a recognized International Ladies Professional Golf Association who are granted special exemption by the Tournament Committee.

**General Exemptions** – fourteen players exempted by the Championship Committee (maximum 14)

### Notes:

- (i) Should this number of amateurs not reach 20 it may be made up from amateur entries at the discretion of the Golf Victoria.
- (ii) A player must be an amateur golfer as of Thursday 21 February 2013 in order to receive an amateur exemption.
- (iii) A minimum of ten places made available at Pre-Qualifying (10).
- (iv) Should any category not receive the allotted number of entries, these places will revert to Pre-Qualifying places to a maximum field of 120 players.

## 2. ENTRIES

- a. **ALPG Members** are NOT required to submit an entry form. Your entry will be accepted upon receipt of your entry fee of AUD\$110.00 (incl. GST) payment through the website. Please note that payment made through website incurs a credit card surcharge of 2%.
- b. Entries for all **AMATEUR** contestants MUST be made on the official entry form and forwarded by:
  1. Email to Golf Victoria - David Greenhill – [david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au](mailto:david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au)
  2. Sent to Golf Victoria Inc., PO Box 287, Mulgrave, Vic, Australia, 3170 or
  3. Faxed to +61 (3) 9543 9307
- c. Entries for all **Non-ALPG PROFESSIONAL** contestants MUST be made on the official entry form. Entry forms should be:
  1. Emailed to Fiza Errington – [fizae@alpg.com.au](mailto:fizae@alpg.com.au)
  2. Sent to ALPG Inc., PO Box 447, Mudgeeraba, Qld, Australia, 4213 or
  3. Faxed to +61 (7) 55 390 926
- d. Non-ALPG PROFESSIONAL contestants MUST forward the official entry form to the above contact point at ALPG. Upon receipt of entry, they will receive a confirmation of entry and payment details will be issued.
- e. Closing date for professional entries is **5.00pm, Sunday 20 January 2013**
- f. Entry fees for ALPG Members and Non-ALPG PROFESSIONALS will not be refunded unless notification of withdrawal is received prior to the closing date of entries. Rules of withdrawal are outlined in the ALPG Member Regulations Handbook and By-Laws.

## 3. PRIVATE HOUSING

Limited private housing may be made available to competitors under the following conditions:

- Request for private housing MUST be by application to Lydia Cover at (03) 5254 3328, Mobile – 0418 547 644 or email – [lydiacover@me.com](mailto:lydiacover@me.com)
- The closing date for Private Housing requests is **5.00pm, Sunday 20 January, 2012. Strictly no requests will be accommodated after this date;**
- Private housing is NOT guaranteed and is available for competitors only. Partners may be accommodated after all player requests are fulfilled;
- Requests are allocated on a 'first in, first served' basis;
- Your hosts MUST be contacted in due course to notify of your time of arrival. It is also advisable that you notify your host of any allergies or other specific requests at this time; and
- You must contact Golf Victoria immediately should you decide not to use private housing.

#### 4. REGISTRATION

All contestants in the 2013 Women's Victorian Open MUST register in person for the tournament between the following hours:

- **Tuesday 19 February, 2013 – 9.00am – 5.00pm.**

Registration will take place in the demountable office located adjacent to the ALPG Office at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links.

**Players who fail to meet the registration deadline and who have not contacted ALPG staff for granting of late registration will be removed from the tournament draw.** NB: Yardage Books will be on sale on Monday and Tuesday, 18 and 19 February.

#### 5. PRO - AM TOURNAMENT

**Wednesday 20 February 2013** – 8.15am shotgun starts. Professionals will partner amateurs over 18 holes. The competition format is Team Aggregate Stableford format (best of two stableford scores, professional's scores can be used as part of team score). It is a condition of entry into this tournament that those Professionals participating in the tournament Pro-Am attend the pro-am luncheon, which will be held following the pro-am.

#### 6. PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice rounds will be available as follows:

- Monday 18 February – Beach Course (from 9am) and Creek (7 – 12.30pm and after 2.30pm)
- Tuesday 19 February – Beach (all day) and Creek (from 10am)
- Wednesday – Both courses PM from 1pm from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee only. Note: last hit off by 3pm

#### 7. PRACTICE AREAS

Practice fairway length is approximately 220 metres (irons only).

##### Practice Facilities:

- Caddies are NOT permitted to use the practice facilities including the putting green.
- No practice chipping or pitching is permitted to the practice putting green in the front of the clubhouse.
- Preference is to be given to those players with approaching tee times.
- Players missing the cut may only practice when those players remaining in the tournament have completed their practice sessions.
- At all times, preference MUST be given to those players remaining in the tournament.

##### Driving Range hours of operation are:

###### **13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.</b>

#### 8. SUDDEN-DEATH PLAYOFF

In case of a tie after 72 holes, a sudden death playoff will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole (continuous) or as determined by the Championship Committee. The play off will continue until the winner is decided.

#### 9. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

After 36 holes the leading fifty (50) players, plus ties, shall be eligible to contest the final round. Players are reminded to read carefully the local rules and conditions of play prior to the commencement of play. Local rules will be available at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

#### 10. RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with such local rules as are approved by the Championship Committee. Any decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament. Further conditions of play are advised as follows:

- Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010;\*
- Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. A driver with a clubhead manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition;\*
- The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, One Ball Condition and Time of Starting; and
- It is prohibited for any player or their caddy to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Committee
- \* PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. \*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

## 11. CADDIES

Caddies are not required for the tournament. Should you require a caddy you must contact David Greenhill at Golf Victoria on [david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au](mailto:david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au) by the close of entries. Caddies are not guaranteed, however, every effort will be made to allocate caddies to those players who have requested one and players will be advised of their caddie at registration.

### a) **Caddy Wage**

Players should agree on caddy remuneration prior to commencement of play.

### b) **Club Storage Area**

The Golf Shop at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach will provide limited club storage as required.

### c) **Towels**

Players must provide their own towels.

### d) **Caddy Footwear**

Caddies are not permitted to wear shoes with any kind of spikes or shoes, which will leave any indentations in the greens.

### e) **Bunkers**

After raking bunkers, caddies must place the rake on a flat area outside the bunker parallel to the direction of play.

## 12. PIN PLACEMENTS

The official starter will provide pin positions on the first and tenth tee on Thursday and Friday and the first tee on Saturday and Sunday.

## 13. CONTESTANTS MAIL

All contestants' mail can be found at the Tournament Office.

## 14. FIRST AID

Any contestant requiring first aid or medical attention should contact Tournament Administration for assistance. Event Paramedics will be on site at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach.

## 15. TEMPORARY PRIVILEGES

All contestants will have access to 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links 18<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. Further access to the courses will be available in the weeks leading up to the tournament upon application to the respective Pro-Shops. The following domestic matters are brought to your attention:

### a) **Car Parking**

Car parking is available for players. Car parking passes will be issued.

### b) **Locker Facilities**

A limited number of Lockers are available at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links. Locker keys can be obtained at registration upon receipt of a deposit.

### c) **Dress**

The club dress standards are as follows:

- i. A tidy standard of dress is required at all times.
- ii. Soft spiked shoes only are permitted on both courses.
- iii. Jeans are not permitted within the course or club house confines.

### d) **Protection of Valuables and Equipment**

Although every care will be taken by the clubhouse staff with your equipment, in the final analysis, protection of your equipment and valuables, including insurance, will be your own responsibility.

## 16. TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Important phone numbers will be available at registration.