



Eighty Sixth Annual MEN'S COUNTRY GOLF WEEK

Monday 28 September - Friday 2 October 2015

Country Championship

(Inc. Country Colts Championship & Country Junior Championship)

Date: Monday 28 September – Tuesday 29 September
Venue: Gardiner's Run
Entry Fee: **\$80.00** (Inc. GST)
Inclusions: Lunch for each round
Format: 36-Hole Stroke Play
Tee Time: Two-tee start from 7.30am & 11.38am
GA Handicap Limit: 5.4 at close of entries
Note: The Victorian Country Colts and Junior Championship will be played concurrently with the Country Championship. Each District is entitled to nominate one junior player to be automatically included in the draw. For further eligibility criteria please refer to tournament conditions.

Four Ball Stableford Competition (PM only)

Date: Monday 28 September
Venue: Heritage Golf & Country Club
Entry Fee: **\$80.00 per pair** (Inc. GST)
Inclusions: Lunch
Format: 18-Hole 4BBB Stableford Play
GA Handicap Limit: 36.4 Strokes at date of entry

Individual Stableford Event (AM only)

Date: Tuesday 29 September
Venue: Eastwood Golf Club
Entry Fee: **\$40.00** (Inc. GST)
Inclusions: Lunch
Format: 18-Hole Stableford Play
GA Handicap Limit: 36.4 Strokes at date of entry

Shield, Plate and Bowl Contests

Date: Wednesday 30 September - Friday 2 October
Venues: Shield: Victoria, Cranbourne & Royal Melbourne
Plate and Bowl: Patterson River, Keysborough & Riversdale (Plate only)
Format: Teams' Match Play – 18 Holes. For teams from each District Golf Association.

All entries **MUST** be made to the Secretaries of the **District Golf Association not later than Tuesday 1 September**, and forwarded by them to Golf Victoria no later than noon on **Monday 7 September 2015**

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2015 VICTORIAN MEN'S COUNTRY WEEK – TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

(To be read in conjunction with the Golf Victoria Standard Event Conditions as published on the GV Website at www.golfvic.org.au)

1. Men's Country Week Individual Competitions

1.1 The Country Championship (incorporating the Country Colts Championship).

1.1.1 Eligible players are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements for Country Week who's GA Handicap at the close of entries does not exceed 5.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.

1.1.2 The Victorian Country Colts Championship and the Victorian Country Junior Championship will be played concurrently with the Country Championship.

1.1.3 The field for the Championship will be limited to 156 players (including eligible colts & juniors).

1.1.4 The Championship will be played over 36-holes stroke play.

1.1.5 Entry into the Championship will be filled on the basis of handicap. Should a ballot be necessary to limit the field, players on the highest Australian Handicaps will be subject to elimination by ballot.

1.1.6 The 2014 Country Champion and all current District Champions (Inc. juniors) will be exempt from the Country Championship ballot.

1.1.7 Country Championship

The winning player shall be the Victorian Country Champion and shall receive a trophy and hold the Victorian Country Championship Cup for one year. The Championship runner-up and, third place getter and the leading score from each round of the Championship shall also receive trophies.

1.2 The Country Colts Championship

1.2.1 Eligible players are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements for Country Week and Condition 1 above who are aged from 18 to 23 (Under 24) as of 1 July 2015.

1.2.2 The winning player shall be the Victorian Country Colts Champion, shall receive a trophy and hold the Victorian Country Colts Championship Trophy for one year. The Colts Championship runner-up and third place-getter shall also receive trophies.

1.3 The Country Junior Championship

1.3.1 Eligible players are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements for Country Week and Condition 1 above who are aged under 18 years as of 1 July 2015.

1.3.2 Eligible juniors are permitted to simultaneously compete for the Victorian Country Championship and Country Junior Championship.

1.3.3 Each District is permitted to nominate one under 18 player eligible to compete under the Conditions of the Championship. Such players nominated by Districts will be exempt from the Country Championship Ballot.

1.3.4 The winning player shall be the Victorian Country Junior Champion, shall receive a trophy and hold the Victorian Country Junior Championship Trophy for one year. The Junior Championship runner-up, third placegetter and the leading score from each round of the Championship shall also receive trophies.

1.4 Handicap Details

All entries to the Country Week events must be accompanied by a player's GolfLink Number.

1.5 Ties

In the event of a tie after 36 holes for the Country, Country Colts and Country Junior Championships, a hole-by-hole play-off will be conducted immediately after the final round. Players who have tied being eliminated as they fail to maintain equality with other or others until the winner is determined. Ties for all other places will be decided by countback.

1.6 Four Ball Stableford Competition

1.6.1 Eligible players are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements for Country Week who's GA Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 36.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.

1.6.2 The field for the event will be limited to 50 pairs (100 players).

1.6.3 The event will be played over 18 holes Four-Ball Stableford competition.

1.6.4 Entries will be filled on the basis of combined handicap. Should a ballot be necessary to limit the field, players on the highest combined Australian handicaps will be subject to elimination by ballot.

1.6.5 Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.

1.6.6 All ties shall be decided by the system of countback as specified by Golf Australia.

1.7 Stableford Event

1.7.1 Eligible players are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements for Country Week who's GA Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 36.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.

1.7.2 The field for this event will be limited to a maximum of 108 players.

1.7.3 The event will be played over 18 holes Stableford competition.

1.7.4 Entries will be filled on the basis of handicap. Should a ballot be necessary to limit the field, players on the highest Australian handicap will be subject to elimination by ballot.

1.7.5 Players entering the Country Championship are not permitted to pre-enter the Stableford Event.

1.7.6 Should the field size maximum not be reached, post entries will be received until the total field size has been reached.

1.7.7 Trophies will be awarded to the winner, second and third placegetters.

1.7.8 All ties shall be decided by the system of countback as specified by Golf Australia.

1.7.9 A player entering Country Championship cannot pre-enter the Stableford Event.

2. Championship Committee

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of Golf Victoria (GV), the GV Chief Operating Officer, GV Golf Events Coordinators, and GV Golf Events Officers, one representative of the Match Committee of the club upon whose course the competition is being conducted and the Liaison Officer(s) appointed by Golf Victoria. In the absence of a full Committee, such members thereof as may be present at the time, may give a decision and any such decision given, shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Committee. The Committee shall have the entire management of the competitions, with full power to alter or vary the conditions. For the purpose of resolving problems concerning the playing conditions of the course for the Shield, Plate and Bowl matches, each District can be represented on the Committee for that Contest, by the team captain or manager. In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Championship Committee may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of, or may transfer play to another course. The Committee's decision will be final in all matters affecting all events. Protests must be made to the Committee within ten (10) minutes of the conclusion of a match in the Shield, Plate or Bowl Contests.

3. Eligibility and Entries

Every competitor must be an amateur golfer and a bona fide member of a Golf Victoria affiliated country club in the District they represent OR an individual Golf Victoria affiliated country member, who holds a District Affiliation of the District he wishes to represent, irrespective of residential location. Players must have played a minimum of 10 competition rounds at either the affiliated country club or in designated District events in the preceding twelve months for the player to be eligible.

Note: Non-stroke Club or District events such as District Pennant or club match play events (as approved by the GV Match Committee) will also count towards the minimum of 10 competition rounds.

Exception: Upon application, the Golf Victoria Match Committee will consider an exemption being granted to a player for this condition.

All entries MUST be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of District Golf Associations prior to Tuesday 1 September 2015, and MUST be accompanied by the requisite entry fee.

Entries for the individual competitions and the Teams Matches, certified by the District Golf Association must reach the: Golf Victoria Offices, 1/21 Howleys Rd, Notting Hill, 3168, PRIOR TO NOON ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2015.

Entrance fees must be paid at the time of entry. Any entrant may withdraw and have his entire fee refunded providing notification is received within **three working days** prior to the commencement of the event. Entries must be endorsed with verification signed by the Secretary of the Country District Golf Association. The Championship Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.

4. Motorised Transport

According to GV's standard conditions of competitions, it is the responsibility of the player, if they require the use of a golf cart during the event to send a Medical Certificate and a completed copy of the Golf Victoria Motorised Transport Approval Return Form for consideration by the Match Committee. Please go to the GV website under Championships & Events → Resources → GV Motorised Transport for the return form and more information. **Exemption:** Players aged 75 years and over do not require a Medical Certificate.

Golf carts are at the player's own expense and MUST be booked directly with the respective golf club as soon as possible. Golf Victoria cannot guarantee the use of a golf cart on any given day of play as this is subject to each host club's conditions of usage.

Note: In the event in which a limited number of carts are available, players requesting carts will be paired together. Caddies are permitted to ride in the cart with the player ONLY when sufficient carts are available.



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Entry Form

TAX INVOICE – ABN: 26 589 569 172



Competitor Name (First Name) (Last Name)

Home Club

Address Suburb

State Post Code Date of Birth / /

Home Phone Mobile Phone

Email

GOLFLink Number GA Handicap

4BBB Event Only (Only one person of the competing pair to fill out)

Partners Name Home Club

GOLFLink Number GA Handicap

Please enter me for the following events (tick box as required):

Mon 28 – Tues 29 Sept- Gardiner's Run Victorian Country Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$80.00
Victorian Colts Country Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Victorian Junior Country Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Mon 28 Sept- The Heritage 4BBB Stableford	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$80.00 (per pair)
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Tues 29 Sept- Eastwood Individual Stableford	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00
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I require the use of a player shared golf cart and I comply with Tournament Condition #4 (please book directly with Club)

I am eligible under the conditions of the championship, am an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R & A Rules Limited and will adhere to Golf Victoria's Code of Conduct for the duration of the Championship. I have provided either my GOLFLink No. or a current handicap record verified by my home club.

PAYMENT DETAILS: (Please make Cheques payable to Golf Victoria) Cheque/Money Order MasterCard VISA

Card Number

Expiry Date / Contact Number of Payer

Signature Entry Fee As Above

Name as it appears on card TOTAL \$

ENTRIES CLOSE WITH THE SECRETARY OF YOUR DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

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