

Pacific Harbour Amateur OPEN

22nd August – 24th August

54 holes stroke play

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

- 54 holes of stroke play - 18 holes Wednesday 22nd August, 18 holes Thursday 23rd August, 18 holes Friday 24th August. The draw for Friday will be a seeded draw, determined by the finishing positions after the first 36 holes.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:

- A Championship Committee, appointed by PHGCC, shall have sole management and control of the event. The Championship Committee reserves the right to: (a) fix and/or alter starting times, (b) in the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, either shorten the contest or fix another day/venue, (c) vary any condition should they deem it advisable, (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore. 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 decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The Championship events are open to all male amateur golfers with a GA Handicap) who are members of a golf club affiliated through their District Golf Association with Golf Queensland, or other State/National Golf Associations.
- 3.2 Should entries be received in excess of the capacity as determined by the Championship Committee, non-exempt players with higher handicaps will be balloted out and their entry fee refunded.
- 3.3 The total entry fee for the Championship is \$150.00 (incl. GST). Players will submit the total entry fee with their nomination form. Should entries be received in excess of the capacity field of 120, players will be balloted from the field based on their exact GA Handicap as at 5pm Wednesday 15th August. Players on the same exact GA Handicap will be separated by lot. An alternate list will be established. Those players not gaining a place in the field will have their full entry fee refunded after the first round unless otherwise requested.
- 3.4 Entries without a Golf Link number must be supported by a printed handicap record endorsed by an official of the player's home club.
- 3.5 Nominations are accepted at face value, on the basis that information contained therein is correct, and up to date. Should this subsequently be proven not to be the case, PHGCC reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.
- 3.6 Once the draw for the first round of the Championship is published, there will be no refund of entry fees to players who withdraw from the event. Players who withdraw prior to the situations above will be refunded their entry fee

4. PUBLICITY:

- PHGCC arranges publicity before, during and/or after this Championship. It is a condition of entry that all players assent to references to them, and pictures of them in practice and play being published via any medium (including the internet).

5. PRIVACY:

- PHGCC may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on its records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on other future events conducted by PHGCC (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by PHGCC. This information will not be available to any other organisation.

6. PRACTICE

- Players will be given 1 complimentary practice round on the Monday 20th August or Tuesday 21st August. Bookings must be made through the golf shop.
- Extra practice rounds will be \$39pp walking, (cart hire is available at an extra charge of \$20pp)

8. RULES:

- The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply together with the Golf Australia Hard Card and supplementary Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.

9. COURSE MARKERS:

- During practice or during the Championship a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.

10. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES:

- A draw for each day's play will be published on the PHGCC website. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Championship Committee. Rule 6-3a provides "If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole."
- The draw for the 3rd rounds will be an automatic draw determined on the scores returned from previous rounds.

11. BALL:

- It will be obligatory for all competitors in all events 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 this condition: Disqualification.

12. DRIVING CLUBS:

- "Any 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 the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.
- *PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. *Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his

marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

- PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.”

13. USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES:

- Players are permitted to ride in a motorised cart at a cost of \$20pp, per round, please note that you will be paired with other players using carts and therefore each individual player will not be given a cart. Players are asked to mark the box on the entry form to confirm if they will be riding or walking for the duration of the tournament.

14. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:

- The specimen local rule on the GA Hand Card will be in effect for the Pacific Harbour Amateur

15. MOBILE PHONES:

- The use of mobile phones by players and/or caddies during the play of any competition round is prohibited. Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.

16. PACE OF PLAY:

- Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. A Pace of Play Schedule and description of applicable penalties for breaching this schedule will be supplied to competitors prior to the first round of the tournament.

17. DRUG TESTING:

- All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in the Golf Australia's Doping Policy endorsed by Golf Queensland. Any competitor infringing this condition, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified.

18. TIES:

- In the event of a tie for the Stroke play championship, unless the championship committee otherwise determines, play shall continue hole by hole over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, until one player gains at least a one stroke advantage. The breaking of ties for all other events/trophies will be determined by use of the Australian Count-back System.

19. PROTESTS:

- Protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee no later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play except on the final day when they must be lodged no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of play.

20. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:

- Trophies will be presented at the conclusion of Round 3