



GolfAustralia

2019 Australian Men's Senior Amateur

Player Information

Championship History:

The first Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship was played in 1981 at Royal Adelaide Golf Club. It was played over 36-holes qualifying with the leading 32 players advancing to elimination match play. From 2004 onwards, the event has been contested over 54-holes stroke play. Players must be 55 years and over to be eligible. Tony Gresham (NSW), Trevor Wood (NSW), Rodney Barltrop (NZL) and Stefan Albinski (NSW) have all won the championship three times each.

Venue:



Maroochy River Golf Club

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www.maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au



Welcome Letter...

On behalf of the Board and Members I welcome all players to Maroochy River Golf Club for the 2019 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship.

The event provides us the opportunity to showcase our new course and facilities. We are very proud of our new home and hope you will enjoy it as much as we do.

We are confident the challenging layout and well-prepared playing surfaces at Maroochy River will provide you with a memorable golfing experience.

We are excited to be hosting this national championship at our new location, and we look forward to joining you throughout the week.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your time at Maroochy River Golf Club and wish you all the best for the championship.

Michael Gray
President - Maroochy River Golf Club

A Brief History...

Our club has a rich history and was born in 1950 as the Horton Park Golf Club in Maroochydore, Queensland. It started as a nine-hole golf course on land gifted to the people of Maroochydore by Mr Robert Horton.

Over the next six decades and more, Horton Park went through the growing pains of most golf clubs: depending heavily on volunteers and donors, going through financial crises, floods, etc.

But it also enjoyed more than its fair share of good times, seeing numerous enhancements to what was a popular 18-hole layout and improvements to the off-course facilities, such as the



building of a new clubhouse. Through the persistence of the members it was named Queensland's Regional Golf Club of the Year in 2005.

The relocation of Horton Park Golf Club was brought about by the spectacular growth of the Sunshine Coast as the Club now found itself situated on land that local government needed for the establishment of Maroochydore's new CBD. A move became inevitable.

After lengthy negotiations with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council a resumption agreement was drawn up in 2011 for its 53-hectare site with a view to redeveloping this prime land.

The hunt was on for a new home and, after an extensive and exhaustive search, our current site was identified, and Graham Marsh enlisted to work his magic and turn what were once cane fields into the magnificent course you find today.

Horton Park Golf Club was much loved by its members and will forever have a place in the hearts of everyone who played there.

We now welcome you to our magnificent new home, the Maroochy River Golf Club, and invite you to come and play a part in writing the next exciting chapter in the history of our great Club.

The Course...

Designed by renowned golf course architect and Australian golfing legend Graham Marsh, the 18-hole layout at Maroochy River Golf Club is a spectacular addition to the Sunshine Coast golfing scene. Opened for play in June, 2015, the course perfectly blends risks and rewards to match the differing abilities and ambitions of the individual player.

After starting out as a raw, bare and exposed layout wide open to the elements, Maroochy River has definitely come of age. Today the golf course certainly looks and plays differently and is thriving beyond the dreams of the club's board, management and members. It has matured beautifully and is described by members and visitors alike as "awesome".

Of course, any course that carries the Graham Marsh designer label demands a certain amount of recognition and his layout here has made more than a solid start.

Profoundly different to any other course in Queensland, the layout winds its way through strategic waterways and wetlands. In the tradition of Marsh courses, Maroochy River is an examination worthy of the very highest level.

Some 80,000 rounds were played here in the first year of operation, more than 70,000 in the second year and similar numbers in the third and fourth year.

Each hole rewards safe play when approaching greens but also tempts the adventurous to squeeze a few more yards to avoid the carefully placed bunkers and save a shot. No more is this choice more evident than on the closing hole, which necessitates a carry over water to find the green.

The waterways and feature walls snaking through much of the course and the undulating terrain make for a stunning visual feast, while clusters of bunkers and bunker islands break up the fairways.

In the distance, the distinctive landmark of Mt Coolum dominates the skyline, keeping an imposing eye on play.

While not a links course in the true sense of the word, it has a links feel, and the exposed layout means that golfers will be called upon to use their full repertoire of shots, particularly when the wind is blowing.

Reviews so far from the great and the good have been favourable. Of equal importance is that our members love it.

In the past four years, Maroochy River Golf Club has hosted eight state events and one national tournament – the 2017 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.

When Golf Australia has asked Maroochy River to host the 2019 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship we had no hesitation in saying yes and we are very honoured to do so.



Designer Graham Marsh imparted some wise words when he attended our official opening. “You must get on the right tee,” he said. “While it’s a great ego trip to be going back and playing the harder tees, don’t extend the hole any longer than you have to. Play on the tee that suits your game.”

The course is a 6,441-metre par-72 test for men, with two par-3s and two par-5s on both the front and back nines. Women play a no-less-enthralling layout measuring 5,312 metres. With a scratch score of 72 for men (par) off the black tees and 74 for women off the red tees (two over par), it is clear this is a true test of golf.

Office Bearers...

President:	Michael Gray
Vice-President:	Alan Taylor
Club Captain:	Jim Di Pietra
Treasurer:	Michael Andrews
Ladies Captain:	Carmel Smith
Director:	Ken Davis
Director:	Tom Hogan
General Manager:	Charlie McGill
PGA Professionals:	Sean Seymore
Course Superintendent:	Stuart Campbell

Event Schedule:

Monday 7 October:	Practice Round (tee times TBC) Registration: 10.00 am – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 8 October:	1 st Rd 2019 Australian Men’s Senior Amateur Championship
Wednesday 9 October:	2 nd Rd 2019 Australian Men’s Senior Amateur Championship
Thursday 10 October	3 rd Rd 2019 Australian Men’s Senior Amateur Championship (seeded draw) <i>Presentation Reception: Conclusion of play, approx. 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm</i>

Registration:

Competitors are required to register between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm on Monday 7 October at Maroochy River Golf Club. At this time, competitors will be required to provide a phone number where they can be contacted during the event. Failure to register may result in disqualification from the Championship. If it is impossible to register in person, competitors must contact Adam in the Championship Office on registration day on 0448 366 224

Competitors are not required to register each day. Players are requested to report to the Starter at least 5 minutes prior to the advertised starting time. Score cards, local rules and hole placement sheets will be distributed by the Starter on the starting tee.

Withdrawals:

If you are unable to compete, please contact Golf Australia immediately on 0448 366 224

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golf.org.au

The draw for rounds 1 and 2 will be available one week prior to the event. If players have requests to coordinate travel, please email adamp@golf.org.au and these will be accommodated where possible. These must be advised no later than **24 September**.

The draw for round 3 will be seeded based on scores from the first 36-holes. Therefore, no time requests can be accommodated for the Round 3 draw.



Practice:

A complimentary practice round is available on Monday 7 October (tee times TBC).

Golf Australia will forward competitors a link following the close of entries to make practice round bookings via the Golf Australia tournament system.

Additional practice rounds may be available prior to the event by contacting the pro shop. Players will be charged the member's guest rate for additional rounds. Please contact the club to ascertain availability and to confirm costs.

During a practice round a player may play one ball only throughout the round with the following exceptions:

- If a player misses the fairway with their drive, they may play one additional tee shot from the tee;
- If a player misses the green with their approach shot, they may play one additional shot to the green;
- Not more than three chip shots may be played from beside the green, and only then provided such practice shots do not damage the course;
- Due to the demands on staff for the course preparations for Round 1, Golf Australia requests that ALL players practicing from greenside bunkers play one (1) shot only. We also ask that the bunker be raked immediately after;
- Only three practice putts are permitted.

Ready Golf:

The Championship is a "Ready Golf" event. "Ready Golf" should be played, but in a safe and responsible way. Play when you are ready – you don't have to wait until the farthest away players has played. E.g. play Ready Golf

- When the player farther away has a difficult shot and is assessing options
- When a longer hitter has to wait for the green to clear
- On the tee if a player with the honor is delayed
- By playing your shot before helping to look for a lost ball

Course Guides:

A limited yardage document is available via the Golf Australia event page for players to download and/or print. [Click Here](#) to go to the Golf Australia event page.

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS:

Distance measuring devices are permitted for this Championship.

Practice Facilities and Balls:

A driving range and putting green is available for player use. Balls will be available from the pro shop (\$4.00 small bucket, \$6.00 medium bucket, \$9.00 large bucket). The range times are 6.00am to 5.00pm. Last balls are sold 45 minutes before closing time.

Pull Buggies:

Pull buggies are available from the pro shop at \$5.00 per day.

Motorised Carts:

Players are permitted to use Motorised Transport on the production of a Medical Certificate. The Medical Certificate must be received by Golf Australia prior to the event. Players requiring a motorized cart **MUST** book with **Golf Australia on 03 9626 5050** or email adamp@golf.org.au by **13 September**. Carts will be charged at members rates of \$28.00 each round.

Club Storage:

There is club storage available. See Pro Shop for assistance.



Caddies:

Caddies are permitted during the championship. If players require a caddie, they must make their own arrangements.

Ties:

In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie shall continue over such holes in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

Dress Requirements:

Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress regulations of Maroochy River Golf Club which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game. Link to website - [Click here](#)

Catering:

Catering will be available from the bistro 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday, 8.30am – 6.00pm Tuesday, 8.30am – 7.30pm Wednesday and Thursday.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only, from on or near the starting tees. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones may be used on the golf course during competition to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a ruling only. The use of mobile phones in the clubhouse is permitted and phones must be on silent.

Golf Australia Hard Card:

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration. [Click here](#) to view the Golf Australia Hard Card and related championship policies

Course Care:

All clubs which host Golf Australia National Championships kindly give up their course for the duration of the event. Hence, so that the course is left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed, players MUST carry AND use a sand bucket. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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