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2019



WE'LL LIFT YOUR GAME

SOUTHERN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(Over 36-holes with concurrent handicap events)

to be played at



Claremont Golf Club
Bournville Crescent
CLAREMONT TAS 7011

Sunday 27 October

NOTE

Open to amateur and professional golfers.

Male Amateur Handicap Limit – 18.4

Under 18 Girls Amateur Handicap Limit – 30.4

Entries close – Friday 18 October, 2019

Entry Fee – \$25.00

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ON THE OFFICIAL FORM AND DIRECTED TO THE
CLAREMONT GOLF CLUB, BOURNVILLE CRESCENT, CLAREMONT, 7011**

2018 Southern Open Champion – *Mark Schulze (Tasmania)*

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2019 Drummond Golf Southern Open Golf Championship - Championship Conditions

1. The Championship

- 1.1 The Southern Open Championship will be played over 36-holes on Sunday 27 October, 2019.
- 1.2 The event is open to male golfers, either amateur or professional. Amateur players must have a current GA handicap of 18.4 or less. Professional players must be members of the Professional Golfers' Association.
- 1.3 The event is open to female golfers with an official Golf Australia handicap of 30.4 or less who are under 18 years of age as at Sunday 27 October, 2019.

2. Rules

- 2.1 Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.
- 2.2 The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the tournament. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee not later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play.
- 2.3 The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event and to refuse any entry without explanation.

3. Competitors

The field will be limited to 84 players. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available, entries for higher handicap competitors will be decided by handicap ballot. Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance Fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out, who do not compete. All references to handicap to be taken as at time of entry.

4. Handicaps

- 4.1 All handicaps will be fixed by the Championship Committee of the SMGA. The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration in the handicap of any entrant before he starts in each event should it deem desirable.
- 4.2 Professional players will play off scratch.
- 4.3 It is the duty of each competitor to report any reduction in his handicap to the starter prior to hitting off.
- 4.4 The player's handicap at the commencement of the first round will remain for the entirety of the event.

5. Ties

- 5.1 In the event of a tie or ties for the Championships, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with other or others until the winner is determined.
- 5.2 Ties in handicap events will be decided by countback in accordance with the system approved by Golf Australia.

6. Entries

- 6.1 The entrance fee for amateurs and professionals in the 'Southern Open Golf Championship' is \$25.00 (Inc. GST).
- 6.2 Entrance fee must be paid at the time of entry.
- 6.3 Juniors, colts and seniors must stipulate their date of birth on the entry form.
- 6.4 Entries must be made on the attached form and must be accompanied by the entry fee. They must be in the hands of the Secretary Manager, Claremont Golf Club, Bournville Crescent, Claremont, 7011 no later than 5.00pm on Friday 18 October 2019. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant themselves to ensure that their entry is received prior to the closing time for entries.
- 6.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 6.6 Acceptable payments methods are only as follows – credit card (online only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note that Claremont Golf Club will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to Claremont Golf Club.

- 6.7 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 6.8 The decision of the Championship Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

7. Conforming Golf Balls, Driver Heads and Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls, Driver Heads and Time of Starting.

8. Trophies

- 8.1 The winner shall be the Southern Open Champion for 2019.
- 8.2 Players who are male and aged 17 years and under as at the day of the competition are eligible for the Boys' 36-hole Scratch Event.
- 8.3 Players who are female and aged 17 years and under as at the day of the competition are eligible for the Girls' 36-hole Scratch Event.
- 8.4 Players who are male and aged 18 years to 23 years inclusive as at the day of the competition are eligible for the Colts 36-hole Scratch Event.
- 8.5 Players who are male and aged 24 years to 54 years inclusive as at the day of the competition are eligible for the Mid-Amateur 36-hole Scratch Event.
- 8.6 Players who are male and aged 55 years and over at the day of the competition are eligible for the Senior 36-hole Scratch Event.

9. 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 of it 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 not be issued prior to penalties.

10. Membership Privileges

- 10.1 All competitors will be made honorary members, without fee courtesy of the Host Club, on the respective days of play.
- 10.2 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.

12. Drug Testing

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au

13. Failure to Report or Return Card

- 13.1 If a competitor fails to report for any round, fails to meet all his playing obligations and fails to submit a satisfactory reason to the Championship Committee, future entries may be refused for tournaments under the auspices of Southern Metropolitan Golf Association.
- 13.2 In the event of a player failing to hand in a card and satisfactorily explaining the omission to the Championship Committee, he will be disqualified from all events in the Championship.

14. Distance-Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, windspeed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

15. Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au

16. Database of Competitors' Details

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by the SMGA. This data may be utilised by the SMGA or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of SMGA events, or information about events conducted by SMGA-approved bodies. Upon receipt by the SMGA of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

17. No Smoking

All competitors and caddies are subject to State Government laws prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes, cigars or the like during the course of any round played in a competition

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

EVENT NO. 1

2019 SOUTHERN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

36-Holes Stroke Play.

EVENT NO. 2

BOYS 36-HOLE SCRATCH

Concurrent with event number 1. Open to all male amateur players who are aged 17 years and under as at the day of the competition. Entrants must state their date of birth on the entry form.

EVENT NO. 3

GIRLS 36-HOLE SCRATCH

Concurrent with event number 1. Open to all female amateur players who are aged 17 years and under as at the day of the competition. Entrants must state their date of birth on the entry form.

EVENT NO. 4

COLTS 36-HOLE SCRATCH

Concurrent with event number 1. Open to all male amateur players who are aged 18 years to 23 years inclusive as at the day of the competition. Entrants must state their date of birth on the entry form.

EVENT NO. 5

MID-AMATEUR 36-HOLE SCRATCH

Concurrent with event number 1. Open to all male amateur players who are 24 years to 54 years inclusive as at the day of the competition.

EVENT NO. 6

SENIOR 36-HOLE SCRATCH

Concurrent with event number 1. Open to all male amateur players who are 55 years of age and over, as at the day of the competition. Entrants must state their date of birth on the entry form.

EVENT NO. 7-11

BOYS, GIRLS, COLTS, MID-AMATEUR AND SENIOR 36-HOLE NETT

NOTE: Eligibility for events 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as per relevant 'scratch' events.

Boys, Girls, Colts, Mid-Amateur and Senior events must have a minimum of five (5) players in each.



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