

VIC OPEN

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1-4 FEB 2024

13TH BEACH
GOLF LINKS

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PRO-AM GUIDE



Welcome to the 2024 Vic Open

Held on the stunning Bellarine Peninsula at 13th Beach Golf Links, the Vic Open paved the way as one of the first events in the world with professional men and women playing on the same course, at the same time, for equal prize money.

The tournament will be simulcast on Fox Sports throughout the week, with 16 hours of play showcased across Australia and around the world.

Golf Australia is delighted to invite you to the tournament and related festivities throughout the week.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We can't wait to see you at 13th Beach Golf Links this February.



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WEDNESDAY 31st OF JANUARY 2024

VENUE

13th Beach Golf Links, 1732 Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads VIC 3227

TIME

7:45am start on both the Beach and Creek courses.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be inside the clubhouse from 6.30am with all competitors requested to register by 7:15am. Complimentary pastries, fruit and tea/coffee will be available upon registration.

PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

All players will receive lunch following play, with a short presentation taking place in conjunction.

MOTORISED CARTS & PULL BUGGIES

Motorised carts are permitted on receipt of a medical certificate or as otherwise approved. Cart keys can be collected at the 13th Beach Pro Shop.

The remainder of players will be required to utilise pull buggies. While some pull buggies will be available, given the large Pro-Am field size, players are encouraged wherever possible to bring their own pull buggy or carry bag. Players teeing off holes 6 to 17 of the Creek course are able to park in the car park adjacent to the 9th hole if desired.

PRO-AM COMPETITION & SCORECARD

The competition format will be Tour Scramble. For each hole, all players tee off then select the best tee shot. All 3 amateurs will then play their second shot from this position. If the selected tee shot is the professional's, the professional will play from this position. If not they will play from where their own tee shot finished. After the second shots, each player continues and completes the hole with their own ball.

The best 2 Stableford scores will count on each hole as the team score. The team with the highest number of points will be the winner.

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All professionals will play off scratch and amateurs will play off their respective GA Daily handicap. The professional in each group will be issued with the team score card at registration and will be responsible for scoring. If a player does not have a GA handicap, the maximum handicap allocated will be 18 for men and 30 for women.

HANDICAP STROKE HOLE INDEX

Men and women amateurs are to use the hole index and hole par information as stated on the official Pro-Am scorecard for each course.

TEE MARKERS (BOTH COURSES)

Beach Ball Tees – Men Professionals
Umbrella Tees – Women Professionals & Men Amateurs
Red Tees – Women Amateurs.

FINDING YOUR STARTING HOLE

A course map will be available at registration for players' reference. In addition, club volunteers are also available to assist players locate their respective starting hole. Please note: the tournament layout differs from the normal 13th Beach layout. Please ensure you are aware of your starting hole.

ON-COURSE DRINKS

Complimentary water courtesy of Schweppes and Beer courtesy of Barwon Heads Brewery will be available from drink carts during the round.

PRO-AM PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams on each course. Nearest the pin and longest drive prizes will also be awarded.

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SUSPENSION OF PLAY

In the event of heavy rain, lightning or for any other reason, the Championship Committee will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend play. The signal for suspending play will be one short siren blast. When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast.

SCORECARD RETURN

All team scorecards are to be returned inside the clubhouse near the pro-shop at the same location as registration.

NOVELTY EVENTS

Challenge Nearest the Pin and Hole-In-One Competition: The nearest the pin winner on hole 3 on the Beach Course or Hole 12 on the Creek Course. Should someone have a hole-in-one they will also win 12 bottles of wine. A monetary donation of \$20 will be required on the tee to be eligible to win the prize with all proceeds going directly to Challenge - supporting kids with cancer.

