



27th February – 2ND March
The Hills Golf Club and Millbrook Resort

PLAYER INFORMATION

DATE:	Thursday 27 th February to Sunday 2 nd March 2014
VENUE:	<u>The Hills Golf Club</u> 164 McDonnell Road, Arrowtown 9351, New Zealand Phone: +64 3 409 8411 <u>Millbrook Resort</u> Malaghans Road, Arrowtown, New Zealand Phone: +64 3 441 7010
FIELD SIZE:	136 Players
FIELD BREAKDOWN:	81 x PGATA professionals from the 2014 PGATA exemption categories 15 x Invited JGTO members 6 x Asian region invites 12 x Tournament invites 8 x Professionals from the 2013 NZ PGA order of merit (to a ceiling of 10 th position) 4 x Exempt amateurs 10 x Pre qualifying positions
TOURNAMENT FORMAT:	<p>The 2014 New Zealand Open will be conducted over four days on Thursday 27 February, Friday 28 February, Saturday 1 March and Sunday 2 March</p> <p>Within the NZ Open will be the NZ Open Pro Am</p> <p><u>New Zealand Open</u></p> <p>The NZ Open field will comprise of 136 players</p> <p>Scoring for the NZ Open will be stroke play Players to compete off <u>BLACK TEES</u></p> <p>The leading 60 professionals and ties plus any amateur in that score or better, will qualify for the final two rounds on Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>Rounds 1 and 2 will be played over The Hills Golf Club and The Millbrook Golf Club – The field will be split for the first two rounds with all players to play one round at each of the courses.</p> <p>Rounds 3 and 4 will be played at The Hills Golf Club</p>

New Zealand Open – Pro Am

The NZ Open Pro Am field will comprise of 132 NZ Open competitors plus 132 amateur players. One NZ Open competitor and one amateur will make up one team. In the event of 132 professionals making the final field, the 4 New Zealand elite amateurs will not compete in the Pro-Am Teams Event

New Zealand Open competitors will be allocated a position in the event based on the following system:

If local non exempt elite amateur's pre qualify, thus reducing the number of pre qualifying professionals to less than 10, the team positions will be filled by selected NZ Golf exempt elite amateurs until the 132 teams are filled.

Should a greater number than 4 local amateurs pre qualify for the Championship, they will join the teams event based on their pre qualifying ranking

In the event if the Team Amateur numbers failing to reach the required 132 figure, the Tournament Committee reserve the right to reduce the number of teams in the Team Competition, utilising the above allocation structure to fill the required number of partners required.

Scoring for the NZ Open Pro Am will be best team NET score (professionals will play off scratch and the amateur will play off 75% of their course handicap)

Amateurs to compete off **WHITE TEES**

Leading 35 teams plus ties after 36 holes will qualify to play round 3 at The Hills Golf Club

Leading 10 teams plus ties after 54 holes will qualify to play the final round (round 4) at The Hills Golf Club

**All amateur players who miss the Pro-Am 36 hole cut will play a separate one day Pro Am at Jack's Point Golf Course on Saturday March 1*

If a professional misses the NZ Open cut, but is still in the Pro Am team's event for round 3, he continues playing in the **Pro Am event only**. If in the case these professionals do not make the round 3 Pro-Am cut, they will receive NZD \$500 reimbursement

All professionals that make round 4 of the Pro Am team's event will receive a share of the NZ\$50,000 Pro Am prize money

Pro Am at Jack's Point Golf Course (Saturday March 1)

All amateur players who miss the Pro-Am tournament cut will play a separate one day Pro Am at Jack's Point Golf Course on Saturday March 1

10.15AM SHOTGUN START

25 professionals who miss the NZ Open cut will be required to play

**Each one of these professionals will be reimbursed NZD \$500 for the day*

DEFENDING CHAMPION:

Jake Higginbottom (2012)

PRIZE MONEY:

New Zealand Open - NZD \$850,000

New Zealand Open Pro Am - NZD \$50,000

CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

Local rules sheets can be collected from the starter prior to the start of each round. This should be your only point of reference for local rules and should be read in conjunction with the 2014 Tour Hard Card. Please ensure you make yourself familiar with these

- FINAL PRE QUALIFYING:** A minimum of 10 pre qualifying positions will be available for the NZ Open Championship
- Final pre qualifying will take place over two course and those 10 positions will be split on a pro rate basis
- Monday 24th February Omaha Beach Golf Club (North Island)
Tuesday 25th February Cromwell Golf Club (South Island)
- PLAYOFF HOLES:** In the event of players tied for 1st position after the final round of the NZ Open Championship, a sudden death playoff will take place on the 18th hole (continuously) or as determined by the PGA Director of Tournaments
- TOURNAMENT OFFICE:** The PGA tournament office will be located in the gymnasium in the Hills Clubhouse. The tournament office will be manned from 9am Monday 24th February to 5pm and from 7.30am Tuesday 25th February until the end of the tournament
- PLAYER REGISTRATION:** Registration will be at the PGA tournament office. Registration will be open from 9am Monday 24th February to 5pm and Tuesday 7.30am until 5pm. Players who fail to register with the PGA tournament office may be removed from the tournament and replaced with the first available alternate
- PRACTICE FACILITIES:**
- The Hills diving range will be open from:
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| Monday | 8am – 6pm | Friday | 6.30am – 7pm |
| Tuesday | 6.30am – 7pm | Saturday | one hour before the first tee time |
| Wednesday | 6.30am – 7pm | Sunday | one hour before the first tee time |
| Thursday | 6.30am – 7pm | | |
- Millbrook Resort driving range will be open from:
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| Monday | 8am – 2pm | Friday | 6.30am – 2pm |
| Tuesday | 6.30am – 2pm | | |
| Wednesday | 6.30am – 2pm | | |
| Thursday | 6.30am – 2pm | | |
- LOCKER ROOM:** A limited number of lockers are available for player use at each venue. Players are to see the clubs receptions and pay a deposit for these lockers
- OMAHA PRO-AM:** The Mondiale Omaha Beach Golf Club Pro-Am with NZD \$25,000 in prize money will be held over Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February. This event is open to entries from all members of the PGA of Australia. Entry is NZD \$75 and a small amount of billeting is available. Further enquiries should be directed to:
- Jim Clelland*
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Ph: +64 274 432 589
- CADDIES:** Please contact Caddie Master Andrew Whiley caddymaster@nzopen.co.nz for all caddie enquiries
- TWITTER:** #NZOpen
- ATTIRE:** Players are to follow the dress regulations as stated in the Membership Regulations Handbook **Shorts are NOT permitted**
- OFFICIAL HOTEL:** Queenstown Hilton
- SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE:** To be provided as a standalone document

OTHER HOTELS:

Millennium Hotel Queenstown NZD \$185inc GST per night
Cophorne Hotel Lakefront NZD \$175inc GST per night

Please note that there are only a limited number of rooms left at both of these hotels. Please contact Mat Shaw mat.shaw@millenniumhotels.co.nz for further enquiries and to make a booking

FUNCTIONS:

A welcome function will be held at The Hills on Wednesday 26th February in the evening. Time of the event will be announced closer to the date

All players are encouraged to attend

PLAYERS LOUNGE:

A player's lounge will be located near the short game facility at The Hills

PARKING:

TBA

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Monday 24 February

Player Registration 9am to 5pm
Pre-Qualifying at Omaha Beach Golf Club (North Island)
Practice available all day at The Hills and Millbrook Resort

Tuesday 25 February

Player Registration 7.30am to 5pm
Pre-Qualifying at Cromwell Golf Club (South Island)
Practice available all day at The Hills and Millbrook Resort
Round 1 draw to be release by approximately 5pm

Wednesday 26 February

Practice available all day at The Hills and Millbrook Resort (1st tee on both course close at 4pm for course preparation)
Welcome function at The Hills (evening) ***MEMBERS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND***

Thursday 27 February

Round 1 to be played over The Hills and Millbrook off two tees (1st and 10th)
AM session starting at approximately 7.30am
PM session starting at approximately 12.20pm
Pro-Am teams event to be played concurrently

Friday 28 February

Round 2 to be played over The Hills and Millbrook off two tees (1st and 10th)
AM session starting at approximately 7.30am
PM session starting at approximately 12.20pm
Tee time will be flipped to round 1
Leading 60 professionals plus ties and any amateur on this score or better will qualify to play round 3 and 4
Leading 35 teams plus ties progress to round 3 in the pro am team tournament
Saturday draw to be posted at the end of play

Saturday 1 March

Round 3
1st tee start in 4 ball groups beginning at approximately 7.30am
Championship players and pro-am team members to make up the groups
Pr-Am at Jack's Point **10.15 AM Shotgun Start**

Sunday 2 March

1st tee start in 3 and 4 ball groups beginning at approximately 7.30am
Championship players and pro-am team members to make up the groups
Presentations to take place at the conclusion of play

MEMBER BENEFITS:



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