



## 2015 AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

### PLAYER INFORMATION

#### TOURNAMENT

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| <b>Host Venue</b>        | RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Australia  |
| <b>Dates</b>             | 3 – 6 December 2015   |
| <b>Promoter</b>          | PGA of Australia  |
| <b>Sanctioning Tours</b> | PGA Tour of Australasia and European Tour   |
| <b>Website</b>           | <a href="http://www.pga.org.au">www.pga.org.au</a> <a href="http://championship.pga.org.au">championship.pga.org.au</a> |
| <b>Prize Fund</b>        | AUD \$1,750,000   |
| <b>Entries Close</b>     | Thursday 12 November 2015 (European Tour and Sunshine Tour Members to enter through their respective Tours)             |
| <b>Field Size</b>        | 156 Competitors   |
| <b>Field Breakdown</b>   | Please refer to last page   |

#### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) stroke play. 156 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 60 professionals plus ties for 60th place, plus any amateurs on the same score after the second round, shall qualify to play rounds 3 and 4. In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' play-off will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup>. If still tied after 3 holes then the play-off will continue over holes 1, 18, 1, 18 etc until a result is achieved.

#### REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the PGA/ET Tournament Office. Registration will be open from Monday 30 November, 8.00AM to 5.00PM, Tuesday 1 December, 7.30AM to 5.00PM and Wednesday 2 December, 6.00AM to 6.00PM. Players who fail to register with the PGA Tournament Office may be removed from the tournament and replaced with the first available alternate.

Sunshine Tour entrants must pay the applicable entry fees for the Championship to the European Tour Tournament Secretary during registration.

#### TOURNAMENT OFFICE

The PGA Tour of Australasia and European Tour Office will be located on the ground floor of the convention lobby in the resort building.

#### PRE QUALIFYING

Pre-qualifying will take place in Monday 30 November at Wynnum and Surfers Paradise Golf Course. A minimum of six (6) positions will be available across the two venues.

#### PRACTICE RANGE OPEN TIMES

The driving range and short game practice facilities are located on the west side of the resort, through the tunnel underneath Ross Street. The practice area is open at the following times:

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday    | 6.00AM to 6.00PM        |
| Tuesday   | 5.30AM to 6.00PM        |
| Wednesday | 5.30AM to 6.30PM        |
| Thursday  | 5.00AM to 7.00PM        |
| Friday    | 5.00AM to 7.00PM        |
| Saturday  | 6.00AM to 7.00PM        |
| Sunday    | 6.00AM to last tee time |

## COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds are available on Monday and Tuesday only. There will be no times sheets available.

|           | <u>1<sup>st</sup> tee</u>           | <u>10<sup>th</sup> tee</u> |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday    | All day                             | All day                    |
| Tuesday   | All day                             | All day                    |
| Wednesday | Course closed all day due to Pro-Am |                            |

## PRO-AM

The tournament pro-am will take place on Wednesday 2 December with a morning and afternoon field (7.00AM and 1.00PM). Lunch and Dinner presentations will immediately follow each field, located in the Kirkwood Club Corporate Suite adjacent the 18<sup>th</sup> green. There will be "kid caddies" during the Pro Am. If you are interested in having your child participant please contact PGA.

The pro-am field will be split in a pro-rata method between the PGA Tour of Australasia and the European Tour/Sunshine Tour. There will be no prize money for the pro-am.

## PLAYER SERVICES

### Medical

The medical services team will be located in the coaching suite adjacent to the practice range. The team will consist of *Dr Jeff Steinweg (Doctor, onsite Monday and Tuesday)*, *Kym Davis (Chiro)*, *Ben Corso (Physio)*, *Tim Cooper (Masseur)*. The medical team will be available during the following hours.

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 9.00AM to 6.00PM        |
| Wednesday | 8.30AM to 6.00PM        |
| Thursday  | 5.30AM to 6.00PM        |
| Friday    | 5.30AM to 6.00PM        |
| Saturday  | 6.00AM to 6.00PM        |
| Sunday    | 6.00AM to last tee time |

The above times are a guide only. To arrange an appointment outside these times please contact the player medical services team.

### First Aid

St John's Ambulance will be located beside the Transport Office opposite 'The Tee's' clubhouse. Operating hours will be:

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 8.00AM to 5.00PM        |
| Wednesday |                         |
| Thursday  | 7.00AM to 6.30PM        |
| Friday    | 7.00AM to 6.30PM        |
| Saturday  | 7.00AM to 5.30PM        |
| Sunday    | 7.00AM to last tee time |

### Local Doctor

Emerald Lakes Medical Clinic  
10/3027 The Boulevard  
Emerald Lakes Town Centre  
Carrara, QLD, 4211  
Ph: 07 5594 5551  
Onsite Chemist & After Hours Services

Players to mention they are competing at the tournament when making a booking

### Locker Room

Player locker rooms are located in the convention lobby on the ground floor of the resort building next to the player lounge and will accommodate a locker for each player

- Gym access** All competitors will have access to the RACV Royal Pines Resort One Lifestyle Gym from Monday 30/11 – 7/12. The onsite Gym is equipped with the latest cardiovascular equipment, resistance training machines and free weights  
The One Lifestyle Gym is located on Level 3 behind the main reception and open 6am-9pm, 7 days.
- Bag Storage** There will be no set baggage store area. While the player locker room may be utilised for overnight bag storage, it is recommended that players take their bag with them overnight.
- Courtesy Transport** The Transport Manager is Wilma McDonald and will be located in the transport office located adjacent the players' lounge and locker room – convention lobby ground floor. The hours of operation of the courtesy cars will be:
- Monday to Sunday 5.00am to 7.00pm**  
Courtesy Car transport will operate between:  
- RACV Royal Pines and Gold Coast Airport
- Courtesy Car transport will not be provided for domestic flights into Brisbane Airport but can be arranged for international arrivals. Where significant group sizes arrive on international flights, a coach service will be arranged for transport to RACV Royal Pines or tournament hotels
- Please contact 0415 154 709, 07 3733 1066 or email [wilmamc100@gmail.com](mailto:wilmamc100@gmail.com)
- Child Care** Childcare will be available at the RACV's onsite crèche. This will be free of charge to competitors Tuesday to Sunday, 7.30am to 5.30pm. Please see the PGA Tournament Office for registration forms. The PGA of Australia has also introduced a partnership with Dreamworld Australia (themepark). Discount ticket offers are available from the PGA Tournament office.
- Players Lounge** The players' lounge will be located in the convention Lobby on the upper floor of the resort building. Two computer terminals with internet will be provided. The lounge will be open from the following hours:
- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Monday    | 7.00am to 6.00pm |
| Tuesday   | 5.00am to 6.00pm |
| Wednesday | 5.00am to 6.00pm |
| Thursday  | 5.00am to 6.00pm |
| Friday    | 5.00am to 6.00pm |
| Saturday  | 6.00am to 6.00pm |
| Sunday    | 6.00am to 6.00pm |
- Ticketing** Players are to use their Tour Accreditation (money clip)  
Player partner and manager cards will also be available at registration  
Players will receive 1 caddie pass, 6 one day passes and 2 season passes  
Will call will be located at the main gate or through the PGA Tour or PGA operations office
- Parking** Players are to use the 'P' car park. Caddies are to use carpark 'A' located off Ross Street. Players and caddies are required to register at the Tour office to receive a carparking pass
- Caddies** Please contact Lee McCullagh ([lmccullagh@pga.org.au](mailto:lmccullagh@pga.org.au)) at the PGA Tournament Office if you require a caddie

## PLAYER ACCOMMODATION

Please see end of document

## OFFICIAL GALA DINNER

The inaugural Greg Norman Medal dinner will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm. There will be a pre-awards night cocktail function and green carpet media event. Invited players will be asked to attend by the PGA of Australia. If you would like to attend please contact Lee McCullagh ([lmccullagh@pga.org.au](mailto:lmccullagh@pga.org.au)) at the PGA Tournament Office.

## KIDS DAY

A Kids Day for the Australian PGA Championship will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Players will be asked to participate in short autograph sessions with children during the day. We appreciate your support of this day.

## LADIES HIGH TEA

A ladies High Tea function will be held 1pm – 3pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the Kirkwood Club overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. If your partner / wife is interested in attending please contact Lee McCullagh ([lmccullagh@pga.org.au](mailto:lmccullagh@pga.org.au)) at the PGA Tournament Office.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

|                         |                     |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| PGA Registration Office | Tel: (07) 3733 1064 |                     |
| European Tour Office    | Tel: (07) 3733 1065 |                     |
| PGA Tour Office         | Tel: (07) 3733 1063 |                     |
| Tournament Office       | Tel: (07) 3733 1060 |                     |
| Media Centre            | Tel: (07) 3733 1062 |                     |
| Host Venue (Admin)      | Tel: (07) 5597 8700 | Fax: (07) 5597 8799 |
| Host Venue (Pro Shop)   | Tel: 1800 886 880   | Fax: (07) 5597 8733 |

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday 30 November</b>   | Official practice day  |
| <b>Tuesday 1 December</b>   | Official practice day<br>Round 1 draw released<br>Kids Day 10am – 5pm<br>Greg Norman Medal presentation dinner |
| <b>Wednesday 2 December</b> | Championship Pro-Am (7.00am and 1.00pm shotgun start)  |
| <b>Thursday 3 December</b>  | Round 1 (Starting at approximately 6.00am)   |
| <b>Friday 4 December</b>    | Round 2 (Starting at approximately 6.00am)<br>Cut<br>Round 3 draw to be released at the end of play            |
| <b>Saturday 5 December</b>  | Round 3 (Last tee time approximately 12.00pm)<br>Final round draw release at the end of play                   |
| <b>Sunday 6 December</b>    | Final Round (Last tee time approximately 12.00pm)<br>Presentations   |

## FIELD BREAKDOWN

### AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

(Field Size 156 players; CUT to 60 pros + ties)

- (1) The leading 71 available players from the 2015 PGA Tour of Australasia Exemption Categories
- (2) The leading 30 available players from the 2016 European Tour Exemption Categories
- (3) The leading 30 available players from the 2015 Sunshine Tour Exemption Categories
- (4) 4 players nominated by the Chinese Golf Association
- (5) 4 players nominated by the Korean Golf Tour
- (6) 8 Tournament Invitations
- (7) The winner of the 2014 PGA of Australia Futures Championship
- (8) The leading two (2) players from the 2015 Australian PGA Professionals Championship (Capped to 5<sup>th</sup> place)
- (9) The leading 6 players from the Qualifying tournament(s)

## Hotel Information

### Official Tournament Hotel

#### RACV Royal Pines Resort

Ross St, Benowa QLD 4217

Telephone: +61 7 5597 8700

Contact: Teresa Richards

Website: <http://www.racv.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/resorts/racv+resorts/racv+royal+pines+resort>

### Room rate chart

| Room Type                    | Member Rate | Non Member Rate |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Mountain View                | \$179.00    | \$239.00        |
| Superior Room                | \$205.00    | \$273.00        |
| Mountain View Spa Suite      | \$265.00    | \$353.00        |
| Superior Spa Suite           | \$290.00    | \$387.00        |
| Executive King or Twin       | \$290.00    | \$387.00        |
| Executive Mountain Spa Suite | \$350.00    | \$467.00        |
| Executive Spa                | \$370.00    | \$493.00        |

Rates do not include breakfast

### Package offers

#### 1. Twin Share Package

\$155.00 per person, based on twin share

Includes:

- Twin Room Accommodation
- Breakfast in Kalinda Restaurant daily
- \$40 food voucher per night to be used in a restaurant of your choice (excludes Videre)
- Access to the Gym, cardio and weights
- Access to the pool
- Drink voucher each night in Hydrate Bar
- Internet Access
- Complimentary valet parking
- 30 Minute lular shower to relax muscles with every 60 min treatment purchased

#### 2. PGA Family Package

\$399.00 per night, includes 2 adults, 2 children under 12yrs. (limited availability)

Includes:

- Twin interconnecting with a king room
- Breakfast in Kalinda Restaurant daily for 2 adults and 2 children under 12 yrs
- Access to the Gym
- Access to the Pool
- 2 drink vouchers per night to be used in Hydrate bar
- Internet access
- Complimentary valet parking
- Dinner in Trattoria Amici (2 course set menu). Includes 1 garlic pizza, 2 x 12' pizza from Hawaiian, all meat, lamb kebab, margherita, smoked chicken, 1 family garden salad.
- 30 Minute lular shower to relax muscles with every 60 min treatment purchased



## Additional Hotel Information

### Royal Woods Resort

Add: 16 Mulyan Place  
 Ashmore, Gold Coast QLD 4214  
 Tel: +61 (7) 5597 0650  
 Fax: +61 (7) 5564 9833  
 Contact: Leonie  
 Website: <http://www.royalwoods.com.au/>  
 Email: [reservations@royalwoods.com.au](mailto:reservations@royalwoods.com.au)

Distance to RACV Royal Pines Resort: 0.5 miles, within walking distance to RACV Royal Pines Resort.

Bookings from 1 December – 7 December 2015 for a minimum 2 night stay are as follows:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 bedroom suite | \$159 per night |
| 2 bedroom suite | \$269 per night |
| 3 bedroom villa | \$299 per night |

This package includes a complimentary continental breakfast hamper on arrival and bookings need to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

Terms are 50% deposit upon booking and balance is to be paid 2 weeks prior to arrival. Bookings can be made over the phone or email at [reservations@royalwoods.com.au](mailto:reservations@royalwoods.com.au)

### Quality Hotel – Mermaid Waters

Address: Cnr Markeri & Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters QLD 4218  
 Tel: +61 7 5572 2500  
 Contact: Kathy McCall  
 Accommodation Manager  
 Rate: \$120 per night twin share  
 \$30 extra for breakfast

### Watermark Hotel and Spa Gold Coast

Dates of Stay: Monday 30 November to Monday 7 December  
 Rates: Sunday to Thursday; rate of \$140.00 room only  
 Friday to Saturday; rate of \$150.00 room only  
 4.00pm cancellation to assist those players who don't make the cut  
 Two night minimum stay  
 Booking Reference: PG15

