



2016 OATES MEN'S VICTORIAN OPEN – PLAYER INFORMATION

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1. 2016 OATES MEN'S VICTORIAN OPEN – TOURNAMENT WEEK

The 2016 Men's Victorian Open is a sanctioned Australasian PGA Tour Event and will be played over 72 holes stroke play, 18 holes on each of Thursday 4, Friday 5, Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 February, 2016 at the 13th Beach Golf Links.

The opening two rounds will be played over both the Beach & Creek Courses – one round on each. The final two rounds will be played on the Beach Course.

Host Venue Details:

13th Beach Golf Links
Barwon Heads Road, Barwon Heads, Victoria, Australia
(Melway Map Ref 496 D1);
Website: www.13thbeach.net
Phone: (03) 5254 2922
General Manager: Anthony Masters;
Golf Operations Manager: Billy Flinn
Email: bflinn@13thbeach.net

Please note that the 2016 Women's Victorian Open will again be played in conjunction with the Men's Championship at 13th Beach over 72 holes.

The opening two rounds of the Women's Open will also be played over both the Beach & Creek Courses in alternating groups with the men's field. The final two rounds will be played with the Men's Open on the Beach Course.

Significant support to stage the event has been received from Naming Rights Sponsor, Oates (see note 24 below); the Victorian State Government and the City of Greater Geelong. Prize money in 2016 has increased to \$300,000 which will be distributed according to the PGA Tour regulations.

2. REGISTRATION

All competitors must register at the PGA Office at 13th Beach Golf Links between the hours of 10.00am and 5.00pm on Monday 1 February 2016 or 9.00am - 5.00pm on Tuesday 2 February 2016. The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

3. PGA & GOLF VICTORIA TOURNAMENT OFFICES

The PGA Tournament Office and the Golf Victoria Tournament Office are located in portable buildings adjacent to the practice putting green. **Note:** Any phone calls are to be directed to mobiles:

Golf Victoria:

Chief Executive Officer – Simon Brookhouse – 0417 106 269
Chief Operating Officer – David Greenhill – 0417 338 567

4. COURSE PRACTICE TIMES

Practice times will be available on the Beach & Creek courses as follows:

Monday 1 February – all day – both courses;

Tuesday 2 February – following Pro-Am from 1.00pm – both courses;

Wednesday 3 February – following Pro-Am from 1.00pm from the 1st tee only. Note: Last hit-off by 3pm.

Given the larger number of players looking to practice on the course for this year's event, Course Practice Tee times MUST be co-ordinated with the 13th Beach Golf Service Centre on 03 5254 2922.

5. DRIVING RANGE

The Clubhouse Driving Range will be in operation at 13th Beach as follows: -

Clubhouse Range

Practice Fairway Length: Approx 220 metres (irons only – see Note 1 below)

The Clubhouse Range will be open from:

Monday	08:00 – 18:00	Friday	06:30 – 19:00
Tuesday	07:00 – 18:00	Saturday	one hour before the first start time – 18:00
Wednesday	07:00 – 18:00	Sunday	one hour before the first start time – Final Tee-off
Thursday	06:30 – 19:00		

Note 1: Given the limited size of Clubhouse practice fairway, players are limited to using **irons only** on the practice fairway. A small short-game practice area are also available adjacent to the practice fairway.

Note 2: No practice chipping or pitching is permitted to the practice putting green in the front of the clubhouse.

6. 2016 VIC OPEN PRO-AMS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Two Championship Pro-Ams will be played at Thirteenth Beach Golf Links on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 February in the morning only on each day. Approximately 28 male professionals will be required for the Pro-Ams on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Each professional will be accompanied by three amateur players.

The Pro-Ams will commence via a shotgun start at **7.45am**. All players (**including professionals**) are required to register at least 30 mins prior to the start time at the registration tables adjacent to the clubhouse bar entry doors.

The competition played will be a Team Aggregate Stableford format (the best two stableford scores). Professional's scores can be used as part of the team scores. Nearest the pin and long drive prizes will be confirmed at registration.

All professionals competing in the Pro-Am are requested to attend the presentation Luncheon which will be held immediately following the completion of play from approximately **12.45pm**.

7. CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW & CUTS

The draws for Rounds 1 and 2 will be available on the PGA website link to the event by 5.00pm on Tuesday 2 February and will be posted on the notice board located at the tournament office.

132 competitors will be competing during the Rounds 1 and 2 with the competition conducted using two tee starts on both the Creek & Beach courses for Rounds 1 and 2 with a mirror draw for Round 2. The lowest 50 professional scores after 36 holes and any tying for 50th place plus amateurs, shall qualify for the final round, the remainder shall be eliminated.

Draws for Round 3 will be seeded and alternated with the equivalent draw for the 2016 Women's Victorian Open. The draw for round 3 will be available at 7.30pm (estimated time) on Friday 5 February.

Note: Secondary Tournament Cut

The 2016 event will see the introduction of a second cut. The tournament will still maintain its regular 36 hole cut for the **leading 50 professionals plus ties plus amateurs**, with these players all progressing to the third round.

However, after the third round, a second cut will be implemented to the **leading 35 players plus ties** (professionals and amateurs). The same cuts will be applied to the ALPG side of the competition meaning 70-80 players will contest on Sunday and therefore allowing for a single 'wave' of tee times.

Those professionals that make the second round cut but miss the third round cut will be paid official money according to their finishing position at the completion of the third round.

Draws for Round 4 will be seeded and alternated with the equivalent draw for the 2016 Women's Victorian Open. The draw for round 4 will be available at 6.30pm (estimated time) on Saturday 6 February.

8. GOLF FOOTWEAR

Players are requested to note that 13th Beach Golf Links prefers players to not wear metal or traditionally designed golf spikes on the course.

9. TICKETS

Each player will be allocated with a Vic Open badge for entry to the Course/Clubhouse and one Clubhouse Car Park pass for your own use. Additional Course/Clubhouse tickets for your caddie/family will also be provided.

10. PLAYER'S CAR PARKING

Car Parking at 13th Beach will be available in Clubhouse Car Park designated by the car park pass provided. Entry is via Tomara Drive upon entering the club gates.

Note: No additional car park tickets will be allocated to a player's family.

11. CADDIE CAR PARKING

Any player's caddie that requires a car pass is requested to see PGA officials at the PGA Tournament office. Caddies will be allocated a Car Park A pass with entry only from Plantation Drive. Please note that caddies **will not** be able to access clubhouse car parking.

12. DRESS

13th Beach Golf Links has relaxed its dress regulations for the duration of the Championship and neat casual dress, will be allowed in the Clubhouse. **Soft spikes may be worn in the Clubhouse.**

13. CADDIE UNIFORMS

Caddy jackets must be worn by your caddie and will be issued at the 1st and 10th tees. Caddy jackets will be collected at the 9th and 18th greens at the conclusion of each player's round. To avoid unnecessary spiking and wearing of the greens, caddies are **NOT** permitted to wear spiked or ripple soled shoes.

14. RULES REFEREES

Individual Referees will accompany each group of players during all Championship rounds. Players are required to raise all rules queries directly with the accompanying Referee. Roving PGA and Golf Victoria personnel will only be called in when necessary.

15. SLOW PLAY

Slow Play procedures will be in accordance with PGA Tour Guidelines. Copies of this procedure will be available from the PGA Tournament Office.

16. SCORECARD RETURN

During the Championship, all completed Scorecards are to be returned to the PGA/Scorers hut located adjacent to the main Practice Putting Green.

17. PLAY OFF

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, play shall continue over the 18th hole repeatedly, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others until the winner is determined.

18. PRESENTATION

The presentation will take place on the 18th green (Beach Course) immediately following the completion of play.

19. LOCKERS

Lockers are available upon request for player's use. **Please Note:** Players who desire a locker are requested to contact the Club Reception for allocation.

20. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

First Aid Services via St John First Aid will be on site throughout the tournament days and located in a marquee adjacent to the practice putting green. It is suggested that players wanting medical consultations can use the nearby Barwon Heads Medical Clinic at 76 Hitchcock Avenue, Barwon Heads. The centre is open between 8.30am and 5.30pm – Monday to Friday. The phone number is (03) 5254 2727.

Alternatively an additional option is the Ocean Grove Road Medical Centre at 75 The Parade, Ocean Grove. The phone number is (03) 5255 1022.

21. PULL BUGGIES

While 13th Beach has approximately 100 pull buggies, players are encouraged to bring their own pull buggy as required, particularly for the Pro-Ams on Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 February.

22. GOLF VICTORIA

In November 2010 the respective memberships of The Victorian Golf Association (VGA) and Women's Golf Victoria (WGV) agreed to amalgamate and form **Golf Victoria**. Accordingly Golf Victoria is the unified body for men's and women's amateur golf in Victoria.

Hence it would be appreciated if all players could refer to the new organisation of **Golf Victoria** and not the former entities of the VGA or WGV.

23. OATES CLEANING PRODUCTS – NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR

Oates Cleaning Products (Australian professional cleaning and household products) are the naming rights sponsorship of the Victorian Open. The agreement will see the tournament be referred to as the "Oates Vic Open" until at least 2018.

24. ON COURSE DRINKS

Mount Franklin Water and Powerade will be provided to players, caddies and volunteers during all Championship rounds of the 2016 Oates Vic Open courtesy of appreciated event support from Coca-Cola Amatil.

However given the volume of drinks required to service an event of this size, it is requested that the supply of Mount Franklin Water and Powerade **only be utilised by players, caddies and volunteers**. Drinks are not to be provided to family, friends and spectators following the play of any one group.

25. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following accommodation options are available for the 2016 Victorian Open: -

Billet Accommodation

Billet accommodation is also available in the Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads area for the week of February 1 - 7. Any player requiring Billet accommodation is requested to contact:

- Maree MILLS: mareemills11@gmail.com 03 5254 1272 or 0403 842 156
- Faye WHEATLEY: fayewheatley@rocketmail.com 0418 102 178

Holiday Rental Houses and Units/Apartments

- Ocean Grove Stays
Contact: Chris Smith
Mobile: 0403 515 605
Email: enquiries@oceangrovestays.com.au

www.oceangrovestays.com.au

- Getaway Rentals Barwon Heads
Contact: Marisa Colman
Mobile: 0418 108 627
Email: info@getawaybarwonheads.com.au
www.getawaybarwonheads.com.au

Hotel/Motels

- Golden Palms Motel (Aligned with Event Sponsor – Grovedale Hotel)
234 Torquay Road, Grovedale
Phone: (03) 5243 1077
Email: goldenpalms@bigpond.com
www.goldenpalmsmotel.com.au
- Peppers The Sands Resort
2 Sands Boulevard, Torquay
Phone: (03) 5264 3333
Email: sands@peppers.com.au
www.peppers.com.au/sands
- Riverside Ocean Grove (Suites and Holiday Units)
64-78 Wallington Road, Ocean Grove,
Phone: (03) 5256 2555
Email: <http://www.riversideoceangrove.com.au/contact.php>
www.riversideoceangrove.com.au
- Barwon Heads Golf Club
Golf Links Road, Barwon Heads
Contact: Adam Palmer
Phone: (03) 5255 6255
Email: apalmer@bhgc.com.au
www.bhgc.com.au

Thank you for your assistance.

On behalf of Golf Victoria, 13th Beach and the PGA, we wish all players good golfing at the 2016 Oates Victorian Open.