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2017 NSW OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT

Host Venue	Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club
Dates	16 th – 19 th November 2017
Website	www.pga.org.au
Prize Fund	AU\$400,000
Entries Close	Thursday 26 th October 2017 at 5:00PM AEDT
Field Size	156 players
Field Breakdown	84 PGATA Professionals; 20 International Tour Professionals; 18 International Amateurs; 9 Elite Amateurs; 7 Regional Amateur Qualifiers; 10 Pre-Qualifying; 8 Tournament Invitations

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 18th until there is a result or as otherwise determined by the tournament committee.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the PGA Tournament Office. Registration will be open from Monday 13th November, 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Tuesday 14th November, 7:00AM until 5:00PM. Players who fail to register by the deadline with the PGA tournament office may be removed from the tournament and replaced with the first available alternate.

TOURNAMENT OFFICE

The PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Office will be located in the Meeting Room adjacent to the sponsors function area and across the hall from the Player's Lounge.

PRE QUALIFYING

Pre-Qualifying will take place on Monday 13th November at Liverpool GC, Long Reef GC, Glenmore Heritage Valley GC and Federal GC (ACT). There will be a minimum of 10 positions available. The number of positions available at each venue will be determined on a pro-rata basis.

PRACTICE FACILITIES AND TIMES

Players will use the Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club driving range (adjacent to the 10th tee) and short game facilities.

Monday	7:30AM to 6:00PM
Tuesday	6:30AM to 6:00PM (Pro-Am players have priority 1 hour before shotgun start)
Wednesday	6:30AM to 6:00PM (Championship Pro-Am players have priority 1 hour before shotgun start)
Thursday	5:45AM to 7:30PM
Friday	5:45AM to 7:30PM
Saturday	8:00AM to 5:00PM
Sunday	8:00AM to last tee time

COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds are available on Monday and Tuesday. Some limited tee times may also be available on Wednesday afternoon from specified holes concurrent to the Junior Pro-Am. There will be no timesheets.

Monday	1st and 10th tee from 7:00AM and 1st tee only from 9.00AM onwards All players must be off the course by 10.45am. Practice also available after the completion of the Twin Creeks Corporate Pro-Am
Tuesday	Course practice available from 1:00PM after the conclusion of the Pro-Am
Wednesday	Course closed for Pro-Ams with some positions available concurrent to Junior Pro-Am

PRO-AM

There will be two Championship Pro-Ams; one on Tuesday 14th November and the other on Wednesday 15th November. These Pro-Ams will be a shotgun start at 8:00AM and 7:30AM respectively.

An 18 hole Junior Pro-Am will be conducted on Wednesday 15th November commencing at 1.00PM.

PLAYER SERVICES

Medical

The medical services team will be located adjacent to the Player's Lounge. The team will consist of **Dr Jeff Steinweg** (Doctor, onsite Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only), **Kym Davis** (Chiropractor), **Matt Green** (Physiotherapist), **Amanda Rickard** (Masseur).

The Player Medical Services Team work on a booking system and attempt to honour all reasonable requests outside of the following general operating hours:

Tuesday	9:00AM to 6.00PM
Wednesday	6:00AM to 6.00PM
Thursday	5:45AM to 6.00PM
Friday	5.45AM to 6.00PM
Saturday	6.00AM to 6.00PM
Sunday	6.00AM until last tee time

Parking

Participating players will park in the club car park or adjacent grassed area using their PGA Tour accreditation for access

Caddies

All players must have a caddy for the NSW Open. Caddy master will be **TBC**. In the mean time please contact James Nicholls should you require a caddie jnicholls@pga.org.au
Caddies will be able to park in main clubhouse car park or adjacent grassed area.
Caddies will be permitted to use pull carts on Thursday and Friday only.

First Aid

Event paramedic location **TBC**. Surf Life Saving Australia will be providing first aid service on all 4 tournament days.

Locker Room

Participating players will use the Men's Locker Room in the clubhouse. There will be lockers available and the club will provide name tags for each locker.

Bag Storage

Bag storage will be available. Players should contact the pro shop.

Club Repairs

Basic club repair services will be available in the Pro Shop during each day of the tournament week. Please note that all costs will be charged to the player

Tickets

Players are to use PGA Tour accreditation. In addition to this, players will also receive 1 x caddie pass, 2 x general admission season passes and 6 x general admission any one day passes

Child Care

There is no child care available for this tournament

PLAYERS LOUNGE

The players' lounge will be located in the function room in the south east corner of the clubhouse with access shared with the VIP Dining area. The lounge will be open from the following hours.

Monday: 11:00AM to 3:00PM
 Tuesday: Breakfast 5:45AM – 10:30AM then 10:30AM to 6:00PM
 Wednesday: Breakfast 5:45AM – 10:30AM then 10:30AM to 6:00PM
 Thursday: Breakfast 1 ½ hrs before first tee time to 10:30AM then 10:30AM to 6:00PM
 Friday: Breakfast 1 ½ hrs before first tee time to 10:30AM then 10:30AM to 6:00PM
 Saturday: Breakfast 1 ½ hrs before first tee time to 10:30AM then 10:30AM to 6:00PM
 Sunday: Breakfast 1 ½ hrs before first tee time to 10:30AM then 10:30AM to 4:00PM
 Entry to the Players Lounge will be with PGA Tour accreditation only and food will only be provided free of charge for players

Continental breakfast will be provided on Tuesday and Wednesday.
 Monday – Wednesday sandwiches and hot snacks will be provided during the day.

PLAYER ATTIRE

Players and caddies are to follow the dress regulations as stated in the Membership Regulations Handbook. Players will be permitted to wear shorts during all practice rounds and during the pre-tournament pro-am. All shorts should be knee length, tailored shorts and predominately of one colour. "Cargo pocket styled" shorts are not permitted. **Long pants are required to be worn during all tournament rounds.**

PLAYER ACCOMODATION

Hotel accommodation TBA

Air BNB Accommodation

Opportunities may be available through the Club. Players should make direct contact with the owner via Air BNB

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday 13 November	Pre-qualifying @ Liverpool GC, Long Reef GC, Federal (ACT) and Glenmore Heritage Valley Practice and Registration at Twin Creeks (See available times above) Twin Creeks Corporate Pro-Am commencing at 11:00am
Tuesday 14 November	Morning Pro-Am – 8:00AM shotgun start Official practice day – course available from 1:00PM onwards Player Registration Round 1 draw released Tournament Welcome Function at Parliament House, 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Wednesday 15 November	Morning Pro-Am – 7:30AM shotgun start Junior Pro-Am – 1:00PM shotgun start PM practice times to be advised
Thursday 16 November	Round 1 - commencing at approximately 6:45AM
Friday 17 November	Round 2 - commencing at approximately 6:45AM Field cut to leading 60 professionals + ties as well as any amateurs on the same score or better
Saturday 18 November	Round 3 – last tee time approximately 11.00AM
Sunday 19 November	Round 4 – last tee time approximately 11.00AM Presentation ceremony on 18 th green following completion of play