



2017 SOUTH PACIFIC BREWERY PAPUA NEW GUINEA OPEN

PLAYER INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT

Host Venue	Royal Port Moresby Golf Club, Papua New Guinea
Dates	4-7 May 2017
Website	www.pga.org.au
Prize Fund	AUD \$142,000
Entries Close	Tuesday 21 st March
Field Size	120
Field Breakdown	80 PGATA, 2 Local Professionals, 8 Invites, 30 Local Amateurs

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Championship shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) stroke play. 120 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 50 professionals plus ties for 50th place, plus any amateurs on the same score or better 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

Players must register at the tour office located in the RPMGC Office. Registration will open from 8.00am on Tuesday 2nd May 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.

TOURNAMENT OFFICE

The PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Office will be located in the office of the RPMGC.

PRE QUALIFYING

There will be no pre-qualifying for the South Pacific Brewery PNG Open. Players without a current PGATA Exemption Category will be ranked by the following criteria:

1. PGA of Australasia Full Tournament Members and Members of the International Tour Co-Sanctioning Partner (in order of date of entry)
2. Full Members of the Australian PGA (based on most recent Final National Rankings, then order of entry)
3. PGA Affiliate Members (in order of date of entry)
4. Members of other recognised Tours (in order of date of entry)
5. Members of other recognised PGAs (in order of date of entry)
6. Non-aligned professionals (in order of date of entry)
7. Amateurs in handicap order

PRACTICE FACILITIES AND TIMES

Players will use the Royal Port Moresby driving range. The driving range will be restricted to **IRONS ONLY**.

COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds are available on Monday and Tuesday off both the 1st and 10th tee. There will be no timesheets in operation.

Monday	Course practice available all day
Tuesday	Course practice available all day ***9 Hole Junior Pro-Am – 9 Teams 1.30pm (Front Nine)
Wednesday	Pro-Am – 7AM and 12:15PM Shotgun Starts

PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

The Tournament Pro-Am will be conducted on Wednesday 3rd May at 7AM and 12:15PM.

Note: Following the Pro-Am, players are required to attend the Shootout beginning @5.30pm

PLAYER SERVICES

Parking	Participating players will park in the club car park.
Lockers	N/A
Caddies	Caddies are mandatory for the South Pacific Brewery PNG Open. Players utilising local caddies are encouraged to pay them 120 Kina for the week (approx \$50 AUD) – plus buy them lunch each day. (Caddy Cards will be located in the Tour Office)

PLAYER ACCOMMODATION

Holiday Inn & Holiday Inn Express-
Quote: PNG Golf Open
Contact: Nicky Emau – nicky.Emau@ihg.com +675 303 2000

Crowne Plaza – 520K per Room Single Or Twin Share
Quote: PNG Golf Open
Contact: Pauline Sigoli – Pauline.sigoli@ihg.com +675 309 3000

*Room Rates from K280 + GST Per Night/Twin Share

PRECEDING TOURNAMENT – MOROBE OPEN

Please note there is a preceding National Pro-Am tournament the week before the Championship in Lae, Papua New Guinea:

Morobe Open

Lae Golf Club, Lae, Papua New Guinea
\$110,000 AUD Prize Money

For more information please visit: <http://www.pga.org.au/tourns/pro-am/event?id=4103&season=2016&tour=qld> or contact Nicole James (njames@pga.org.au)

As it is anticipated that many of the players competing will compete in both events, group flight bookings below have been arranged including the above tournament.

PLAYER VISAS

VISAS

- Please note Australian Passport Holders are no longer able to obtain a Visa into PNG on arrival. Therefore ALL professionals will need to obtain a Visa before boarding a flight from Australia.
- Professionals will also be required to fill out and submit the supplementary health form to travel to PNG. This form will need to be submitted with the Visa application process

PNG VISAS: PNG CONSULATE - Level 3, 344 Queen Street, Brisbane (Ph: 3221 7915) Visa Office Hours: 9.30am-2.30pm-Monday to Friday

To obtain a visa you must lodge the following to the PNG Consulate:

1. Passport (valid for a 6 month minimum)
2. Copy of Return Travel itinerary
3. 1 Passport size Photo
4. Application Forms (available on PGA Website or at the PNG Consulate)
 - PNG VISA ENTRY – Permit Application
 - SUPPLIMENTARY HEALTH FORM - PNG
5. If posting, please ensure you include a fully completed and paid returned envelope, so your passport can be returned once your visa has been issued. (Please note this process could take more than one week to complete and you will be required to pay a \$45.00 Fee in order to process your application). GPO Box 220 Brisbane, 4001

For More information visit: <http://www.pngcanberra.org/>

PLAYER FLIGHTS

All players are strongly advised to travel on the below flight itinerary and believe these flights are the only option for players unless given prior approval from the PGA to travel on alternate flights. This being said, the price indicated below is only available to the first 40 players to pay the amount in full. Those who make payment after these 40 flights have been exhausted, should expect the price to be in excess of the figure indicated below. Please note that the only ground transfers available to and from the course and airport, will be for the professionals travelling on the below flight itinerary.

AIR FARES - PGA Group Booking

The PGA have held 40 seats on the below itinerary and full payment for such flights are due by Friday 24th March 2017. Payments made after the closing date, will incur an increase in fare price, in addition to a decrease in baggage allowance.

Monday 24th April 2017 PX004 – Departs Brisbane at 10.40am, Arrives Port Moresby at 1.50pm PX106 – Departs Port Moresby at 4.00pm, Arrives Lae at 4.45pm.

Monday 1st May 2017 PX103 – Departs Lae at 1030am, Arrives Port Moresby at 1115am

Monday 8th May 2017 PX003 – Departs Port Moresby at 6.15am, Arrives Brisbane at 9.25am

The cost for flights including taxes: \$1037.45 excluding Travel Insurance Includes 30kg of Checked Luggage

*Please Note the PGA can only guarantee a Transfer to the Golf Course from the Airport if you are on these flights. Although unlikely, domestic flight times are subject to change with short notice. For clients wishing to pay with Visa or MasterCard a surcharge of 1.5% will apply. Amex cards will attract a 3.3% surcharge. Please fill out the credit card charge authorisation form and forward it to the number below.

Current passports are required for this trip, with six months validity from date of return.

*We would strongly recommend that you take out Travel Insurance to protect yourselves against medical expenses, cancellation, baggage loss and damage (golf clubs can be included for additional fee) etc. A suitable policy that can be purchased through Totem Group.

For all bookings please contact Totem Group Adam March (03 8527 4050) Email: adam.march@totemgroup.com.au

PLAYER DRESS REQUIREMENTS

The TPC has approved players to wear shorts during the **practice rounds and pro-am only**. All shorts should be knee length, tailored shorts and predominately of one colour. "Cargo pocket styled" shorts are not permitted.

All players are required to wear **long pants** for tournament rounds.

PRE TOURNAMENT MEET & GREET

Tuesday 2nd May : Sponsor's evening
Wednesday 3rd May : Professional Shootout – Following Pro-Am
Royal Port Moresby Golf Club **ALL PLAYERS REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

CALCUTTA DRAW AND AUCTION

Friday 5th May, from 6:30pm
Royal Port Moresby Golf Club
ALL PLAYERS REQUIRED TO ATTEND UNTIL THEIR TEAM HAS BEEN AUCTIONED

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday 1 May	Course and Practise Facilities open.
Tuesday 2 May	Player Registration 08:00 to 17:00 9 Hole Junior Pro-Am – 9 Teams Start Time – 1:30pm - Front Nine Junior Clinic – 1:30pm Practice available all day
Wednesday 3 May	Pro-Am – Morning and Afternoon pro-am 25 teams each, Start Time – 7.00am and 12:15pm No Practice K10,000 Shootout – 5:30pm Start
Thursday 4 May	1 st Round – 120 in three balls off two tees (1 st and 10 th) Am session starting at 06:45 – 08:15 Pm session starting at 11:00 – 12.30 Junior Clinic – 1:00pm
Friday 5 May	2 nd Round – 120 in three balls off two tees (1 st and 10 th) Am session starting at 06:45 – 08:15 Pm session starting at 11:00 – 12.30 Junior Clinic – 1:00pm Calcutta – 6:30pm
Saturday 6 May	3 rd Round – 50 + ties and amateurs in three balls off two tees. Last tee time approx 11:00
Sunday 7 May	4 th Round – 50 + ties and amateurs in three balls off two

tees. Last tee time approx 11:00

THANK YOU CONTACTS

PGA	Justin Maker	Tournament Coordinator	jmaker@pga.org.au
Royal Port Moresby Golf Club	Ken Dunn	President/Tournament Director	kdunn@moniplus.com
PNG Golf Association	Stan Walker	President	swalker@brianbell.com.pg