

2018 VICTORIAN PGA CELEBRITY AMATEUR CHALLENGE

The Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge

2015 saw the introduction of the Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge. This gave regular everyday golfers the chance to get inside the ropes during the tournament and play amongst not only the Professionals but celebrities such as Shane Warne, Sir Ian Botham, Ricky Ponting, Allan Border, Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Damian Oliver, Glen Boss and Todd Woodbridge.



RACV Cape Schanck Resort

Located on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula and less than an hours drive from the centre of Melbourne the resort provides the perfect mix of first class facilities, a championship golf course and proximity to loads of local attractions.

Originally opened in the mid 1990's the Robert Trent Jones Jnr course has remained one of the premier golf courses in the area.

The RACV undertook a large scale re-development of the clubhouse including accommodation, day spa and conference faculties. The Victorian PGA Championship will be the first event to showcase these changes.



The experience

Playing alongside a Tour Professional in a fully sanctioned event on the PGA Tour of Australasia you'll get to experience all the tension and excitement as you battle to make the 36 hole and then the 54 hole cuts. Added to this is the first class experience off the course with all inclusive functions, , players lounge access, corporate hospitality and merchandise

Golf	Round 1	✓
	Round 2	✓
	Round 3	Top 25 teams
	Round 4	Top 8 teams
Extras	Tournament shirt, hat and golf balls	✓
	Player Lounge access - including food and beverages	✓
	Welcome Function - all inclusive cocktail party	✓
	The Cut Party - sit down dinner including beverages	✓
	Beer Garden access - Watch Sunday's action with all food and beverages included	✓



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Tournament Format

The Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge will be played as Modified Four-Ball Best Ball Nett Stroke event.

All amateur players will be paired with a Professional for the entirety of the Tournament' with the best Nett Stroke score per pair per hole recorded.

No hole score can be greater than a Nett bogey and amateur players are required to pick up their ball when this can no longer be achieved.

Handicaps

All competitors must have a GA handicap and Golf LINK number which has been valid for no less than 12 months prior to the Tournament.

All amateurs will play from 75% of their Daily Handicap value calculated using the appropriate slope rating at the beginning of the Tournament.

There will be a GA handicap limit for all amateurs of 25.0 for Men and 32.0 for Women. Amateurs with GA handicaps above these limits will be adjusted down to meet this requirement.

All Professionals will play from Scratch.



Tournament week

Wednesday
10 October

Player Registration, Practice Round and Welcome Function

Thursday
11 October

Round 1

Friday
12 October

Round 2, The Cut Party

CUT Top 25 Teams

Saturday
13 October

Round 3, PGATV coverage

CUT Top 8 Teams

Sunday
14 October

Round 4, Family Day, Beer Garden open and PGATV coverage

Player Details			
Name			
Postal Address			
		Postcode	
Tel (0)		Home Club	
Mobile		GolfLink #	
Email			

Entry - \$1,595 (inc GST)

The Entrance fee must be paid at the time of entry, otherwise entry will not be deemed as lodged.
 By submitting this entry, I certify that I am an amateur golfer in accordance within the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and confirm that I am eligible under, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of entry and Rules of Golf.

DIRECT DEPOSIT	PGA of Australia A/C details: BSB: 083 347 - A/c #: 860236363 (Use name as reference.)													
CREDIT CARD	Visa						MasterCard							
CARD ACCOUNT NO:														
CARDHOLDER'S NAME:														
EXPIRY DATE:							CCV NUMBER:							
AMOUNT:	\$ 1,595.00													

Player Signature
<i>Signature Required</i>

- By signing below I request to be entered into the 2018 Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge and abide by the terms and conditions of entry;
- Entries close at 5:00pm on Thursday 27th September 2018, and will be taken on a first come first served basis, under the terms and conditions below.
- Entries are only deemed as lodged when full payment and this completed entry form are received.

Please return entries to;

Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge Administration
 PGA of Australia Ltd – VIC/TAS/SA Division
 Sandhurst Club, 600 Thompsons Road, Sandhurst VIC 3977

Or by email to; vicpga@pga.org.au



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge

1.1 The Challenge will be played at RACV Cape Schanck Resort from October 11th to October 14th, 2018, alongside the 2018 Victorian PGA Championship as a modified stroke tournament with each paired amateur with a professional to form a Pro-Am team.

1.2 Rounds one and two will be played in groups of four players, comprising two separate Pro-Am teams.

1.3 The draw for each round will be at the discretion of the Challenge Committee.

2. Size of Field

2.1 The amateur player field size in the Challenge will be limited to 92 competitors with the top 25 making the cut and advancing to round three with the top 8 advancing past a further cut and playing round four.

2.2 The Challenge Committee has discretion to alter the final number of the amateur field.

3. Challenge Committee

3.1 The Challenge will be under the management and control of the Challenge Committee consisting of members from the Victorian PGA Executive and PGA Tour of Australasia.

3.2 In the absence of the full Challenge Committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Challenge Committee.

3.3 The Challenge Committee will have sole management and control of the Challenge, with full power at any time alter or vary any one of the Conditions.

3.4 The Challenge Committee decision on matters affecting the Challenge will be final.

4. Rules of Play

4.1 The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Challenge Committee and the PGA Tour Hard Card.

5. Entries

5.1 The Challenge is open to male and female amateur golfers. Male players must have an official GA handicap of 25.0 (exact) or less certified by his home club. Female players must have an official GA handicap of 32.0 (exact) or less certified by her home club.

5.2 Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. In the case that entries exceed available places in the field, the Challenge Committee reserve the right to ballot out entries based on their handicap and handicap history.

5.3 The entrance fee for the Challenge is listed on the attached entry form. The entrance fee **must** be paid at the time of entry, otherwise entry will not be deemed as lodged.

5.4 Entries must be made on the attached entry form.

5.5 Entries must be lodged in full with the PGA of Australia Vic PGA Amateur Challenge administration, 600 Thompson Road, Sandhurst Victoria 3977 not later than 5.00pm on **Thursday 27th September, 2018**. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant themselves to ensure that their entry is received prior to the closing time for entries.

5.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Challenge Committee.

5.7 Acceptable payment methods are credit card (Visa and MasterCard only) or by direct bank deposit.

5.8 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.

5.9 The decision of the Challenge Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

6. Ties

6.1 In the event of a tie, scores will be ranked by card play-off as follows: the best last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes on the card until a winner, second place and third place is declared.

7. Handicap restrictions

7.1 All competitors must have a current Golf Australia handicap and Golf Link Number and have held this for a period of no less than 12 months prior to competing in the Challenge.

7.2 The Challenge Committee reserve the right to amend any players handicap prior to and during the Challenge under Golf Australia's Manual Bonus Reductions policy.

7.3 Amateurs will play off 75% of their daily handicap (which will be a maximum of 25) rounded to the nearest whole number as calculated using the relevant slope rating to their Golf Link handicap, while professionals will be assigned a zero handicap.

8. Scoring format

8.1 The teams score will be a modified Best ball stroke format. Amateur players are encouraged to pick up their ball as soon as they can't score a net par or better, and record a bogey on that hole. The winner of the Challenge will be awarded to the team with the lowest total stroke score.

9. Transportation

9.1 Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the committee.

10. Conforming Golf Balls and Time of Starting

10.1 The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls and Time of Starting.

11. Pace of Play

11.1 Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. The PGA Tour of Australasia pace of play policy will apply.

12. Formation of Pro-Am Teams

12.1 An amateur who has fulfilled entry criteria into the Challenge may write to the Challenge Committee to request a specific professional partner. The Challenge Committee retains the right however to make all final allocations.

12.2 The Challenge Committee will be solely responsible for the formation of Pro-Am teams.

13. Withdrawal of Professional during the Tournament

13.1 In the instance of a professional withdrawing from the tournament after commencement of play during days 1 and 2 of the event for any reason, the Challenge Committee will use its best endeavours to find a replacement professional.

14. Withdrawal of Amateur during the Tournament

14.1 If an amateur withdraws from the tournament after commencement of play there shall be no refund.

15. Measuring devices

15.1 Distance measuring devices may be used during the Challenge by Amateurs players only. No Amateur player is permitted to relay distances to a Professional player.

16. Tees

16.1 Each participant shall play from their designated tees as set out by the Challenge Committee. Professionals will play from the PGA Championship Tees with Amateurs playing from the Challenge tees relative to their gender.

17. Practice Facilities

17.1 Competitors will have limited access to the RACV Cape Schanck Resort practice facilities and practice round tee times for the duration of the event.

18. Protests

18.1 The decision of the Challenge Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Challenge. Protests must be lodged to the committee no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of play.

19. Caddies

19.1 Caddy behaviour is the sole responsibility of the amateur engaging them.

19.2 Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes