



2018 MEN'S OATES VIC OPEN

HOST VENUE: **13th Beach Golf Links**
 Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads, Victoria 3227, Australia
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CHAMPIONSHIP DATES: Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 February 2018

PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS: Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 January 2018

TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY: AUD \$650,000 – minimum

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE: **Andrew Langford-Jones** – Director of Tournaments, PGA Tour
Graeme Scott – Tournament Operations Manager, PGA Tour
Simon Brookhouse – Chief Executive Officer, Golf Victoria
David Greenhill – Chief Operating Officer, Golf Victoria
Karen Lunn – CEO, Australian Ladies Professional Golf
Joao Paulo Pinto – Tournament Director, Ladies European Tour
Brian Lasky – Match Committee Chairman, Golf Victoria

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – OVERVIEW

DAY	DATE	ITEM
MON	29/01	Practice Round – All Day Registration at 13th Beach Golf Links (10am – 5pm)
TUES	30/01	AM – Pro-Am – Creek / Beach Courses – 7.45am PM – Practice (from 1pm) Registration at 13th Beach Golf Links (9am – 5pm)
WED	31/01	AM – Pro-Am – Creek / Beach Courses – 7.45am PM – Practice (1pm – 3pm)
THU	01/02	Round 1 – Creek / Beach Courses
FRI	02/02	Round 2 – Creek / Beach Courses
SAT	03/02	Round 3 – Beach Course
SUN	04/02	Round 4 – Beach Course

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2018 MEN'S OATES VIC OPEN ~ PLAYER INFORMATION

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1. 2018 MEN'S OATES VIC OPEN – TOURNAMENT WEEK

The 2018 Men's Oates Vic Open is a sanctioned ISPS Handa PGA Tour Australasia Event and will be played over 72 holes stroke play at the 13th Beach Golf Links, 18 holes each day as follows:

- Thursday 1 February (Round 1) – Beach & Creek Courses
- Friday 2 February (Round 2) – Beach & Creek Courses
- Saturday 3 February (Round 3) – Beach Course
- Sunday 4 February (Round 4) – Beach Course

Note: Round 1 & 2 will be played over both the Beach & Creek Courses – one round on each.

Host Venue Details - 13th Beach Golf Links

Address: Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads, Victoria 3227, Australia

Phone: +61 (3) 5254 2922

Website: www.13thbeachgolf.com

Contacts: General Manager – Craig Skimming
Golf Operations Manager – Billy Flinn (bflinn@13thbeachgolf.com)

Please note that the 2018 Men's Oates Vic Open will again be played in conjunction with the Women's Championship at 13th Beach over 72 holes.

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

Significant support to stage the event has been received from Naming Rights Sponsor, Oates (see note 26 below); the Victorian State Government and the City of Greater Geelong. Prize money in 2018 has increased to \$650,000 which will be distributed according to the ISPS Handa PGA Tour Australasia regulations.

2. REGISTRATION

All competitors must register in person at the PGA Tour Office at 13th Beach Golf Links as follows:

- **Monday 29 January:** 10.00am – 5:00pm
- **Tuesday 30 January:** 9.00am – 5.00pm

The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

Players who fail to meet the registration deadline and who have not contacted PGA Tour staff for granting of late registration will be removed from the tournament draw.

3. PGA TOUR & GOLF VICTORIA TOURNAMENT OFFICES

The PGA Tour and Golf Victoria Tournament Offices are located in portable buildings adjacent to the northern end of the 13th Beach Clubhouse. **Note:** Any phone calls are to be directed to mobiles:

PGA Tour:

Director of Tournaments – Andrew Langford-Jones – +61 408 640 800

Manager Tournament Operations – Graeme Scott – +61 488 030 762

Golf Victoria:

Chief Executive Officer – Simon Brookhouse – +61 417 106 269

Chief Operating Officer – David Greenhill – +61 417 338 567

4. COURSE PRACTICE TIMES

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

- **Monday 29 January** – all day – both courses
 - **Tuesday 30 January** – following Pro-Am from 1.00pm – both courses
 - **Wednesday 31 January** – following Pro-Am from 1.00pm from the 1st tee only
- Note:** Last hit-off by 3pm on Wednesday.

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. PRACTICE AREAS

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

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

Monday	08:00 – 18:00	Friday	06:30 – 19:00
Tuesday	07:00 – 18:00	Saturday	1 hour before the first start time – 18:00
Wednesday	07:00 – 18:00	Sunday	1 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.

Note 3:

Preference is to be given to those players with approaching tee times, and MUST be given to those players remaining in the tournament.

6. 2018 OATES VIC OPEN PRO-AMS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Two Championship Pro-Ams will be played at 13th Beach Golf Links on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 January in the morning only on each day. Approximately 28 male professionals will be required for each of 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 30 January** and will be posted on the notice board located at the tournament office.

144 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.

36-Hole Tournament Cut

The lowest 60 professional scores after 36 holes and any tying for 60th place plus amateurs, shall qualify for the third round, the remainder shall be eliminated.

Draws for Round 3 will be seeded and alternated with the equivalent draw for the 2018 Women's Oates Vic Open. The draw for round 3 will be available at 7.30pm (estimated time) on Friday 2 February.

54-Hole Secondary Tournament Cut

The 2018 event will again see the use of a second cut. The tournament will still maintain its regular 36 hole cut for the **leading 60 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 2018 Women's Oates Vic Open. The draw for round 4 will be available at 6.30pm (estimated time) on Saturday 3 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 an Oates 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 are also provided.

10. PLAYER'S CAR PARKING

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

Notes:

- (i) Tomara Drive will be separated into two inward lanes once inside the 13th Beach property. Access to the Clubhouse Car Park will be via the **left hand lane only**;
- (ii) 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 Tour officials at the PGA Tournament office. Caddies will be allocated a **Car Park A** pass with entry only from Cashmore Drive. Please note that caddies **will not** be able to access clubhouse car parking.

12. PLAYER'S LOUNGE & MEAL VOUCHERS

A player's lounge will be available to players **on tournament days only** (i.e. Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 February) from **6am to 3pm**.

Located in the Faldo Room within the 13th Beach Clubhouse, access to this area is restricted to **player's only** with **entry via player badge**. The applicable **meal voucher** (as included with the player's information pack) **must** also be presented to security staff at the entry to the Faldo Room.

Please note that family/friends and/or caddies **are not permitted** entry to this area. Due to the costs associated with this operation, the complimentary provision of food is restricted to players only. Golf Victoria, PGA Tour, ALPG, LET and 13th Beach requests players to respect this service accordingly.

Within the Faldo Room, a **light breakfast** will be available from **6.00am to 10.00am** each day including:

- Selection of pastries, muffins, cereals, breads, jams;
- Fruit platters/baskets;
- Jugs of milk, orange & apple juice;
- Filtered coffee and selection of teas.

Lunch will then be available from **10.30am – 3.00pm** each day including:

- Sandwiches & wraps;
- Cold salads with protein, pre-packed;
- Buffet selection of two hot meals;
- Fruit platters/baskets;
- Filtered coffee and selection of teas.

Soft drinks/water will also be available via fridges in the Faldo Room courtesy of Coca-Cola Amatil.

13. DRESS CODE

In accordance with PGA regulations, long pants are required for all male players. 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.**

14. CADDIES

The normal Tier 1 policy shall not be applicable. There is no need for any player, male or female to have a caddie on Thursday or Friday. Players may pull their clubs on a buggy should they desire.

All players, male and female **MUST** have a caddie on the weekend should they make the cut. Caddies at the weekend may pull clubs on a buggy.

Should you require a local caddie, please contact:

- Maree MILLS: mareemills11@gmail.com or 0408 342 156
- Faye WHEATLEY: fayewheatley@rocketmail.com or 0418 102 178

a) Club Storage Area

The Golf Shop at 13th Beach will provide limited club storage as required.

b) Towels

Players must provide their own towels.

c) Bunkers

After raking bunkers, caddies must place the rake on a flat area outside the bunker parallel to the direction of play.

15. CADDIE UNIFORMS

Caddie jackets must be worn by your caddie and will be issued at the 1st and 10th tees. Caddie 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.

16. YARDAGE BOOKS & PIN PLACEMENTS

Yardage Books, in meters and yards, will be available to purchase at the PGA Tour office on Monday and Tuesday.

Pin placements will be provided by the official starters on the 1st and 10th tees on all four days of the Championship.

17. 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 Tour and Golf Victoria personnel will only be called in when necessary.

18. SLOW PLAY

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

19. SCORECARD RETURN

During the Championship: -

- All completed scorecards on the **Beach Course** are to be returned to the Scorers hut located close to the main Practice Putting Green;
- For rounds 1 & 2, all completed scorecards on the **Creek Course** are to be returned to the Scorers tent located at the rear of the respective 9th and 18th greens.

20. 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.

21. PRESENTATION

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

22. TEMPORARY PRIVILEGES

All contestants will have access to the 13th Beach Golf Links from 29 January to 4 February inclusive. Further access to the courses will be available in the weeks leading up to the tournament upon application to the club Pro-Shop. The following domestic matters are also to be noted:

Locker Facilities

A limited number of lockers are available at the club for player's use. **Please Note:** Players who desire a locker are requested to contact the Club Reception for allocation.

Protection of Valuables and Equipment

Although every care will be taken by the clubhouse staff with your equipment, in the final analysis, protection of your equipment and valuables, including insurance, will be your own responsibility.

23. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & PHYSIO SERVICES

First Aid

First Aid Services via St John First Aid will be on site throughout the tournament days and located in a marquee adjacent to the back practice putting green.

Doctors

It is suggested that players wanting urgent 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.

Physio Service

Physio services will be located in the portable building to the north side of the 13th Beach Clubhouse. Physio bookings are to be coordinated via the PGA Tour Tournament Office.

24. PULL BUGGIES

While approximately 150 pull buggies will be available, players are encouraged to bring their own pull buggy as required, particularly for the Pro-Ams on Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 January.

25. 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.

26. OATES CLEANING PRODUCTS – NAMING RIGHTS SPONSOR

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

27. LIVESTREAM

The final two rounds (Saturday 3- Sunday 4 February) will be livestreamed via the Oates Vic Open website (www.vicpengolf.com) and the Golf Victoria homepage (www.golfvic.org.au).

28. ON COURSE DRINKS

Mount Franklin Water and Powerade will be provided to players, caddies and volunteers during all Championship rounds of the 2018 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.

29. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following accommodation options are available for the 2018 Oates Vic Open: -

Billet Accommodation

Billet accommodation is also available in the Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads area for the week of January 29 – February 4. Any player requiring Billet accommodation is requested to contact:

- Maree MILLS: mareemills11@gmail.com or 0408 342 156
- Faye WHEATLEY: fayewheatley@rocketmail.com or 0418 102 178

Holiday Rental Houses and Units/Apartments

Ocean Grove Stays

Contact: Chris Smith
Mobile 0403 515 605
Email: enquiries@oceangrovestays.com.au
Website: www.oceangrovestays.com.au

Getaway Rentals Barwon Heads

Contact: Marisa Colman
Mobile 0418 108 627
Email: info@getawaybarwonheads.com.au
Website: www.getawaybarwonheads.com.au

Hotel/Motels

Barwon Heads Resort

Address: 13th Beach Golf Links
36 Fourteenth Road, Barwon Heads
Phone: (03) 5254 1777
Email: reservations@barwonheadsresort.com.au
Website: www.BarwonHeadsResort.com.au

Golden Palms Motel (aligned w/ Grovedale Hotel)

Address: 234 Torquay Road, Grovedale
Phone: (03) 5243 1077
Email: goldenpalms@bigpond.com
Website: www.goldenpalmsmotel.com.au

Peppers The Sands Resort

Address: 2 Sands Boulevard, Torquay
Phone: (03) 5264 3333
Email: sands@peppers.com.au
Website: www.peppers.com.au/sands

Riverside Ocean Grove (Suites & Holiday Units)

Address: 64-78 Wallington Road, Ocean Grove
Phone: (03) 5256 2555
Email: info@riversideoceangrove.com.au
Website: www.riversideoceangrove.com.au

Barwon Heads Golf Club

Address: Golf Links Road, Barwon Heads
Contact: Adam Palmer
Phone: (03) 5255 6255
Email: apalmer@bhgc.com.au
Website: www.bhgc.com.au

Thank you for your assistance.

On behalf of Golf Victoria, 13th Beach, PGA, ALPG and LET we wish all players good golfing at the 2018 Oates Vic Open.

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