



# TOURNAMENT DETAILS AND INFORMATION

**NAME OF EVENT:** 2015 OATES WOMEN'S VICTORIAN OPEN

**VENUES:** **13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links**  
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**DATE:** 5 – 8 February 2015

**PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS:** Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 February 2015

**TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY:** AUD\$250,000 – minimum

**ENTRY FEE:** \$AUD 110

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTION:** **Karen Lunn** – ED, Australian Ladies Professional Golf  
**(CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE)** **David Greenhill** – Chief Operating Officer Golf Victoria  
**TBA** - ALPG Tour Match Committee  
**Andrew Langford-Jones** PGA Director of Tournaments  
**Graeme Scott** – PGA Manager Tournament Operations  
**Brian Lasky** – Chairman, Golf Victoria Match Committee

**KEY SUPPORT PERSONNEL:** **Sandy Lonergan** – Media Coordinator, ALPG

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - OVERVIEW

DAY	DATE	ITEM
MON	02/02	Practice Round – All Day
TUES	03/02	AM – Pro-Am – Creek/Beach Courses – 7.45am PM – Practice (from 1pm) Registration at 13 <sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Club 9am – 5pm
WED	04/02	AM - Pro-Am – Creek/Beach Courses – 7.45am PM – Practice (1pm – 3pm)
THU	05/02	Round 1 – Creek/Beach Courses
FRI	06/02	Round 2 – Creek/Beach Courses
SAT	07/02	Round 3 – Beach Course
SUN	08/02	Round 4 – Beach Course

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# PLAYER INFORMATION

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## 1. TOURNAMENT FIELD

The field for the 2015 Oates Women's Victorian Open shall consist of up to a maximum of 132 players made up as follows:

**General Exemptions** – seven players exempted by the Championship Committee (maximum 7)

**Professional Exemptions** - 105 women professionals as follows:

- Leading 30 ALPG members from the 2014/15 ALPG Exemption categories;
- Leading 5 ALPG members not otherwise exempt from the 2014/15 ALPG Order of Merit;
- Leading 5 ALPG members not otherwise exempt from the Rolex Rankings at the closing date for entries;
- 30 ALPG International Members;
- 5 players from the China LPGA;
- Leading 30 players from the Rolex Rankings not otherwise exempt at the closing date for entries.

**Amateur Exemptions** - Golf Victoria may provide up to a maximum number of 15 exemptions for female amateur players from final qualifying into the 2015 Championship to be allocated in the following order:-

- a. 2015 Australian Women's Amateur Champion
- b. 2014 Australian Women's Open - Leading Amateur
- c. Members of the 2014 Victorian Women's Amateur State Team (maximum 6)
- d. Current Golf Australia Squad members (maximum of 5 as per Australian Amateur Ranking System as at the close of entries)
- e. 2014 Victorian Women's Amateur Champion
- f. 2015 Victorian Junior Masters Champion
- g. 2014 Port Phillip Amateur – Women's Champion (Nell Smithett Cup Winner)
- h. 2014 Victorian Champions Trophy Winner
- i. 2014 Women's Riversdale Cup Champion
- j. 2014 Women's Dunes Medal Winner
- k. 2014 Victorian Junior Girls Champion

**Notes:**

- (i) Should this number of amateurs not reach 15 it may be made up from amateur entries at the discretion of Golf Victoria.
- (ii) A player must be an amateur golfer as of Thursday 5 February 2015 in order to receive an amateur exemption.
- (iii) Should the field not be filled through these categories the balance of the field up to 127 players will be made up by players who have entered by their position on the Rolex Rankings at the closing date for entries.
- (iv) A minimum of five places made available at Pre-Qualifying (5).

## 2. ENTRIES

- a. **ALPG Members** are NOT required to submit an entry form. Your entry will be accepted upon receipt of your entry fee of AUD\$110.00 (incl. GST) payment through the website. Please note that payment made through website incurs a credit card surcharge of 2%.
- b. Entries for all **AMATEUR** contestants MUST be made on the official amateur entry form and forwarded by:
  1. Email to Golf Victoria - David Greenhill – [david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au](mailto:david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au)
  2. Sent to Golf Victoria Inc., PO Box 287, Mulgrave, Vic, Australia, 3170 or
  3. Faxed to +61 (3) 9543 9307
- c. Entries for all **Non-ALPG PROFESSIONAL** contestants MUST be made on the official entry form. Entry forms should be:
  1. Emailed to Jennifer Johnson at [jenj@alpg.com.au](mailto:jenj@alpg.com.au)
  2. Sent to ALPG Inc., PO Box 447, Mudgeeraba, Qld, Australia, 4213 or
- d. Non-ALPG PROFESSIONAL contestants MUST forward the official entry form to the above contact point at ALPG. Upon receipt of entry, they will receive a confirmation of entry and payment details will be issued.
- e. Closing date for professional entries is **5.00pm on Thursday 15 January 2015**.

- f. Entry fees for ALPG Members and Non-ALPG PROFESSIONALS will not be refunded unless notification of withdrawal is received prior to the closing date of entries. Rules of withdrawal are outlined in the ALPG Member Regulations Handbook and By-Laws.

### 3. 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 2016.

### 4. PRIVATE HOUSING

Limited private housing may be made available to competitors under the following conditions:

- Request for private housing MUST be made by contact to: -
  - **Maree MILLS: [mareemills11@gmail.com](mailto:mareemills11@gmail.com) 03 5254 1272 0403 842 156 or**
  - **Faye WHEATLEY: [fayewheatley@rocketmail.com](mailto:fayewheatley@rocketmail.com) 0418 102 178**

The closing date for Private Housing requests is **5.00pm, Thursday 16 January, 2015. Strictly no requests will be accommodated after this date.**

- Private housing is NOT guaranteed and is available for competitors only. Partners may be accommodated after all player requests are fulfilled;
- Requests are allocated on a ‘first in, first served’ basis;
- Your hosts MUST be contacted in due course to notify of your time of arrival. It is also advisable that you notify your host of any allergies or other specific requests at this time; and
- You must contact Golf Victoria immediately should you decide not to use private housing.

### 5. REGISTRATION

All contestants in the 2015 Women’s Victorian Open MUST register in person for the tournament between the following hours:

- **Tuesday 3 February, 2015 – 9.00am – 5.00pm.**

Registration will take place in the demountable office located adjacent to the ALPG Office at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links.

**Players who fail to meet the registration deadline and who have not contacted ALPG staff for granting of late registration will be removed from the tournament draw.** NB: Yardage Books will be on sale on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 February.

### 6. PRO - AM TOURNAMENTS

**Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 February 2015** – 7.45am shotgun starts on each day on both the Beach & Creek courses. Professionals will partner amateurs over 18 holes. The competition format is Team Aggregate Stableford format (best of two stableford scores, professional’s scores can be used as part of team score). It is a condition of entry into this tournament that those Professionals participating in the tournament Pro-Am attend the pro-am luncheon, which will be held following the pro-am.

### 7. PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice rounds will be available as follows:

- Monday 2 February – Beach & Creek Courses – all day
- Tuesday 3 February – Beach and Creek Courses (from 1pm)
- Wednesday 4 February – Beach and Creek Courses from 1pm from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee only. Note: last hit off by 3pm

### 8. PRACTICE AREAS

Practice fairway length is approximately 220 metres (irons only).

#### Practice Facilities:

- Caddies are NOT permitted to use the practice facilities including the putting green.
- No practice chipping or pitching is permitted to the practice putting green in the front of the clubhouse.
- Preference is to be given to those players with approaching tee times.
- Players missing the cut may only practice when those players remaining in the tournament have completed their practice sessions.
- At all times, preference MUST be given to those players remaining in the tournament.

## Driving Range hours of operation are:

### **13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links - Monday 2 to Sunday 8 February**

Monday	8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	7.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday	6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Thursday	6.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Friday	6.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.
Saturday	6.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Sunday	6.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

## **9. SUDDEN-DEATH PLAYOFF**

In case of a tie after 72 holes, a sudden death playoff will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole (continuous) or as determined by the Championship Committee. The play off will continue until the winner is decided.

## **10. CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

After 36 holes, the leading fifty (50) professional players, plus ties, plus any amateurs on the tying score or better shall be eligible to contest the final rounds. Players are reminded to read carefully the local rules and conditions of play prior to the commencement of play. Local rules will be available at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

## **11. RULES OF GOLF**

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with such local rules as are approved by the Championship Committee. Any decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament. Further conditions of play are advised as follows:

- Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010;\*
- Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. A driver with a clubhead manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition;\*
- The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, One Ball Condition and Time of Starting; and
- It is prohibited for any player or their caddy to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Committee
- \* PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. \*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

## **12. CADDIES**

Caddies are not required for the tournament. Should you require a caddy you must contact David Greenhill at Golf Victoria on [david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au](mailto:david.greenhill@golfvic.org.au) by the close of entries. Caddies are not guaranteed, however, every effort will be made to allocate caddies to those players who have requested one and players will be advised of their caddy at registration.

### **a) Caddy Wage**

Players should agree on caddy remuneration prior to commencement of play.

### **b) Club Storage Area**

The Golf Shop at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach will provide limited club storage as required.

### **c) Towels**

Players must provide their own towels.

### **d) Caddy Footwear**

Caddies are not permitted to wear shoes with any kind of spikes or shoes, which will leave any indentations in the greens.

### **e) Bunkers**

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

## **13. PIN PLACEMENTS**

The official starter will provide pin positions on the first and tenth tee on all four days of the Championship.

#### **14. CONTESTANTS MAIL**

All contestants' mail can be found at the Tournament Office.

#### **15. FIRST AID**

Any contestant requiring first aid or medical attention should contact Tournament Administration for assistance. Event Paramedics will be on site at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach.

#### **16. TEMPORARY PRIVILEGES**

All contestants will have access to 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links from 2 to 8 February inclusive. Further access to the courses will be available in the weeks leading up to the tournament upon application to the respective Pro-Shops. The following domestic matters are brought to your attention:

- a) **Car Parking**  
Car parking is available for players. Car parking passes will be issued at registration.
- b) **Locker Facilities**  
A limited number of Lockers are available at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links. Locker keys can be obtained at registration upon receipt of a deposit.
- c) **Dress**  
The club dress standards are as follows:
  - i. A tidy standard of dress is required at all times.
  - ii. Soft spiked shoes only are permitted on both courses.
  - iii. Jeans are not permitted within the course or club house confines.
- d) **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.

#### **17. CONTACTS & TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

<b>ALPG</b>			
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