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	<p>Golf Club Contact</p>	<p>RACV Royal Pines Resort Ross Street Benowa +61 7 5597 8700</p>
	<p>Entry Fee</p>	<p>Aud\$154</p>
	<p>Prize Money</p>	<p>Aud\$150,000</p>

Tournament Structure			
<p>Field</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leading thirty (30) ALPG Members from the 2016/17 Exemption Categories b. Leading twenty-five (25) ALPG International Members from the Women's Rolex World Rankings (at the close of entries) c. Leading ten (10) players from the ALPG Money List 2016/17 not otherwise exempt. d. Leading thirty (35) Ladies European Tour Invitations TBC e. Three (3) LPGA of China Invitations f. Two (2) Swinging Skirts Invitations g. Three (3) LPGA of Thailand Invitations h. Two (2) WG India Invitations i. Nine (9) Sponsor Invitations j. Leading (1) Female from PGA Club Professional Championship <p><i>The winner of the 2017 RACV Gold Coast Challenge will be exempt into the 2017 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open and the 2017 Oates Victorian Open.</i></p>	<p>Entry Closing date</p>	<p>6th January, 16:00 ADST</p>
<p>Cut</p>	<p>50 Professionals and ties (plus any female amateur, within the cut line) after the completion of Rd 2.</p>	<p>Registration Closes</p> <p>Players who fail to meet the registration deadline and who have not contacted ALPG staff will be removed from the tournament draw.</p>	<p>Wednesday 1 February 8:00-16:30 local time in the ALPG Tournament Office. If you are not able to register in person prior to the deadline you may register by phone by contacting Jennifer.</p>

Format	<p>54 holes stroke play for professionals over the three rounds.</p> <p>Rd1 & Rd2 Pro Am format. Play will be in foursomes (two professionals & two amateurs). One Professional will team with one amateur player in a 36-hole 4BBB stableford competition over the 2 rounds.</p> <p>There will be 2 shotgun starts at 6:45am and 12:30pm. Those who play in the morning wave on day 1 will play in the afternoon wave on day 2 and vice-versa</p> <p>Final Rd Professionals Only</p>
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Schedule of Events			
Schedule	Tues 31 st Wed 1 st Thurs 2 nd Fri 3 rd Sat 4 th	09:00 Range available for Pros 09:00-14:00 Registration Official Practice Day 06:45 & 12:30 Round 1 Shot Gun 06:45 & 12:30 Round 2 Shot Gun 07:45 * subject to change	Range Opening Times 09:00-18:00 06:00-18:00 05:45-18:00 05:45-18:00 06:00-18:00
Tuesday	Practice Range available from 9:00 Practice rounds may be available by booking directly with RACV Royal Pines Resort Pro Shop. A cost of \$59 will apply (including Golf cart). A cost of \$39 will apply (including Golf cart) for bookings after 13:00.	RACV Royal Pines Resort Pro Shop +61 7 5597 8700	
Wednesday	Tee sheet with tee times from 9:00am will be posted in the ALPG office at 8:00am All practice will be from the 1 st tee, players teeing off prior to the first official time to keep at least one hole clear. 17:00-18:00 Long Drive Exhibition 18:00-20:00 Welcome Function (Casual dress, no jeans or trainers)	Podium Lawn adjacent to Tees Clubhouse Gourmet BBQ & Drinks held at Tees Clubhouse	
Thursday & Friday	All professionals must check in and collect your scorecards at the pro registration desk outside of the Pro Shop at least 30 minutes prior to your tee time. Lunch and Dinner following play. All Professional MUST join their team for lunch or dinner immediately following play in Tees Clubhouse Food for caddies or family members will be available for purchase in Tees Clubhouse.	Tees Clubhouse	

Saturday	<p>Prize Giving will be immediately following the finishing of play on the 18th Green. The winner of the RACV Gold Coast Challenge and the leading Amateur after Rd3 are required to attend the prize presentation, along with the professional winner of the 36-hole Pro-Am Event.</p> <p>Australia vs Rest of the World Cricket Match Players and Caddies cricket match will start immediately following the prize presentation on the podium lawn. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.</p>
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Play Conditions

- o Distance measuring devices will be permitted in all 3 rounds of the Gold Coast Challenge. Any other functions, which measures slope, wind etc must be switched off at all times.

Play is as per the local rules and conditions of competition on the ALPG Hard Card. Players are specifically asked to note that the following conditions are in effect:

- 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.

Players are reminded to read carefully the ALPG Hard Card, the local rules and conditions of play prior to the commencement of play.

Player Services

Yardage Books	<p>Will be available from Tuesday 31st January in Tees Clubhouse. From Wednesday 1st February they will be available from the ALPG Tournament Office. Fee - Aud\$30 (cash only)</p>
First Aid	<p>St John First Aid will be on site at RACV Royal Pines Resort.</p>
Tour Osteopath	<p>Dr Andrew Levick will be located in the RACV Royal Pines Resort Gymnasium from Wednesday 1st February. A sign up sheet will be located in the ALPG Tour Office.</p>

<p>Player Catering</p>	<p>Thursday & Friday</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>Breakfast (Bacon & Egg Rolls) and lunch will be supplied for all players in the morning shotgun</p> <p>Lunch and a light dinner will be supplied for all players in the afternoon shotgun</p> <p>Players will be able to purchase food from Tees Clubhouse from the express lane for players only</p>
<p>Caddies, Carts, Pull buggies</p>	<p>Caddies are not compulsory for the tournament week.</p> <p>Caddies are required to wear shoes with flat soles (no golf shoes or soft spikes permitted)</p> <p>There will be a limited number of local caddies available on a first come first served basis. Please contact Tim Gnech at Tim_Gnech@racv.com.au to reserve a caddy. The caddy fee will be confirmed closer to the tournament.</p> <p>A limited number of pull buggies are available for use on a first come first served basis for the duration of the tournament and will be available from the Pro Shop located next to Tees clubhouse</p> <p>During Rd 1 & Rd 2, your amateur partners will be playing in golf carts. Professionals will be permitted to drive in the cart with their partner, place golf clubs on the golf cart or have their caddy drive in the cart. Players also have the option to walk if they choose to do so.</p> <p>For the Final Round, all players and caddies will be required to walk & players in the last four groups will be encouraged to have a caddy.</p>	
<p>Club Storage Area</p>	<p>A security area for club storage is located adjacent to the Pro-Shop. Players may leave their clubs in this area.</p>	
<p>Practice Area</p>	<p>The practice range and chipping green are located on the other side of the tunnel on the western side of RACV Royal Pines Resort. The range will be open for players from Tuesday 31st January at 9:00am. Volvik Range Balls will be provided free of charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
<p>Tee Times</p>	<p>Rd 1 & Rd 2 Tee Times will be available on Wednesday 1st February at the Tournament Office and www.alpg.com.au</p>	

Pin Placements	Pin positions will be available from the ALPG Tournament Office, Player Registration on Thursday and Friday and the first tee on Saturday.
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Temporary Privileges	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Parking - will be available for players via the main Resort entrance – car park permits can be obtained from the Tournament Office on Request from Tuesday. • Dress – the resort dress standards are as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a tidy standard of dress at all times ○ spiked shoes are not permitted in any area of the Hotel. ○ Jeans are not permitted on the course • Tees Restaurant - will be open from 6:00am on all tournament days. Players will be able to purchase food and beverages from the Restaurant • Credentials – Players and Caddies must carry their accreditation with them during the event. • ATM – cash machine available in Tee Clubhouse • Protection of Valuables and Equipment – Although every care will be taken by the Resort staff with your equipment, in the final analysis, protection of your equipment and valuables, including insurance, will be your own responsibility. 	

Travel – Accommodation	
Nearest Airport	Gold Coast Airport – approx. 30minutes drive from RACV Royal Pines Resort Brisbane Airport - approx. 60minutes drive from RACV Royal Pines Resort
Accommodation	RACV Royal Pines Resort have a special Players rate of Aud\$150/night for a double or twin room onsite for the duration of the tournament. Please see attached file.
Transfers-Private Housing	There will be no private housing or transportation available for the 2017 RACV Gold Coast Challenge.