



2009 PORT PHILLIP AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

(Incorporating the 2009 Victorian Amateur Qualifying Rounds)

To Be Played On the Golf Courses Of

COMMONWEALTH GOLF CLUB
&
KINGSTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

Over 72-holes as follows:

- Friday 11th December 2009 – Commonwealth Golf Club - 18 Hole Stroke
- Saturday 12th December 2009 - Commonwealth Golf Club – 18 Holes Stroke
- Sunday 13th December 2009 – Kingston Heath Golf Club – 36 Holes Stroke

Followed by the

2009 VICTORIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

TO BE PLAYED AS FOLLOWS:

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| - | 1 st Match-Play Round | Monday December 14 th | at Commonwealth GC | 18 holes – a.m. |
| - | 2 nd Match Play Round | Monday December 14 th | at Commonwealth GC | 18 holes – p.m. |
| - | Quarter Finals | Tuesday December 15 th | at Kingston Heath GC | 18 holes – a.m. |
| - | Semi-Final | Tuesday December 15 th | at Kingston Heath GC | 18 holes – p.m. |
| - | Final | Wednesday December 16 th | at Kingston Heath GC | 36 holes |

Notes:

- (i) The field for the Port Phillip Amateur/Victorian Amateur Championship will be limited to 168 male players. If excess entries are received a ballot will be undertaken. See Condition 1 for further details.
- (ii) Open to male amateurs whose Australian Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 4 strokes.
- (iii) The leading 72 male players plus ties after 36-holes will qualify to play in Rounds 3 & 4 of the 2009 Port Phillip Amateur.
- (iv) After 72-holes, the leading 32 players from the Port Phillip Amateur will advance to the Victorian Amateur Championship -Match-Play Rounds. The leading qualifier will also be the “Victorian Medalist”.
- (v) Entrance Fee \$150.00 per player (including lunch during all rounds of the Port Phillip Amateur and GST).
- (vi) Entries close at **5.00pm on Friday, November 27th, 2009.**
- (vii) The VGA Champion of Champions and the Victorian Colts Championship titles will be played concurrently with the Port Phillip Amateur. See Conditions 3 and 4 for further eligibility details.
- (viii) No practice shall be permitted on either Commonwealth or Kingston Heath courses prior to the Port Phillip Amateur.

2009 PORT PHILLIP AMATEUR/VICTORIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP - CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Eligible players are male amateurs whose Australian Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.
- 1.2 The field for the Port Phillip Amateur/Victorian Amateur Championship will be limited to 168 male players.
- 1.3 The Port Phillip Amateur shall consist of 72-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes on Friday December 11th; 18 holes on Saturday December 12th and 36 holes on Sunday December 13th.
- 1.4 The leading 72 male players plus ties after 36-holes will qualify to play in Rounds 3 & 4 of the 2009 Port Phillip Amateur.
- 1.5 Entry into the 2009 Port Phillip Amateur/Victorian Amateur Championship will be determined as follows:-
 - (i) The top 30 players from the current year's Ivo Whitton Trophy event (as at the close of entries) having a handicap of 4 strokes or better shall be automatically included in the Qualifying Rounds Draw upon receipt of tournament entry.
 - (ii) All members of current State, Colts and Junior teams that represent each Australian State upon receipt of tournament entry.
 - (iii) Leading 30 players from the Australian National Rankings list (as at the close of entries) upon receipt of tournament entry.
 - (iv) 10 players exempted to participate by the host clubs and the Victorian Golf Association.
 - (v) All remaining positions in the Port Phillip Amateur will be filled on the basis of handicap with the exception that in the event of entries exceeding the number of available places in the Championship, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the highest handicaps as at the close of entry subject to elimination.
- 1.6 After 72-holes, the leading 32 players from the Port Phillip Amateur will advance to the Victorian Amateur Championship - Match-Play Rounds.
- 1.7 Ties for the Victorian Amateur Match Play qualifying positions shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off immediately following the final round of the Port Phillip Amateur.
- 1.8 The leading player shall be the 2009 Port Phillip Amateur Champion and Victorian Amateur Medalist and receive a trophy. In the event of a tie, a hole by hole play-off will be conducted, players who have tied being eliminated as they fail to maintain equality. In the event of a tie for runners-up not determined by the above play-off, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used. The runner-up (as applicable) shall also receive a trophy.
- 1.9 The leading player and runner-up from the 36-holes played at Kingston Heath and the 36-holes played at Commonwealth shall also receive a trophy. In the event of a tie for any trophy, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.
- 1.10 The Victorian Amateur Championship shall consist of successive rounds of match play with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw shall be applied to establish the first round matches. The first round, second round, quarter-finals and semi-finals shall be determined over 18 holes of match play. The Final shall be determined over 36 holes match play.
- 1.11 Matches which are all square after the completion of 18 holes in the first round, second round, quarter-finals and semi-finals or are all square after the completion of 36 holes in the final shall continue until one player secures the advantage.
- 1.12 The winning player shall be the Victorian Amateur Champion and shall receive a trophy and hold the Victorian Golf Cup for one year. The runner-up and semi-finalists shall also receive a trophy.

2. VGA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- 2.1 Eligible players are those in accordance with Condition 1 above and who are the current holders, at the date of the competition, of the following Championships:-
 - ◆ Amateur Championship of Australia
 - ◆ Open Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Amateur Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Sand Greens Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Country Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Colts Amateur Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Colts Country Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Junior Country Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Junior Amateur Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Boys Amateur Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Defending Champion of 2008 Champion of Champions
 - ◆ Victorian Junior Masters
 - ◆ Senior Amateur Championship of Victoria
 - ◆ Victorian Amateur Foursomes Championship
 - ◆ Australasian Amateur Foursomes Championship
 - ◆ 2008 Ivo Whitton Trophy and Geoff Ogilvy Trophy
 - ◆ Victorian Golf League Championship
 - ◆ All affiliated Clubs (Member, Associate, VGL & Country)
 - ◆ Victorian Country District Golf Associations
 - ◆ 2009 Ivo Whitton events (Senior)
 - ◆ Victorian Country District Champion of Champions
- Note:** - It is not permissible for a nominated representative to be eligible for the Champion of Champions title in the place of a particular Champion who is unable to participate.
- 2.2 The Championship will be played over 72 holes stroke play, concurrently with the Port Phillip Amateur.
- 2.3 In the event of a tie for the VGA Champion of Champions title, joint winners will be declared.
- 2.4 The winning player shall be the Victorian Champion of Champions and shall receive a trophy. The runner-up shall also receive a trophy.

3. VICTORIAN COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 3.1 Eligible players are those in accordance with Condition 1 above and who are 18 to 23 years of age as at December 11th, 2009
- 3.2 The Championship will be played over 72 holes stroke play, concurrently with the Port Phillip Amateur.
- 3.3 In the event of a tie for the Victorian Colts Championship, joint winners will be declared.
- 3.4 The winning player shall be the Victorian Colts Champion and shall receive a trophy. The runner-up shall also receive a trophy.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

4.1 **Port Phillip Amateur**

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of the Commonwealth & Kingston Heath Golf Clubs and nominated VGA Council/Staff

4.2 **Victorian Amateur Championship**

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of the VGA Council/Staff and the Commonwealth & Kingston Heath Golf Clubs.

- 4.3 In the absence of the full Championship Committee at either the Port Phillip Amateur or the Victorian Amateur Championship, 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 Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.

In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Championship Committee may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of, or may transfer play to another course. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee not later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of each round. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament.

5. **ENTRIES**

Entries will be restricted to amateurs, who are members of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf Association, or of golf clubs registered with such State or Overseas Associations as are affiliated with or recognised by this Association, or of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf League and Registered Golfers. The attached form should be used for this purpose. The Championship Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal. Entrance fees must be paid at the time of entry. Any entrant may withdraw and have his entrance fee refunded providing that notification is received by the time that entries close. All entries must contain the GolfLink number or a verified handicap record for each player.

6. **RULES**

The competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition rounds are being played. If any dispute arises on any point, it shall be decided by the relevant Championship Committee whose decision shall be final. In addition, all players are required to adhere to the Association's Code of Conduct for the duration of the Championship. It should be noted that players will be subject to disqualification for a breach of etiquette in accordance with Rule of Golf 33-7.

7. **DRAW AND STARTING TIMES**

All draws will be made by the relevant Championship Committee. The draw for the 1st and 2nd rounds of the Port Phillip Amateur (two-tee starts am/pm) will be sent to all competitors via email. In addition copies of all draws will be posted on the VGA Website (www.golfvic.org.au) and the Sandbelt website (www.sandbelt.com). The draw for the final 36 holes of the Port Phillip Amateur (using 2 tee starts) and Victorian Amateur Championship – Match Play Rounds will also be posted on the Sandbelt and VGA website.

The Committee has the power to amend the draw or substitute another player for any competitor who is not at the tee at the time appointed to play. It may also alter the starting time for any player. However, it is a condition of the competition that, in absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or 2 strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.

8. **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Competitors will be made Honorary Members for the day, of the Club upon whose course the rounds are being played.

9. **PRACTICE**

No practice shall be permitted on either Commonwealth or Kingston Heath courses prior to the Port Phillip Amateur.

10. **NATIONAL REPRESENTATION**

When representation in an Australian Team precludes a Victorian golfer from competing in the Port Phillip Amateur, that person or persons will be drawn automatically in the Victorian Amateur Match-Play rounds commencing at the No. 1 position.

11. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

The use of distance measuring devices is permitted at Commonwealth and Kingston Heath. However, players are NOT permitted to use distance measuring devices that are designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (EG: gradient, wind speed, temperature etc) regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. Any player found in breach of this condition is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

12. **PACE OF PLAY**

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

13. **DRESS STANDARDS**

Players and caddies must observe the dress standards and any course requirements of the host club.

14. **MOTORISED TRANSPORT**

During play, it is prohibited for a player or his caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Committee. Penalty: 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes.

Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form or transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Exception: - Rules Officials or a Championship Committee member may utilise mechanical locomotion to transport a player/caddie in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.

15. **GOLF FOOTWEAR**

All players are required to wear golf footwear in accordance with host club policy. Accordingly at all event venues, no player is permitted to wear shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes. **Penalty: disqualification.**

16. **DRUG TESTING**

All Competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in the Golf Australia's Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.

17. **DATABASE OF COMPETITOR'S DETAILS**

17.1 The data contained on an entry form submitted by an entrant for a VGA event is permanently retained by the VGA within its database of competitor's details.

17.2 This database is operated to assist with the management of current and future VGA events. From time to time the VGA may also allow a sponsor/s to utilise the information contained in this database for its/their own purposes.

17.3 From time to time players may be sent entry forms or event literature for either VGA events, or events conducted by VGA-approved bodies, and accompanying material.

17.4 Upon receipt by the VGA of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.



2009 PORT PHILLIP AMATEUR/VICTORIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP - ENTRY FORM

TAX INVOICE
ABN: 26 589 569 172

TO: Victorian Golf Association
PO Box 187
BURWOOD 3125

Entry Fee \$ 150 per player
(Includes lunch for all rounds of the Port Phillip Amateur & GST)

Name (Block Letters): _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Club: _____ GolfLink No. _____ Aust. Handicap: _____

Telephone No: (Business) _____ (Home) _____

(Mobile) _____ (E-Mail) _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age as at 11/12/09 _____

- ❖ Please enter me for the 2009 Port Phillip Amateur/Victorian Amateur Championship
- ❖ I am eligible under the conditions of the championship, am an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R & A Rules Limited and will adhere to the Victorian Golf Association's Code of Conduct for the duration of the Championship.
- ❖ I have provided either my GolfLink No. or a current handicap record verified by my home club.
- ❖ Payment details (Please complete):-
- ❖ Cheque for \$150 (Including GST) is enclosed or please charge my credit card (details below):

VISA MasterCard

Card No:

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

Signature of Competitor: _____

2009 VGA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The _____ Golf Club/District Golf Association confirms that the above player is eligible to compete for the VGA Champion of Champions title in accordance with Condition 2.

The above player is Champion of _____ Golf Club / DGA / Event.

Signature of Secretary or Officer of Competitor's Club/DGA

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5.00PM ON FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER, 2009