



The Solar Classic

Wednesday 3rd November to Friday 5th November 2021

Presented by the family of the late Janie Ackerman (42nd Year)

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 22nd October 2021

1. **Venue:**

[Silver Lakes Golf & Wildlife Estate](#)

2. **Format & Conditions of Entry**

The tournament will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in a 54-hole stroke play event for professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 3 November 2021, with 18 holes being played on each of the three days, respectively. In the event of any weather delays the period and results of the event will still be decided by the TD. The field size will be limited to a maximum of 54 professionals and 90 amateurs with 30 pros playing in 4-ball teams on the first two days of the Pro-Am section of the event and the pros without amateurs playing ahead of this field.

Pro-Am Teams Competition

A Pro-Am Teams competition will be played concurrently with the main event and details are in section 13 below.

A maximum of 30 professionals will play with 90 amateurs in teams of 4. (1 professional +3 Amateurs)

The exempted professionals, who are not allocated amateurs will play ahead of the Pro-Am field on the mornings of the 3rd and 4th November from 07:00.

3. **Entry Conditions, Exemptions and Pre-Q for Entry into the Starting Draw**

- All professionals must check their exemption status on the SA Senior Tour Website or through the Tournament Director (TD), Pat Lowth (082 490 4027).
- **All** amateurs who enter the Pro-Am through the sponsors must complete the required entry form available from the TD to enable contact details and handicap capture.



Exemptions

- All past SA Senior Masters Champions who enter and who are members of SAST.
- All other Exemption Criteria for SAST Members is available on the website.
- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw (36 exemptions from categories 1-99); if the total entrants exceed 54, the entrant will be required to play in a Pre-Qualification round to gain access to play.
- The Pre-Qualification venue is Blue Valley Estate and Golf Club in Gauteng on the morning of 26th October 2021. A minimum of 18 spots, will be available from the Pre-Qualification round to the main draw. In the event of a tie for the 18th spot, this will be decided by sudden death in extra holes. The Pre-Q will take place at the venue over 18-holes stroke play.
- Extra spots that become available through withdrawals from exempt entrants after 22nd October 2021 will be allocated to the Pre-Q minimum of 18. Alternate positions (reserves) from the Pre-Q will be published on the website and draw.

4. Practice Day and Practice Facilities

The official practice day is Monday 1st November 2021. Players must book practice times through the Club (012 809 0430). This is for exempt professionals and main event amateurs only.

The Practice area is on site to the left of the 1st tee and practice balls are free of charge. The range is open from 6am to 6pm from 3rd to 4th November and from 6am to 12 noon on 5th November.

5. Registration

All exempted senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on Monday 1st November 2021**. This may be done in person at the venue or by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or email: td@seniortour.co.za

6. Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the Solar Classic event is R750.00.
- **Entries close – 22nd October 2021 at 18:00hrs.**
- Professionals must enter as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00hrs on 20th October 2021; a full refund will be possible.
- If a player is absent on the tee without notification, **no refund** will be given and a fine may be imposed. The Tournament Committee will decide on refunds from withdrawals after the closing date for entries on medical and compassionate grounds only.
- **Once an entrant has teed off, refund of entry is not possible under any circumstances.**
- If an entrant is late on the tee, when called upon to start, in the first round of the event, the player shall be disqualified after an absence of 5 minutes and substituted by the next



available alternate player on the reserve list from the qualifiers. The R&A rule 5-3a will apply for duration of the tournament.

- Alternate players from the qualifiers must register and/or withdraw as per this document and the Rules and Regulations of SAST.

7. Catering

There will be a dinner/prize giving on the evening of 4th November in the main dining hall from 6pm always considering Covid-19 regulations.

A “Grab & Go” snack and soft drink will be available to all players after 9 holes in the first two rounds **without causing undue delay**. Fruit and water will be freely available on the 1st and 10th tees throughout the event.

8. Caddies, Motorised Carts, Trolleys

There may not be enough caddies or carts available at the Club during the event.

Those competitors requiring a caddie should make their own arrangements or liaise with the Tournament Director in this regard as soon as possible to ensure an allocation. (Latest 20th October 2021)

Further, players, visitors or caddies entering the estate will require ID presentation at the security entrances. Gate codes will be made available closer to the event time.

Carts may be used by competitors only. All tee time groups will only be allowed two golf carts per group in the Pro-Am; therefore, sharing may be necessary. Again, it is the Players’ responsibility to organise his own cart booking and usage. This rule may change depending on cart availability. Please check with the TD.

Players may elect to walk and play using their own trolleys and or caddies.

There will be no motorised transport to ferry players (those walking) from greens to tee areas where there are “long distances”.

9. SA Senior Tour Rules and Regulations/Additional Local Rules

All SA Senior Tour rules, terms and conditions apply. A full list of the event Rules and Regulations and Additional Local Rules will be available on the venue notice boards, as well as from the starters on the 1st & 10th tees, respectively. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) One ball rule is applicable for Solar Classic professional competitors only.
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting for Solar Classic competitors only.
- c) Play suspensions in a dangerous situation requires an **immediate** stop for all players.
- d) Pace of play – please refer to your SAST “Hard Card”.



10. Golf Tee-Time Draws

There may be SA Senior Tour/Golf RSA staff on the Event Committee. Pat Lowth is the Tournament Director and his decision on event matters will be final.

The draw for the first round will be made available on the website and at the Club notice board from 6pm on 25th October 2021. An SMS will also be sent to competitors advising of the same and before each subsequent round.

11. Play Off and Completion of the Event

In the event of a tie for first place for the tournament, the players' will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established. Holes 10 & 18, repeated, if necessary, until a winner is apparent.

Winners, in the event of a tie(s) for the Team Pro-Am section will be decided by a count out.

- Best last round in the 36-hole totals
- Then best last 18/9 holes where applicable
- Then best last 6 holes
- In another way by the TD if the above remains unsolved

The event will be considered closed by the TD when all scores are recorded and a winner has been established. A minimum of 36 holes' is required to determine a winner.

If a Pro-Am day is not completed, the TD will decide on further procedures and details after consultation with the event committee as to the prize giving.

12. Prize giving

Prize giving's will take place on the evening 4th November.

The professional prize fund is R150 000 minimum with **a cut after round 2, to the lowest 30 scores and ties. These qualified professionals will all be paid in accordance with the PF distribution list to be published.**

There is compulsory attendance required at the second day amateur prize giving by all the senior professionals participating in the Pro-Am teams' event.

The player recording the lowest score for 54 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Solar Classic Champion. The winner including the top 5 professionals are required to attend the prize giving function after the final round.

In the event of a tie(s) for the amateur Pro-Am prizes, these will be done by scorecard count outs as decided in point 11 above by the TD.

13. **Pro-Am Event**

This will take place on 3rd and 4th November 2021.

- A maximum of 30 Senior professionals will team up with 90 amateurs in teams of 4-balls. Amateur Team entry fee: Sponsor Entry fees are to be paid by 22nd October 2021 directly to the Senior Tour as per the entry form. Amateur Team Entry cost is R15 000.00 excluding VAT. or individual amateurs may enter at R 5 000.00 per player ex VAT.
- The team competition is an Alliance Stableford format with the best scores to count on each hole, where the professional competitors play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps. The Alliance score is recorded on each hole. Ladies may play from the forward tees as per the golf course design and their scorecard stroking. **The current Golf RSA/SAGA handicapping format will apply off the coloured markers as chosen for play by amateurs.**
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the Pro-Am competition.
- The senior professional competitors must record their gross score on each hole played.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes to 3rd place on each of the 2 days, plus closest to the pin on all short holes and longest drive (18th hole) for amateurs only on each day as well. Combined team prizes for both days will also be awarded with a winners' teams' trophy. Count outs will apply to ascertain winners in tied positions. (Section 11).
- Dinner for all Pro-Am participants is available on 4th November. Dress smart casual.
- Caddies and Cart costs are for the participants own account.
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The management and staff of SAST and the family of the late Mr Janie Ackerman, the event ambassadors, hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable experience and thank you for your participation.

