



Simon Hobday Classic and Pro-Am

Wednesday 09 November & Thursday 10 November 2022

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 2nd November 2022

1. **Venue:**

Blue Valley Golf Estate

2. **Format & Conditions of Entry**

All members of the Senior Tour in good standing are eligible to enter.

The event will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A, in a 36-hole stroke play event for SA Senior Tour member professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 9th November 2022, with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 9th & 10th November 2022 respectively. It is a Sunshine Senior Tour branded order of merit tournament.

The field size will be limited to a maximum of 120 Players. Ideally 30 professionals will play with 90 amateurs in teams of 4, with all the professionals players playing off the same teeing ground and course set-up on the respective competition days.

The Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday from 10:30am-12.40pm and only the professionals play on Thursday morning from 07:00am.-09:00am.

There will be no cut for professionals but only the top 25 senior professionals and ties for 25th place will earn money from the published Prize Fund. Only those who complete the 36 holes, will be eligible for a share of the prize fund of R100 000 or listed amount 7 days before the event, unless a medical certificate can be produced by a player in contention to win prize money by being in the top 25 on day 1 and pitching for play in time on day 2.

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

- All professionals who enter must check their exemption status on the SA Senior Tour Website www.seniortour.co.za or through the Tournament Director (TD), Pat Lowth (082 490 4027). Entries must be made by via email to entries@seniortour.co.za or td@seniortour.co.za or admin@seniortour.co.za by the closing date. Players are required to sign in at the registration table on arrival at the course.
- **A condition of entry for a Senior Professional is that he enter with an amateur partner or with a team of 3 amateurs. The Senior Tour does**

not guarantee amateur entrants for professionals. This is also a first come, first served confirmation of entry, given, and preferred to those professionals entering with 3 amateurs.

This is a limited field size Pro-Am

- The Exemption Criteria for SAST Members is in force through the Category and ranking listings for senior professional members of the Senior Tour. The starting field size is a minimum of 30 professionals and entries will be accepted first from those professionals who have a team of 4, irrespective of the ranking system.
- Entrants may request clarification from the TD at close of entries.
- There will be no pre-qualification for this event.

4. **Practice Day and Practice Facilities**

There is no official practice day, but all players may book practice times through the Club at a green fee/cart cost. Players' may use the practice driving range at their own cost. Call the golf desk on 082 964 3267 to make a booking.

5. **Registration**

All senior professional competitors are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **16.00 on Friday 4th November 2022**. This may be done by telephone/SMS/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or by email: td@seniortour.co.za

6. **Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds**

- The Entry Fees: All Professionals-**R1000.00**, All amateurs-**R1500.00**. Entrants' must comply with the terms and conditions of entry above and produce a copy of a proof of payment if required. (Please quote your name as reference for your payment). **Entry fees include all green fees and cart costs. Only 40 carts will be available to entrants, so booking with the club is necessary.**
- **Entries close – 2nd November 2022 at 6pm.**
- Senior Professionals must enter as per the SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 2nd November 2022, a full refund will be possible.
- **Once entries and payment have been accepted by 2nd November 2022, all competitors will be sent a sms or emailed a confirmation of entry. Professionals will not be allowed to pay their entry fee on the day of the event.**
- All withdrawals must notify the Senior Tour entries department (email: entries@seniortour.co.za): cell no: 076 377 9830 or 082 490 4027.
- 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 a member has any 2022 subscriptions outstanding, from an arrangement already made with the FD, the full amount will be collected from any prize money won.
- If a professional entrant is late on the tee, when called upon to start, in the first or second round of the event, the professional shall be disqualified after an absence of 5 minutes. However, he may continue to play with his team after this time in the first round and play in the team's competition only. The R&A rule 5 will apply for duration of the tournament.

7. Catering

A Grab & Go snack and soft drink will be available to all players for their own account after 9 holes in the round **without causing undue delay**.

Snacks will be available free of charge at the Pro-Am prize giving. A cash bar is available for the needs of competitors for their own account.

8. Caddies, Motorised Carts, Trolleys

There are NO caddies available at the Club during the event.

Further, players, visitors entering the estate will require ID presentation at the security entrances. No caddies are permitted in the clubhouse at any time during the tournament, unless permission is granted, as per the Golf Club rules.

Cart numbers are limited. If required, all tee time groups will only be allowed two carts per group in the Pro-Am and day 2 for professionals only; therefore, sharing may be necessary. Caddies may accompany the player on his/her cart.

Players may elect to ride or walk and play.

There will be no motorised transport to ferry players from greens to tee areas where there 'long distances' are involved.

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. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

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



In the event of any weather delays the results of the tournament will be decided by the TD.

10. **SA Senior Tour/Golf RSA Staff/Tee-Time Draws**

There is SA Senior Tour staff and office bearers on the Event Committee. (Pat Lowth, Neville Clarke, TBA).

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 04th November 2022. An SMS/WhatsApp will also be sent to all 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 event, the players' will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established. Hole: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/count in.

- Best last 9 holes (holes 10-18)
- Then best last 6 holes (13-18)
- Then best last 3 holes (16-18)
- Odd holes 1-18, 9-18, last 3(one of these)
- 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 18 holes' is required to determine a winner in the senior professional section.

If the 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 allocation.

12. **Prize giving**

Prize giving for the Pro-Am on 9th November 2022 will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the event inside the clubhouse.

There is compulsory attendance required by all senior professionals in the Pro-Am prize giving. Violation: R500.00 fine.

The player recording the lowest score for 36 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Simon Hodday Classic Champion.



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 9th November 2022.
- Ideally, 30- exempt senior professionals will team up with 90 amateurs in teams of Four and play in Four Balls. (120 PLAYERS MAXIMUM)
- It may happen that there will be a mixture of professionals and amateurs in the starting field.
- Amateur entry fee: Entry fees are to be paid by 04th November 2022 directly to the Senior Tour as per the terms and conditions of this event. Should no entry fee be received by the due date, the player(s) will not be included in the draw.
- The team competition is an Alliance Stableford, with 2 scores to count except for holes 8 and 18 where all scores will count, where the senior professional competitors play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps, adjusted to the Blue Valley Golf Club handicap differential list. Ladies may play from the forward tees as per the golf course design and their scorecard stroking. Professionals under 50 years of age and amateurs without a handicap, who enter, play off their last registered handicap.
- The senior professional competitors must record their gross score on each hole played.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes to 3rd place plus closest to the pin on all short holes and a longest drive (18th hole), for amateurs only.
- Table snacks will be available at prize giving for all Pro-Am participants. Dress smart casual.

The management and staff of SAST, hope you all have a wonderful and enjoyable experience and thank you for your participation.

