



## **Nelson Mandela Bay Classic** **Wednesday 10 May to 12 May 2023**

**Sponsored by the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality**

### **PLAYER INFORMATION**

**Entries close 18:00hours on 19th April 2023**

1. **Venue:**

Humewood Golf Club

2. **Format & Conditions of Entry**

### **Nelson Mandela Bay Classic**

The NMB Classic will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in 54-hole stroke play event for Professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 10th May 2023, with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> May, and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, respectively. Saturday morning, 13<sup>th</sup> May; **may** be used as a playing round in the event of any weather delays and competitors should take note of this when making their travel plans. The starting field size will be limited to a maximum of 54 players and 90 amateurs.

There will be **no** 36-hole cut after the second day of play but only the top 40 professionals and ties, who complete 54 holes, will be eligible for a share in the R500 000 prize fund. All professionals must hole out every hole and have their score recorded on both the teams score card and the individual card provided.

### **Pro-am Teams Competition**

The Pro-Am Teams competition will be played concurrently with the main event on 10th & 11th May 2023 and details are in section 13 below.

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

- All professionals must check their exemption status on the SA Senior Tour Website and complete the tournament entry form.



- **All** amateurs who enter personally or through their corporate sponsor must complete the required entry form available. These are available through Pat Lowth on 082 490 4027 or [td@seniortour.co.za](mailto:td@seniortour.co.za)
- **Exemptions (maximum 54 players)**
- All past SA Senior Open Champions/NMB Classic winners who enter.
- The top 10 finishes in the previous SAST event.
- All players within the 2023 Exemption Criteria for SAST Members, available from the Senior Tour Website, [saseniortour.co.za](http://saseniortour.co.za).

#### **Pre-Qualification Requirement**

- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw; **in the unlikely position**, 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-Q venue will be at the Humewood Golf Club on the morning of Monday, 8th May 2023. A minimum of 4 spots, will be available from the pre-qualification round to the main draw. In the event of a tie for the 4<sup>th</sup> spot, this will be decided by sudden death in extra holes. The Pre-Q will take place over 18 holes stroke play.
- Extra spots to the main draw may become available through withdrawals after 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023. These will be allocated to the next qualifying player on the SAST exemption list.

#### 4. **Practice Day and Practice Facilities**

The official practice day is Tuesday, 09<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Players must book practice times through the Club (041) 501 5500.

The Practice area is available from Monday 08<sup>th</sup> May and range balls are free for use from 7am-5pm until 12 noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### 5. **Registration**

- All senior professional competitors are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. This may be done in person at the venue or by telephone/SMS/WhatsApp/Email to the Senior Tour Tournament Committee on 083 2270840 or email: [fd@seniortour.co.za](mailto:fd@seniortour.co.za) or [td@seniortour.co.za](mailto:td@seniortour.co.za)
- Amateur Pro-Am registration: At the Welcoming function at the Boardwalk Hotel on 09<sup>th</sup> May from 17:30 or from 06:00 on Day 1 & Day 2 at Humewood Golf Club upstairs near the bar area.

## 6. Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Refunds

- The Entry Fee for all senior professionals is R900.00.
- **Entries close – 19th April 2023 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals BEFORE 18:00 hours on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023; 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.
- Alternate players from the qualifiers must register and/or withdraw as per this document and the Rules and Regulations of SAST.

## 7. Catering

A players' lounge area affords competitors' access to a light snack with tea or coffee before **and** after their game, at no cost.

A complimentary 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees throughout the event.

## 8. Caddies, Motorised Carts, Trolleys

There may be no or not enough caddies/carts available at the Club during the event.

Those competitors requiring a caddie should make their own arrangements or liaise with the entries department (082 490 4027) in this regard as soon as possible to ensure an allocation. (Latest 3rd May 2023)

Carts may be used by all competitors on all days. Caddies and or spouses/friends may accompany the player. All Carts will be charged at R320.00 per cart per day and sharing arrangements must be done by the players.



Caddies and Cart costs are for the participant's account.

All tee time groups on Day 3 will be allowed individual Carts bookings. As stated, Cart numbers are limited and booking confirmations are necessary. We trust that professions will share Cart usage and costs on Day 3. Again, it is the players' responsibility to organise his own cart booking and usage.

Players may elect to walk and play using their own trolleys or with/without caddies.

There will be no motorised transport to ferry players 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 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> tees, respectively. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) The one ball rule is applicable for main event competitors only.
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting for professionals. (Hard Card)
- 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. SA Senior Tour/Tee-Time Draws

There will be SA Senior Tour members on the Event Committee. Pat Lowth is the Tournament Director and will be responsible for all rulings and officiating alongside other nominated persons.

The draw and tee times for the first round will be made available on the website and the Club notice board from 6pm, 8th May 2023. An SMS or WhatsApp will also be sent advising competitors of the same and for subsequent rounds.

All event disputes of any nature will be handled by the TD and his decision. will be final.

## 11. Play Off and Completion of the Event

In the event of a tie for first place, the players' will be required to play in a sudden death knock- out format until a winner is established. (18<sup>th</sup>)



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 of the tournament.

In the event of a Pro-Am day not being completed, the TD will decide on further procedures and details after consultation with the event committee.

## 12. **Prize Giving.**

Prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the event in the clubhouse or weather permitting on the practice putting green outside clubhouse.

**There is compulsory attendance required by the professionals and/or amateurs placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> including the leading amateur in the Championship. It is compulsory for ALL professionals to attend the Pro-Am prize giving function on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Boardwalk Hotel.**

The player recording the lowest score for 54 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Nelson Mandela Bay Classic champion and receive a trophy with a medal.

The professional prize fund will be displayed on the notice board at the club.

## 13. **Pro-Am Teams Event**

- These will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- It is expected that 30 exempt and pre-qualified professionals will team up with 90 amateurs in teams of 4-balls. (120 PLAYERS MAXIMUM)
- The remaining 24 exempt Professional players will play in 3-balls ahead or behind the Pro-Am field each day as per the draw design.
- Amateur entry fee: R1,000.00 per day/round. This does not apply to corporate sponsorship by contract. All amateur players in the Pro-Am days will receive a gift bag.
- The team competition is an Alliance Gross Stableford, best two scores to count, where the professional competitors play off a scratch handicap, and their amateur partners (**male or female**) off their official club handicaps x 0.85, rounded up or down from the mid-point.
- The Gross scores of each player are recorded on the score card.
- **Scoring;** The best two gross scores are added together on each hole, and if the amateur gets a shot (1 or 2), they are added to their gross score and recorded on the score card alliance column. Ladies may play from the forward tees as per the golf course design and their scorecard stroking. The male amateurs may choose their teeing ground against the adjusted club



colour coded handicaps. Amateur players are requested to pick up their golf balls if they have scored more than 1-over par on any hole to save time. **Also, the amateur will record a zero on his/her points section if a gross point is not achieved, irrespective of handicap. Albatros-5pts, Eagle-4pts, Birdie-3pts, Par-2pts, 1-over-1 pt, 2-over &+, 0pts. (We reserve the right to change the competition format if required).**

- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the competition.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place each day, plus closest to the pin on all short holes and longest drive on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole for amateurs only on both days. Combined score prizes for both days will also be awarded.

#### 14. Official functions:

09<sup>th</sup> May; Boardwalk Hotel, 5.30pm Welcome Cocktail Function

11<sup>th</sup> May; Boardwalk Hotel, 7.00pm Pro-Am Prize Giving Dinner

#### 15. Accommodation:

- Selected Players will receive accommodation at the Sun Boardwalk Hotel for 3-nights on a room only basis, courtesy of Sun International. These players will be selected from the Exemption and Ranking List 2023 as well as Career Earnings or however the Operating Committee deem necessary. These players can then decide to share with their wives/spouses/partners or with or without another player.
- Breakfasts will be available from the Humewood Golf Club at own cost to the Player/Guest.

#### 16. Airport Shuttle/Transfers to/from the Golf Club:

- Players are advised to contact Fiona on 083 227 0840 to advise of their flight details and make bookings for the shuttle from PE Airport/Boardwalk Hotel return. The shuttle will operate on Tuesday all day for these arrangements.
- The shuttle will also operate from the Boardwalk to the Humewood Golf Course each day from Tuesday to Friday (9<sup>th</sup> May-12May) 6am to 6pm. A schedule will be available at the Club and Boardwalk Hotel respectively.
- Players not staying at the Boardwalk may enquire how they may be transferred during the week depending on the shuttle availability.

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

