



Simon Hobday Classic

21st – 22nd November 2023

PLAYER INFORMATION

Entries close 18:00hours on 15th November 2023

1. Venue:

Blue Valley Golf & Country Club, Midrand

2. Format & Conditions of Entry

The Simon Hobday Classic, hosted by the Blue Valley Golf & Country Club, will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in a 36-hole Strokeplay event for professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 21st November 2023, (18 holes being played on each of the days of 21st and 22nd November 2023 respectively). A teams' event will run concurrently in a 4-Ball Alliance competition, over the first day, consisting of one professional and three amateur partners. The field size will be limited to a maximum of 54 professionals and 90 amateurs, with the professionals playing off separate tees from the amateurs, who will have the choice of the colour tee markers in accordance with Golf RSA handicapping conditions. There may be a morning field of 24 professionals (8 x 3 groups) who may play with or without amateurs.

3. Entry Conditions, Exemptions for Entry into the Starting Draw

- Professional Prize Fund R100 000. There is no cut after the first round, but only the top 25 professionals and ties will be paid.
- All professionals and amateurs must enter through entries@seniortour.co.za.
- This is an Order of Merit event for professionals over 36 holes of stroke play.
- At the closing date of entries, confirmation will be given with references to all entrants or otherwise, where the organisers have the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason.
- Exemptions for professional entrants-Pre-Q Details
- Only member professionals of SAST in good standing may enter.
- Preference will be given to members according to the ranking and exemption list of 2023 (OoM 2022) and invitations to participate with amateurs, **as well as those with a team of three amateurs.** (54 max Pro entry)
- The starting field size will be limited to 54 professional entrants, 30 with their team of three amateurs and 24 playing in the morning field. In the event of there being more than 54 entries, a prequalifying round will be necessary at Blue Valley on the morning of 20th November 2023 for 4 spots to be added to the 50 exempt players.



4. **Practice Day and Practice Facilities**

The official practice day is Sunday 19th November 2023, afternoon field only. Professional practice round is R190, excluding golf carts, and based on availability of the golf course.

Practice rounds fees for amateurs will be charged per person.

The range is behind the Clubhouse to the left of hole 18.

5. **Registration**

All exempt senior professional entrants are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on 18th November 2023**. This may also be done by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or email: td@seniortour.co.za. Amateur participants must register on 21st November at the club, where payment will be taken in cash or electronically.

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

- The Entry Fee for all professional entrants for the event is **R1000.00**.
- **Entries close —15th November 2023 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter and pay as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 17th November 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.
- **The amateur entry fee is R1500.00 per person payable to the Senior Tour by EFT. Bank Details: Bank; ABSA, Account No.3310150605, Branch Code 632005. Receipts will be issued. Proof of payments must also be sent to fd@seniortour.co.za. This includes golf green fees, golf cart sharing, halfway house, and a meal after golf on 21st November 2023.**
- If a SAST member entrant is late on the tee, when called upon to start, the player shall be disqualified after an absence of 5 minutes and will not participate in the professional prize fund. The R&A rule 6-3a will apply for duration of this fun event. He will however be able to play with his team in the teams' competition and win a prize if he arrives after the 5 minutes of his tee time.

7. **Accommodation, Catering, Hospitality**

- **All accommodation is for the participant's account.**



- Prizegiving for the Pro-Am will take place shortly after the final fourball have handed in their score cards on 21st November 2023. A meal will be provided, as well as all Half-Way house 'grab and go' during your round of golf.

8. Caddies, Motorised Carts

- There will be a limited number of carts and no caddies available during the event
- Carts required by professionals and amateurs during the Pro-Am are at no cost. The final round carts are for the professionals' own account at a cost of R400.00 per round or R200.00 sharing.

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

All SA Senior Tour rules, terms and conditions apply. Additional Local Rules will be available from the starter on the 1st & 10th tees. Professional competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) One ball rule is applicable
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting (Pros)
- c) Play suspensions in a dangerous situation requires an **immediate** stop for all players.
- d) Distance devices may be used

10. Golf Tee-Times/ Draws

There will be SA Senior Tour staff on the Event Committee.

Pat Lowth will be the Tournament Director (TD) in the event of a disputed rule.

The draws for the first round will be made available on the Senior Tour website and the second & final round will be a seeded draw for professionals only.

SMS's will also be sent to competitors advising of the tee times.

Tee times for the pro-am section from 10.00am off 1st and 10th Tees respectively. (30 Pros)

Tee times for the remaining qualified players (24 pros) will be from 6.45am-7.15am.

11. Play Off and Completion of the Event

In the event of a tie for first place amongst the professionals, **there will be a play-off, using the 18th hole until a winner is established.**

In the event of a tie(s) in the Teams section, prizes will be decided by a count-out.

- Then best last 9 holes where applicable
- Then best last 6 holes, then best last 3 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 the winners', have been established.



If a Teams' - day is not completed, the TD will decide on further procedures and details after consultation with the event committee. (Angus Dickson/Neville Clarke/Pat Lowth/Fiona Burger)

12. **Prize giving**

There will be 3 team prizes per day, and closest to pins on all the short holes and longest drive (18^h Hole) on the Pro-Am day.

There is compulsory attendance required at the prize giving for the top 5 senior professionals.

In the event of a tie(s) for the team prizes, these will be done by scorecard count outs as decided in point 11.

13. **Team's Event**

- The team competition is an Alliance Stableford format with 2 scores to count on each hole, where the professionals 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 handicapping format will apply to all amateurs from their chosen coloured tee markers.**
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the competition.
- The senior professional must record his strokeplay score on each hole played.

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



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