

Countdown to the Nationals

Newsletter 6

And so we come to the last newsletter for the 52nd National Left Handed Golf Championships. Final arrangements are being made with the golf courses; shirts, merchandise and prizes have been ordered and catering arrangements are being finalised. Effectively, these and a multitude of other activities see the culmination of nearly 2 years work by your organising committee.

All augurs well for an exciting championship and although registrations are bit lower than originally anticipated, the numbers are still quite good compared with the trends of recent years. At the time of writing we have a total of 182 registrations made up of:

- 106 LH Men - 33 A Grade; 43 B Grade; 30 C Grade
- 12 LH Women
- 18 RH Players
- 46 Non-playing partners

There are only 4 to 6 tee times remaining, and these are limited to players who are prepared to walk as all motorised carts have been allocated. Such entries also will not be able to purchase a Championship shirt due to the ordering date set by Suppliers. There may also be some limitation on items provided in the 'show-bag' for the same reason. However notwithstanding these matters, late entries are very welcome.

Your attention is specifically brought to the following updates to the championships program:

1. The reduced number of players has provided the opportunity to adjust the program to better suit the organisation and running of the championships. The revised program has enabled a single shotgun start for the whole field on the Tuesday and Friday at Yowani Country Club starting at 8:30am. The 7:30am and 12:30pm shotgun starts at Federal Golf Club are retained to accommodate motorised cart availability. However, start times for the grades have been changed with C Grade Men, Ladies and RH players now scheduled for the 7:30am start on Monday 30 October and A and B Grade Men on Thursday 2 November;
2. Draft draws have been posted on both the National and ACT Division websites – you are encouraged to download and print your own copies of the draws, as they will only be displayed on the Championship notice board at Yowani Country Club. **Separate copies of the draw will not be provided in the registration package;**
3. At this stage the indicative GA ratings for the respective grades will be: Men A 0-12.4; B 12.5 - 18.4; C >18.5. There will only be 1 grade for Ladies. Grades will be set for the championships according to GA ratings as at 19 October 2017 – this will be the date for final determination of handicaps for the duration of the championships;
4. As advised in Newsletter 3 we have paired cart users in the draws on the understanding that the respective players will share the cost of cart hire. To avoid confusion on the day it is also requested that only one player in a shared cart make the payment and seek reimbursement from his/her playing partner;
5. The ball run for Monday 30th October 2017 has been pre set to a Nett 78. This will be reviewed at the conclusion of play for the following days;
6. Players will be given the opportunity to nominate for the ACT Division's Annual Championships to be held in conjunction with day 2 of the National Championships at Yowani Country Club. Separate prizes are awarded for winner and runner-up places for A, B and C Grade Men, and Ladies for this event. Perpetual trophies are awarded for A and B Grade Men and Ladies. A separate entry fee of \$10 is charged for this event which can be paid at the registration function;
7. The hole in one competition at Federal Golf Club will take place on Monday 30th October 2017 and for Yowani Country Club on Friday 3rd November 2017;

8. In terms of catering the welcome function is a buffet of roast meat, vegetables and salads, lunches at Yowani Country Club are either gourmet sausage or egg and bacon sandwich and at Federal Golf Club lunches are either schnitzel rolls or hamburgers. If you have any special dietary requirements for these meals or the presentation dinner would you please advise me via return email (sidandjulie@iinet.net.au)

I look forward to seeing everyone here in Canberra on the 29th of October and wish you all a successful week of golf.

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