



PioneerValley  
- GOLF CLUB -

# HANDBOOK

# 2023



# LOCAL RULES

## Out of Bounds (Rule 18)

- Beyond any line of white and black top stakes
- Beyond any fence bounding the golf course

## Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- Red Penalty Areas are identified and defined by red stakes and where red lines are in existence, they define the margin. Where no line or stake exists the Penalty Area is defined by its natural margin.

## Abnormal Course Conditions (including Obstructions and GUR)

- Includes all areas bounded by white lines and/or white stakes. This includes drains on right hand side on holes 7 & 14 as defined by white stake at each end with a club length either side of sight line of stakes.
- All artificially surfaced roads & the service road that runs from the clubhouse to the green shed.
- The cart shed, security safety screens, distance & tee indicator signs, sandpits & seats.
- All bare patches on the putting green are to be treated as G.U.R. and relief is also available if the condition intervenes with the line of play providing the ball is on the putting green.
- Bare Patches – a ball which comes to rest on a bare patch (are devoid of grass – a divot is not a bare patch) in the general area on the closely mown portion cut to fairway height or less (Rule 16.1b).
- All marked and unmarked irrigation and construction works.
- All clearly defined wheel ruts.
- Cultivated garden beds.
- Within 1 club length of the ends of all drainage bridges in the general area cut to the fairway height or less.
- Manmade drains containing water.
- Animal footprints in a bunker.

## Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

- Ball in General Area. The player may to relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:
  - On the line of play, and is:
  - Within two club-lengths of the putting green
  - Within two club-lengths of the ball, and
  - Both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less

## Moveable Obstructions

- All course signage that is NOT FIXED into the ground permanently shall be treated as MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS. Please replace signage afterwards.

## Distance Markers

- All distance markers are measured to the centre of the green

## Power Lines

- If a player strikes a power line and/or poles, the stroke is cancelled, and the ball **MUST** be replayed from the nearest point from which the original ball was played.

## Motorised Carts

- All motorised carts are to be driven no closer than 10m from all green edges & drivers must obey on-course signage.

## Mobile Phones/Radios

- Mobile phones are to be turned off or put on silent, no radios/music to be played during a competition round.

# COMPETITIONS OFFERED DURING THE 2022/2023 SEASON

## WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Tuesday – Womens

Thursday – Veterans (must be a member of the Veterans Association)

Saturday – Club Competition

Sunday – Juniors

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – Club Competition

(Minimum 4 players must play each week for competition)

**Please Note – Competition Results will be finalised and uploaded to the website after all competitions. However if this is not the case, results will be finalised and uploaded at the Captains earliest convenience.**

## MEN & WOMEN'S MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### AN HONOUR BOARD EVENT – KINDLY DONATED BY LIFE MEMBERS ROB & KAY CRAIG

This competition is only played Saturdays and is open to all members at no cost.

**How it works** - 6 qualifying rounds are selected during the year. Out of the 6 games the best 2 gross rounds are used to calculate your score with the daily handicap being used from the final round to get the overall score from the 2 best rounds.

**Men** – The top 8 Men in A, B & C Grade will be selected to play.

**Women** – There is 1 division and the top 8 will be selected. Due to the difference in handicaps, Women's Match play shall be played in the following way:

Play off half the difference of the daily handicap, rounded off to the nearest number.

E.g., Player A is off 12 and player B is off 15. The difference is 3. Player B gets 1.5 shots which is rounded up to 2 and therefore gets 2 shots on Match Index.

Draws will be done up and placed on the noticeboard, 2 weeks before the first games are to commence.

All matches must be played within a 2-week period and can be played any day of the week. Once games are completed, please write the result on the draw sheet.

### Dates for Matchplay Qualifying Rounds

Rnd 1 – 25<sup>th</sup> February

Rnd 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> March

Rnd 3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Rnd 4 – 13<sup>th</sup> May

Rnd 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Rnd 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> June

26<sup>th</sup> June – Start of Matchplay

10<sup>th</sup> July – Game 1 must be played

24<sup>th</sup> July – Game 2 must be played

7<sup>th</sup> August – Game 3 must be played with winners been decided

Prizes will be given out on presentation day.

## WAREHOUSE

Please nominate your team/buggies by phoning the club.

Played as a Team Ambrose on the last Sunday of each month and is a shot gun start from 8.00 am. Teams must be registered by 7.30 am. The cost is \$35.00 per player and can be teams of 3 or 4. Please see calendar for dates.

## ECLECTIC

3 separate competitions on a Tuesday (Women), Thursday (Men & Women) & Saturday (Men & Women) with results finalised at the end of October.

It is \$10.00 per Eclectic competition you wish to enter. **Nominations close – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**How it works** – The lowest score obtained on each hole across the stroke rounds is recorded, producing an 18-hole score, giving each player a Gross Eclectic score. Eclectic placings are based on Net Stroke score with the handicap halved. Handicaps are taken from the last round of the competition. If you would like to nominate, please see Carene.

## GREG NEILL TROPHY

This is only played on Saturdays and is kindly sponsored by Greg Neill & Son Jewellers and is open to all members at no cost.

**How it works** – There is a Men's & Women's Greg Neill Trophy competition.

5 games are selected during the year, either a stroke or stableford. Points are awarded to each player from 10 to 1. 10 points being awarded to the winner of the day and 9 for runner-up etc. etc. down to 1 point for all players on the day. The player with the most points at the end of October is the winner.

Winners will be announced at presentation day.

### Dates for Greg Neill Trophy

Rnd 1 – 11<sup>th</sup> February

Rnd 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> April

Rnd 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> June

Rnd 4 – 19<sup>th</sup> August

Rnd 5 – 28<sup>th</sup> October

## SHOT OF THE DAY

This is only played on Saturdays. It is \$3.00 to enter and must be paid before start of play. It is open to men and women with the winner been given money on their membership card to purchase items/merchandise behind the bar.

The Captain will decide each week which hole and whether it is 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shot.

## MONTHLY MEDAL OF MEDALS

This competition is played on Tuesdays (Women), Thursday (Veterans) & Saturday (Club). A monthly medal competition is played each month with the winner being eligible to play in the Medal of Medals final in October. Women have 1 division, Veterans have 1 division for men and woman, Saturday have 2 divisions combined for Men & Women. Prizes will be given out on presentation day.

## **GNQ PENNANT COMPETITION**

Womens Handicap Pennant Competition - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

2 Divisions representing Pioneer Valley Golf Club.

Mens Stroke Pennant Competition - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

A, B & C Grade teams representing Pioneer Valley Golf Club.

A Grade @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club, B & C Grade @ Mystic Sands Golf Club

Nomination forms will be put up on the whiteboard 3 months prior with the selection process for all teams being made 2 months before and a captain chosen. Players will be notified of their selection.

## **YEARLY PRIZES AWARDED**

### **Men's Club Champion – Honour Board**

Men's A Grade Gross Runner-Up

Men's B Grade Gross Champion

Men's B Grade Gross Runner-up

Men's C Grade Gross Champion

Men's C Grade Gross Runner-Up

Men's A Grade Nett Winner

Men's A Grade Nett Runner-Up

Men's B Grade Nett Winner

Men's B Grade Nett Runner-Up

Men's C Grade Nett Winner

Men's C Grade Nett Runner-Up

### **Women's Club Champion – Honour Board**

Women's Gross Runner-Up

Women's Nett Winner

Women's Nett Runner-Up

Veterans Men's Club Champion

Veterans Men Div. 1 Gross Runner-Up

Veterans Men Div. 2 Gross Winner

Veterans Men Div. 2 Gross Runner-Up

Veterans Division 1 Nett Winner

Veterans Division 1 Nett Runner-Up

Veterans Division 2 Nett Winner

Veterans Division 2 Nett Runner-Up

Veterans Ladies Club Champion  
Veterans Women's Gross Runner-Up  
Veterans Women's Nett Winner  
Veterans Women's Nett Runner-Up

**Match Play – Men’s A Grade winner – Honour Board**

**Match Play – Men’s B Grade Winner – Honour Board**

**Match Play – Men’s C Grade Winner – Honour Board**

**Match Play – Women’s Winner – Honour Board**

**Men’s Foursomes Champions – Honour Board**

Men’s Foursomes Nett winners

**Women's Foursomes Champions – Honour Board**

Women's Foursomes Nett Winners

**Mixed Foursomes Champions – Honour Board**

Mixed Foursomes Nett winners

Weekend Div. 1 Monthly Medal of Medals Winner

Weekend Div. 2 Monthly Medal of Medals Winner

Veteran Men’s Medal of Medals Winner

Veteran Women's Medal of Medals Winner

Tuesday Women's Medal of Medals Winner

Men’s Weekend Eclectic Winner

Women's Weekend Eclectic Winner

Women's Tuesday Eclectic Winner

Veterans Men’s Eclectic Winner

Veterans Women’s Eclectic Winner

Men’s Weekend Greg Neill Trophy Winner

Women’s Weekend Greg Neill Trophy Winner

Women’s Tuesday Goanna Winner

Women’s Tuesday Putting Winner



## Men's & Women's Club Closed Championships Conditions of Play

Club Closed Championships are open to financial members of Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

A \$4.00 levy per player will be charged for the Championship.

Payment is required in full on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Championships for the 2 days.

- The Championship will be a Shot Gun Start from 9.00 am Saturday & Sunday.
- This event is played over 36 holes – 18 holes Saturday & Sunday. No seeded draw.
- The Men's & Women's Championship will be awarded to the player with the best gross score after 36 holes.
- There will be 3 Grades A, B & C for men and 1 division for women
- Handicaps for grades to be decided by the PVGC Match committee. Handicaps will be frozen from the 1<sup>st</sup> day. All cards will be uploaded to golf link at the completion of the Closed Championships.
- All play shall be under the control of the Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix, alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white notice board.
- Golf Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over the holes to be decided by the Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Players must swap cards.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND BY THE PERSON/S CONCERNED.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**



## Veterans Club Closed Championship Conditions of Play

Veterans Club Closed Championships are open to financial members of the Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

Men aged 55 years & over, Women aged 50 years & over are eligible to nominate.

- The Championship will be played over 27 holes and is a stroke event.
- The Championship will be a timed start from 8.00 am.
- Divisions in both Men & Women will depend on numbers.
- The handicaps for divisions will be decided by the Veterans Committee.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the white notice board.
- All play shall be under the control of the Veterans Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Champion, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over holes nominated by the Veterans Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count back system.
- Golf Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES/VIOLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE VETERANS COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND BY THE PERSON/PERSONS CONCERNED.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**





## Mixed Foursomes Closed Championships

### Conditions of Play

PVGC Mixed Foursomes Closed Championships is open to financial members of Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

A \$4.00 levy per player will be charged for the Championship.

Men will tee off odd numbered holes and Women will tee off even numbered holes for the first 18 holes and the reverse format shall apply for the remaining 9 holes.

Format of game – After the initial tee off, it is alternating shots until the ball is in the hole.

Example: Player A tees off, Player B hits 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, Player A hits 3<sup>rd</sup> shot etc. etc. until the ball is in the hole.

- Play shall commence from Tee #1 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes and the last 9 holes of the 27 holes will start from Tee #1.
- The Championship will be a timed start from 9.00am to 9.45 am (dependent on numbers)
- This event is played over 27 holes.
- The Championship will be awarded to the team who return the best gross score after 27 holes.
- Handicap is ½ of the teams combined handicaps. This will already be worked out and printed on scores cards prior to tee off.
- Cards to be handed in after the first 18 holes.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- All play shall be under the control of the Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship, the winners shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over the holes to be decided by the Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Golf Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**

2023 PVGC Match Committee



## Men & Women's Foursomes Closed Championships Conditions of Play

PVGC Men & Women's Foursomes Closed Championships is open to financial members of the Pioneer Valley Golf Club with a GA Handicap.

A \$4.00 levy per player will be charged for the Championship.

Format of game – After the initial tee off, it is alternating shots until the ball is in the hole.

Example: 1<sup>st</sup> Player tees off, 2<sup>nd</sup> Player hits 2<sup>nd</sup> shot, 1<sup>st</sup> Player hits 3<sup>rd</sup> shot etc. etc. until the ball is in the hole.

- Play shall commence from Tee #1 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 18 holes and the last 9 holes of the 27 holes will start from Tee #1.
- The Championship will be a timed start from 7.30 am to 9.45 am (dependent on numbers)
- Players may choose who tees off odds or evens & then swap on the last 9.
- This event is played over 27 holes.
- The Foursome Championships will be awarded to the Men & Ladies teams who return the best gross score after 27 holes.
- Handicap is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the teams combined handicaps. This will already be worked out and printed on scores cards prior to tee off.
- Cards to be handed in after the first 18 holes.
- Teams shall swap cards.
- All play must proceed without undue delay.
- Motorised carts may be used by any player.
- All play shall be under the control of the Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship, the winners shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over the holes to be decided by the Match Committee.

**DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**



## Veterans Open Championship Conditions of Play

Pioneer Valley Veterans Open Championship is open to Amateurs with a WHS handicap and who are members of a golf Club affiliated through their district golf association with the relevant state body of Golf Australia.

Men aged 55 years and over, Ladies aged 50 years and over are eligible to nominate.  
A player nominating should be a financial member of a Veterans association.

- The Championship will be played over 18 holes with a Shot Gun Start and is a Stroke Event.
- Divisions will be dependent on numbers in both Men and Women.
- The handicaps for divisions to be decided by the PVGC Match committee.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the PV notice boards.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross champion / runner-up in that division the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over holes nominated by the veterans committee. Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count back system.
- Golf Queensland Code of conduct will apply to this event.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**



## Women's Open Championship Conditions of Play

- The Championship will be played over 18 holes and is a Stroke Event.
- There will be 3 Grades A, B & C (dependent on numbers)
- Handicaps for grades to be decided by the PVGC Match committee.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the PV notice boards.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross champion in any grade the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over holes nominated by the PVGC Match Committee. Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count back system.
- Golf Queensland Code of conduct will apply to this event.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**



## Men's Open Championship Conditions of Play

- The Championship will be played over 36 holes and is a Stroke Event.
- There will be 3 Grades A, B, & C
- Handicaps for grades to be decided by the PVGC Match committee.
- All play shall be in accordance with the rules of Golf and the local rules of the club as per the scorecard and the PV notice boards.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC Match Committee, who reserve the right to determine the tee-off holes, to fix or alter starting times or to shorten the Championship in the event of bad weather, should it be deemed necessary.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Champion in any grade the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff over holes nominated by the PVGC Match Committee. Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count back system.
- Golf Queensland Code of conduct will apply to this event.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

**DISPUTES MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE MATCH COMMITTEE WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF FINISHING THE ROUND.**

**MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF OR PUT ON SILENT, NO RADIOS/MUSIC TO BE PLAYED DURING A COMPETITION ROUND.**

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

## FEBRUARY

- 🌀 2<sup>nd</sup> - Veterans Open Day
- 🌀 4<sup>th</sup> - Club Open Day
- 🌀 7<sup>th</sup> – Womens Opening Day
- 🌀 11<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 1 Greg Neill Trophy
- 🌀 25<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 1 Qualifier Men & Women Matchplay Championships

## MARCH

- 🌀 11<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 2 Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 12<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 1 Clive Rogers Trophy @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 26<sup>th</sup> – Rnd 2 Clive Rogers Trophy @ Mackay Golf Club
- 🌀 30<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Rnd 1 Bartolo Shield @ Sarina Golf Club

## APRIL

- 🌀 6<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Rnd 1 Crokers Shield @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 8<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 2 Greg Neill Trophy
- 🌀 20<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Rnd 1 MDVA @ Sarina Golf Club
- 🌀 22<sup>nd</sup> - Rnd 3 Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - GNQ Men's Handicap Pennant Competition @ TBA

## MAY

- 🌀 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - Queensland Women's Country Week @ Toowoomba
- 🌀 13<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 4 - Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 15<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Rnd 2 MDVA @ Mackay Golf Club
- 🌀 18<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Closed Club Championships
- 🌀 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - GNQ Men's Open Championship @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 23<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Rnd 2 Crokers Shield @ Proserpine Golf Club

## JUNE

- 🌀 1<sup>st</sup> – Veterans Rnd 3 MDVA @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - PVGC Closed Club Championships
- 🌀 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 5 & Rnd 6 Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 8<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Rnd 2 Bartolo Shield @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – PVGC Pro Am – Major Sponsor – Roy Powell Security
- 🌀 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - GNQ Women's Open Championship @ Sarina Golf Club
- 🌀 24<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 3 Greg Neill Trophy
- 🌀 26<sup>th</sup> - Start of Men's & Women's Matchplay Championships (Men - A, B, C & Women - Div. 1)

## JULY

- 🌀 5<sup>th</sup> – PVGC Junior Open
- 🌀 10<sup>th</sup> - Matchplay Game 1 must be played
- 🌀 15<sup>th</sup> July - Club Closed Mixed Foursomes Championships – 27 Holes
- 🌀 20<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Rnd 3 Crokers Shield @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - GNQ Women's Handicap Pennant Competition
- 🌀 24<sup>th</sup> - Matchplay Game 2 must be played
- 🌀 29<sup>th</sup> - Club Closed Men & Women's Foursomes Championships – 27 Holes

## AUGUST

- 🌀 7<sup>th</sup> - Matchplay Game 3 must be played (winners decided)
- 🌀 11<sup>th</sup> - PVGC Veterans Wintersun
- 🌀 16<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Rnd 3 Croker's Shield @ Proserpine Golf Club
- 🌀 26<sup>th</sup> - Rnd 4 Greg Neill Trophy
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Veterans Rnd 4 MDVA @ Sarina Golf Club

## SEPTEMBER

- 🌀 9<sup>th</sup> - Women's Open – Sponsored by JPR Welding & Valley Vet Surgery
- 🌀 9<sup>th</sup> - Men's Open – Sponsored by Aussie
- 🌀 10<sup>th</sup> - Men's Open – Sponsored by Aussie
- 🌀 12<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Rnd 4 Crokers Shield @ Proserpine Golf Club
- 🌀 21<sup>st</sup> - PVGC Veterans Open
- 🌀 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - GNQ Senior Open Championship @ Sarina Golf Club

## OCTOBER

- 🌀 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - GNQ Men's Stroke Pennant Competition (A Grade – Pioneer Valley Golf Club, B & C Grade – Mystic Sands Golf Club)
- 🌀 24<sup>th</sup> - Women's Monthly Medal Final & End of Eclectic
- 🌀 26<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Monthly Medal Final & End of Eclectic
- 🌀 28<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Medal Final, Final Rnd Greg Neill Trophy & End of Eclectic

## NOVEMBER

- 🌀 1<sup>st</sup> - START OF 2023/2024 GOLFING SEASON

## DECEMBER

- 🌀 2<sup>nd</sup> - Closing Day & Presentation
- 🌀 7<sup>th</sup> - December - Start of Summer Competition held on Thursday & Saturday's

## SPONSORING OF EVENTS

There are many opportunities for members and businesses to sponsor during the year.

The following club events are available to sponsor:

- 🌀 Weekly events held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays
- 🌀 PVGC Women – (2023 sponsors - JPR Welding & Valley Vet Surgery)
- 🌀 PVGC Men (2023 sponsor - Aussie Mackay) & Veteran's Opens
- 🌀 PVGC Junior Open
- 🌀 PVGC Pro-Am – information will be emailed out to members once details are finalised

Any members or businesses interested in sponsoring in 2023 please come and have a chat with the Captains – Carene Vandersee and Mark Henrich or email [captains@pioneervalleygolf.com.au](mailto:captains@pioneervalleygolf.com.au) and we will be more than happy to help.

# GOLF COMPETITIONS AND HOW THEY ARE PLAYED

## Golf Australia Advice

### **Stroke (Medal)**

The score at each hole is entered on the score card, totalled and the player's full handicap deducted. The player who completes the stipulated round in the fewest net strokes is the winner. Usually, a gross winner is also determined.

### **Match Play**

This traditional form of the game sees two individuals or two sides competing against each other with the number of holes won or lost deciding the match. The match is completed when one side is ahead after the stipulated number of holes or is more holes up than the number of holes remaining to be played.

The number of strokes awarded in this competition is the difference between the players' handicaps. Where there are more than 18 strokes difference between players' handicaps, the higher handicapped players will receive 2 or 3 strokes per hole where applicable. It is usual for the Committee to prescribe sudden-death continuation if a match is all square after the required holes. In this case handicap strokes are used as in the original round.

In four-ball match play, the lowest marker reverts to scratch and gives strokes to the higher markers, e.g. A is on a 4 handicap, B on 8, C on 12 and D on 27. A receives no strokes, B gets 4 strokes, C gets 8 strokes and D gets 23 strokes, irrespective of who is A's partner.

### **Stableford**

This system of scoring by points was introduced by Dr Frank Stableford of the Wallasey Golf Club (Liverpool, England) in 1932 and is the most common event played at club level.

Stableford involves scoring points based on results at each hole. Using the index for each hole, players are able to make a mental allocation of their full handicap for each of the 18 holes. For example, a player on a handicap of 18 will add one shot to the par value of each hole to determine their own par for the hole. Thus, a hole rated as a par 4 becomes a par 5 for the player.

The points scoring method is then calculated by allocating two points for a par, one point for one over, three points for one under, four points for two under, and so on. For example, a player receiving a stroke on a par 4-hole scores 4 giving them a net 3; for this the player receives 3 points. A player at a par 3-hole scores a 4 but does not receive a stroke; for this the player would receive 1 point.

Players who exceed their own par by two strokes score no points for the hole and, since they cannot improve on that result, they should pick up their ball. At the end of the round all points scored are added up and the player having the highest number of points is the winner.

When marking the score card, the number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where points are scored. Thus, the card records both strokes and points.



## **Par**

Players need to allocate full handicap strokes to each hole, as explained for Individual Stableford competition. Once players mentally determine their own par for each hole, the Individual Par competition challenges them to beat their own par. If players do exceed their par, they score a '+' (plus) for the hole. If players equal their own par, they are said to have squared the hole which is scored with an 'O'. If par is not achieved, a '-' (minus) sign is recorded. At the end of the round the plus and minus signs are added, and the net result written in as so many 'up', 'down' or 'squared'.

A player is allowed their full stroke handicap and the strokes are taken at holes as indicated on the card. Where the handicap is more than 18, two strokes will be allowed on the number of holes that the handicap exceeds 18. These strokes will be taken in the same order as followed for the first 18 holes unless the index goes beyond 18.

Once again, when marking the score card, the number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where an 'O' or '+' is scored. Thus, the card records both strokes and plus, half, or minus.

## **Bogey**

This form of competition is rarely played in Australia. It is played and scored the same as a Par competition, except that where a Par competition is scored against the course 'par' for each hole, a Bogey competition is scored against the course 'bogey' for each hole. In this context 'bogey' does not necessarily mean one over 'par' at every hole; at some holes the 'bogey' score will be the same as the 'par' score, at others it will be one over 'par'. The Committee will determine what the 'bogey' score is for each hole – there may only be three or four holes on the course where the 'bogey' score is different from the 'par' score. Some clubs in the United Kingdom will list on their score cards for each hole both the 'par' score and the 'bogey' score.

## **Four-Ball Par**

Two players play as partners each taking strokes at holes as in a par competition. If one of the partners wins a hole and the other squares it only the win is counted. If one square a hole with par and the other loses it only the square is counted and so on. Plus, square, and minus signs are added at the end of the round and recorded as in an ordinary par competition.

In a four-ball handicap event care must be taken to mark the scores of each player in separate columns headed by the initials of the player. If the scores are incomplete and it is impossible for the Committee to check the card the players will be disqualified.

## **Four-Ball Stableford**

This event is played in exactly the same manner as a Four-Ball Par, except that the better ball of the partnership will be credited with points rather than a plus, square or minus.

## **Four-Ball Aggregate Stableford**

As the name implies, the Stableford system is used in this event and the competition is played with a partner, as in a Four-Ball Stableford. Individual full handicaps are applied to each player and the number of points scored by each player is recorded at the end of every hole, as well as a total or aggregate for the team. The team having the highest number of points is the winner. Again, when marking the score card, the number of strokes taken must always be shown for holes where points are scored. Thus, the card records both strokes and points.

## **Foursome**

Two players play as partners and use one ball. The partners strike off alternately from the tee and thereafter strike the ball alternately during the play of each hole. Scoring is done as for a stroke round and the total is subject to a deduction of half the partners' aggregate handicaps.

*Note:* If either player incurs a penalty stroke it does not alter the rotation of play. In a multiple-round event, the committee in charge of the competition may stipulate whether or not the order is to be either preserved or changed. In a single-round event, the committee in charge of the event may stipulate who is to play from the 1st tee (which may not necessarily be the starting tee if a multiple-tee start is employed).

## **General**

*All forms of stroke play are subject to the Rules governing stroke play. Special rules for Par and Stableford competitions are set out in Rule 32. Rule 31 covers the special rules for four-ball Competitions.*

*Foursomes may be played under either stroke play rules or match play conditions and Rule 29 is relevant to foursome events.*

*Some of the more popular types of play are listed below together with suggestions regarding conducting these events. It cannot be too strongly emphasised, however, that since these competitions are not covered by the Rules of Golf, the Committee must carefully lay down in advance and publish the conditions of play. The State Association will not, except in the most exceptional circumstances, give a decision on any query submitted when play is conducted otherwise than in accordance with the Rules.*

## **Mixed Four-Ball Par or Stableford**

These games are played as described previously with the man playing from his tees, using his own score card and the woman playing from her tees using her own score card. Care must be taken when checking the card to refer to the women's card when dealing with holes squared or won by her.

There are some variations to this depending on the Club. In some instances, the woman plays on her full handicap using the women's card as described above. In other cases, on? handicap, using the women's card. Again, the woman may be on full handicap and using the men's card. There are also exceptional instances where women play from a  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap and the men's card is used. These last two methods are the least satisfactory.

## **Mixed Foursomes**

Mixed foursomes are played in the same manner as foursomes except that the women use their own tees and observe their own local rules when it is their turn to play. It is recommended there be a stipulation as to which gender plays from the 1st tee – this will serve to ensure there is uniform usage of teeing grounds (i.e., it will avoid for example one pair starting a given hole from 40 metres forward of where another pair commences the same hole).

## Canadian Foursomes

This event is played as per a Foursomes event except that both players play tee shots at every hole and afterwards continue with whichever ball they nominate, with the partner playing the second stroke. Handicap allowance is? of aggregate stroke handicap for stroke competitions.

## American Foursomes

Both players play tee shots at each hole, then play a second stroke with their partner's ball. One ball is then selected and play proceeds as in foursomes, so that if Player B hit the second shot with the selected ball, Player A hits the next shot and play alternates until the hole is completed. Handicap allowance is? of aggregate stroke handicap for stroke competitions. This event is sometimes called "Pinehurst Foursomes".

## Flag Competition

The score taken on each hole is entered on a card as in a stroke round. When a player has completed a number of strokes equal to the par of the course (as shown on the score card) plus their stroke handicap, they will have finished the round. The first player to start in the competition will carry the flag (mounted on a stick) and plant it on the spot where their ball lay at the finish of the round. If the ball is in the rough the flag may be planted at the side of the fairway, but not nearer the hole. If a subsequent player has not finished their round when they reach the flag, they carry it with them, and replant it when they reach the end of their strokes. The winner is the player who carries the flag the longest distance from the first tee, and it normally happens that the final position is somewhere beyond the 18th green, usually on the 1st or 2nd hole. When the competition is played in two or more divisions, two or more flags, clearly marked will be necessary.

## Bisque Par

This event is a variation of the Individual Par competition, where players allocate their full handicap to each hole however, they like. It is not necessary to allocate your handicap before the event, as this is normally done on a hole-by-hole basis. In some Bisque Par competitions, players will determine their handicap stroke allocation for a hole *prior* to playing that hole (and mark that allocation on the score card at that time); in other Bisque Par competitions, players will determine their handicap stroke allocation for a hole *after* playing that hole (and mark that allocation on the score card at that time). The allocation of handicap strokes will obviously cease once the player's full handicap has been used. The game is then played as an Individual Par competition and scored in the same fashion.

## Ambrose Competition

This event can be played as a two, three or four-person event, although the four-person event is the most popular. Each player plays a tee shot at each hole. The captain then selects the best drive which is then played by its owner. The other members retrieve their balls and in turn drop within one club-length of the selected position and play their second shots. This procedure of selecting the best position continues until a ball is holed. When on the green, balls are placed on the selected spot.

This event can be played as a gross event, with each group having a spread of handicaps, or as a handicap event where a fraction of the aggregate handicaps is used. The most common method of determining handicap is: Two-person event –  $\frac{1}{4}$  of aggregate stroke handicap; Three-person event –  $\frac{1}{6}$  of aggregate handicap; Four-person event –? of stroke handicap.

## Aussie Six Pack

This competition is played under 4 Ball Best Ball stableford rules.

Holes 1 to 6 the team's best score is recorded,

Holes 7 to 12 the aggregate score of both players is recorded (scores added together),

Holes 13 to 18 the score of both players is multiplied and recorded on scorecard,

The total score for the team is the addition of all scores

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