



## **SIMON HOBDAY CLASSIC**

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **PLAYER INFORMATION**

**Entries close 18:00hours on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

1. Venue:

**Dainfern Golf Course Estate**

2. Format & Conditions of Entry

#### **Simon Hobday Classic (SHC)**

The Simon Hobday Classic will be played in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out by the R&A in a 54-hole stroke play event for SA Senior Tour member professionals, who are 50 years of age or older on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, with 18 holes being played on each of the days of, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 respectively.

In the event of any weather delays the results of the tournament will be decided by the TD on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The field size will be limited to a maximum of 60 professionals and 60 amateurs with all players playing off the same teeing ground and course set-up on the respective competition days.

There will be a cut after the second day of play to 45 Professional players and ties. Only professionals, who complete the 54 holes, will be eligible for a share of the prize fund of R300 000 minimum. Withdrawals through injury after 36 holes will be eligible to receive the last place money from the prize fund.

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

A Pro-am Teams competition will be played concurrently with the SHC on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 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 [www.seniortour.co.za](http://www.seniortour.co.za) or through the Tournament Director (TD), Pat Lowth (082 490 4027). The entry form must be completed in full and returned by Email to [td@seniortour.co.za](mailto:td@seniortour.co.za) or by Fax 086 212 3726, by the closing date. An 'image rights' document must be signed at the event registration by all competitors.

- **All** amateurs who enter the SHC PRO-AM through the sponsors must complete the required entry form & image rights documents available from the TD to enable contact details and handicaps.

**Exemptions:**

*This is a limited field size Pro-Am*

- All Exemption Criteria for SAST Members, attached herein for a field size of 60 professionals. (52 exemptions plus 8 pre- qualifiers)
- All entrants who are not exempt to the main draw; if the total entrants exceed 60, the entrant may be required to play in a pre-qualification round to gain access to play from the entry category criteria. Entrants may request clarification from the TD at close of entries.
- The pre-qualification venue is at Dainfern Golf Estate in Gauteng on the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 off the 10<sup>th</sup> tee from 11.30-12.30pm in 4-balls. A minimum of 8 spots, will be available from the pre-qualification round to the main draw. In the event of a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> spot, this will be decided by sudden death in extra holes. The Pre-Q will take place at the above venue over 18 holes' stroke play.
- Extra spots that become available through withdrawals from exempt entrants after 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 will be allocated to the Pre-Q event. Alternate positions (reserves) from the Pre-Q will be published on the website and draw.

4. **Practice Day and Practice Facilities**

The official practice day is in the afternoon of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Players must book practice times through the Club (011 875 0401). This is a 10<sup>th</sup> tee start in 4-balls from 12:30-1.30pm at no cost to the professionals.

Players' may use the practice driving range at their own cost.

5. **Registration**

All senior professional competitors are required to register with the SA Senior Tour by **18.00 on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. This may be done in person at the venue or by telephone/sms/email to the Senior Tour Tournament Director on 082 490 4027 or email: [td@seniortour.co.za](mailto:td@seniortour.co.za)

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

- The Entry Fee for all professional players for the SHC event is R700.00. This must accompany a completed entry form with a copy of a proof of payment (Please quote your name as reference for your payment). Amateur individual entry fees are R550 per day or R1000 for 2 days.
- **Entries close – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6pm.**
- Professionals must enter as per SAST Rules and Regulations.
- Withdrawals **BEFORE** 18:00 hours on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 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 a SHC 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. The R&A rule 6-3a will apply for duration of the tournament.
- Alternate players from the qualifiers must register and/or withdraw as per this document and the Rules and Regulations of SAST.

## 7. Catering

Caddies will not be allowed in the clubhouse facility as per the Golf Club rules.

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.** 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 not be enough caddies or carts available at the Club during the event.

Those competitors requiring a caddie or cart should make their own arrangements or liaise with the Tournament Director in this regard as soon as possible to ensure an allocation or decision thereon. (Latest 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018)

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

### **Carts numbers are limited and may be used by competitors only.**

If required, all tee time groups will only be allowed two carts per group in the pro-am; therefore, sharing may be necessary. 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 and/or caddies.

There will be no motorised transport to ferry players (those walking) 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> tee. Competitors are specifically asked to note:

- a) One ball rule is applicable for SHC competitors only.
- b) Prohibitions on practice putting for SHC competitors only.
- 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/Golf RSA Staff/Tee-Time Draws**

There may be SA Senior Tour/Golf RSA staff on the Event Committee. 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 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. An SMS will also be sent to 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 Simon Hobday Classic, the players' will be required to play in a sudden death format until a winner is established. Holes 10 & 18, repeated if necessary until a winner is apparent.

Winners in the event of a tie(s) the Team Pro-Am section will be decided by a count out;

- Best last round in the 36-hole totals
- Then best last 18/9 holes where applicable
- Then best last 6 holes
- In another way by the TD if the above remains unsolved

The SHC 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 Simon Hobday Classic.

If a 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.

#### 12. **Prize giving**

Prize giving for the SHC will take place as soon as possible after the completion of the event on the 18<sup>th</sup> green, outside the clubhouse. (Main Event).

**There is compulsory attendance required by the senior professionals placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the Tournament.**

The player recording the lowest score for 54 holes or the player successful in the play-off will be named the Simon Hobday Classic Champion for 2018.



In the event of a tie(s) for the Fidelity 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- 60- SHC exempt senior professionals will team up with 60 amateurs in teams of 2 in 4-balls. (120 PLAYERS MAXIMUM)
- The professionals without amateurs will tee off before the main Pro-Am field on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Amateur entry fee: Entry fees are to be paid by 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 directly to the Senior Tour as per the entry form.
- The team competition is a Better-Ball Medal format, where the SHC professional competitors play off a scratch handicap and their amateur partners (male or female) off their official club handicaps. (maximum 24) The BEST NETT score is recorded on each hole. Ladies may play from the forward tees as per the golf course design and their scorecard stroking.
- The competitors may have the same or different partners on the respective days of the competition.
- The SHC senior professional competitors must record their gross score on each hole played throughout the 54-hole tournament.
- Prize Giving: Team prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place on each of the first 2 days, plus closest to the pin on all short holes and longest drive (18<sup>th</sup> hole), both days, for amateurs only. Combined team prizes for both days will also be awarded with a winners' teams' trophy. Count outs will apply to ascertain winners in tied positions. (Section 11).
- Snacks will be available for all Fidelity Pro-am participants on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November prize giving's respectively from 18:30 hours. Dress smart casual. All SA Senior Professionals playing in the daily Pro-Ams **MUST** attend the prize giving each day. Penalty; Fine of R1000 will be imposed for the indiscretion by the professional.
- Caddies, Cart & Halfway House costs are for the participants own account.

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