



Pioneer Valley

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2024 HANDBOOK

Disclaimer - The Handbook for 2024 is subject to change by the PVGC Match Committee at anytime



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 & human footprints in a bunker.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

- Ball in General Area. The player may take 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 2023/2024 SEASON

WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

Tuesday – Womens

Tuesday – Mens – Stroke or Stableford events only, Multi tees – white/yellow
(there must be at least 4 players for a competition and for prizes to be award)

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

Saturday – Club Competition

Sunday – Juniors

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 captain's earliest convenience.

MEN & WOMEN'S MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Is open to all members at no cost

How it works - 6 qualifying rounds are selected during the year from Saturday comps & the Club Championships. 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 – 24th February

Rnd 2 – 9th March

Rnd 3 – 20th April

Rnd 4 – 25th May

Rnd 5 – 1st June

Rnd 6 – 2nd June

24th June – Start of Matchplay

15th July – Game 1 must be played

29th July – Game 2 must be played

5th August – Game 3 must be played with winners been decided

Prizes will be given out on presentation day.

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 – 29th 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 – 10th February

Rnd 2 – 20th April

Rnd 3 – 29th June

Rnd 4 – 17th August

Rnd 5 – 26th October

SHOT OF THE DAY

This is only played on Saturdays. For single events the cost is \$3.00 & team events is \$6.00 to enter and must be paid before start of play. It is open to men and women. The winner has money put onto their membership card to purchase items/merchandise behind the bar. For teams events the money is split in half.

The captain will decide each week which hole and whether it is 2nd or 3rd 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 2 divisions Mixed Men and Woman, Saturday have 2 divisions Mixed Men & Women. Prizes will be given out on presentation day.

WAREHOUSE

Please refer to Appendix A

GNQ PENNANT COMPETITION

Women's Handicap Pennant Competition - Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July.

2 Divisions representing Pioneer Valley Golf Club.

Both Divisions @ Home Hill

Mens Stroke Pennant Competition - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September.

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

A & B Grade @ Proserpine Golf Club, C Grade @ Collinsville 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 Div. 1 Monthly Medal of Medals Winner
Veteran Div. 2 Monthly Medal of Medals Winner
Tuesday Women's Monthly 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 1st day of the Championships for the 2 days.

- The Championship will be a Timed Booking Sheet on Saturday & 9.00 am Shot Gun Start on 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 1st 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 North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event ("the Code"). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the PVGC Match Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the PVGC 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 PVGC 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.



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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.
- Handicaps for divisions to be decided by the Veterans Match committee. All cards will be uploaded to golf link at the completion of the Closed Championships.
- All play shall be under the control of the Veteran 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 North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event (“the Code”). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the Veteran Match Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the Veteran 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/VIOLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND HANDED TO THE VETERANS MATCH 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.



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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 2nd shot, Player A hits 3rd shot etc. etc. until the ball is in the hole.

- Play shall commence from Tee #1 for the 1st 18 holes and the last 9 holes of the 27 holes will start from Tee #1.
- The Championship will be a timed start from 8.00am to 9.00 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.
- Players must swap cards & score cards are 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 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 Championship, the winners shall be decided by a 2-hole playoff (gross) followed by a sudden death if needed. Playoff holes to be decided by the Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Golf North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event (“the Code”). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the PVGC Match Committee.
- 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 PVGC 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.

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

- Play shall commence from Tee #1 for the 1st 18 holes and the last 9 holes of the 27 holes will start from Tee #1.
- The Championship will be a timed start from 6.30 am to 9.05 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 Div 1/Div 2 & Ladies Div 1 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.
- Players must swap cards & score cards are 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 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 Championship, the winners shall be decided by a 2-hole playoff (gross) followed by a sudden death if needed. Playoff holes to be decided by the Match Committee.
- Winners of other ties shall be decided by the Australian count-back system.
- Golf North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event ("the Code"). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the PVGC Match Committee.
- The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed provided they do not measure gradient or wind speed.

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Veterans Open Championship Conditions of Play

Pioneer Valley Veterans Open Championship is open to Amateurs with a GA 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, Women aged 55 years and over or existing Women Veterans under 55 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 from 9.00 am and is a Stroke Event.
- Grades/Divisions in both Men & Women will depend on numbers.
- The handicaps for divisions will be decided by the Veterans Match Committee.
- Handicaps for divisions to be decided by the Veterans Match committee. All cards will be uploaded to golf link at the completion of the Closed Championships.
- All play shall be under the control of the Veteran 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 North Queensland Code of Conduct will apply to this event ("the Code"). A copy of the code is available at www.golfnq.org.au. Any breach of Code must be recorded with the Veterans Match Committee.
- In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in all grades/divisions, the winners shall be decided by a Playoff over the holes to be decided by the Veteran 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.

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Women's Open Championship Conditions of Play

- The Championship will be played over 18 holes with a Shot Gun Start from 8.00 am and is a Stroke Event.
- Grades/Divisions will depend on numbers.
- The handicaps for divisions will be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC 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.
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- 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.

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Men's Open Championship Conditions of Play

- The Championship will be played over 36 holes and is a Stroke Event.
- Saturday - shot gun start from 12.30pm & Sunday - timed draw from 7.00am
- There will be 3 Grades A, B, & C
- The handicaps for grades will be decided by the PVGC Match Committee.
- All play shall be under the control of the PVGC 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.
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 🌀 1st - Veterans Open Day
- 🌀 3rd - Club Open Day
- 🌀 6th – Womens Opening Day
- 🌀 10th - Rnd 1 Greg Neill Trophy
- 🌀 11th – Junior Open Day
- 🌀 24th - Rnd 1 Qualifier Men & Women Matchplay Championships

MARCH

- 🌀 9th - Rnd 2 Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 10th - Rnd 1 Clive Rogers Trophy @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 19th - Veterans Rnd 1 Croker Shield @ Proserpine Golf Club
- 🌀 28th - Veterans Rnd 1 Bartolo Shield @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club

APRIL

- 🌀 2nd & 3rd – GNQ Junior Open @ Townsville Golf Club
- 🌀 18th - Veterans Rnd 1 MDVA @ Sarina Golf Club
- 🌀 20th - Rnd 2 Greg Neill Trophy
- 🌀 20th - Rnd 3 Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 28th – Rnd 2 Clive Rogers Trophy @ Mackay Golf Club
- 🌀 29th & 30th – Queensland Women's Country Week @ Townsville & Rowes Bay Golf Clubs

MAY

- 🌀 1st - Queensland Women's Country Week @ Townsville & Rowes Bay Golf Clubs
- 🌀 16th - Veterans Closed Club Championships
- 🌀 18th & 19th - GNQ Men's Open Championship @ Mackay Golf Club
- 🌀 25th - Rnd 4 - Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 30th - Veterans Rnd 2 Crokers Shield @ Proserpine Golf Club

JUNE

- 🌀 1st & 2nd - PVGC Closed Club Championships
- 🌀 1st & 2nd - Rnd 5 & Rnd 6 Qualifier Men & Women's Matchplay Championships
- 🌀 3rd – Veterans Rnd 2 MDVA @ Mackay Golf Club
- 🌀 8th & 9th – Roy Powell Security Pioneer Valley Pro Am
- 🌀 15th & 16th - GNQ Women's Open Championship @ Ayr Golf Club
- 🌀 24th - Start of Men's & Women's Matchplay Championships (Men - A, B, C & Women - Div. 1)
- 🌀 29th - Rnd 3 Greg Neill Trophy

JULY

- 🌀 3rd – PVGC Junior Open
- 🌀 6th July - Club Closed Mixed Foursomes Championships – 27 Holes
- 11th – Veterans Rnd 3 MDVA @ Pioneer Valley Golf Club
- 🌀 15th - Matchplay Game 1 must be played
- 🌀 20th - Club Closed Men & Women's Foursomes Championships – 27 Holes
- 🌀 27th & 28th - GNQ Women's Handicap Pennant Competition @ Home Hill Golf Club
- 🌀 29th - Matchplay Game 2 must be played

AUGUST

🌀 5th - Matchplay Game 3 must be played (winners decided)

🌀 9th - PVGC Veterans Wintersun

🌀 17th - Rnd 4 Greg Neill Trophy

SEPTEMBER

🌀 7th & 8th – GNQ Men's Stroke Pennant @ Proserpine (A & B Grade), Collinsville (C Grade)

🌀 14th - Women's Open – kindly sponsored by JPR Welding & Valley Vet Surgery

🌀 14th & 15th - Men's Open – kindly sponsored by Aussie

🌀 19th - PVGC Veterans Open

🌀 24th & 25th - GNQ Senior Open Championship @ Sarina Golf Club

OCTOBER

🌀 26th - Monthly Medal Final, Final Rnd Greg Neill Trophy & End of Eclectic

🌀 29th - Women's Monthly Medal Final & End of Eclectic

🌀 31st - Veterans Monthly Medal Final & End of Eclectic

NOVEMBER

🌀 1st - START OF 2023/2024 GOLFING SEASON

🌀 26th – Women's Closing Day

🌀 28th – Veteran's Closing Day

🌀 30th – Club Closing Day & Presentation

DECEMBER

🌀 5th - 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:

Tuesday – Women's

Thursday – Veterans Mixed Competition

Saturday – Club Mixed Competition

🌀 PVGC Women Opens – (2024 sponsors - JPR Welding & Valley Vet Surgery)

🌀 PVGC Men Opens (2024 sponsor - Aussie Mackay)

🌀 Veteran Open

🌀 PVGC Junior Open

🌀 PVGC Pro-Am – Information available from the Club Captain

Any members or businesses interested in sponsoring in 2024 please come and have a chat with the Captains – Carene Vandersee and Mark Henrich or email 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, totaled 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 stableford score is recorded,

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

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS

Any queries, please send an email to the relevant email addresses below with your concern or questions:

Captains – captains@pioneervalleygolf.com.au

Membership & Buggy Shed – membership@pioneervalleygolf.com.au

Bookings – bookings@pioneervalleygolf.com.au

All other enquires – secretary@pioneervalleygolf.com.au



WAREHOUSE INFORMATION

Dates



The Warehouse competition is 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 must be teams of 4.

All golf cart bookings are to be booked by contacting the club house – **49 591 277**

Important Note: No offensive team names.

The first game for 2024 will be a trial of sending 2 teams out per hole.

FORMAT

- All team members tee off each hole
- Team chooses the shot they are going to use
- The player whose shot is taken is eliminated from participating in the next shot
- A player is only eliminated for the one shot following his/her selected shot
- This process continues up until the ball is on the putting green, and then all four players have the opportunity to sink the putt
- All four players tee off the next hole and the elimination process begins again, until ball is placed on the putting green
- Each team member's tee shot must be used at least three (3) times per round and must be marked on the card as either player A, B, C or D or using player initials
- The eliminated player cannot take a practice shot during the time they are eliminated
- If a ball is selected that is in either a penalty area or bunker all players must hit from this area

Players without a handicap will be given the following handicaps –

Men – 18

Women – 27

After each Warehouse all player handicaps will be adjusted accordingly by the coordinators for the next warehouse.

Handicaps will be adjusted as follows:

Winners of Warehouse – Each player will lose 2 off their handicap

Runner-ups – Each player will lose 1 off their handicap

Any team's nett score over 66 – Each player will get 1 back on their handicap

Nominations for Warehouse can be made by ringing the club house and advising all player names and golflink numbers if required or the below form can be filled out and handed into the bar staff/captains or warehouse coordinators or email to bookings@pioneervalleygolf.com.au. This is so all players can be entered into the booking sheet.

This form must be handed in no later than Friday prior to the Warehouse competition.

PVGC Warehouse Team Nomination Form

Team Name: _____

Team Contact: _____

Mobile No: _____

	Golfer Name	Golflink No.	
1			Y/N
2			Y/N
3			Y/N
4			Y/N

Important Note:

The nomination form must be completed by the Friday prior to Warehouse competition.

Golf carts are to be booked by contacting the club house. If your team book carts and your team is a no show on the day, you will not be able to book carts for the next Warehouse.

Monthly Prize Breakdown

Winners – 4 x \$50.00 vouchers

Runner-ups – Box of Balls

Pin shots – Winning team receives 4 balls

3rd place – 4 x 1 ball

4th place – 4 x 1 ball

5th place – 4 x 1 ball

End of Year Prize

4 x PVGC Club Shirts for the team with the winning score which is taken from the best 6 rounds out of the Warehouse competitions.

Disclaimer – The Warehouse Prize Rundown is subject to change at the discretion of the Warehouse coordinators.

Any questions, please speak with the Warehouse Co-ordinators Merv Proctor or Rob Ludwick.

For the 1st Warehouse of 2024 the below Warehouse Team Nomination Form is to be filled out and handed to the coordinators, this is so they are able to keep a track of players in each team for handicap purposes.

PVGC Warehouse

Team Nomination Form 2024

Please fill in the below details for the 1st Warehouse game with the 4 players who will be playing. Any changes to your team will then be updated by the Warehouse Co-Ordinator's.

Team Name: _____

Team Contact: _____

Mobile No: _____

Player Names

(Players will be added if the original 4 players change)

	Golfer Name	Golflink No.	Social Player
1			Y/N
2			Y/N
3			Y/N
4			Y/N
5			Y/N
6			Y/N
7			Y/N
8			Y/N
9			Y/N
10			Y/N

Important Note:

No offensive team names.

The nomination form must be completed by the Friday prior to the 1st Warehouse competition.

Golf carts are to be booked by contacting the club house.

If your team books golf carts and your team is a no show on the day, you will not be able to book carts for the next warehouse.
