

12th - 14th February 2016

CLEARWATER GOLF CLUB

Clearwater Ave, Harewood

THE ISPS HANDA NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S OPEN HOSTED BY CHRISTCHURCH IS A NZ GOLF EVENT CO-SANCTIONED BY ALPG & LET

ENTRY DETAILS

Members of the LET must enter through the LET

For caddy and private housing requests LET Members must contact Sue McFarlane on the details below.

CADDIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Players may use a pull buggy/trolley in rounds 1 and 2 All players making the cut must have a caddie for the final round.

Please contact Sue McFarlane directly with your caddy requirements on <u>mcfluke@xtra.co.nz</u>.
Closing date for caddy requests is **strictly** 5 February 2016.

PRIVATE HOUSING

- Please contact Sue McFarlane directly with your private housing requirements on mcfluke@xtra.co.nz.
- If you have arranged accommodation with housing you have previously stayed in, please also let Sue know.
 Closing date for housing requests is strictly 5 February 2016.















WELCOME LETTER

It is a pleasure to welcome all of the players, officials and visitors to Christchurch for the 2016 ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open at the Clearwater Golf Club.

In 2009, it was a big moment for New Zealand Golf, and indeed the women's game in this country, when the first New Zealand Women's Open was staged in the Garden City.

In the past six years, the championship has played a leading role in the development of women golfers in this country.

World No.1 Lydia Ko, who was the leading amateur as a 12-year-old in 2010, went onto win the title in 2013 and 2015 to become the first home champion. Lydia is a perfect example of the opportunity this championship has presented.

We have been fortunate to have some great champions that include Gwladys Nocera (2009), Laura Davies (2010), Kristie Smith (2011), Lyndsey Wright (2012), Lydia Ko (2013 & 2015) and Mi Hyang Lee (2014).

All have been great winners as the ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open has formed a rich and memorable history in a short time.

New Zealand Golf would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of host city Christchurch and title sponsor ISPS which has enabled this prestigious event to be Ladies European Tour / ALPG co-sanctioned once again.

We are most grateful to Dr Haruhisa Handa, founder of the ISPS organisation, for supporting our National Open for the past three years. His contribution makes this event possible.

Thank you to all sponsors who support this event, to all volunteers assisting through coming days and to Bob Tuohy and the team from TA Golf for their organisation and management of the tournament.

Best wishes to everyone for a successful 2016 ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open. We look forward to what is always a great week at the Clearwater Golf Club.

Philip Hassall President New Zealand Golf

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Player

On behalf of the Organising Committee of the ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open I would like to extend a warm welcome to Christchurch and the Clearwater Golf Club on the occasion of the ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open Championship.

Our sincere thanks to the Christchurch City Council, our major partner who for the fifth year have vigorously provided support for the NZ Women's Open Championship.

We welcome back ISPS Handa as our Title Sponsor and acknowledge the global support ISPS Handa commit annually to golf.

A special thanks to all of the players who have travelled from all over the world to join us this week.

NZ Golf and TA Golf wish to also acknowledge our co-sanction partners, the Ladies European Tour and Australian Ladies Professional Golf who has provided our co-sanction status to ensure the ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open retains its profile on the world stage of women's golf in 2016.

Enjoy the beautiful City of Christchurch and the facilities at Clearwater Golf Club.

Good golfing.

Yours Sincerely

Bob Zuchy.

BOB TUOHY

Tournament Director ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open 2016

1. ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

The 2016 ISPS Handa New Zealand Women's Open hosted by Christchurch shall be open to:

- (a) Any female professional golfer who is a Member of a recognised Ladies Professional Golf Organisation.
- (b) Women amateur golfers invited and or nominated by New Zealand Golf, who are members of a recognised golf club, who have amateur status in accordance with the current Rules of Amateur Status.
- (c) Where entries exceed the maximum field of 144 players, players will be accepted in the following order:
 - The leading fifty (50) professionals eligible under the 2015/2016 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories.
 - ii) The leading fifty (60) professionals eligible under the 2015 LET Tournament Exemption Categories.
 - iii) Up to twenty four (24) invited players that may include amateurs
 - iv) Ten (10) NZ Golf Invites that may include amateurs

2. CONDITIONS

- (a) The Championship shall be decided by strokes over three rounds of 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd. and in accordance with the local rules approved by the Championship Committee. The ALPG Tour's 2011-2012 Tournament Rules "Hard Card" shall apply. A copy of these Rules will be provided at registration, along with the Tournament Local Rules.
- (b) In the event of a tie after three rounds, the competitors who tie shall play a hole-by-hole (sudden death) play-off to determine the Champion. Conditions of the play-off will be posted on the Championship notice board during the event.
- (c) (i) The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls and One Ball Condition.
 - (ii) Driving Clubs: Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.*
 - (iii) Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.*
 - (iv) It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Rules Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round four strokes. Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.
 - *PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round four strokes. *Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

- (d) The Championship Committee reserves the right to arrange and/or alter starting times.
- (e) The winner shall be the ISPS Handa New Zealand Women's Open hosted by Christchurch Champion.
- (f) Friday 12 February 1st round 18 holes Saturday 13 February – 2nd round - 18 holes

After 36 holes the leading sixty (60) professionals, plus ties, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 60th placed professional, shall be eligible to contest the final round.

Sunday 14 February - Final round - 18 holes

- (g) Pro-Am A Pro-Am will be held on Thursday 11 February, 2016. All professionals entering the Championship will be expected to play, if required, in the Pro-Am.
- (h) The Championship Committee reserves the right to use films, photographs, pictures and similar references to competitors in practice and play in the publicity arrangements prior to, during and after the Championship.
- The decision of the Championship Committee shall, in all matters, be final.

3. ENTRY FORM / FEE / CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

(a) <u>ALPG Members</u> MUST make payment either; by providing the ALPG Office with credit card details for processing, on line via credit card or by direct deposit in the ALPG account. Note: An entry form is not required for ALPG Members and a surcharge of 2.75% is applicable for credit card payments.
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LET Members MUST enter via their standard entry procedures. **Non-ALPG Players** MUST submit an official entry form and MUST be completed on line or emailed to Jennifer Johnson at jenj@alpg.com.au after which (i) a receipt of entry will be issued and (ii) details for access to payment through the ALPG website will be forwarded to the entrant.

The entry fee is AUD\$154.00. Entries for **Non-ALPG/LET Players** must be made on an official entry form and MUST be sent to ALPG by either of the following methods:

- (i) Mail PO Box 447 Mudgeeraba QLD 4213,
- (ii) Email to jenj@alpg.com.au
- ** If paying by cash at the event, the current conversion rate plus applicable NZ GST will be in effect.
- (b) Entries will not be accepted after 5.00pm on Wednesday 6th January, 2016.
- (c) Entry fees will not be refunded unless written notification of withdrawal is received prior to the closing date for entries.
- (d) All entries will be subject to approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.
- (e) The Championship draw will be available at the course on Wednesday 10 February 2016, and posted on the website www.alpg.com.au

4. REGISTRATION

- (a) Eligible competitors must register in person at the Tournament Office at Clearwater Golf Club during the following times:
 - Between 7:00am 5.00pm on Tuesday 9 February 2016.
- (b) Players who cannot register in person between these times must contact the Tournament Office for granting of late registration. Players who fail to meet the registration deadline will be removed from the draw and replaced with the first available alternative.

5. CADDIES

- (a) Caddies are only compulsory for the final round of the championship. You **MUST** contact Sue McFarlane directly with your caddy requirements on mcfluke@xtra.co.nz. Closing date for requests is 5 February 2016.
- (b) Caddies are the sole responsibility of the competitor employing them.
- (c) Caddie bibs must be worn at all times during play.
- (d) Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes or any shoes, which will cause indentation on the greens.

6. SCORING PERSONNEL

Competitors must co-operate when asked for details of their scores by authorised scoring personnel on the course.

7. STARTING TIMES

Players shall start at the time laid down by the Championship Committee, however, it is a condition of this Championship that if the player arrives at her starting point ready to play within 5 minutes after her start time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification.

8. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- (a) The winner will be presented with the Championship Cup (which will remain the property of NZ Golf), a memento trophy and the winner's cheque.
- (b) The leading amateur, provided she has completed 54 holes, shall receive the Amateur Championship Cup (which will remain the property of NZ Golf)
- (c) Prize money will only be allocated to professional golfers who make the cut. Any prize money that would have been won by an amateur golfer shall be allotted to the professional golfer next in order of rank as her prize and all subsequent place monies shall be redistributed accordingly.
 - Ties for leading amateur places will be decided in the manner posted on the Championship Notice Board at the event.

9. PRIZE FUND

The Prize money Distribution Table will be posted on the Player Information Board.

- (a) Prizemoney of €200,000.00 will be allocated to the professional golfers in accordance with the normal distribution formula of the ALPG Tour.
- (b) All prize money will be issued by the ALPG less NZ taxation, for Non-NZ resident competitors.
- (c) Withholding taxes will be deducted from Non-NZ resident professional golfers at the NZ Taxation specified rate.
- (d) Non Resident withholding tax will be deducted as follows:

<u>Taxable Income</u>

NZ\$1- \$100,000 income X 20%

For information on ABN applications please contact the ALPG Office on 61 7 5592 9343 or <u>jenj@alpg.com.au</u>

Tax

10. PRIVATE HOUSING

- ... Please contact Sue McFarlane directly with your private housing requirements on mcfluke@xtra.co.nz.
- ... If you have arranged accommodation with housing you have previously stayed in, please also let Sue know.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Dean Murphy

CEO, New Zealand Golf

Karen Lunn

Executive Director, Australian Ladies Professional Golf

Bob Tuohy

Chairman, TA Golf

*Dave Mangan

Chair, NZ Golf Match Committee

*Davide Lantos

Tournament Director, LET

*CHAMPIONSHIP RULES COMMITTEE



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2016 FACT SHEET

Name of Event: ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open hosted by Christchurch

Venue: Clearwater Golf Club, Harewood

Date: 12 - 14 February 2016

Prizemoney: €200,000 Euro

Pro-Am Tournament: Thursday 11th February 2016

Event Sanction: Australian Ladies Professional Golf &

Ladies European Tour

Dash Ticket Sales: www.nzwomensopen.co.nz & at the gate

Website's: www.nzwomensopen.co.nz

www.tagolf.com.au www.alpg.com.au

www.ladieseuropeantour.com

THE SCHEDULE

Monday 8 February 2016	Official Practice Day			
Tuesday 9 February 2016	Official Practice Day Welcome Party			
Wednesday 10 February 2016	Official Practice Day			
Thursday 11 February 2016	ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open Pro-Am Tournament AM / PM			
Friday 12 February 2016	Round 1 - ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open ISPS "Power of Sport" Charity Dinner			
Saturday 13 February 2016	Round 2 - ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open Cut Made			
Sunday 14 February 2016	Final Round - ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open			

PLAYERS INFORMATION

Welcome to the ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open and the Clearwater Golf Club.

1. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

All players will be made Temporary Members of the Clearwater Golf Club from 8 to 14 February.

The following domestic matters are brought to your attention:

a) Car Parking

Adequate car parking is available for contestants in the main car park.

Car parking passes will be issued at registration and please ensure that you display this pass at all times.

b) Locker Facilities

Lockers will be available with a \$20 deposit for a locker key

(NB: Only 64 lockers available)

c) <u>Dress</u>

The club dress standards are as follows:

- i) A tidy standard of dress is required at all times.
- ii) Soft spiked shoes only are permitted on the course.
- iii) Jeans are not permitted within the course or club house confines.

d) <u>Protection of Valuables and Equipment</u>

Although every care will be taken by Clearwater Golf Course staff with your equipment, in the final analysis, protection of your equipment and valuables, including insurance, will be your own responsibility.

2. PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

Thursday 11 February 2016. Pro-Am registration for all players will be outside the Pro Shop. It is a condition of entry into this tournament that those Professionals in the leading three (3) groups attend the presentation ceremony after play. This will take place in the Members Lounge inside the Clearwater Clubhouse

3. PRACTICE AREA

Located on site with balls provided by Srixon.

a) <u>Practice Facilities</u>

- Caddies are NOT permitted to use the practice facilities including the putting green.
- Preference is to be given to those players with approaching tee times.
- Players missing the cut may only practice when those players remaining in the tournament have completed their practice sessions.
- At all times, preference MUST be given to those players remaining in the tournament.

b) <u>Driving Range Hours</u>

8.00am - 5.00pm
7.00am – 6.00pm
6:30am – 6.00pm
6.30am - 6.00pm
6.15am – 6.30pm
6.15am – 6.30pm
7.00am – 1.00pm

4. SUDDEN DEATH PLAY-OFF

In the case of a tie after 54 holes, a sudden death playoff will be conducted on the 18th hole, repeated until a Champion is decided.

5. PIN PLACEMENTS

Pin positions will be provided by the official starter on the 1^{st} and 10^{th} Tee's on Friday and Saturday the 1^{st} tee on Sunday.

6. MEMBERS LOUNGE

The "Members Lounge" inside of the Clearwater Golf Club Clubhouse is available for use by the players and player guests.

7. PLAYERS PASSES

1 Player Pass, 1 Caddie Pass & 2 Guest Passes.

8. FIRST AID

Southern First Aid Ltd, first aid provider, will be located on site.

9. PLAYERS LOUNGE

Peppers Clearwater Resort will host breakfast and lunch in Meeting Room 1 (upstairs within Peppers Resort) for the players for breakfast and lunch between Tuesday and Sunday.

Note: This area is strictly for players only and ID will be required to gain access daily, Players may invite guests to the Player's Lounge a \$19 charge, per guest for Breakfast or Lunch, will be applicable with payment finalised direct with Peppers Resort.

BREAKFAST TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9 February	7.00am - 9.30am
Wednesday 10 February	7.00am - 9.30am
Thursday 11 February	6.30am - 9.30am
Friday 12 February	6.00am - 9.30am
Saturday 13 February	6.00am - 9.30am
Sunday 14 February	7.00am - 9.30am

LUNCH TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9 February	10.30am - 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 February	10.30am - 2.00pm
Thursday 11 February	10.30am - 2.00pm
Friday 12 February	10.30am - 2.00pm
Saturday 13 February	10.30am - 2.00pm
Sunday 14 February	10.30am - 2.00pm

10. ON-COURSE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Tournament Administration Office	03 359 3670
Tournament Director- Bob Tuohy	0275 131 627

CLEARWATER GOLF CLUB

Pro Shop	03 360 2146
Peppers Clearwater Resort	03 360 1000

NZ GOLF / AFTER HOURS TEE TIMES

Registration / Admin Office	03 359 3671
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MEDIA CENTRE

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Press Officer	03 359 3673

ALPG / LET TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Admin Office	03 359 3672

VOLUNTEER OFFICE

Sue McFarlane	021 120 4082

11. TRANSPORT

The ISPS Handa NZ Women's Open will operate a courtesy shuttle service between Monday 8 February and Sunday 14 February 2016.

The bus shuttle service (see next page) will operate between the Clearwater Golf Club and the selected hotels/motels located close to the airport and golf course.

Designated shuttle stops are:

Sudima Hotel Airport Gateway Motel – Roydvale Avenue Airport Lodge Motel – Roydvale Avenue Copthorne Hotel – Memorial Avenue Airport Delta Motel – Roydvale Avenue

HOTELS / MOTELS TO CLEARWATER GOLF COURSE

Mon 8 Feb	Tue 9 Feb	Wed 10 Feb	Thu 11 Feb	Fri 12 Feb	Sat 13 Feb	Sun 14 Feb
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CLEARWATER GOLF COURSE TO HOTELS / MOTELS

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb
3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm	2.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	2.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 8.30pm	2.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	2.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	2.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	2.00pm 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm

Please note: Times and Pick-up Hotels to be confirmed and are subject to change before the event

MEDICAL CENTRES

City Centre 24 Hour Surgery

Cnr Bealey Ave & Colombo Street

Ph: 365 7777

DENTISTS

After Hours Dentist

Cnr Bealey Ave & Madras Street

Ph: 379 6222

PHYSIOTHERAPIST

SportsMed 156 Bealey Ave Ph: 366 0632

NZ POST

Merivale 183 Papanui Road

Papanui

37 Main North Road

TAXI'S

 Blue Star Taxis
 - 379 9799

 Corporate Cabs
 - 379 5888

 First Direct Taxis
 - 377 5555

 Gold Band Taxis
 - 379 5795

PHARMACY

Urgent Pharmacy Cnr Bealey Ave & Colombo Street 748 Colombo Street

Ph: 366 4439

Northlands Shopping Mall – see below

SHOPPING CENTRES

Merivale Mall

189 Papanui Road

Dodds Pharmacy, Fresh Choice Supermarket (Open Daily 7am - 9pm), Paper Plus Bookshop

Northlands Shopping Centre

55 Main North Road

Pak'N Save Supermarket (Open Daily 7am - 11pm), Countdown Supermarket (Open 24 hours, 7 days), Life Pharmacy ATM's (ANZ, BNZ, National & Westpac)

Vodafone

Maxwell Dry Cleaners

Northwood (close to Clearwater)

New World Supermarket (Open Daily 7am - 9pm) Woolworths Supermarket (Open Daily 7am-10pm)