

## 2010 HANDA WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN OPEN COMPETITOR FACT SHEET

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Venue:** Commonwealth Golf Club  
Melbourne, Australia

**Address:** Glennie Avenue  
South Oakleigh, VIC 3167

**Website:** [www.australianopengolf.com](http://www.australianopengolf.com)

**Entries and Championship Queries:**

Golf Australia Championships  
[championships@golfaustralia.org.au](mailto:championships@golfaustralia.org.au)

**Transport Queries:**

Liz Thynne - Transport Coordinator  
[ethynne@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ethynne@bigpond.net.au)

**Commonwealth Golf Club:**

Tel: + 61 3 9575 0444

### TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

**Field:** Minimum 144 players

**Format:** 72 Holes Stroke Play

In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' hole-by hole play-off will take place.

**Prize Money:** \$AUD 600,000

**Entry Fee:** \$AUD 150.00

**Entry Closing Date:** LET members – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Non-LET members – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Registration:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm (Tournament Office)  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 9.00 am – 6.00 pm (Tournament Office)

**Pre-Tournament Pro-Am:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Estimated Finishing Time:** 5:30 pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Draw Times:** [www.australianopengolf.com.au](http://www.australianopengolf.com.au)

### ACCOMMODATION

**Official Hotels:**

To secure your booking at the preferred room rates please book prior to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010. After this cut-off date rooms are subject to availability. Please quote 'Golf Australia' to receive these rates or use the link on our website [www.golfaustralia.org.au/default.aspx?s=competitorinformationwao](http://www.golfaustralia.org.au/default.aspx?s=competitorinformationwao)

**Hotel:** **Novotel Melbourne Glen Waverly**

**Booking Contact:** Hanna Doherty \* Please note new contact details

**Phone:** +61 3 8561 2329

**Email:** [H2068-SB03@accor.com](mailto:H2068-SB03@accor.com)

**Address:** 285 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverly, VIC 3150

**Website:** <http://www.novotelglenwaverly.com.au>

*Preferred room rates for competitors: Standard Rooms AUD \$178 per night*

**Hotel:** Ibis Melbourne Glen Waverly  
**Booking Contact:** Lauren Pegoraro \* **Please note new contact details**  
**Phone:** +61 3 9518 7113  
**Email:** [H6413-RE02@accor.com](mailto:H6413-RE02@accor.com)  
**Address:** 297 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverly, VIC 3150  
**Website:** <http://www.accorhotels.com/6413>

*Preferred room rates for competitors: Standard Room AUD \$145 per night*

**Serviced Apartments:** Please contact Golf Australia  
 +61 3 9626 5032

**PLEASE NOTE:** Official tournament transport will only operate to and from the designated tournament hotels detailed above and other approved hotels.

### **CADDIES**

Players cannot use a pull buggy/trolley and must have a caddie. **Players requiring a caddie must complete the relevant section of the Championship Entry Form.** NB Each qualifier who requests a caddie is asked, if she subsequently decides to provide her own caddie, to notify Golf Australia immediately (Phone 613 9626 5000 / Fax 613 9696 5095 / [championships@golfaustralia.org.au](mailto:championships@golfaustralia.org.au)) about her decision not to use the allocated caddie. Caddies will not be provided for those players who do not complete the caddie section of the Entry Form. (NB A professional caddie will assist with yardages, etc, a Bag Carrier will purely carry the bag.) **Caddie requests MUST be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm on Sunday 7 March.**

### **CLUB FACE GROOVE REGULATIONS**

The following regulation applies to the Championship Proper section only of the 2010 Women's Australian Open:

**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.

\*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.

### **OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS**

#### **Official Welcome Cocktail Party:**

**Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Venue:** TBC  
**Conditions:** This function is **mandatory for all invited players.**  
**Dress:** Smart Casual – strictly no denim

#### **Pro-Am:**

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
**Time:** Lunch will be served between 11.00 am and 2.30 pm in the Club House.  
**Entrants:** A list of professional players required to play can be obtained from the LET/ALPG Tournament Office.

## **PLAYER SERVICES**

**Player Lounge:** Located in the Club House

**Locker Rooms:** Located in the Club House. No entry to public- locked lockers and towels will be provided.

### **Catering for Player Lounge:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Breakfast:** 6:30 am – 10:30 am

**Lunch:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**All day:** Drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Breakfast:** 5.45 am – 10.00 am

**Lunch:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

**All day:** Fruit and drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course.

### **Player Services:**

**Contact:** Matt Cutler

**Ph:** 0413 271 176

**Location:** Entrance to Club House

Your Player Service team will have information regarding the local area (restaurants, public transport etc.), draws and tee times, club repair services, weather information. Please contact them for any of your needs

### **Medical:**

A Physiotherapist and a Massage Therapist will be on-site. A Doctor will be on call from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March through to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Player Car Parking:**

Parking is located in the Golf Course car park - Entrance A off Glennie Avenue. Please present your tour badge upon entry.

## **PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS**

**Practice Range:** *located adjacent near the club entrance*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March: 12.00 pm– 4.00 pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 6.00 pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 6.00 pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 6.00 pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 1 hour after end of play

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 1 hour after end of play

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 1 hour after end of play

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – last tee time

### **Practice Rounds \***

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> March: No Practice Rounds

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 3.30 pm (last tee off)

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00 am – 3.30 pm (last tee off)

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March: Pro-Am Day – no practice rounds

*\* from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee only. Timesheet will be available in the Commonwealth Golf Club Pro Shop. Please contact the pro shop by 6<sup>th</sup> March on Tel: + 61 3 9575 0444. After that time sheets will be available at Player Services. If players wish to liaise with the host club regarding practice prior to championship week please also contact the Pro Shop.*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day / Date	Approx. Times	Activity
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	7.15 am – 3.30 pm	Practice Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	7.15 am – 3.30 pm	Practice Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 am – 5.30 pm	Pro-Am Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 am – 7.15 pm	Round 1 – min 144 players in groups of 3
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 am – 7.15 pm	Round 2 * – min 144 players in groups of 3
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 am – 5.30 pm	Round 3
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 am – 5.30 pm	Round 4 – Final day & closing ceremony
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 am – 6.00 pm	Super Monday

\* Cut to 65 professionals, plus any tying for 65<sup>th</sup> place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 65<sup>th</sup> placed professional.

## Telecast Times

Live coverage of the tournament will be broadcast via Network Ten at the following times:

Day / Date	Time
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	ONE HD 13:00 to 17:00 AEDT TBC
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	NETWORK TEN 13:00 to 17:00 AEDT TBC
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	NETWORK TEN 13:00 to 17:00 AEDT TBC

## TRAVEL / TRANSFERS / TRANSPORTATION

### Transport Office:

**Ph:** TBC

**Opening Hours:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March (until 10.00 pm) – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

- If you require airport pickup / drop offs please notify the Transport Coordinator ASAP (within 24 hours of flight)
- Transport for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March is available on request

### Directions:

#### **Nearest airports:**

Melbourne's major airport, Tullamarine, is approximately 50km from the Golf Club – approximately a 1 hour drive. Avalon Airport (domestic only) is approximately 80km from the Golf Club – approximately 2 hours drive depending on traffic. Note: Courtesy Cars will only pick up players from Tullamarine Airport.

#### **Airport Transfers:**

Airport pickup times will depend upon the arrival/departure times you provide to [Liz Thynne](mailto:Liz.Thynne@bigpond.net.au) [ethynne@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ethynne@bigpond.net.au). Please note that the latest pick up on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March will be 10.00 pm.

#### **Conditions:**

Priority will be given to those players staying at the official hotels. Players need to provide the transport office with airport arrival / departure times.

**Please log onto –** [www.commonwealthgolf.com.au](http://www.commonwealthgolf.com.au) for more information on the club, course and facilities. Please note: course length for the Championship differs from the standard women's course.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PLAYERS AND CADDIES – VISA APPLICATIONS**

- It is possible to arrange group visas when travelling to Australia. Players and caddies are advised to ensure their visa requirements are in order before travelling.
- It is recommended all players and caddies take out the Sport Visa (subclass 421), and check the Australian Embassy Website ([www.australianembassy.com.au](http://www.australianembassy.com.au)) or their own country's web site for details on how to apply and what information is to be supplied etc.

#### **GOLF CLUBS**

- Australian Customs require all golf clubs and golf shoes entering from international destinations to be clean and free of dirt / mud. To ensure an efficient entry into Australia, please ensure all golf equipment has been thoroughly cleaned.

#### **TRANSURBAN CITYLINK**

If you are planning on driving yourself around Melbourne, you may need a CityLink Pass. CityLink is an electronic tolling system (no tollbooths) that connects the Tullamarine, West Gate and Monash motorways. It means drivers need a CityLink Pass to travel on these motorways to avoid incurring fines. For price information please copy the following link into your web browser:

[http://www.citylink.com.au/files/CityLink\\_price\\_and\\_information\\_guide\\_1\\_Jan\\_to\\_31\\_Mar\\_2010.pdf](http://www.citylink.com.au/files/CityLink_price_and_information_guide_1_Jan_to_31_Mar_2010.pdf)

#### **INTERNET FACILITIES**

There will be Wi-Fi facilities in the Official Hotels and in the Player Lounge / Locker Room.

### APPROXIMATE CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE ( as of 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009)

AUD	EUR
\$1	€ 0.61
\$5	€3.08
\$10	€6.16
\$50	€30.84

### THANK YOU LETTERS

Should be addressed to:

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