



2016 Vanuatu Golf Open Tournament Information

Schedule of Events

| Day | Activity |
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| Tuesday 6th September | Registration opens 2.00 pm at the Holiday Inn Resort Welcome Cocktail party at the Holiday Inn Resort from 6.30pm including Sponsor presentations |
| Wednesday 7th September | Pro Am 11.00 Check-in at the Club for Midday start. Followed by Butt of Beef and prize giving at the Golf Club |
| Thursday 8th September | Round 1 VGO Followed by a Poolside BBQ and entertainment at the Holiday Inn Resort from 7.00pm |
| Friday 9th September | Round 2 VGO Followed by Burgers and Entertainment at The Anchor Inn Burgers and other food options available at players own cost |
| Saturday 10th September | Round 3 VGO Free Night |
| Sunday 11th September | Round 4 VGO Presentation of prizes and dinner at the club |

Directions

The main township of Port Vila is located some 6 km away from the airport.

The Golf Club is located some 7km from the township toward Mele and is easily accessible either by the VGO free bus or the local buses (250-300vt per trip) and taxis (confirm rate before getting in).

Your welcome kit contains a map of Port Vila with well marked hotels, Golf club, airport etc.





Rules

Local rules will apply throughout the 2014 Vanuatu Golf Open in conjunction with the PGA Tournament Handbook/Rules of golf & Tour Hard Card.

Players are requested to check the information board at the course for any changes to the local rules and check with the PGA Official at the Port Vila Golf and Country Club, before teeing off **on a day to day basis**.

- **Professionals will also receive Pin Sheets** on each of the days of the 2016 Vanuatu Golf Open **(including the Pro Am on Wednesday)** Players will be handed them along with their scorecard before teeing off with any changes to the local rules for that day, if any.
- **Metreage markers** - 200-150-100m are represented by Blue stone markers on the side of the fairways

Pro-am Day

The Pro-am on Wednesday will be a 4 person team event. The best 3 out of the 4 scores (including the professional) will count on each hole. Mark a total at the end of each hole.

Professionals will keep a stroke score. They are playing for prize money. 1st - \$800.00. 2nd - \$400.00. 3RD - \$200.00.

Practice Arrangements

Practice Range: (Located behind the clubhouse between the 18th and 1st fairways)

The practice range is available for your use at anytime. Please observe the roped areas on a daily basis to ensure the area is properly presented for practice each day

Practice Rounds

The course is closed to all non VGO players from Monday 5th September until Monday 12th September Registered players are invited to organize their own practice rounds from Monday 5th September.



Caddies & Carts

Caddies can be hired during the Open and will cost Vt1,000 per day plus a soft drink. Pull buggies can be hired from the Club at a cost of Vt500 per day. Motorised carts can only be used only if pre-booked. As there are a limited numbers of carts we cannot guarantee availability. Cost for cart hire is Vt3,000 per day.


Contact Names/Telephone Numbers

Date: 5th to 11th September 2016 to VGO Committee will be contactable to assist with queries

- Chairman: Bryan Death - Mob: +678 55 77034 - Email: bryan@tmsvanuatu.com
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Port Vila Golf & Country Club - Manager: Kate Martin – Ph:+678 77 10779

Approximate currency exchange rates

Local currency is Vatu (VT), although Australian dollars are widely accepted around town. Check Cash exchange rates at our sponsor 

As a guide;

| AUD | VT |
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| 10 | 780 |
| 50 | 3900 |
| 100 | 7800 |

Other useful tips for the visitor

- Value Added Tax (VAT) is charged on most goods and services. Current rate is 12.5%
- Electrical voltage is 220-280 volts – mainly three point plugs in hotels
- Medical – there are several private doctors and clinics in town, however in emergencies **Pro Medical** is the reliable private ambulance service that should be called **Ph 25566 or emergency 115**
- Siesta (lunch time) is still observed by some businesses and shops in Vila. As a guide, trading hours for most shops in Vila are 7.30-11.30am and 1.30-5.00pm Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings until 11.30am. Restaurants, cafes and banks remain open with no siesta and local general stores open seven days.
- Bislama is the primary local language spoken by Ni-Vanuatu which is 95% based on English with a few French words and Island language thrown in, so you should have no trouble communicating with the friendly local people – just remember “**Mi wantem Tusker**” and you will be set for the Open.



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