



## 2017 Vanuatu Golf Open Tournament Information

### Schedule of Events

Day	Activity
Tuesday 29th August	<b>Registration</b> opens 2.00 pm at the Holiday Inn Resort Welcome Cocktail party at the Holiday Inn Resort from 6.30pm including Sponsor presentations
Wednesday 30th August	<b>Pro Am:</b> Morning and afternoon Tee times will be allocated
Thursday 31st August	<b>Round 1 VGO</b> free night
Friday 1st September	<b>Round 2 VGO</b> Followed by VGO fundraiser at Anchor Inn - TBC
Saturday 2nd September	<b>Round 3 VGO</b> Free Night
Sunday 3rd September	<b>Round 4 VGO</b> 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 2017 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 2017 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. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$800.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$400.00. 3<sup>RD</sup> - \$200.00.

### ***Practice Arrangements***

Practice Range: (Located behind the clubhouse between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 28th August until Monday 4th September Registered players are invited to organize their own practice rounds from Monday 28th August.

### ***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

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### ***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
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.. lock these into your phones.**
- 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.

