

# **INTRODUCTION TO GLASSHOUSE MOUNTAINS ZONE SENIOR GOLFERS ASSOCIATION**

## **ABOUT US**

The Glasshouse Mountains Zone Senior Golfers' Association ("GMZSGA" or "the Association") is a "not for profit" sub-branch of the Glasshouse Mountains Golf Zone (GMGZ). GMGZ is, in turn, one of the golfing zones of SBG Golf, formerly the Sunshine Coast, South Burnett and Glasshouse Mountains District Golf Association.

The aim of the Association, which was formed in 1979, is to provide regular competition golf and social interaction for Senior golfers, both male and female. Competitions will be held on a regular basis throughout the playing season at various courses within the Glasshouse Mountains Zone.

The Association is often mistakenly referred to as "the Vets". However, it has no affiliation with any Veteran Golfers group and it runs its own show under the guidance of a committee made up of delegates from each of the clubs affiliated with GMGZ. Any player, male or female, who is at least 50 years of age and is a member of a club affiliated with GMGZ is eligible to play in Zone Seniors events. There is no separate membership fee payable.

## **PLAYING CALENDAR FOR 2024**

The Committee has put together an extensive program of events for 2024, commencing with a Single Stableford event at Beerwah Golf Club on Tuesday, 6 February, with an 8:30 shotgun start.

Copies of the full year's program can be found online at the following links:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iqeetLmq\\_qTqYEGIfVcTM4yD9QAcT3hV5qnphpZw7IU/edit#gid=1878457619](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iqeetLmq_qTqYEGIfVcTM4yD9QAcT3hV5qnphpZw7IU/edit#gid=1878457619)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YTbfAbRPuPgbotC7spMeF47Ably8Xuuh/edit#gid=748621460>

Anyone interested in playing in these events is encouraged to bookmark those pages.

The Zone Seniors program runs in parallel with SBG Golf's Masters Tour calendar, which comprises a series of 8 events to be played at various venues throughout the District. The 2024 program includes 3 games within our Zone, with Beerwah and Woodford each hosting a Single Stableford event and Pacific Harbour hosting a 4BBB Stableford on Presentation Day.

For the benefit of some of our newer members, and to update things for seasoned Zone players, the Zone Seniors program comprises a series of events at Beerwah, Bribie Island, Caboolture, Kilcoy, Maleny, Pine Rivers and Woodford. The games are usually held on Mondays, although games at Beerwah are played on Tuesdays.

## **NOMINATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

The nomination fee for 2024 is \$20 at all clubs. Nomination Fees are payable on arrival at the host club, whose members will also conduct raffles that you are strongly encouraged to support as they help fund our operating expenses, including our end-of-year breakup.

Conduct of these events is governed by specific Conditions of Play that acknowledge, among other things, that these days are as much social occasions as they are competition events. For example, they limit the number of players from each club who will be guaranteed a game – currently 16 players. They also discourage having more than two players from the same club in any playing group.

The nomination process, which is tailored to meet those objectives, involves the following:

1. Players from each Club are required to nominate separately, either singly or in pairs, for each event on the playing calendar by using a specific online Nomination Form;
2. The first 16 names recorded on the Nomination Form will be guaranteed a game;
3. The Nomination Form includes provision for players who are not among the first 16 nominees to put their name on a Reserves list;
4. If there are insufficient “first pick” nominees to fill the field, places will be allocated to sufficient reserves to fill it through a process outlined in the Conditions of Play;
5. Nominations must be submitted to the host club no later than the Wednesday before the event (Thursday for Beerwah games). Anyone wishing to nominate thereafter must contact the host club to determine availability of a spot;
6. Nominees must include on the form their Golfink number, the name of their playing partner, if any, and whether they intend to walk or ride (so that walkers can be allocated to appropriate holes).

There is a full copy of the Conditions of Play at the following link on the GMGZ website:

[https://www.gmgz.com.au/files/ugd/a16444\\_c04911b2ea71497195fa7e74953f0902.pdf](https://www.gmgz.com.au/files/ugd/a16444_c04911b2ea71497195fa7e74953f0902.pdf)

**There is a completely different nomination process for Masters Tour events.** Nominations for those are to be submitted as directed by SBG Golf, with acceptances being determined on a “first come first served” basis. It is understood that, for 2024, Golf Genius will become the main registration platform. More details when they come to hand.

#### **THE ZONE SENIORS NOMINATION PROCESS**

Nominations for Zone Seniors events must be registered via dedicated online Nomination Forms uploaded to the GMGZ Seniors website (<https://www.gmgz.com.au/senior-golf>). There are separate Nomination Forms for each club. They are generally available approximately a fortnight before the relevant event.

Accessing them is a quite a simple process that involves entering a few details into a Google spreadsheet that can be found by following these instructions:

1. *Log on to [www.gmgz.com.au](http://www.gmgz.com.au), then select the **Senior Golf** menu at the top of the page;*
2. *From the dropdown menu under **Senior Golf**, select the game for which you want to nominate;*
3. *On the ensuing web page, click on “CLICK HERE”;*
4. *When the online spreadsheet opens, select the tab for your club at the bottom of the screen and enter your details in the relevant form.*

## **MOTORISED CARTS**

All participating clubs are amenable to players providing their own motorised carts, although some will charge you a fee for the privilege. Bribie Island will not allow petrol-powered carts on their course. Players wishing to hire a cart are responsible for booking one with the relevant Club/Pro Shop.

## **SENIORS' PENNANT COMPETITION**

An integral part of the annual Seniors program is the Seniors Pennant competition. 2024 competition will get under way at Kilcoy on Monday 4 March and end with the Final at Beerwah on 10 August. This is a Matchplay competition involving teams of 8 male players with GA handicaps of 24 or less. Matches are usually held in weeks alternate to those involving the main Seniors events. The full Pennant program can be found at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17kwBPLx6IFR0yzWJKtCXVm2IWIMmGhYxd9WW-8GfzMQ/edit#gid=1680210503>

If you are interested in being a member of team, please let your Club Delegate know. Contact details for all delegates are available on the website at the following link:

[www.gmgz.com.au/files/ugd/a16444\\_36f46d4110174a37a9cb9c86ffac60d8.pdf](http://www.gmgz.com.au/files/ugd/a16444_36f46d4110174a37a9cb9c86ffac60d8.pdf)

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Having been a regular player in Seniors events for a few years now, I can assure any members who are not familiar with them that they are well worth thinking about. At a highly discounted cost, you get to play several other courses within the Zone and you get to socialize with members of other clubs on a regular basis. I can thoroughly recommend the program to you, but I would also suggest that you nominate early as these games are very popular.

If you have any queries about all this, please feel free to ask your delegate.

Thank you and good golfing,

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