



THE 2008
WORLD DEAF
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
JOONDALUP RESORT
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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A. BACKGROUND

The World Deaf Golf Championships is the premier international deaf amateur golfing championship with an Individual Mens, Ladies and Seniors Championship held over 72 holes, with a concurrent Teams Championship (Mens and Ladies).

The event is run under the auspices of the World Deaf Golf Federation, which has links with The Royal & Ancient at St Andrews.

The origins of the World Deaf Golf Championships goes back to the first World Deaf Golf Championships held in 1995 at Forest of Arden in England. Since then, the World Deaf Golf Championships has traveled the globe as follows.

- 1995 : England : Forest of Arden
- 1998 : USA : The Bridges Golf Club
- 2000 : South Africa : The Lost City course at Sun City
- 2002 : Ireland : St Margarets Golf Club
- 2004 : Sweden : Drottningholms Golf Club
- 2006 : Canada : Redtail Landing Golf Club

The 7th World Deaf Golf Championships will be held for the first time in Australia, at Joondalup Golf Resort, in Perth, Western Australia.

The 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships is proudly hosted by Deaf Golf Australia, and is well supported by the following :-

- Golf Australia
- WA Golf
- Deaf Sports Australia
- World Deaf Golf Federation
- Joondalup Golf Resort
- WA Deaf Society
- WA Deaf Recreation Society



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B. EVENT DETAILS

Event Name: **The 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships**

Dates: 27 September 2008 (Official Arrivals) to 4 October 2008 (Official Departures)

Tournament Dates : 30 September 2008 (Round 1) to 3 October 2008 (Round Four)

Location: Joondalup Resort, Joondalup, Perth, Western Australia

Schedule :

Saturday 27th September 2008

Official Arrivals

Sunday 28th September 2008

10am : World Deaf Golf Federation AGM

3.30pm : Opening Ceremony

7pm : Opening Ceremony Banquet

Monday 29th September 2008

8am – onwards : Official Practice Round (Carts permitted)

6pm : Technical Meeting

Tuesday 30th September 2008

8am – onwards : 1st Round – 2008 Wdgc

6pm : Aussie BBQ Night [Joondalup Resort]



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Wednesday 1st October 2008

8am – onwards : 2nd Round – 2008 WDGC
5pm : Trip to Perth Deaf Club [Optional]

Thursday 2nd October 2008

8am – onwards : 3rd Round – 2008 WDGC

Friday 3rd October 2008

7am – onwards : Final Round – 2008 WDGC
3.30pm : Leave for Kings Park [Sightseeing and Photographs with Perth City as background]
6pm for 7pm Start : Arrive at Closing Ceremony Awards Ceremony and Banquet [Location to be confirmed]

Saturday 4th October 2008

Official Departures

C. SPECTATORS & ACCESS

The 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships is open to all and entry is free.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at Joondalup Resort at 3.30pm on Sunday 28th September 2008, followed by a Banquet [for golfers, non-golfers, and invited guests only].

Rounds 1 to 4 of the Golf Tournament will be held on 30th September to 3rd October 2008, tee off from 8am every day.



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D. THE PLAYERS

There will be 98 golfers from 12 countries will be participating in the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships (which breaks , broken down as follows

- Australia - 13 players
- Canada - 8 players
- Denmark – 2 players
- England – 10 players
- Ireland – 9 players
- Japan – 10 players
- New Zealand – 3 players
- Scotland – 10 players
- South Africa – 7 players
- Sweden – 9 players
- USA – 11 players
- Wales – 6 players

They will compete in 3 Individual Championships, the Mens, Seniors (Mens), and Ladies Championships, broken down as follows

- Mens – 66 players
- Seniors (Mens) – 15 players
- Ladies – 17 players

A Teams Championship will be held concurrently with the Individual Championships (for Mens and Ladies).



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E. THE RULES OF THE WORLD DEAF GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Tournament is open to all deaf and hard of hearing male and female golfers. The hearing loss must be at least 55 decibels in the **better** ear.

We note it is not allowed to wear hearing aids or other similar instruments during the tournament.

The 2008 Wdgc will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the Royal and Ancient at St Andrews.

F. THE COURSE

The Joondalup Golf Resort is the premier golf resort in Australia having won awards for the 6th straight year. We are naturally excited to have the tournament at this venue.

Situated 30 minutes north of the city, the Robert Trent Jones Jnr designed layout is a rare test of golfing skill and offers some of the most exhilarating challenges to be found anywhere on an Australian golf course. How would you like to face-up to a shot over a 140 metre long bunker to a green guarded by a 10 metre high cliff face; a shot over 150 metres of yawning quarry; and a 210 metre shot from the top of a cliff to a green guarded by a 50 metre high cliff on one side and a 20 metre deep ditch on the other.



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Stern stuff perhaps, but a game of golf at Joondalup is also hours spent walking through peaceful native Australian bushland full of thousands of tall gums, blackboys, and bushes of all shapes and sizes. After the course has wound its way up through limestone quarry country, you can stand atop the 13th tee and gaze over the Indian Ocean and appreciate why the Aborigines called Joondalup "the place of shining waters".

Twenty seven unforgettable holes as designed by renowned Robert Trent Jones Jr, and described by him as "Unquestionably one of the world's finest golfing experiences". The three courses include The Lakes being any open links style course. The Dunes, a very tight narrow 9 and The Quarry which as the name suggests is cut from an old limestone quarry with the courses signature par 3 third.

The course for the 2008 Wdgc will comprise The Dunes as the opening nine, and The Quarry as the back nine.

G. WEBSITE

The website for the 2008 World Deaf Golf Championships is

www.2008wdgc.com

H. CONTACT

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