



AUSTRALIAN PITCH & PUTT AND PAR 3 GOLF ASSOCIATION INC

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## 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN PITCH AND PUTT CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEANGAR PARK GOLF CLUB BENDIGO  
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The 2022 Australian Pitch and Putt Championships are back and will get underway this weekend at the new Neangar Park Pitch and Putt Course in Bendigo, Victoria which was featured as Course of the Month for October 2022

While the field has been disappointingly small, it can best be explained by the fact that COVID has put almost all interstate travel in Australia on hold for a couple of years. The unseasonable weather this year, including massive floods in recent weeks, that has beset the southeastern area of Australia has made people cautious about travelling long distances. Many of the most of the Open regulars are simply three years older, while others, like multiple Champion, Tom Rickett have retired.

Despite the small field, this year's Open will be interesting and exciting

It will be the first time the contest has been held at a 'regulation' golf club and the first time the Open has been deliberately promoted among the regular golfing community.

It will be the first time the Neangar course has hosted a major Championship.

The best Pitch and Putt players in Australia will not only have to fight it out between themselves, they will also have to withstand what is expected to be a considerable challenge from a number of low handicap golfers who are relatively new to pitch and Putt.

It will be fascinating to see which, if any, of these golfers will be good enough to knock off the current and former multiple Australian Open winners, James Rogerson and Marc Fischer.

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