

**THE ENGLISH BOYS' U14 OPEN AMATEUR
STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
for
THE REID TROPHY
at
Blackwell Golf Club
7th – 9th August 2012**

Holder: Bradley Moore - Kedleston Golf Club

PLAYERS' INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

Reminder: You MUST register at the mobile office in person or by phone, by 16:00 (4pm) on the day before the Championship, or your place in the draw will be offered to a reserve.

1. THE HOST CLUB

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England Golf is most appreciative of the help and support given by the members and officials of Blackwell Golf Club. Players should do all they can to ensure goodwill is maintained.

Please do NOT contact the Club on any matter concerning the Championship.

If you have any queries regarding the Championship, please telephone 01526 354500. In particular, practice times must be booked through England Golf (see 5b below).

2. THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- **The Championship** shall be 54 holes of stroke play over three days, 18 holes being played on each day. After 36 holes there will be a re-draw for all competitors for the final day's play with the leading scores going out last.
- **111 competitors** shall be eligible to compete.
- **The winner** shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score over 54 holes. **In the event of a tie**, there will be a sudden death play-off over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 18th holes.
- The play-off will take place immediately after the last group have returned their score cards. A competitor who might be involved in a play-off should be ready to play and be in the vicinity of the Mobile Office. If he is not on the tee at the commencement of the

play-off the 5 minute rule will apply (2 stroke penalty), thereafter the Competitor will be disqualified from the play-off.

- **Qualification and start times for the final day's play:** competitors may telephone 07711 254841 or 01526 888178 between 7:45pm and 9:30pm
- **The drawsheet and each day's results** will be posted at the Mobile Office and published on England Golf's website: www.englandgolf.org/championships
- Irrespective of handicap, players who finish in the top 6 places will be exempt from the McGregor Trophy in 2013.

3. WITHDRAWALS

- England Golf requires that players should give the earliest possible notice if they are obliged to withdraw.
- To withdraw, please telephone 01526 354500 and ask for the Championship Department. Once transferred, please give details of your game i.e. game number, start time etc. Confirmation of withdrawal must also be received in writing: by post, email or fax.
- Please note: as per the Conditions of Entry, entry fees are not refundable after the closing date for entries.

4. REGISTRATION AND TIME

- **On Monday 6th August, players must register by 4.00pm** either in person at the Mobile Office (entry is via the door at the rear of the unit which will be clearly signposted) or by telephone (07711 254841 or 01526 888178) and give all details as requested, e.g. mobile telephone number where you can be contacted, an emergency telephone number.
- **Failure to register by this time will result in the player forfeiting his place, which will be offered to a reserve. The player concerned will also forfeit his entry fee.**
- Note: All time and timings for this event are as displayed by the radio controlled Starter's clock on the first tee. Players are advised to set their watches by this clock.

5. PRACTICE

a) Practice times:

- **Competitors only** may practice on Monday 6th August starting between 9:00am and 4:00pm. No practice on the course may start after 4:00pm.
- At the discretion of registration officials at the venue, and depending on a practice round space being available, a reserve who is present at the venue may play a practice round. He may also use practice facilities at the venue.
- Competitors may play the course before the official practice day, **provided** they contact the Club to check if tee times are available **and pay a green fee**. The free practice round only applies to Monday 6th August.

b) To reserve a practice time:

- Up to and including 5:00pm on Friday 3rd August telephone England Golf on 01526 354500 and ask for the Championship Department.
- From 8:00am on Monday 6th August, telephone the England Golf Mobile Office on 07711 254841 or 01526 888178 or book in person at the Mobile Office.

c) Practice regulations:

One ball only may be played during practice rounds, with the following exceptions:

- i. If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
- ii. Where the Rules of Golf apply (e.g. provisional ball).
- iii. A player may practice putting (but **not** chipping or bunker play) provided play is not unduly delayed.

England Golf Officials will be on the course during practice to ensure players comply with this regulation. Failure to comply will lead to the player(s) being instructed to leave the course, thereby forfeiting their practice round.

d) Practice facilities:

- There is a pitching facility available for use throughout the Championship which is situated to the left of the Clubhouse on entry. A maximum of 8 players at any one time can be accommodated on this area.
- Play is restricted to using pitching irons only.
- Players are required to use their own practice balls and must take care when retrieving them.
- Bromsgrove Golf Centre driving range (post code B60 1LD) is also available a short drive away (approximately 1 mile). Directions are as follows: Turn right out of the golf club. At the T junction, turn left. Half a mile down the road at the next T junction, turn right. Then take the 1st left. After about ½ mile at the next T junction, turn left. Go straight over the mini island and after approx 200 yards at the next island, turn left. In approx 50 yards, the driving range can be found on the left.
- The practice putting green is by the side of the side of the 10th tee.
- There are two practice nets at the side of the Professional's shop.

6. CATERING

- Food will be available for purchase from the Clubhouse throughout the Championship. The Clubhouse will be open for food and refreshments from 07:00am on the days of Championship and 08:00am on practice day.

7. DRESS CODE and MOBILE PHONES

- Smart casual dress is permitted in the Clubhouse.
- Please ensure that any accompanying adult complies with the required dress code.

- Shorts, trainers, tee shirts and denim clothing are **not** permitted on the course or in the Clubhouse. Hats and golf shoes are not permitted in the Clubhouse and normal street shoes must be worn.
- Players are **not** permitted to wear shorts. Caddies may wear tailored shorts and **white** sports socks, but must abide by the Clubhouse dress code.
- Mobile phones may **not** be used in the Clubhouse.
- Mobile phones may **not** be used on the course (including on practice days) by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except in cases of emergency.
- The Club postcode is printed on each scorecard to assist should you have the need to call an ambulance. If, when using a mobile to do so, you call 112 the operator will be able to fix your location via GPS.

8. CADDIES

In this Championship, no-one over the age of 18 on 1st January 2012 may act as a caddie for any competitor. Failure to comply with this Condition will result in a penalty of two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - four strokes.

9. BUGGIES and TROLLEYS

The Club has agreed **not** to rent out any ride on buggies during the week. Competitors, officials or spectators should not embarrass club staff by asking for one.

Trolleys can be hired from the Professional's shop.

10. SCORECARDS, PIN POSITIONS, TIME AND PACE OF PLAY

- **Scorecards** for each round and daily **pin position sheets** will be given to you by the Starter on the 1st tee.
- **You must be at the 1st tee at least 5 minutes before your start time.** (Note: All time and timings for this event are as displayed by the radio controlled Starter's clock on the first tee. Players are advised to set their watches by this clock).
- **Pace of play:** see Hard Card Condition of Competition 8. There will be a pace of play notification on the 1st tee. The time allocated per hole and for the round is on the scorecard. England Golf referees will be monitoring pace of play. Competitors must co-operate with referees on pace of play matters
- **Completed scorecards** must be returned **immediately** after your round to the Recorders at the rear of the Mobile Office. Please go there with your fellow-competitors to check your card carefully before signing and handing it in to the Recorders
- **Reporting of away scores for CONGU Handicaps**
It is the competitor's responsibility to report all scores to their home club at the earliest opportunity. In addition, the EGU operates a score return system, which applies to clubs which are CDH registered.

11. ON-COURSE SCORING

Club helpers will be operating scoreboards after the 9th, 12th and 15th holes. The Members helping will be asking for your score relative to par **for the round you are playing**, not for

the Championship. Please assist these score recorders who are members of the Club and have given their time to help make the Championship a success.

12. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

- a) DMDs are allowed: see the England Golf Hard Card Local Rule 10.
- b) **England Golf's advice on the use of mobile phones as a distance measuring device:** Because of problems over whether a particular phone conforms to the Local Rule and, therefore, to protect players from the risk of disqualification, England Golf **strongly recommends** that mobile phones are **not** used as distance measuring devices.

13. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

- The Presentation will take place Thursday 9th August at approximately 7:30pm, or as soon as is practicable on completion of the day's play.
- The Presentation will take place on the 1st tee or if the weather is poor, inside in the main lounge. All recipients of prizes are expected to wear a jacket and tie and to be available for official photographs after the presentation.

14. HEALTH & SAFETY

- England Golf operates a Health & Safety Policy for the benefit of competitors and spectators and, as such, there will be first aid trained personnel available throughout practice and the Championship. Should there be any need to contact them, competitors should contact the Mobile Office which will be "control" for any such situation.
- Under the Health & Safety Policy, if competitors or spectators require any assistance or witness any incident, they should report to the radio control operator in the Mobile Office. All England Golf referees, when on duty, have a radio through which such contact can be made.
- Players should familiarise themselves with emergency procedures and fire exits in the Clubhouse.
- **In the event of thunder and lightning**, please conform to the instructions on your copy of the Hard Card and do **not** seek shelter in **any** shelters on the course.
- Please obey all health and safety signs located on the course.
- A doctor's surgery and a dental practice are available throughout the Championship. Details are available at the Mobile Office.
- Several safety notices are placed on the course, they are there for your safety and benefit, please follow the advice/instructions given.

15. CHILD PROTECTION: PHOTOGRAPHIC POLICY

- England Golf operates a photographic policy at events where competitors, who are 18-years-old and under, are taking part. This is for the protection of juniors
- **Anyone** wishing to take photographs on the course, in the Clubhouse, its surrounds, practice ground or anywhere linked to the Championship, **must** register at the Mobile Office to obtain a permit. The permit issued must be displayed

- Failure to comply with this procedure may result in you being asked to leave the Championship and may result in the police being called.
- Please draw the attention of parents/guardians and supporters to this policy.

16. McGREGOR TROPHY 2013

The leading six players will be exempt from the ballot for the 2013 McGregor Trophy. Online entries will be available from February of next year on the Championship section of the England Golf website.

The McGregor Trophy is to be played at Seacroft Golf Club, Lincolnshire, 16th – 18th July 2013.

17. LIABILITY

Neither the Club nor England Golf can be held responsible for the loss of, or damage to, equipment or personal possessions. It is recommended that, when not in use, golf clubs should be stored in vehicles.

Toby Thorne
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