



ENGLANDGOLF

**THE ENGLISH MEN'S OPEN AMATEUR
STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR
THE BRABAZON TROPHY
WALTON HEATH GOLF CLUB
28TH JUNE – 1ST JULY 2012**

HOLDER:- NEIL RAYMOND - CORHAMPTON 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

Walton Heath Golf Club
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England Golf is most appreciative of the help and support given by the members and officials of Walton Heath 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 the England Golf's Office (see 6b below).

2. THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- **The Championship** shall be played by 72 holes of stroke play over four days, 18 holes being played on each day. After 36 holes, the leading 60 competitors and all those tying for 60th place shall play a further 18 holes on the third day, followed by a re-draw and a final 18 holes on the fourth day.
- **The winner** shall be the competitor who returns the lowest score over 72 holes. In the event of a tie, there will be a sudden death play-off over the 1st hole.
- A minimum of 144 competitors shall play in the Championship.
- **Qualification and start times for the final day's play:** competitors may telephone 07711 254841 or 01526 888178 between 19.45 and 21.30.
- **The drawsheet and each day's results** will be posted at the England Golf Mobile Office and published on England Golf's website: www.Englandgolf.org/championships

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

- Players must register by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 27 June either in person at the England Golf 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.**

5. CAR PARKING.

There is an overflow car park on the spare ground to the left when entering the club premises.

6. PRACTICE

a) Practice times:

- Competitors may practice on Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th June, starting between 08:30 and 16:30 hours. No practice on the course may start after 16:30.
- 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 Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th June.

b) To reserve a practice time:

- Up to and including 17.00 on Monday 25th June telephone England Golf on 01526 354500 and ask for the Championship Department.
- From 8.30 on Tuesday 26th June, 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 practise 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:

- The practice ground is on Beeches field which is to be found by crossing the main road beyond the 1st tee. Walk through the small car park and bear right, the practice area is past the football pitch. Access must be by foot and it is a 5 to 6 minute walk.
- The direction of play is from the bottom up and will be indicated.
- **Players must bring their own practice balls as there are none available at the club.**
- Take care when collecting your practice balls. Neither the Golf Club nor England Golf accept responsibility for any injury or loss.
- There is no restriction on clubs which can be used.
- There is a practice putting green in front of the Clubhouse and a shed with indoor nets opposite the putting green.
- Short game practice areas are available to the left of the 2nd tee and behind the 1st tee.

7. CATERING

The Clubhouse will be open for Competitors

Tue 26 th	Wed 27 th	Thu 28 th	Fri 29 th	Sat 30 th	Sun 1 st
0730	0615	0600	0600	0600	0600

The Professional's shop will be open for Competitors

Tue 26 th	Wed 27 th	Thu 28 th	Fri 29 th	Sat 30 th	Sun 1 st
0700	0600	0600	0600	0600	0600

Hours of service for meals to end

Day	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	

Coffee & Bacon sandwiches available from

Day	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
From	0615	0615	0615	0615	0615	0615

Breakfast

Day	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
From	0800	0615	0615	0615	0615	0615

8. DRESS CODE and MOBILE PHONES

- Smart casual dress is permitted in the Clubhouse. Normal dress shoes (with socks) must be worn.
- 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.
- 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.

9. BUGGIES and TROLLEYS

- The Club has agreed **not** to rent out 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 AND PACE OF PLAY

- **Scorecards** and **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.**
- **Pace of play:** see Hard Card Condition of Competition 8. There will be a pace of play notification (time allowed for the round) 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 England Golf 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, England Golf operates a score return system, which applies to clubs which are CDH registered.

11. ON-COURSE SCORING

Club helpers will be operating scoreboards at the 10th green and 17th tee 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 England Golf's Hard Card, Local Rule 10.
- b) **EGU'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, the EGU **strongly recommends** that mobile phones are **not** used as distance-measuring devices.

13. PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

- The prize presentation will take place on Sunday 1st July at approximately 1710hrs, or as soon as is practicable on completion of the day's play.
- The Presentation will take place in front of the Clubhouse or 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 England Golf 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 England Golf 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 and advice on your copy of the Hard Card and do **not** seek shelter in **any** shelters on the course unless it is fully enclosed.
- 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 England Golf's Mobile Office.
- Play Controllers will be operating on the 2nd tee. Please do not play until the green flag is shown.
- The 18th tee is close to a tee on the New Course, which is in use for members during the Championship. Club members have been requested to give priority to Championship players, but please be courteous.

15. CHILD PROTECTION: PHOTOGRAPHIC POLICY

- England Golf operates a photographic policy at events where players who are under 18 are competing. 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 England Golf Mobile Office to obtain a permit. The badge issued must be displayed.

- If anyone fails to comply with this procedure they may be asked to leave the Championship and the police may be called.
- Please draw the attention of parents/guardians and supporters to this policy.

16. 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.

John Walker
Championship Manager