



THE BULGARIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

TAKES PLEASURE IN INVITING YOU TO PLAY IN THE **BALKAN CHALLENGE TROPHY**

TO BE PLAYED AT St. SOFIA GOLF CLUB & SPA
OVER 54 HOLES

5th July – 7th July 2012

TEAMS WILL COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THREE DIVISIONS

- A DIVISION – (HANDICAPS 0 – 9) PLAY 36 HOLES INDIVIDUAL STROKEPLAY
- B DIVISION – (HANDICAPS 10 – 18) PLAY 36 HOLES INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
- LADIES DIVISION – (HANDICAPS 0 – 24) PLAY 36 HOLES INDIVIDUAL STBLEFORD

EACH TEAM COMPRISES THREE PLAYERS WITH THE BEST TWO SCORES EACH DAY TO COUNT TOWARDS THE OVERALL TEAM SCORE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED ENTRY FORM AND RETURN TO

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES is 10th May 2012





CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION

Sofia airport is the main airport with flights via all major airlines.

Transport is available for all team members and officials to and from the airport.

Airport Transfer available upon request.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Arrival of the teams

Check into the Hotel – Best Western Premier Thracia Hotel, Downtown Sofia

Wednesday 4th July First Practice Day

Registration at the Golf Club

Welcome cocktail Party at Golf Club

Thursday 5th July First Round

Friday 6th July Second Round

Saturday 7th July Third & Final Round

Prize Giving

Sunday 8th July Departure of the teams

CEREMONIES

The Welcome cocktail will take place on Wednesday 4th July. All teams, officials and guests are invited to attend.

The Prize Giving will be held on Saturday 7th July. All teams, officials and guests are invited to attend.

REGISTRATION

All teams are required to register on Wednesday 4th July at the Registration Desk in the Clubhouse.

INFORMATION DESK

The information desk will be located at Reception in the Clubhouse.

NOTICE BOARDS

Notice boards will be available in the Reception Area of the Hotel & Clubhouse.





PRACTICE ROUND

The Practice round will be on Wednesday 4th July. A tee sheet for practice rounds will be available on arrival and players are requested to reserve tee times.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

1.1 Eligibility of Teams

The Championship is open to any Eastern/Balkan -European Golf Association (EGA) member.

1.2 Eligibility of Players

All players nominated to teams by their national golf authority must be:

- a) amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited;
- b) citizens of the country represented.
- c) A Division playing off a handicap from 0 - 9.
- d) B Division playing off a handicap from 10 - 18.
- e) Ladies Division playing off a handicap from 0 - 24.

1.2 Format

Teams shall comprise three players.

The Trophy shall be decided over 54 holes stroke play with 18 holes on each of three consecutive days played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Competition Rules approved by the Committee.

1.3 Draw / Order of Play

The draw will be in threes at ten minute intervals, using a standardised format unless otherwise permitted by the Committee.

1.4 In the Men's A and B Divisions, the lowest two scores from each team's three players will count each day.

The aggregate of the four lowest stroke play scores from play on all 3 days will constitute each team's final score. The winning team shall be the one with the lowest final score.

In the Ladies Division, the lowest two scores from each team's three players will count each day. The aggregate of the lowest scores from play on all 3 days will constitute each team's final score. The winning team will be the one with the lowest final score.





COURSE DETAILS



St. Sofia Golf & Spa – Redesign by Paul McGinley

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St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA is the closest golf club to the Bulgarian capital city – only 20 minutes from Sofia downtown and 15 minutes from the Sofia International Airport. The golf course has been opened in 2005. The 18 holes have recently been redesigned by the golf legend Paul McGinley in classic “risk and reward” style, offering alternative routes from tee to green which rewards the accomplished player without over penalizing the high handicappers. The renovated course is 5951 meters long, par 71. It has practice putting green, driving range with 12 bays, 2-hole academy course and computer analysis video system. Lessons are held by instructors, certified by the Professional Golf Association. The professional shop offers golf clothing and equipment by top brands such as Callaway, Cobra, Titleist, Footjoy, Glenmuir, Ralph Lauren and Puma. Golf carts, buggies and clubs are available for rent.

St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA offers a unique combination of modern golf course, stylish restaurant and SPA centre. The Clubhouse in colonial style creates an atmosphere of sophisticated luxury and relaxation. The vitamin bar “19th hole” is a natural continuation of the intriguing golf game – here over a refreshing drink and snack players discuss their achievements and their common passion.

The broad terraces around the lobby bar and gourmet restaurant reveal amazing views of the golf course. The magnificent panorama, along with exquisite drinks, fine cuisine and excellent service make the time spent here unforgettable.

The SPA center welcomes visitors, members of the club and their guests. Various massages, aromatherapy, hydrotherapy, SPA rituals and treatments promise full recovery and relax. The SPA center includes hot zone with Finnish sauna, herbal sauna, steam bath, rain shower, ice room and relax zone. The indoor/outdoor pool is filled with mineral water and is surrounded by a sheltered garden for sunbath.

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