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TO: 22nd Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: August 18, 2016
TOPIC: State Senior Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 22nd playing of the State Senior Four-Ball Championship at Ol' Colony Golf Complex in Tuscaloosa, AL from October 14-16, 2016. Please review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner and adhere to all host club policies. Also, make sure to be at your assigned tee ready to play at least five minutes before your starting time. Call me at the AGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at brian@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2016-championships>

Championship History

This year marks the 22nd playing of the Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship and the first time Ol' Colony Golf Complex has hosted the State Senior Four-Ball Championship. The Championship was first played in 1995 with Tom O'Melia and John Pryor winning the inaugural event. Don Blanton and Sam Farlow each have 4 victories, 3 of them as partners.

Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the Golf Shop on Thursday, October 13 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Ol' Colony Golf Complex Information

PGA Director of Golf: John Gray

Course Superintendent: Jonathan Hollingsworth

Physical Address: 401 Old Colony Rd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Club Website: <http://www.tcpara.org/golf>

Golf Shop Phone: (205) 562-3201

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:30am-7:00pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Championship Yardage: 6442 yards, par 36-36--72

Course/Slope Rating: 71.7/129

Course Architect: Jerry Pate

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (Mini Verde)

Ol' Colony Golf Complex Policies (READ CAREFULLY)

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside.

Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, tucked in at all times. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to players and spectators.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Club accepts cash or credit card (No Amex) for practice round fees, merchandise. Cash or credit card (No Amex) for food & beverage purchases.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice round will be on Thursday, October 13. You must call the golf shop (205) 562-3201 to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship participant. It would be helpful if you make your own group before calling. Do not just show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. There is a mandatory \$25.00 per player fee for the practice round. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players seen hitting multiple shots from other areas of the course (bunkers, fairways, putting greens) will be removed from the golf course. Players are welcome to use the practice range and putting green throughout the championship.

Championship Format and Schedule

The Championship will be conducted on a four-ball stroke play basis for 54 holes, 18 holes daily, on October 14-16, 2016. The field will be limited to 60 teams. In the event the Championship is oversubscribed, the AGA reserves the right to pare the field based on a combination of teams making the cut the previous year, AGA Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, and current team USGA Handicap Index. There will be a cut to the total field following 36 holes of play to the low 32 teams and ties. The team champions receive exemptions into the 2017 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship at Bent Brook Golf Club in Bessemer.

Thursday, October 13 All Day: Practice rounds.
9:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration in the Golf Shop.

Friday, October 14 Round 1: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.

Saturday, October 15 Round 2: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.
Cut to low 32 teams and ties.
Field re-grouped according to score.

Sunday, October 16 Round 3: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.
Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

Awards
Championship: Awards will be presented to the low 3 teams posting 54 hole scores. In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on Bob Phillips trophy housed at the AGA office.

Starting Times
Starting times for October 14-15 will be available on October 7 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Cart and Range Fees; Push Carts
Contestants have the option to walk or use a cart during championship rounds. For players using carts, cart fee is \$25 per player for each championship round. Make sure to pay your fees in the golf shop prior to play. Range balls are complimentary. Players that walk will not owe any additional fee to the club. Push carts are allowed.

Caddies
Caddies are permitted, but during the play of a hole, either the player or the caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Caddies will be required to wear an AGA caddie bib during championship rounds to help identify their status on the course. Caddie bibs will be available at the starting tees and must be returned to the scoring area following each round. Caddies will not be available at the club.

Food and Beverage
All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Ol' Colony Golf Complex. Food and beverage service will be available in the clubhouse from 7:00am until 6:00pm. Cash or credit card (No Amex) for all food purchases.

Course Yardage (Course Rating: 71.7/129) Note: Yardage is subject to change.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	405	295	510	165	380	371	498	176	373	3173	531	370	191	374	513	371	401	154	364	3269	6442
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36	72

Lodging
There are a number of hotels near the course.
<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+tuscaloosa+al/@33.1894634,-87.5805414,12z?hl=en>

Directions to Ol' Colony Golf Complex
<https://goo.gl/maps/gYtfxoBsUit2>

Championship Policies
Ol' Colony Golf Complex is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.
Local rule allowing the use of distance measuring devices will be in effect in this competition. A player may use a device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.); the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Withdrawals
If an accepted team withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Thursday, October 13, 2016** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made for any reason after **11:59 P.M., Thursday, October 13, 2016**. To withdraw from the event click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email Brian@alabamagolf.org:

- 1) <https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fbamagolf%2fTPPOnlineGolfer%2ftournamentsignup.aspx%3fID%3d275&ID=275>
- 2) Log into your TPP account.
- 3) Click "Events Registered For".
- 4) Click "Withdraw" under "Actions" column

No Shows
Players that fail to notify the AGA of their withdrawal and "No Show" their starting time will not receive a refund for any reason. "No Show" players may be subject to suspension from future AGA events.

Pace of Play Policy
A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. The players will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds to play their next shot will result in a penalty of one stroke. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification for a third violation.

A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the player's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized. Pace of play guidelines are an average of 16 minutes per hole or approximately 4:48 for the round. Hole by hole time par is listed on the team's scorecard.

Tournament Delays and Updates

The AGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted our Twitter account. Follow @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Ol' Colony Golf Complex 205-562-3201

Alabama Golf Association 205-979-1234