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TO: 28th Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: August 1, 2016
TOPIC: State Mid-Amateur Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 28th playing of the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship at Country Club of Mobile in Mobile, AL from September 22-25, 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 28th playing of the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship and the second time Country Club of Mobile has hosted the State Mid-Amateur Championship (2006 – Will Swift). The Championship was first played in 1989 with Emile Vaughn winning the inaugural event. Mike Greer and Scott Weaver each have 3 victories, with Weaver winning his consecutively (2001-2003).

Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the clubhouse foyer on Thursday, September 22 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Please register and have your photo taken for website scoring. Players unable to register may have their picture taken following their first round at the scoreboard.

Country Club of Mobile - Course Information

Director of Golf: Scott Smith

PGA Head Golf Professional: John Fridge

Golf Course Superintendent: Damien Moreau

Physical Address: 4101 Wimbledon Dr. E, Mobile, AL 36608

Club Website: <http://www.ccofmobile.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>

Golf Shop Phone: (251) 342-5138

Golf Shop Hours: 7:30am-6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 11:00am-6:30pm

Championship Yardage: 6740 yards, par 35-36--71

Course/Slope Rating: 72.1/123

Course Architect: Donald Ross

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

Country Club of Mobile 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 near a house phone.

Parking: There is a limited amount of parking available at the Country Club of Mobile and we ask that players and family members car pool as much as possible.

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 reciprocal or credit card for practice round fees, merchandise. Reciprocal or cash for food & beverage purchases.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice round will be on Thursday, September 22. You must call the golf shop (251-342-5138) to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Mid-Amateur 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 fee for each 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 stroke play basis for 54 holes on September 23-25, 2016. The field will be limited to 120 entries. In the event the Championship is oversubscribed, the AGA reserves the right to pare the field based on a combination of players making the cut the previous year, AGA Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, and current USGA Handicap Index. There will be a cut to the total field following 36 holes of play to the low 60 players and ties. The overall champion receives a ten year exemption into the Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship. Top 10 finishers will receive an exemption into the 2017 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship at Bent Brook Golf Club in Bessemer.

Thursday, September 22 All Day: Practice rounds.
9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.

Friday, September 23 Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees.

Saturday, September 24 Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees.
Cut to low 60 scores and ties.
Field re-grouped according to score.

Sunday, September 25 Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees.
Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

Awards

Championship: Awards will be presented to the low 5 scorers posting 54 hole scores. In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on Elbert S. Jemison Jr. trophy housed at the AGA office.

Starting Times

Starting times for September 23-25 will be available on September 16 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 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 Country Club Mobile. Lunch will be available in the clubhouse from 11:00am until 3:00pm. Cash or reciprocal charge for all food purchases.

Course Yardage (Course Rating: 72.1/123) 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	397	382	466	352	188	364	518	165	430	3262	432	385	174	505	178	423	430	549	410	3486	6740
Par	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	35	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	4	36	71

Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/country+club+of+mobile+hotels/@30.6396797,-88.1367371,13z/data=!3m1!4b1?hl=en>

Directions to Country Club of Mobile

<https://goo.gl/maps/rqpAXLh4m9F2>

Championship Policies

Country Club of Mobile 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 player withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Thursday, September 22, 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, September 22, 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 15 minutes per hole or approximately 4:30 for the round. Hole by hole time par is listed on the player'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

Country Club of Mobile	251-342-5138
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234