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TO: 23rd Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: State Senior Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 23rd playing of the State Senior Four-Ball Championship at Riverchase Country Club in Hoover, AL from October 13-15, 2017. 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/2017-championships>

Championship History

This year marks the 23rd playing of the Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship and the first time Riverchase Country Club has hosted the State Senior Four-Ball Championship. Mike Greer and Tom Jungkind captured a record fourth team title in 2016 at Ol' Colony Golf Complex. The Championship was first played in 1995 with Tom O'Melia and John Pryor winning the inaugural event at Cotton Creek Club.

Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the Golf Shop on Thursday, October 12 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Riverchase Country Club Information

Head Golf Professional: John Carney
Course Superintendent: Todd Daniel
Physical Address: 2000 Club Rd, Hoover, AL 35244
Club Website: <http://www.riverchasecc.com/>
Golf Shop Phone: 205 988-4140
Golf Shop Hours: Wednesday through Monday 8:00am – 6:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 7:30am-7:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm
Championship Yardage:
Championship Division: 6479 yards, par 36-36--72
65+ Division: 5835 yards, par 36-36--72
Course/Slope Rating:
Championship Division: 70.5/126
65+ Division: 67.8/116
Course Architect: Jerry Pate
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A-1 Bent)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased Riverchase Country Club. Food and beverage service will be available in the clubhouse from 7:00am until 7:00pm. Cash or credit card (No Amex) for all food purchases.

Directions to Riverchase Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/o6hncYjWcG32>

Lodging

Check online for best rate:
<http://post.affinitytravelbenefits.com/v6/home?siteid=36777&theme=tournament>

Host Club Policies

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 buildings.

Parking: There is a limited amount of parking available at the host club and we ask that players, caddies 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 caddies and spectators.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed.

Personal Items: Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended such as jewelry, wallets, etc. even if they are tucked away inside your golf bag. It is best to leave your valuables locked in your automobile. Neither the AGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

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 205 988-4140 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 fee for the practice round whether you walk or ride. 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.

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 Format and Schedule

- Entry is limited to the first 56 sides.
- If championship is full at the time of registration, a side may opt to be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.
- 54 holes of gross four-ball stroke play. Players in the Championship Division will be eligible to win the overall Championship
- The field will be cut to the low 30 sides and ties after 36 holes. Number of sides making the cut is calculated based upon percentage of sides in each division compared with the total field.
- The lowest score for 54 holes in the Championship Division will be the overall Champion and the lowest score in the Super Senior 65+ Division is the division champion.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the overall Championship or Super Senior 65+ Division, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

Thursday, October 12	All Day: Practice rounds. 9:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration in the Golf Shop.
Friday, October 13	Round 1: Tee times begin at 8:00am and 12:00pm off #1 & #10 tees.
Saturday, October 14	Round 2: Tee times begin at 8:00am and 12:00pm off #1 & #10 tees. Field cut to the low 30 sides and ties for final round. Field re-grouped according to score.
Sunday, October 15	Round 3: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees. Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

Pace of Play: The AGA wants all players to enjoy competing in our events. Pace of play may differ depending upon the venue, weather and course conditions. Every player is accountable for playing at an acceptable pace, therefore we need your help. Please observe the following guidelines to help ensure a pleasant tournament experience for all:

- Make sure to keep pace with the group in FRONT of you. The group behind should keep pace with your group and so forth.
- Go directly to your ball. If sharing a golf cart, drop-off the player farthest from the hole then proceed to the other ball.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
- Play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- Keep time taken at the snack bar or between nines to a minimum.

If everyone does their part, then 4½ hours should be the maximum time taken to play a round of golf at an AGA tournament. Your AGA issued score card will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

Pace of Play Policy

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.

- A competitor's time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor'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.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.

Cart/Range Fees; Push Carts

- *Practice Rounds:* Cart/range fees are not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Rounds:* Championship site cart/range fees are paid by the AGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds. Personal push carts are allowed.

Caddies/Spectators

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Spectators:* Spectators are welcome at AGA championships. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed. Spectators are asked to remain on or near cart paths and adhere to the club's dress code policy.
- *Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#). Due to the limited number of available carts, spectator carts may not be available during the championship.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the Champions in both the championship and 65+ divisions. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the championship division and the 65+ division. Champions will have their name engraved on the Bob Phillips trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

Exemptions Earned

Champions receive an exemption into the 2018 State Amateur.

Course Set-Up/Yardage (*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Championship Division

Course Rating 71.9/139

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	364	514	165	358	351	177	383	522	396	3230	369	482	144	399	388	184	508	380	431	3285	6515
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	72

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #3 (145), Hole #6 (189), Hole #9 (375), Hole #12 (123, 165), Hole #13 (344), Hole #15 (155, 174), Hole #18 (380)

65+ Division

Course Rating 68.9/135

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	340	496	145	350	325	177	355	506	375	3069	348	440	123	344	307	150	461	345	325	2843	5912
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	72

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #3 (105), Hole #6 (110), Hole #9 (315), Hole #12 (137), Hole #13 (297), Hole #15 (174), Hole #18 (325)

Championship Policies

- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.
- Local Rule allowing the use of conforming distance measuring devices will be in effect (i.e. measure distance only) 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. Compass and weather applications are now permitted on the device.
- Local Rule for accidental movement of a ball on the putting green will be in effect. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Withdrawals

If an accepted side withdraws before **10:59 P.M., Thursday, October 12, 2017** 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 **10:59 P.M., Thursday, October 12, 2017**. 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

Sides 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" sides may be subject to suspension from future AGA events.

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

Riverchase Country Club	205 988-4140
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234