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TO: 5th Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2023
TOPIC: Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association and Willow Point Golf & Country Club look forward to seeing you at the fifth playing of the Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Willow Point Golf & Country Club in Alexander City, AL from August 25-27, 2023. 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: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3870154>

Championship Registration

Registration will be located in the Golf Shop on Thursday, August 24 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Willow Point Golf & Country Club Information

PGA Director of Golf: Matt Sheppard

Course Superintendent: Brad Lacey

Physical Address: 2544 Willow Point Rd, Alexander City, AL 35010

Club Website: <http://www.willowpoint.com/>

Golf Shop Phone: 256-212-1409

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-Dark

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-Dark

Food & Beverage Hours: 11:00am-9:00pm (Stone Grill); 7:00am -2:00pm and 6:00pm-9:00pm (Main Clubhouse)

Championship Yardage: 7199 yards, par 36-36--72

Course/Slope Rating: 74.2/130

Course Architect: Tommy Nichol (1964), Hurdzan & Fry (2002)

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

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Willow Point Golf & Country Club. The Main Clubhouse will be open to service all food needs beginning at 7:00am each morning.

Directions to Willow Point Golf & Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/JMhq3K9ovMy>

Lodging

Willow Point has limited on-site Villas. Willow Point is offering a rate of \$185.00 + tax for participants to stay in the Villas or the Lodge. Call 256-212-1406 to check availability.

Check online for best hotel rate:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mgmachx-hampton-alexander-city/>

Willow Point Golf & Country Club Policies

- *Cell Phone Policy:* Use of cellular phones is prohibited on the golf course except for emergencies, a ruling, entering hole-by-hole scores, viewing tournament leaderboard or weather forecasts or using 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 and CREDIT and Select Clubs Member Charge.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to **one** practice round on August 24. You may call the golf shop 256-212-1409 on or after August 18 to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as a Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship participant. Do not just show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. Practice round carts are mandatory. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players are welcome to use the practice range and putting green throughout the championship.

Starting Times

Starting times for August 25-26 will be available by August 18 at 5:00pm. Players will be notified via text message or check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org.

Championship Format and Schedule

- 54 holes of Four-Ball stroke play. Field will be cut to low 30 scores 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.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the Mid-Amateur or Senior 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 Championship Committee. All other ties will be split equally.
- Initial groupings will be for first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

Thursday, August 24

Tee times available for practice.
All Day - Registration in Golf Shop

Friday, August 25

7:30 AM and 11:45AM - First round of four-ball stroke play.
Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

Saturday, August 26

7:30 AM and 11:45AM - Second round of four-ball stroke play.
Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.
Cut to low 30 scores and ties for final round. Number of sides making the cut in each division is calculated based upon percentage of sides in each division compared with the total field.

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM - Final round of four-ball stroke play.
Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.
Awards ceremony immediately following play.

LIVE SCORING

We will ask one member of each group to enter scores into the Golf Genius app (or USGA Tournament Management app) to provide Live Scoring throughout the championship. Below are instructions on how to download the Golf Genius app.

1. Go to your app store on your Android or iPhone. Search "Golf Genius". Download the app (orange icon).
2. When you receive your printed scorecard, open the mobile app on your phone.
3. Enter the "GGID" found on the bottom right of your printed scorecard. (Do not enter your email or any password)
4. Click on your name.
5. Enter the correct GROSS score for all of the players.
6. After scores are entered for a hole, click "Save Scores". You will be directed to the next hole.
7. To view the leaderboard, click on "Leaderboard" on the top right.

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. Following the lead of the USGA, the AGA has developed a pace of play policy, based on Rule 5.6b and Model Local Rule 8K that is fair to every competitor.

*Note: a group may receive a "friendly reminder" of their position regardless of pace of play guidelines.

Maximum Allowable Time

The maximum allowable time is the maximum time considered necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes.

Both the specific maximum time allotted per hole and for the completion of 18 holes at AGA championships will be denoted on each player's AGA issued scorecard.

See the complete [AGA Pace of Play Policy](#) for the procedure if a group is “out of position” and penalty for breach of Pace of Play Policy.

Cart/Range Fees; Push Carts

- *Practice Round:* Cart/range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart is mandatory during practice round.
- *Championship:* Championship cart/range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart is mandatory during championship rounds.

Caddies

- Caddies are not allowed.

Spectators

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts may not available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
 - Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date;
 - Host club has a golf cart available;
 - Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate fee;
 - Requesting individual presents to the AGA staff or AGA representative a disability card issued by a government agency.
- Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times and spectators must adhere to the club’s dress code policy.
- Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player’s golf cart at any time. Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

Prizes

- Awards will be presented to the Division Champions. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers in each division.
- Prizes in the Southeastern Amateur Four-Ball Championship comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).

Exemptions Earned

- Champions in each division receive a 3-year exemption.
- Sides who complete 54 holes in each division receive an exemption in to the 2024 Championship (sides must remain intact)

Mid-Amateur Division Course Set-Up/Yardage (Blue tee markers) (*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Course Rating: 74.2/130

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	433	450	564	223	380	518	446	179	442	3635	405	169	549	189	443	442	420	427	520	3462	7199
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	36	72

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #2 (416), Hole #3 (532), Hole #12 (516), Hole #14 (479), Hole #15 (404), Hole #18 (557). Par 3’s will use multiple tees.

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

Course Rating: 71.9 /126

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	433	416	532	190	380	485	396	158	405	3395	405	169	516	174	416	404	352	376	490	3302	6697
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	36	72

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #2 (387), Hole #3, (501), Hole #7 (412), Hole #9 (376), Hole #11(191), Hole #12 (516), Hole #14 (391), Hole #16 (381), Hole #18 (520). Par 3’s will use multiple tees.

Championship Policies

- [AGA Code of Conduct](#)
- [AGA Tournament Manual](#)
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Withdrawals

If an accepted side withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, July 25, 2023**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted side withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time. To withdraw from the event before the close of registration, follow these steps:

- 1) Navigate to the [Championship Website Portal](#).
- 2) Sign In to your Tournament Registration Account.
- 3) Click "Edit Registration" from left side of the page.
- 4) Choose “Cancel Registration” under dropdown menu on right side of page.

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, complete the [Online Tournament Withdrawal Form](#).

*Note: AGA will process your withdrawal and applicable refund within 72 hours.

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 Southeastern Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championships.

Alternates: Full refund if side does not gain entry into the championship.
All dates and time refer to **date and time of receipt** at the AGA office.

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

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234
Willow Point Golf & Country Club: 256-212-1409