



THE CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

ROYAL PORTHCAWL



THORPENESS

DESCRIPTION

The Golf Club Secretary, 20th Open Championship is open to the Secretaries/Managers of all Clubs subscribing to The Golf Club Secretary and to contributors to the newsletter.

There will be ten Regional Qualifying Tournaments with up to 20% of the field at each Tournament going forward to the Final. Each Regional Tournament will be an 18 hole individual Stableford open to the Secretaries of Clubs subscribing to *The Golf Club Secretary*, with a maximum handicap of 28 (men) or 36 (ladies). Full handicap allowance will be given. The results will be determined under the CONGU 2008 guidelines Appendix O for Mixed Golf. There will be a card play-off for any scores that tie, based on the last nine holes on each scorecard, including events that have two tee or shotgun starts. Play will usually be in three balls.

At each of the Regional Tournaments and at the Final there will be a dinner followed by the prizegiving.

A full itinerary/draw will be emailed after the closing date and prior to each Tournament.

The field for each Regional Qualifying Tournament will be limited to a maximum of 60. If more than that number of entries is received, they will be accepted in receipt order.

PRIZES

The competitor returning the best Stableford score in the Final will hold the Championship trophy for one year. Prizes will also be awarded to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th best scores.

Prizes will be awarded at each of the ten Regional Tournaments.

MAILING ADDRESS

Send to P.O. Box 72 72, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, CO13 0BP

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is £50 inc. VAT (please make cheques payable to Broadside Publishing Ltd.). An email will be sent to each competitor confirming their entry.

ENQUIRIES

Any further enquiries should be made to:
The Tournament Administrator, Michael Coffey, on **01255 676727**,
e-mail: info@golfclubsec.co.uk

I WISH TO ENTER

The Golf Club Secretary - 20th Open Championship at

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I enclose my entry fee of £50.00
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THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS



LUFFENHAM HEATH GC - LINCOLNSHIRE
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2015
www.luffenhamheath.org

Blessed with many fine holes, the course is a classic test. The dipping and arcing 2nd has all Luffenham's challenges in one cracking hole, as does the brilliant 7th with its carry over gorse and its fiendishly sloped green.

Perhaps though, the last four earn more plaudits than any other stretch of the course. Two strong fours and a booming par-5 finish sandwich The Heath's signature hole which thrives on its place in the homeward journey. The devilish par-3 17th, a downhill beauty over a tangle of mounds and studded with wicked bunkers, can define a round.



LUFFENHAM

ROYAL COUNTY DOWN GC - NORTHERN IRELAND
MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2015
www.royalcountydown.org

Ranked within the world's top 10 golf courses, Royal County Down is, to many who embrace all that is wonderful about the game of golf, the finest golf course in the world.

Bernard Darwin described it as "the kind of golf that people play in their most ecstatic dreams" and five times Open Champion, Tom Watson, as "a tremendous test of golf and the outward nine is as fine a nine holes as I have ever played"testament indeed!



ROYAL COUNTY DOWN

NORTH BERWICK GC - EAST LoTHIAN
MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2015
www.northberwickgolfclub.com

Golf has been played over the historic West Links course since the 17th century with the Club being formed in 1832. We continue to play over the same piece of land as they did back then.

With breathtaking views of the Firth of Forth and islands of Bass Rock, Craigleith, Lamb and Fidra, as well as the town of North Berwick itself, there are few places better in the world to play golf!

A true championship links course, having hosted Final Qualifying for The Open Championship and both Gentlemen's and Ladies' Amateur Championships. An excellent test of golf awaits you.



NORTH BERWICK



ROYAL PORTHCAWL GC - MID GLAMORGAN
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015
www.royalporthcawl.com

Royal Porthcawl was described as being one of the twelve finest courses in the world by the late Tom Scott, a leading writer on golf and former editor of Golf Illustrated. Since his day the club has acquired a large practice area and further improvements have been made to the course, developments which keep Royal Porthcawl firmly among the world's top golf courses. The status of the course is sustained by the many prestigious professional and amateur events held at the club over the years.

EAST DEVON GC - DEVON
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2015
www.eastdevongolfclub.co.uk

Situated at the western end of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast and in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty the course commands magnificent views and is regarded by many as one of the finest courses in the South West.

At 6263 yards, it is not a long course but the well drained fairways, close cropped links turf and testing undulating greens offer a fair and interesting test of golf.



EAST DEVON

WEST SUSSEX GC - PULBOROUGH
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2015
www.westsussexgolf.co.uk

The West Sussex Golf Club, popularly known as Pulborough, was officially opened in 1931, having been designed by two outstanding golf architects, Sir Guy Campbell and Major Cecil Hutchison, who between them created "one of the most natural and aesthetically pleasing golf courses in England".

(Entry is restricted to 30 competitors and play is in two balls)



WEST SUSSEX

THORPENESS GC - SUFFOLK
MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016
www.thorpeness.co.uk

Thorpeness has been described by the Sunday Telegraph Golfing Guide as "Reminiscent of the inland glories of Sunningdale and Woodhall Spa", and also belongs to a unique group of worldwide golf courses identified by a single special landmark. Turnberry and Harbour Town Links have their lighthouses and St Andrews has its Swilken Bridge - Thorpeness has the 'House in the Clouds,' a curious and dramatic spectator which watches over our fairways.

THE GOLF CLUB SECRETARY - OPEN MIXED FOURSOMES
SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2016

On the eve of the Regional Qualifying Tournament at Thorpeness, the club have kindly agreed to host the inaugural Golf Club Secretary - Open Mixed Foursomes, introduced by popular demand and to celebrate 20 years of The GCS Open. This competition is open to secretary/managers and their partners and will include golf, dinner and accommodation. For separate entry/accommodation details please contact Michael Coffey at Michael@TheGolfClubSecretary.co.uk or 01255 676727.



ROYAL BIRKDALE GC - SOUTHPORT, MERSEYSIDE
MONDAY 4TH APRIL 2016
www.royalbirkdale.com

Royal Birkdale is considered to be one of the fairest of the Open Championship venues although standing on the first tee you would hardly think so.

The fairways which are generally flat are framed by intimidating sand dunes. Each hole is surrounded by punishing rough and the undulating and challenging greens are closely guarded by numerous tough bunkers.

Every hole will evoke great memories but none more so than playing the 18th hole with its distinctive art deco clubhouse as a backdrop. It is a memorable finish to a memorable day.



ROYAL BIRKDALE



ROYAL WIMBLEDON GC - WIMBLEDON COMMON
MONDAY 11TH APRIL 2016
www.rwgc.com

Seven miles from Piccadilly as the crow flies the course is a remarkable oasis of calm. Founded in 1865 and granted the Royal Charter in 1882. In 1907 Willie Park laid out a new course, which in the pursuit of perfection was radically redesigned in 1924 by a member, none other than the renowned Harry S Colt, whose course it is we will play.



ROYAL WIMBLEDON



GOSWICK LINKS GC - NORTHUMBERLAND
MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2016
www.goswicklinksgc.co.uk

A James Braid masterpiece widely acknowledged as a truly classic Northumberland links golf course, so much so, that The R&A chose Goswick as a regional qualifier for the Open Championship for five years from 2008.

Goswick, a Championship Golf Course in every sense of the word, is situated six miles south of the historic town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, on the east side of the A1.



GOSWICK



THE
FOURSOMES



SHERINGHAM GC

SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2016
www.sheringhamgolfclub.co.uk

As well as the history surrounding the club, visitors are greeted with a warm welcome and treated to what is widely regarded as one of East Anglia's best golf experiences. The undulating fairways and fast, true greens will prove a test to all standards of golfer and the views are truly spectacular with the North Sea on one side and local steam trains on the other!

Many of golf's most famous names have played here both past and present -

"Sheringham has a charm that belongs to itself ... and is one of the best kept secrets in golf... Sheringham's golf course is special."
 Henry Cotton



THE
FINAL



ROYAL WEST NORFOLK GC

MONDAY 16TH MAY 2016
www.rwngc.org

Royal West Norfolk Golf Club (or 'Brancaster', as it is often referred to) was founded in 1892, and the course laid out by Mr Holcombe Ingleby. There has been little alteration to Ingleby's design, and many of the original holes are still played today.

The Club is unusual in that its royal status was conferred at the outset, with the Prince of Wales, later to become King Edward VII, accepting the invitation to become the Club's Patron.

The Clubhouse is not accessible by car, when the tide is high.

Accommodation for Finalists, including dinner on Sunday, will be at **The Hoste**, Burnham Market. The Final will be played with a Shotgun start, in three balls, with no one starting at a short hole.