

THE CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS



ROYAL CINQUE PORTS

DESCRIPTION

The Golf Club Secretary, 21st 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 meal followed by the prize giving.

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.

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ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is £50 inc. VAT. BACS details are set out below or 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

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21st Open Championship

THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS



FERNDOWN GC - DORSET
TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016
www.ferndowngolfclub.co.uk

Set amongst beautiful pines interspersed with a proliferation of heather, this superb Harold Hilton Course has been bracketed alongside Augusta for its aesthetic appeal. With many dog-leg holes and steep-lipped bunkers, that are not always visible from the tees, Ferndown provides a demanding test of golf without being excessively long.....keeping the ball in play is key to low scoring as, no doubt, Percy Alliss, the Professional here for many years, would have instilled in young Peter at the outset of his career!



FERNDOWN

RENAISSANCE GC - NORTH BERWICK, SCOTLAND
FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2016
www.trcaa.com

Commissioned by the Renaissance Club to provide a course layout maintaining the traditions of the game whilst showcasing the natural beauty of a spectacular site overlooking the Firth of Forth, the world renowned architect, Tom Doak, took up the challenge producing his only design in Scotland often described as "rare indeed", reflecting its lasting impression upon those sufficiently lucky to have played it!

Play will be in fourballs and each fourball is required to have a forecaddie at a cost of £15 per player.



RENAISSANCE

BRANCEPETH CASTLE GC - DURHAM
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2016
www.brancepeth-castle-golf.co.uk

Designed by Harry Colt and laid out on what was Brancepeth Castle Deer Park, this beautiful parkland course, featuring a variety of magnificent deciduous trees, offers a great variation of holes..... a deep ravine created by Brancepeth Beck also cuts through the site, providing some challenging tee shots! The delightful Clubhouse, with its entrance archway and cobblestone courtyard, incorporates the original coach house and stables, and the signature 9th Hole is situated on parts of the Castle's original ornamental gardens, with many paths and walkways still extant.



BRANCEPETH CASTLE



ROYAL CINQUE PORTS GC - KENT
MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2016
www.royalcinqueports.com

"Deal" hosted The Open in 1909 and 1920. A tough course in the best of conditions, but "an absolute brute" of a links when playing into the teeth of a South Westerly! Situated in "Hell Fire Corner", the course was ravaged during both World Wars, requiring restoration by James Braid after the First and Sir Guy Campbell after the Second, returning it to a fitting state to host The Open again in 1949, but, sadly the cruel sea took a hand, breaching its defences and flooding the course, forcing play to be transferred to Royal St. George's.

PENNARD GC - WALES
MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2016
www.pennardgolfclub.com

Golf has been played at Pennard since 1896, although the course owes most of its appeal today first to James Braid and then to C.K. Cotton. The holes are routed over classically undulating and tumbling linksland, full of hummocks, hillocks and hollows with dunes large and small, and carefully placed revetted bunkers, exactly what we might hope to find along the shore, yet this exceptional terrain is not beside the shore - it is 200 feet above sea level! No wonder Pennard is known as "the links in the sky"!



PENNARD

SEASCALE GC - CUMBRIA
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2016
www.seascalegolfclub.co.uk

Wild and windswept, Seascale is a delightful traditional links course, designed by Willie Campbell and George Lowe, maintained to the highest standards and offering a true test for golfers of all levels of ability. Overlooking the Irish Sea with spectacular views of the Lake District, the Isle of Man and South West Scotland, this is a perfect place to enjoy a great day, both on and off the course!



SEASCALE

WALTON HEATH GC (OLD) - SURREY
WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016
www.waltonheath.com

A quite stunning course nestling in the North Downs, a Herbert Fowler classic and host to the 1981 Ryder Cup. The club has a long and illustrious list of members, past and present, including the Duke of Windsor (who acceded to the throne as Edward VIII whilst in office as Club Captain!) and Sir Winston Churchill..... one wonders if the three testing closing holes on the Old Course, played on a windy day, might have induced a "black dog"?



WALTON HEATH



LITTLE ASTON GC - STAFFORDSHIRE
WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2017
www.littleastongolf.co.uk

Little Aston boasts one of the finest true parkland courses in England, immaculately maintained with large greens of the highest quality, trademark Harry Colt bunkers and picturesque undulating tree-lined fairways. According to Patric Dickinson "this is the kind of golf course of which an eighteenth-century English gentleman would have approved". An array of new tees has boosted the yardage and, in a number of cases, the angles into the greens have altered too, adding more strategy to an already strategic test!



LITTLE ASTON



HUNSTANTON GC - NORFOLK
MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017
www.hunstantongolfclub.com

Described as a "full blown championship golf links" and afforded the accolade "a connoisseur's golf course, jammed full of memorable quality golf holes. The members are quite rightly proud of the greens, they are tricky to read, fast, hard and true. The rippling fairways are tightly mown and gently undulating."; a fitting testament! Gordon Irvine has recently been engaged to help implement "subtle improvements" in an endeavour to make the Hunstanton experience even more pleasurable with changes to the 1st and 18th holes!



HUNSTANTON



BERKHAMSTED GC - HERTFORDSHIRE
MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017
www.berkhamstedgolfclub.co.uk

With no man-made hazards, the layout of the course with its natural undulations, ponds, heather, gorse, trees and the Grim's Dyke, is renowned as a unique challenge that over the years has seen the very best golfers put themselves to the test on the amateur circuit before turning professional. Originally laid out in the late nineteenth century by a local schoolmaster, George Gowring, the course was refreshed by James Braid in the 1920s such is the character of the outcome, little has needed to be changed since!



BERKHAMSTED

THE FINAL



Rye Golf Club

SUNDAY 21ST/MONDAY 22ND MAY 2017 - EAST SUSSEX
www.ryegolfclub.co.uk

Rye was founded in 1894. A 25 year-old Harry Colt laid out the course - surely one of the most impressive debut designs in history! Colt later became Rye's secretary. Today's layout bears the hallmark of Tom Simpson and Sir Guy Campbell, though the Second World War almost obliterated the links and a flying bomb devastated the clubhouse. With a measly par of 68, and a course that measures over 6,300 yards, Rye has to be one of the toughest courses in Britain. The one and only par five hits us straight away and it comes too early in the round to take too much advantage. The five short holes are outstanding but brutal, with alarmingly elusive elevated greens. The remaining twelve par fours are there for the taking - well, three of them at least. Nine others, yes nine, measure more than 400 yards in length. Rye is a battleground and there are so many good holes that it is unwise to list any. To quote Bernard Darwin, who lived in the Dormy House at Rye following the death of his wife in 1956, "Surely there can nowhere be anything appreciably better than the golf to be had at this truly divine spot".

Accommodation for Finalists will be at the Flackley Ash Hotel & Restaurant, a 3-star hotel set in a Georgian country house with three acres of gardens; this refined establishment is four miles from the mediaeval town of Rye.

The elegantly furnished rooms feature en suite bathrooms, TV and free WiFi. Other amenities include a spa, with an indoor pool offering aromatherapy treatments, a croquet lawn and free on-site parking.

Dinner, B&B rate will apply.

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