



# Cyprus Amateur Men's Open Championship

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*Secret Valley Golf Club*



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## **1. ELIGIBILITY**

Entries will be accepted from gentlemen players who conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A and hold a current handicap under the handicap system adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in their country. Other than for CGF federated members, the player's Club, or National Golf Federation or Union must certify a player's amateur status and exact handicap on the Official Entry Form. **Additionally, at Registration on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, entrants (other than CGF federated members) must also produce proof of current handicap certified by their relevant handicap authority within 14 days of the competition start date, i.e. certified on or after 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

Entries will only be accepted through the on-line official entry form submitted not later than the **closing date, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**. For the on-line registration form and conditions please see the Tournaments Registration section of the CGF website <http://www.cgf.org.cy>.

All entries shall be subject to approval by the Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, to subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision which shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form.

## **2. FORM OF PLAY**

The Championship will be decided by Stroke Play in a 3-day event over 54 holes to be played at Secret Valley Golf Club. The gentleman player with the lowest gross score over 54 holes will be the **Cyprus Amateur Men's Open Champion 2016**. In the event of a tie for the Championship, there will be an immediate "sudden death" play-off over holes 17 and 18. In the event of a tie for all other prizes (see paragraph 10 below), the following procedures will be applied in sequence to decide the result: Best score over last 18, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes respectively; the same count-back procedure will be applied for the second day then for the first day's scores. **This is a handicap qualifying competition** and players may request for a copy of their score cards to take to their home clubs, National Associations or Unions.

Pace of play will be **monitored and penalised** at the discretion of the Course Referees. CGF provides "ball spotters" at some holes to help the speed of play. The draw for Day 1 will be in Handicap order, lowest handicap out first. The Day 2 draw will be in reverse order of play from Day 1. The Day 3 draw will be according to the placing of competitors after the end of play of Day 2, with the best scores out last.

## **3. HANDICAP LIMITS AND CATEGORIES**

The maximum Exact Handicap Limit for entry is 12.0. For the purpose of any net prizes as described in Paragraph 9 a maximum playing handicap of 12 will be applied - adjustments to playing handicap being made in line with EGA regulations and slope rating tables. Players with CONGU handicaps will have these converted to EGA handicaps according to the European Golf Association's recommended procedure. Handicap Categories will be decided after the closing date for entries. If oversubscribed, a waitlist will be formed.

## **4. ENTRY APPLICATIONS & FEES**

All applicants are required to register for the event through the on-line application entry form that can be found under the event's page on the CGF's website ([www.cgf.org.cy](http://www.cgf.org.cy)). Payment should be submitted with the completed entry form. **No entry forms will be accepted unless accompanied by appropriate payment.** Credit Cards accepted are, Visa or MasterCard. In the event of withdrawal after the closing date, **16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016** the entry fee **will not be refunded**. All Entry Applications received will be acknowledged by email, fax or phone within 4 days of receipt. Should acknowledgment is not received within the specified period all applicants are requested to enquire as to the status of their Entry Application directly with the CGF Offices. The Entry Fee is €195 (€120 for CGF members / €35 for Secret Valley Golf Club members). The fee covers four rounds of golf (three for CGF members), practice balls on competition days, a local drinks voucher, prizes and a prize giving Buffet which will take place at the Clubhouse after close of play on the last day - dress is smart casual. CGF members other than SVGC members who wish to play a practice round on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, must book their round and pay for it at the course reception desk.

## **5. BUGGIES, CADDIES AND TROLLEYS**

This is a walking competition and no buggies may be used and players must not ride on any form of transportation. Electric or manual trolleys may be used and caddies are allowed.

## **6. RULES.**

The Championship will be played in accordance with the rules of golf as approved by the R & A, the Cyprus Golf Federation, and in accordance with the Local Rules endorsed by the Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to undertake random checks on conforming equipment. **Distance measuring devices as provided for in the Local Rules are permitted on all competition days.** On course Referees will give rulings, but the Championship Committee is the final arbiter of all on and off course disputes.

## **7. REGISTRATION AND STARTING TIMES**

On or after **the closing date, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**, entrants should contact CGF office (Tel: + 357 22 449 874, Fax: + 357 22 449 876, or e-mail <[cgf@cgf.org.cy](mailto:cgf@cgf.org.cy)>) **to confirm acceptance of their entry unless already notified of their acceptance by CGF.** **Competition Registration is mandatory** and will take place at Secret Valley Golf Club between 8.00am and 1.30pm on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, the official Tournament Practice Day (see paragraph 9). Any player who

cannot register on Registration Day must confirm his registration by phone by calling +357-99 629267. **Starting times** for the first day of competition will be published on the CGF's website ([www.cgf.org.cy](http://www.cgf.org.cy)) following the close of Registration. Starting times will also be available at the registration desk and posted on the Tournament notice boards at Secret Valley Golf Club. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times and amend the regulations as necessary. All alterations and amendments will be published on the CGF's website and posted on the official notice board at the course. Starting times for **the second and third day** will be published on the CGF's website within an hour of the close of play of Day 1 and of Day 2 or by calling 99 629267 between 18:00 and 20:00. Players are reminded that they must complete **Course Registration** and collect scorecards on arrival at Secret Valley Golf Club on each day of the competition **at least fifteen minute** before their tee time. **Failure to start on time: Rule 6-3 will apply.**

## **8. PRACTICE**

The Entry Fee for non-CGF members includes one free practice round to be played on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. There will be a block booking of tee times at the course that day for practice rounds. Players wishing to avail themselves of this facility should **book** their individual times directly with Secret Valley Golf Club Reservations (Tel: + 357 26 274000, email [secretvalley@spidernet.com.cy](mailto:secretvalley@spidernet.com.cy)). Bookings for additional practice rounds at the course on previous days may also be made, subject to tee time availability, by contacting the Secret Valley Golf Club Reception directly; a special green fee will be applicable for other than SVGC members for each practice round. Players should note that, when playing practice rounds, the course **would not necessarily** be set up as for the Championship. Practice facilities (driving range etc.) at Secret Valley Golf Club will be open daily prior to the first starting times and **free practice golf balls** will be provided on all 3 competition days.

## **9. PRIZES.**

The gentleman winner of the Championship will be “**Cyprus Amateur Men's Open Champion**” of the year. The Championship trophy will be held for that year by the winner's club. If the winner's club is not located in Cyprus, the trophy will be retained in Cyprus, in the offices of the Cyprus Golf Federation. There will also be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gross overall trophies in addition to trophies for each handicap category to be decided after the closing date for entries.

**No player may win more than one prize.**

## **10. MOBILE TELEPHONES.**

The use of mobile telephones even for SMS by players or their caddies while on the golf course is **absolutely prohibited**. Breach of this Condition will result in **disqualification**.

## **11. LOCKERS.**

Club storage areas will be available; please enquire at the Secret Valley Golf Club Golf Shop when booking your practice round or on first day registration, subject to availability.

## **12. MEDICAL CARE**

During play, a doctor will be on call at own expense.

## **13. CREDIT CARDS**

All major credit cards are ordinarily accepted in hotels, restaurants, the clubhouse, the pro-shop. Please note however that CGF accepts only VISA and MasterCard for the payment of Entry Fees.

## **14. AIR AND LAND TRANSPORTATION.**

For further information please see the document “**CGF Travelling**” as posted on the CGF web site <http://www.cgf.org.cy>

## **15. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.**

For details of special rates offered by the Official Hotel as well as other recommended hotels please see the document “**CGF Travelling**” as posted on the event's section of the CGF web site <http://www.cgf.org.cy>

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