

MIDLAND GOLF UNION LIMITED

2018 MIDLAND MID-AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Open to amateur golfers of all nationalities with a handicap of 9 or less)

to be played over 36 holes on the course of

ST. IVES (HUNTS) GOLF CLUB – CAMBRIDGESHIRE

On Thursday 17th May 2018

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Previous Venues and Winners:

2000 Willesley Park	R. Oakley (Church Stretton)	2001 Brampton Park	G. Wolstenholme (Kilworth Springs)
2002 Trentham	D. Harvey (Trentham)	2003 Northants County	C.A. Banks (Stanton-on-the-Wolds)
2004 Wollaton Park.	A. Lord (Northants County)	2005 Copt Heath	J. Wheeldon (Chilwell Manor)
2006 Kedleston Park	C Banks (Stanton-on-the-Wolds)	2007 The Worcestershire	P. Shurmer (The Worcestershire)
2008 Bridgnorth	G Chandler (Bridgnorth)	2009 Lincoln	N. Chesters (Hawkstone Park)
2010 Shrewsbury	B Ruddick (Shrewsbury)	2011 Coventry Hearsall	S. Bloxham (Coventry Hearsall)
2012 The Nottinghamshire	Not Played	2013 Horsley Lodge	S. Creed (Maxstoke Park)
2014 Wellingborough	R Sadler (Moseley)	2015 The Leicestershire	A. Carman (Coventry)
2016 Drayton Park	K Smith (Handsworth)	2017 Belton Park	S. Wright (Belfry)

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CONDITIONS:

1. The competitors must be thirty five years of age or more on the day of the championship.
2. All UK players must hold a CONGU 'active' handicap (9 or less). Non UK players must hold a handicap (9 or less) operated by a recognised Overseas Golfing Union, Federation or Association.
3. The number of competitors will be limited to 60. In the event of applications exceeding this number, entry for the higher handicap competitors shall be decided by ballot. Unsuccessful entries will be added to a list of reserves. If the number of entries falls below 60 then the Committee reserves the right to amend the competition prize fund accordingly.
4. The Championship will be 36 holes medal play, and the player(s) with the best gross score will be the Champion (subject to Clause 5). There will be group prizes (gross) for Age Groups 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, and 55 and over, together with some consolation prizes, but a competitor may not receive more than one prize.
5. A tie for first place will be decided by a play-off at the Committee's discretion, ties for all other places will be decided by the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole in that order.
6. A competitor must conform to the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
7. All disputes will be decided by the Administrators whose decision will be final.
8. Entries can be made 'online' or by post.
9. Entries by post are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must be accompanied by the Entry Fee of **£44.00** and must be in the possession of the Administrator (see below) no later than the closing date. Late or incomplete entry forms or entries without the entry fee will not be accepted.
10. The 'starting sheet' will be posted on the MGU website, www.midlandgolfunion.co.uk and emailed to entrants. If you require a hard copy please include a SAE with your postal entry.
11. The Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason.
12. **Closing date for online/postal entries will be midnight on Monday 30th April 2018.**
13. Consideration will be given to Applicants for later starting times when travelling a long distance.
14. In the event of a player having to scratch after the closing date, the entry fee will not be refunded.
15. The R & A approved list of conforming golf balls will apply. The R & A ruling on driving clubs from 1st Jan 2005 will apply.
16. Play will be in threes using two tees.
17. A Practice Round will be available and details will be available to view on the MGU website.
18. Neither the Host Club nor the Midland Golf Union can accept any responsibility for thefts and accidents, and competitors must have their own insurance cover.
19. Competitors must protect themselves in Health & Safety matters, especially should there be danger from lightning when play must stop immediately and not be resumed until the danger has passed.
20. Also, if there is a long blast of a klaxon, play must again stop immediately and not be resumed until two short blasts, repeated, are heard.
21. DMD's that measure 'distance only' are allowed.
22. **Mobile Phones (including pagers and similar devices):** May not be used on the course (including on practice days) by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except in an emergency.
23. Competitors must conform with Rules and Regulations of the Host Club and conditions stated on the Starting Times list.

ENTRY FORMS are obtainable from: Your Club Secretary. **The Administrator:** Neil Harris, 4 Dawson Road, Sleaford, Lincolnshire NG34 8TR **Tel: 01529 413195 (M) 07906 156701 or the MGU website:** www.midlandgolfunion.com

ENTRY FORM

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36 HOLES STROKE PLAY AT

ST. IVES (HUNTS) GOLF CLUB – CAMBRIDGESHIRE

On Thursday 17th May 2018

Entries will be limited to 60 competitors with a handicap limit of 9 and under. Competitors must be 35 years of age or more on the day of the championship. Other conditions are advertised on the Poster.

Please complete in **BLOCK LETTERS:** Closing date for online/postal entries – midnight Monday 30th April 2018

Name..... Surname.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Tel. Home.....Mobile.....

Email.....DOB.....Age.....

Home Club.....Exact Handicap.....CDH No.....

I agree to abide with the conditions of the Championship as contained in the Poster and Starting-Times Sheet.

I enclose a cheque for **£44.00** (to include soup & sandwiches for lunch), made out to ‘**Midland Golf Union Ltd**’, together with **stamped addressed envelope**, (if you require a hard copy) of the starting times.

Player's Signature.....

Date.....

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The draw sheet will act as an acknowledgment of entry. In the event of there being an excess of entries, the Union reserves the right to ballot the higher handicaps but they will be retained on the list of reserves in the event of withdrawals after the draw has been made.

Entry forms, enquiries and withdrawals to the Administrator:

Neil Harris, 4 Dawson Road, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 8TR

Entries received will be posted on the web-site: www.midlandgolfunion.co.uk

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