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BOLAND GOLF

Pearl Valley Golf Estates
9-12 February 2010

ENTRY FORM & CONDITIONS

Entries close on
Monday 21st
December 2009
at 12h00

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To be played at Pearl Valley Golf Estates

INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. SOUTH AFRICAN AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

('Championship') will be played from Tuesday to Friday 9th to 12th February 2010 as follows

- 1.1 36 holes qualifying stroke play, for all competitors, of which 18 holes will be played on both Tuesday and Wednesday;
- 1.2 The leading 65 players and those tying for 65th place will play a further 18 holes on both Thursday and Friday;
- 1.3 The winner shall hold the floating trophy, until the next Championship, and receive a gold medal;
- 1.4 The runner up and second runner up shall receive a silver and bronze medal respectively;
- 1.5 In the event of a tie for first place, it shall be resolved by a hole by hole playoff as the South African Golf Association ('SAGA') may decide. In the event of a tie for the runner up or second runner up, the tie shall be resolved by taking the best score over the last round played, failing that over the last 9 holes (holes 10 to 18) played and failing that in such other manner as the SAGA may determine.

2. ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry fee is R300;
- 2.2 **Entries close at 12h00 (noon) on Monday 21st December 2009.**
- 2.3 Completed entry form, together with entry fee, must be either:
 - 2.3.1 Mailed to:
 - 2.3.1.1 The SAGA addressed to: Executive Director, South African Golf Association, PO Box 65303, Benmore, 2010; or
 - 2.3.1.2 The Provincial Union Secretary to which the golf club, at which the player is a member, is affiliated; or
 - 2.3.2 Delivered to:
 - 2.3.2.1 The SAGA office at: Randpark Club, Setperk Street, Randpark, Randburg, 2194, during office hours only; or
 - 2.3.2.2 The Provincial Union office to which the golf club, at which the player is a member, is affiliated.
- 2.4 Completed entry form must reach either the SAGA or Provincial Union office **before entries close** (see 2.2 above), this includes all posted entries.
- 2.5 All information required in the entry form must be provided accurately, legibly and in full.
- 2.6 For payment of entry fee by cheque; please make it payable to the South African Golf Association or applicable Provincial Union;
- 2.7 The onus is on the player to ensure that his entry has been received, by the SAGA or Provincial Union, in accordance with the Conditions of Competition outlined herein. Should a player require an acknowledgement of receipt of his entry, a stamped, self addressed envelope must be enclosed;
- 2.8 The Player's Declaration, on the Entry Form must be signed by the player and verified by the Secretary or Executive Member of the player's Provincial Union or a SAGA Executive Member. In the case of players resident outside of South Africa the entry form must be verified by the player's National Union;
- 2.9 No telephonic, facsimile, telegraphic or priority mail entries will be accepted;
- 2.10 On no account will entry fees be refunded unless an entrant withdraws prior to entries closing;
- 2.11 All entries shall be subject to the approval of the SAGA which reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving reason. The decision of the SAGA as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to any male amateur golfer who is a Life, Full or Junior member of a golf club affiliated to a Union recognized by the SAGA, or in the case of an international player, a golf club affiliated to a national organization recognized by the SAGA and who has an official handicap of two (2) or better (referred to as '**player**').

4. FIELD SIZE

The field size for the Championship will be 144 players.

5. EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

The following players will be granted exemption from having to participate in Regional Qualifying Rounds:

- 5.1 Ranked in the top 150 places on the SAGA Player Rankings (Aged Points Performances) as at 21st December 2009;
- 5.2 Ranked in the top 250 places on the R&A's World Amateur Golf Ranking as at 21st December 2009;
- 5.3 One of ten invitations determined by the SAGA.

6. REGIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

- 6.1 Regional Qualifying Rounds will be introduced in the event of more than 144 entries being received by the SAGA. All entrants who do not satisfy any one of the above mentioned Exemption Categories ('**non exempt player**') will be required to participate in any one of the following Regional Qualifying Rounds:
 - 6.1.1 **Humewood G.C.** 9th January 2010. Address: Marine Drive, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth. Tel: 041 583 2138;
 - 6.1.2 **Schoeman Park G.C.** 10th January 2010. Address: Masselpoort Rd, Schoeman Park, Bloemfontein. Tel: 051 448 3122;
 - 6.1.3 **George G.C.** 10th January 2010. Address: CJ Langenhoven St, George. Tel: 044 873 6116;
 - 6.1.4 **Paarl G.C.** 11th January 2010. Address: Boschenmeer Estate, 484 Wemmershoek Rd, Paarl. Tel: 021 863 2828;
 - 6.1.5 **Waterkloof G.C.** 12th January 2010. Address: Johan Rissik Drive, Waterkloof, Pretoria. Tel: 012 460 9359;
 - 6.1.6 **Glenvista C.C.** 12th January 2010. Address: Vorster Ave (off Sneeuweg Rd), Glenvista, Johannesburg. Tel: 011 682 1211 (Pro Shop) or 011 432 3150;
 - 6.1.7 **Lake Club Benoni** 12th January 2010. Address: Lakefield Ave, Western Extension, Benoni. Tel: 011 421 7441;
 - 6.1.8 **Mt Edgecombe C.C. Course 1.** 17th January 2010. Address: Gate 2, Golf Course Drive, Mt Edgecombe, Durban. Tel: 031 502 1010;
- 6.2 A non exempt player may only participate in one Regional Qualifying Round;
- 6.3 The number of places being played for in the Championship field, that will be available at each Regional Qualifying Round, will be calculated as follows:
 - 6.3.1 The total number of players playing in a Regional Qualifying Round will be expressed as a percentage of the total number of all non exempt players who are required to participate in all Regional Qualifying Rounds;
 - 6.3.2 This percentage will be applied to the total number of places available in the Championship field to get the number of places available in the Regional Qualifying Round in question.
- 6.4 In the event of a Regional Qualifying Round being oversubscribed, the SAGA retain the right to nominate an additional venue for an additional Regional Qualifying Round and to allocate players to the additional venue as it decides in its sole discretion.

7. RULES OF GOLF

The Championship will be held in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd, the SAGA's Permanent Local Rules ('**Hard Card**') and Additional Local Rules approved by the SAGA. Copies of the Additional Local Rules are available from the SAGA at the Championship venue. All entrants are advised to familiarize themselves with these Additional Local Rules.

8. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

(visit www.randa.org for latest listing)

The ball the player plays must be named on the Current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. *Penalty for breach of condition:* Disqualification

9. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

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Any driver that a player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. **Exception:** A driver with a clubhead manufactured prior to 1999.

**Penalty for carrying but not making stroke with club or clubs in breach of condition:* Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which breach occurred; maximum penalty per round, Four strokes. In the event of breach occurring between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. **Any club or clubs being carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do this, he is disqualified.*

Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification.

10. TRANSPORTATION

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. Stipulated round refers to each Championship round and official practice round. *Penalty for breach of condition:* Two strokes on each hole at which breach occurred; maximum penalty four strokes. In Stroke Play – In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any form of unauthorized transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

11. TIME OF STARTING (NOTE TO RULE 6-3A)

If a player arrives at his starting time, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

12. DRESS CODE

The wearing of shorts or collarless shirts by competitors whilst competing in the Championship, which includes all official practice rounds, is not permitted.

13. REGISTRATION

Competitors must register with the SAGA at Pearl Valley Golf Estates between the hours of 09h00 and 18h00 on Monday 8th February 2010. Failure to register within the prescribed time period will result in the player being removed from the Championship draw unless mitigating circumstances can be proven.

14. PRACTICE

14.1 Practice prior to Monday 8th February 2010, competitors can call Pearl Valley Golf Estates and book a round, according to availability, and at rates determined by the club. To book a practice please call Pearl Valley Golf Estates Golf Shop on Tel: 021 867 8000 during office hours;

14.2 The official Championship Practice Round is on Monday 8th February 2010. Each player competing in the Championship may play in this round, the cost of green fees is included in the entry fee. The starting times are from 07h00, one tee start, from the 1st Tee, with the 1st Tee closing for practice from 14h00. The 10th Tee closes for practice from 16h30;

14.3 **To Book a practice time:** players are required to call Eden Thompson (**Boland Golf Union**) on Tel: 021 873 6828, during office hours, from Monday 25th January 2010 to 12h00 on Friday 5th February 2010. Thereafter any free times will be allocated to players, on a first come first served basis. Bookings after 12h00 on Friday 5th February 2010 must be made to the Championship Office which will be operational from 12h00 on Saturday 6th February 2010 at the Championship venue.

14.4 All official practice times will be allocated on a first come first served basis and are open only to players who are exempt or have qualified to play in the Championship. The time sheet will be updated regularly on www.saga.co.za;

14.5 **Each player is responsible for making his own practice time booking** (no player will be entitled to book a place for another player or a fourball which he can fill at his discretion).

13. AM AM

The sponsor or sponsors of the Championship are entitled to stage an Am Am on Monday 8th February 2010 at Pearl Valley Golf Estates. Any player invited by the SAGA to participate in this event is obligated to accept the invitation. The Am Am starts at approximately 12h00.