THE BULGARIAN AMATEUR OPEN 2021

GARY PLAYER SIGNATURE
The Bulgarian Golf Association has the great pleasure to invite you to the 17th Bulgarian Amateur Open Championship - Gary Player Signature. The Championship will be held between May 27 - 29, 2021 at two of the finest golf courses in Europe - Thracian Cliffs and BlackSeaRama, both designed by the golf legend Gary Player.
THE COURSES

THRAICIAN CLIFFS
18 holes | Par 72 | Gary Player

The 18-hole Gary Player Signature designed Championship golf course dominates the resort, hugging the clifftops for 4.5 km of rugged terrain above the sea, offering dramatic sea views from every hole. Recognized as one of the most visually outstanding courses on Earth, Thracian Cliffs is masterfully sculpted hole by hole to fit perfectly into the cliffs and the natural landscape. Widely renowned as a top golf venue, soon after its opening Thracian Cliffs hosted the 50-th Anniversary of Volvo World Match Play Championship gathering one of the biggest names in golf – Ian Poulter, Henrik Stenson, Francesco Molinari, Thorbjorn Olesen, Graeme McDowell, Peter Hanson, Nicolas Colsaerts and many others.
“This is the most beautiful golf course I’ve ever seen in the world.”

- Gary Player
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BLACKSEARAMA

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Endless sea view from the height of 200 meters towards the magnificent and extremely diverse bay from Cape Kiliakra to Cape Galata of the Black Sea - this is BlackSeaRama, the first championship signature golf course in Bulgaria - 18 holes, par 72, length of 6648 meters - and the first completed project of Gary Player in Eastern Europe. From a flat terrain, a magnificent classical clifftop links golf course is created, with intimacy at each of the fairways and with greens, often exceeding the regular sizes.

The whole design is fulfilled with respect towards the player, as it gives him a maximum of the chance for a good round at a high-class golf course, where the wind - as it is usual when close to the sea - is often a significant factor.
“BlackSeaRama is a special golf course – you have to see it to believe it!”

- Gary Player
THE ACCOMMODATION

THRACIAN CLIFFS PARTICIPANT PACKAGE

Participants Package includes:
• Luxury accommodation at Thracian Cliffs for the selected period;
• Lavish breakfast;
• Complimentary practice round at Thracian Cliffs;
• Unlimited driving range and tokens at Thracian Cliffs during the stay;
• Free access to Argata Beach;
• VIP welcome package;
• Free wi-fi and parking;
• Free access to spa & fitness facilities, outdoor pools, Piano bar and Game bar;

* Mandatory buggy at Thracian Cliffs - paid separately by the players

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP

All entries should be received by the Bulgarian Golf Association no later than Friday, 21 May 2021. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Bulgarian Golf Association at: BGopen@golfbg.net
FORMAT & ENTRY FEE

There will be a HCP limit for the Championship:

- Men up to 9 HCP
- Men Mid-Am up to 9 HCP
- Ladies up to 9 HCP

The format will be Stroke play for both Championship over three rounds of 18 holes.

The ENTRY FEE for the Championship is € 445 and includes:

- 2 x Tournament rounds at TC (including half way);
- 1 x Practice Round at TC;
- 1 x Tournament Round at BSR (including half way);
- Opening Ceremony at Thracian Cliffs;
- Closing Ceremony at BlackSeaRama;
- Range balls;
- Welcome gift;
- Trophies & Prizes.

* Mandatory buggy at TC - paid separately by the players
1. Competitor must be an amateur as defined by the current Rules of Amateur Status.
2. The minimum entry age of the Mid-Am should be 30 years old as of 0:00 hrs. on Day 1 of the Championship.
3. Format of the competition - The Championship Division shall be decided over 54 holes Medal Gross.
4. There will be a Trophy for the Best Nett over 54 holes in the Championship Division.
5. In the event of applications exceeding the maximum limit, all entries shall be decided by ballot, preference given to lower handicaps, which shall take place immediately after the closing date for entries. All unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay thereafter.
6. Buggy at Thracian Cliffs is mandatory and it is subject to a surcharge. Reserve your buggy at reservations@thraciancliffs.com
7. The competitors in the Championship Division who tie for the first place shall play a hole by hole (sudden death) play-off to determine the winner.
8. Any competitor who is not present at their first Tee when called upon to start shall be disqualified.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to set and/or alter starting times.
10. Participants are obliged to use golf balls and driving clubs, that are listed as conforming with the Rules of Golf on the R&A Rules Limited website www.randa.org;
11. A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Should a competitor show clinical evidence of use of drug for a non-therapeutic purpose, the Committee may require him to undergo a drug test. Any competitor infringing this condition may be disqualified.

12. Pace of Play condition will apply.

13. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary the Championship Conditions if it is necessary.

14. Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited and sign the declaration in the entry form to that effect.

15. Entrants from outside Bulgaria shall provide a HCP certificate issued by the authority under the handicapping system adopted in the country from which he has entered.

16. The Championship Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form.

17. The completed and signed entry form must be received by the ‘Bulgarian Golf Association’ office not later than Friday, 21 May 2021.

18. All disputes must be referred to the Head Referee who will resolve them by use of the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. If it is not possible to resolve a dispute, the Head Referee will place it before the Championship and Rules Committee and its decision shall be final.
25 May
9:30 - 18:30 Registration & Practice round;

26 May
8:30 - 17:00 Registration and Practice round;
19:00 Official Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner at Thracian Cliffs (Starting times for the first round will be announced on the Welcome dinner);

27 May
8:00 – 17:30 Champion Division 1st round 18 holes - Thracian Cliffs;
8:00 – 17:30 Plate & Legends 1st round 18 holes - BlackSeaRama;

28 May
8:00 – 17:30 Plate & Legends 2nd round 18 holes - Thracian Cliffs;
8:00 – 17:30 Champion Division 2nd round 18 holes - BlackSeaRama;

29 May
8:00 – 17:30 Champion Division final round 18 holes - Thracian Cliffs;
8:00 – 17:30 Plate & Legends final round 18 holes - BlackSeaRama;
20:00 Prize-giving, Dinner and Closing party at BlackSeaRama;

** Tee times for 2nd and 3rd round and leader board will be posted at 19:00 and will be available at the golf course and in the hotel or you can call: +359 888 698 991 for start times between 19:00 and 21:30.

*** Competitors must register at the Tournament office at BlackSeaRama not later than 17:00 on Wednesday, 26 May. Practice round will only be allowed on the official practice day.

Reservations for practice can be made by e-mailing to reservations@thraciancliffs.com or proshop@blacksearama.com
PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY

*Accommodation payments should be arranged directly with Thracian Cliffs. Check rates online and book directly at www.thraciancliffs.com.

** Tournament Entry Fee payments should be made by bank transfer latest 7 May, 2021 directly to the Bulgarian Golf Association:

**BANK DETAILS**

Bulgarian Golf Association / Address: 19 Oborishte Str., 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria
VAT Number: BG130484006 / Bank: First Investment Bank / IBAN: BG89 FINV 9150 1215 4972 79 / BIC: FINVBGSF

**CANCELLATIONS:**

30% of the amount if cancelled until May 11th
50% of the amount if cancelled until May 18th
100% after May 18th

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