



SUFFOLK GOLF UNION

SUFFOLK OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Bury St Edmunds Golf Club

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th August 2012

**The Championship for the Michael Farraday Challenge Cup
will be decided over 54 holes off scratch**

Holder: Patrick Spraggs (Stowmarket)

The leading amateur will receive the Chris Easterbrook Trophy

See eligibility in attached Championship Rules

The leading 40 players and ties or all players within 6 shots of the leading score will qualify for the final 36 holes on Sunday

Handicap Limit 6

**For Professional, Assistant Professional and Amateur eligibility
requirements see Championship Rules attached**

**The entry fee of £30.00 (Cheques made payable to 'Suffolk Golf Union') should be sent with your
entry form to:**

The Championship Secretary

Foxten House

Summer Lane

Bromeswell

Woodbridge

Suffolk

IP12 2QA

01394-461246 or 07831-103290

Entry forms are available from your Club Secretary or from the www.suffolkgolfunion.co.uk website

Entries close at noon Monday 30th July 2012



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Championship Entry Form

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Name : _____ Hcap: _____ Tel.No: _____

Home Club: _____ CDH No: _____

Email Address : _____

Preferred start time (if possible): _____

State any other competitors with whom you would like a similar start time:

Name of person we can contact in case of an emergency:

Name: _____ Contact Tel.No: _____

Competitors withdrawing after the closing date may forfeit their entry fee

A full start sheet and tee times will be sent to all Suffolk clubs and posted on the SGU website shortly after the closing date. If you wish to be notified personally of your start time, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your entry

Incomplete forms without the entry fee or CDH number (Amateurs only) will not be processed

For other entry qualifications see Rules and Regulations link on the SGU website

www.suffolkgolfunion.co.uk

**Please complete all sections and with your entry of £30 (Cheques payable to 'Suffolk Golf Union') send to:
The Championship Secretary, Foxten House, Summer Lane, Bromeswell, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 2QA**

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General Conditions of Entry for Suffolk Golf Union Championships

1. All Championship events shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf 2008-2011 as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and such Local Rules approved by the Championship Committee. If, in any championship, it is deemed by the Championship Committee to be impossible or impractical to complete the event in accordance with the specific conditions because of adverse weather conditions or other circumstances, the Championship Committee shall be empowered to vary such conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available or to abandon the championship.
2. **Eligibility**
 - a. Of Amateur Status as defined by the R&A with the exception of the Suffolk Open Championship in which Professionals who are bona fide or honorary members of the Suffolk Professional Golfers Association may participate.
 - b. In possession of an ACTIVE handicap under the CONGU Unified SSS and Handicapping Scheme 2008-2011 and not exceeding that determined by the Suffolk County Union as a condition of entry.
 - c. A playing member of a club affiliated to the Suffolk Golf Union, or in the case of Suffolk County Stroke Play Championships, born in the County of Suffolk and a current member of a club affiliated to the English Golf Union. (In the case of Anglian League matches, the player must be a member of a club affiliated to the County Union which he is representing).
 - d. Entrants may not have represented another county at golf or participated in another county's championship in the preceding 365 days. **Exception:** the time limit does not apply to junior events but a player therein must not have competed in another County's events in the same year.
3. A person under the age of 18 years on the day of the competition will not be allowed to play in County Championships unless his entry is accompanied by the relevant and duly signed Health, Safety, Emergency First Aid and Medical Treatment Parental Consent Forms. (Attached)
4. **Entry Forms**
 - a. All entries must be made on the official entry form, be fully completed, accompanied by the correct fee, payable to the Suffolk Golf Union, and received by 6pm on the stipulated closing date. Late entries may only be accepted at the sole discretion of the tournament organiser.
 - b. Entry forms will **NOT** be accepted without the players' personal CDH identification number. (Obtained from the club secretary)
 - c. Withdrawals within 48 hours of the competitor's appointed start time will forfeit the entry fee, unless he has advised a suitable replacement.
 - d. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry without giving reason for its decision which will be final.
5. Where entries exceed the stipulated number, the highest handicaps will be balloted out and entry fee refunded.
6. The Committee may provide in the conditions of the completion (Rule 33-1) that if a player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play within five minutes after his/her allocated starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match-play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.
7. Ride-on buggies will only be authorised for competitors if an appropriate medical certificate issued by a competent medical authority, stating that the competitor could not otherwise play, has been lodged with the County Secretary at least seven days before the Competition and if the host club does not consider that the course is unsuitable for buggies. When such permission is given, no other person shall ride in the buggy nor may it be used for purposes other than to convey the authorised person and his/her own equipment if he/her has no caddie. All such authorised persons must have the appropriate third party insurance to meet all claims which might arise against them as a result of the use of the buggy and where the vehicle may have to cross a public road or highway, it must have suitable vehicle licensing and insurance. The competitor is responsible for advising the host club of his intention to use a buggy, making himself aware of and signing his agreement to the club's buggy policy. Penalty for Breach of Condition is Disqualification
8. All ties will be decided by play-off unless an alternative method is stated in the rules of the championship. In the case of a play-off, competitors will be advised by the Committee of the time and order of play which shall be decided by lot. If a player fails to appear at the appointed time, he shall be disqualified as provided in Rule 6-3.
9. All competitors are required to ensure their playing equipment complies with Royal and Ancient Club of St Andrews Rules of Golf 2008-2011, Appendix C, paras 1a and 1b (pages 141 and 142). Penalty for Breach of Condition is Disqualification.
10. All players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play which shall be laid down by the Committee.
11. Any competitor who during the course of an event, including practice days, misbehaves or acts in a manner which brings the game into disrepute may be barred from entering Suffolk Golf Union events for such a period the Championship Committee deems appropriate. Example of behaviour judged to be unacceptable is swearing, throwing clubs, vandalising the course or clubhouse, deliberately infringing the Rules of Golf etc
12. Professionals shall not be allowed to caddie in any County event. **No caddies shall be allowed in County junior events.** Competitors are responsible for the actions of their caddies and shall ensure their caddies comply with the Conditions and regulations as they apply for competitors.
13. Competitors may carry a mobile phone but it must be switched off while on the course. Any competitor found using a mobile phone on the course, other than calls to the Emergency Services or Tournament Officials will be disqualified under Rule 14-3 or barred from entering Suffolk Golf Union events for such a period the Championship Committee deems appropriate.
14. Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) are permitted in all Suffolk Golf Union championships provided they only measure distance. Any player using a device fitted with options that measure anything other than distance is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.
15. **Trophies**

Recipients of any Suffolk Golf Union trophy will be responsible for the Trophy from the time it is presented until the time it is relinquished. He or his club, if the trophy has been deposited therewith, shall ensure it is sufficiently insured at all times.

Trophies are insured by the County but that insurance becomes invalid if force is not required to remove the trophy, in which case the recipient or the club, if deposited therewith, shall be responsible for any loss or damage thereto. The holder shall also be responsible for having the trophy suitably engraved, for which the County will make a suitable re-imbursalment on request, and for returning it to the Championship Organiser at least 14 days prior to the following year's event.
16. **Player Insurance.** Competitors are responsible for ensuring their equipment and belongings are properly insured and they have appropriate insurance against any third party claims which might arise against them as a result of competing in the championships.
17. The wearing of shorts will be allowed in Suffolk Golf Union competitions provided they are tailored knee length shorts and worn with white sport socks. All forms of dress must also meet the host clubs dress rules. Players are responsible for ensuring their caddies also conform to all such regulations.
18. Competitors are expected to familiarise themselves with the host club's Health and Safety Guidance Notes displayed on the Championship notice board.
19. All disputes will be settled by the Championship Committee formed by the Championship Referee (3 to form a quorum) whose decision is final.
20. Any competitor who fails to appear on the tee at his appointed time or, having qualified to continue in an event, fails to do so must without delay furnish to the Committee an explanation in writing, to the satisfaction of the Championship Committee. If he does not do so, he will be debarred from entering or taking part in **any** Suffolk Golf Union event for such period of time as the Executive Committee may decide
21. A full set of Suffolk Golf Union regulations may found on www.suffolkgolfunion.com. Competitors must signify they have read the regulations when entering and agree to accept and abide by them.

Specific Conditions of Entry for the Suffolk Open Championship

1. A Championship Meeting will be held each year with the winner receiving the Farraday Trophy and leading amateur receiving the Chris Easterbrook Trophy .
2. Professionals must be a bona fide member of the Suffolk PGA and shall not have taken part in any golf championship of any other County in the preceding 365 days.
3. The qualification for the above will be as for County Competitions.
4. The Championship will be decided by Medal Play over 54 holes off Scratch. Ties for first place shall be decided by 'Sudden Death' play-off on the day of the meeting.
5. Prizes will be awarded for the best morning, afternoon and all-day scratch scores and one all-day handicap score. No player will receive more than one prize.
6. Competitors will be expected to play 54 holes.

CHILD PROTECTION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Emergency First Aid/Medical Treatment

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR PLAYERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

Should your child suffer injury or illness whilst playing in a SGU event, it may not always be possible to contact you during the emergency. Should you not be available to guide our course of action at the time and wish the Suffolk Golf Union to provide First Aid or seek emergency treatment, please complete the authorisation below and return to the Championship Secretary.

Parent/Guardian Authorisation

Name of Child or Young Person : _____

Date of Birth: _____

NHS Number: _____

Doctor Details: Name: _____

Surgery Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

*My child is under 16 years of age. I authorise the Suffolk Golf Union to arrange for my child to receive essential medical treatments from a qualified medical practitioner at a hospital or other medical centre where necessary.

*My child is 16 years of age or over. I acknowledge that he/she has the right to decide for him/herself on the treatment to be received or the need to attend hospital or other medical centre but in case of an emergency (e.g. where unconscious) where he/she may not be able to consent, he/she will be taken for immediate medical assistance or to the Emergency Services prior to notification of parent/carer.

In the event of any medical attention being administered, I understand that the Suffolk Golf Union will inform me of the action taken.

My child suffers from the following conditions:

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|---------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|--|
| Asthma | Yes / No | Fits or Blackouts | Yes / No | |
| Epilepsy | Yes / No | Diabetes | Yes / No | |
| High Blood Pressure | Yes / No | Heart Problems | Yes / No | |
| Migraine | Yes / No | Other: | Yes / No | |

Please record below allergies or other medical conditions and medication prescribed for your child:

Also record of medication **NOT** to be administered:

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: _____

Work: _____

Mobile: _____

All information contained in this document will be treated with the Strictest of Confidence and only released to the appropriate authorities if needed. At the conclusion of the event the document will be destroyed.