# THE 11th BULGARIAN AMATEUR PLATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bulgarian Golf Association have the great pleasure in presenting

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from 10th to 12th of September 2015 to be played over

the three fabulous golf courses of the Black Sea.

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the 11th Bulgarian Amateur Open Championship which will be played over 54 holes on the three beautiful golf courses: Thracian Cliffs Golf Resort, BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas and Lighthouse Golf & SPA Resort. They are deservedly considered among the best courses in Europe.

With their varying layouts the courses require different tactical and strategic approaches, which provide the golfers excitement and challenges to the very last hole.Two courses have been designed by the legendary golfer Gary Player and the other by Ian Woosnam, both US Masters Champions.

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## THE GOLF COURSES

The Bulgarian Golf Association would like to present you the three golf pearls at the Black Sea Cost. Every round day from the Bulgarian Open Championship will offer an exciting game on a various signature golf courses that will make your stay an unforgettable experience.

"*You will not find a golf course like this anywhere else on the planet.*" Gary Player

### Thracian Cliffs Golf Resort

Thracian Cliffs Golf Resort was the proud host of the Volvo World Matchplay Championship in 2013 and received the prestigious award from the International Association of Golf Tourism Operators (IAGTO) as the Best Golf Resort in Europe for 2014.
Framed by rugged coastal cliffs and the vast blue of the Black Sea, the 18-hole Gary Player designed Signature course at Thracian Cliffs is one of the most dramatic golf courses on earth.

Located on the Marina Village circle the Club House offers golfers a comfortable place to meet, have a casual meal or drink as they begin their adventure on the course and as they return to reminisce of the highlights of the day.The full service Pro Shop is located adjacent to the Club House with a wide range of golf clothing, equipment and golf balls - something every golfer should have plenty of in their bag for this spectacular course.

THRACIAN CLIFFS RESORT
GOLF · BEACH · SPA

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## BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas

Endless sea view from the height of 200 meters towards the magnificent and extremely diverse bay from Cape Kaliakra 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 cliff-top links golf course is created, with intimacy at very each of the fairways and with greens, often exceeding the regular sizes. This award-winning course - Best new golf course in the world for 2009 (in the international category of the Golf Inc. magazine contest) is destined to be explored and to reveal the wonders of the game.

## Lighthouse Golf & SPA Resort

The Lighthouse golf course is the championship golfer's first project in Bulgaria. The prestigious golf course designed by Ian Woosnam is the signature feature of one of Europe's premiere sport, leisure and holiday resorts. The latest technology is being used in the construction of the golf course, both for the design of watering and drainage systems in order to optimize water consumption and recycling, and in the use of the newest breeds of grass taken from the latest agricultural research. Both the course and its facilities have been designed with the player in mind, the golfers who want to play all year round, optimizing the golfing experience in this unique location.

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**There will be a HCP limit for the Plate Championship:**

**Gold Plate: Men 10-19** **Silver Plate 20-28** **Ladies Plate: 10-28** **Junior Plate: 10-28**

The Championship format will be stableford over three rounds of 18 holes. Please, note that all entries should be received by the Bulgarian Golf Association no later than **Tuesday, 14th August 2015.** If you need any further assistance, please, do not hesitate to contact the Bulgarian Golf Association at bgopen@golfbg.com

## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

**All payments should be made by bank transfer latest 26th of August 2015. After sending your Entry Form an invoice will be issued. To confirm your participation in the Championship payment should be made within a 2 week period.**

### CANCELLATIONS:

90% of the amount till 26th of August

50% till 2nd of September

25 % after 2nd of September

## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

All transfers will be made from the Varna airport to your chosen accommodation. If you would like to book a transfer, please, send your flight details to: office@travelpoint-bg.com

**Price - 70 Euro for 1-2 persons** **130 Euro for a group from 3 to 12 people**

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## PROGRAMME

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| **8th of September 2015** | **9:30 – 18:30** Registration and 1st day official Practice round |
| **9th of September 2015** | **8:30 – 18:30** 2nd day official Practice round<br>Final registration at Lighthouse Golf Club before **18:00**<br>**19:30** – Welcome cocktail at BlackSeaRama<br>Starting times for the first round will be announced on the Welcome cocktail |
| **10th of September 2015** | **8:00** – 1st round – 18 holes Stableford<br>Gold and Ladies Plate at Thracian Cliffs / Silver and Junior Plate at BlackSeaRama<br>**20:00** – Party at Bendida Beach at Thracian Cliffs |
| **11th of September 2015** | **8:00 – 17:30** 2nd round – 18 holes Stableford<br>Gold and Ladies Plate at Lighthouse / Silver and Junior Plate at Thracian Cliffs |
| **12th of September 2015** | **8:00 – 17:30** final round – 18 holes Stableford<br>Gold and Ladies Plate at BlackSeaRama / Silver and Junior Plate at Lighthouse<br>**20:00** – Prize giving and closing party at Lighthouse Club House |

Tee times for 2nd and 3rd round and leader board will be posted each day at 19:00 and will be available at the golf course and in the hotel or you can call: 0885 100 893 for start times between 19:00 and 21:30.

Competitors must register at the Tournament office at Lighthouse Golf Club not later than 18:00 on Wednesday 9th of September.

Practice rounds will only be allowed on the official practice days.
Reservations for practice rounds can be made by e-mailing to office@travelpoint-bg.com

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## COMPETITION CONDITIONS

1. Competitor must be an amateur as defined by the current Rules of Amateur Status.
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   - The Plate Division shall be decided over 54 holes Singles Stableford which shall be played in accordance with the rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and in accordance with the local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee
3. All competitors shall be eligible to compete in the Plate Division. In the event of applications exceeding 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.
4. Players in the Plate Division may use buggies which should be reserved at mail office@travelpoint-bg.com as there are a limited number of buggies available. Any player with medical certificate receives priority in booking a buggy. Copy of the medical certificate should be send with the request for booking a buggy 3 weeks before the tournament. **All players will play with buggies the round at Thracian Cliffs (no reservation needed).**
5. Ties shall be decided by a card play-off over the final 18 holes or last 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole. If there is still a tie the scores for the second round shall be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.
6. Any competitor who is not present at their first Tee when called upon to start shall be disqualified.
7. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to set and/or alter starting times.
8. 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 web-site www.randa.org;
9. 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.
10. Pace of Play condition will apply.
11. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary the Championship Conditions if it is necessary.

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12. 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.
13. Entrants from outside Bulgaria shall provide a HCP certificat issued by the authority under the handicapping system adopted in the country from which he has entered.
14. The Championship Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form.
15. The completed and signed entry form must be received by the 'Bulgarian Golf Association' office not later than Tuesday, 14th of August 2015.
16. 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.