

2009 USBGA National Championship Announcement Letter

March 1, 2009

Golfers:

The Board of the USBGA is delighted to announce that the USBGA is holding its 64th National Championship in San Antonio, Texas. The entry deadline is August 15, 2009.

The date for the event is October 11 to 15, 2009. The USBGA will pay for four nights of lodging at the beautiful and memorable Holiday Inn on the Riverwalk. The website for the hotel is www.hi-riverwalk.com. It is located at 217 North Saint Mary's Street, and the much-talked-about river experience is right out the back door. The Holiday Inn on the Riverwalk is approximately 12 miles south of the San Antonio airport. If you want to arrive before October 11 or stay past October 14, please provide this information on the accompanying entry form. Each room costs \$85 + 17% tax per night.

If you have any additional guests, there is space provided following this entry form for their needed information. Please complete this information for your guests and send it in with this entry form.

Our tournament will be played at the historic Brackenridge Park Golf Club, which was the site of the 1948 USBGA National Championship, so we are returning after 61 years! Brackenridge was the first 18-hole municipal golf course built in Texas and was designed by the legendary architect A.W. Tillinghast. The Alamo City Golf Trail, a local non-profit assigned to revitalize San Antonio's golf courses, has devoted the last nine months and four and one-half million dollars to freshen up Brackenridge, and it is beautiful.

The golf course, located at 2315 Avenue B, is two and one-half miles from the hotel.

Practice rounds for USBGA members and their coaches will be paid for by the USBGA. The practice rounds are scheduled to begin at noon on Sunday, October 11, followed by a welcome reception in the early evening. Each member must reserve his/her own practice round. You may reserve your practice round tee time between September 15 and October 4 by calling the golf shop at 210-228-0353. More information on Brackenridge Park Golf Course can be obtained at www.alamocitygolftrail.com.

Presently, we are researching transportation options. If you want to rent a car, the good news is that the driving distance to all events is short, but parking at the hotel will cost \$10 a day due to space restrictions on the river. We will be sending you more information as we gather support and volunteers here in San Antonio.

Itinerary

Sunday, October 11, 2009

12 noon Start of Registration: at the golf course and at the welcome reception

- 12 noon Start of practice rounds. Players and coaches will make their own tee times and All fees for both player and coach will be paid for by the USBGA.
- 7 p.m. Welcome Reception at either the Brackenridge Park Golf Club or at the First Tee Convention Center. Golf attire. Dinner will be served. Cash Bar.

Monday, October 12

- 9 a.m. Players Information Meeting at the hotel.
- 10 a.m. Practice Range Opens. Practice balls will be provided for both days of competition by the First Tee, which is located at 915 E. Mulberry, 3 blocks from the golf course.
- 11:00 a.m. Start of lunch – a box lunch will be provided
- 12 Noon: First round of competition
- 7 p.m. USBGA Annual General Meeting (Site to be announced)

Tuesday, October 13

- 9 a.m. Practice Range Opens. First Tee at 915 E. Mulberry.
- 11:00 a.m. Start of Lunch – a box lunch will be provided.
- 12 Noon: Second Round of competition
- 7 p.m. USBGA Awards Banquet will be held at hotel. Cash Bar.

Wednesday, October 14

- 1 p.m. “Fore the Blind” Charity Tournament, followed by dinner and awards. At this time, we are not sure how many USBGA members will be needed to play in the scramble; however, your hotel room is paid for through the night of October 14. On the entry form, you will have four choices of what to do on October 14. Be sure to choose by marking your preferences 1 through 4 with 1 being what you would most like to do. All USBGA members, regardless of what you choose to do on October 14, are invited to attend the dinner following the charity tournament.
- 6 p.m. Dinner and awards after Charity Scramble.

Thursday, October 15: Departure

There is a \$100 entry fee for the USBGA National Championship. Send your application and check payable to the **USBGA** to Bruce Hooper, 7410 Quail Run, San Antonio, TX 78209, by August 15, 2009. A more detailed letter will be sent to those golfers who register for the USBGA National Championship. If you have any questions, contact Bruce at bhooper@grandecom.net

See you in San Antonio – la ciudad de siesta y fiesta!