

OUR 2022 4MAJORS CHALLENGE EXPLAINED (The OPEN)

WHO CAN ENTER? Anyone! We have 7 Norwegians, and one from Costa Rica!

Encourage friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues, pets and particularly, your normal playing partners. Bragging rights are just as important for many as the cash prizes. Just remember that this is a fun comp. It has been running for 20 or so years and regularly attracts 100 or so punters.

HOW DO I PLAY?

Study the players who have qualified to play in this year's **OPEN which starts on Thursday 14th July**. You may find it helpful to look at the attached likely field as known so far. Choose one player from each of the four groups, that is, a US player, a GB&I player (as in the old Ryder Cup team), a European and finally a player from the Rest of the World, who you think is most likely to finish highest up the rankings by the end of the competition. Your 'score' is the sum of the ranks of your 4 players. Any of your selections who fail to play / don't make the cut / withdraw will be given the same rank as the first player not to make the cut.

HOW DO I ENTER? **PAY £5 per Major over Bar, select, submit.**

Use a pre-printed envelope/form available from the Bar. Pay the entry fee in cash along with your selections on a printed 4MAJORS envelope/form, and hand it in to the Bar staff. Write 'tba' if you just want to pay now, and let me have your selections by email, lindadaker@btinternet.com, before the first tee time on Day 1. *You can use your debit or swipe card to get the cash if you aren't yet back in pre-covid cash world.*

Your selection can be changed if it is received by the time the first player tees off, so do check online to see the latest Field changes – the betting websites also give clues as to the most likely winners

WHAT COULD I WIN? **Cash! Kudos**

If your score is one of the top three scores of all the punters (including ties) you should share in the Pot for that Major. The Pot is £3 x the number of punters, and is shared out so that 1st gets 50% of the Pot, 2nd place gets 30% and 3rd place gets 20%. If 2 punters share top spot, then they would share 1st and 2nd place, ie: 40% of the pot. Prizes are in cash, collected from the Bar or can be added to your swipe card.

In case you are wondering if the surplus entry fee is going to my holiday fund, not so, for each Major, £1 is donated to the Captain's Charity and the last £1 is held for the **Overall Pot**, which can only be won if you enter all 4 Majors. This tends to be the biggest Pot and is also shared 50%, 30% and 20%

Note: We try to email out the list of punters and your selections by Day 2 morning. Please check to make sure we have listed your selections correctly and email /phone /text me before the end of round 2 of any errors (01732 851969 or 07904 303084). Results will be published (once the fees match the number of punters) on the club website, to all punters who give me a legible email address, and/or on the Social Noticeboard in the clubhouse

As usual, many thanks to John Crates, Sue & Ken Baker, Ian, and Louise & team for helping me to run this year's Armchair Challenge. Good luck all

Linda Daker