



NIBGA
Northern Ireland Blind Golf Association

ISPS Handa British Blind Golf Open, 2020

Tuesday, June 30th & Wednesday, July 1st, 2020

Galgorm Golf Club, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland

Dear Golfer

Welcome to my country and my home town of Ballymena with its world renowned coast and causeway.

This year, the British Blind Golf Open will occur at the magnificent Galgorm Golf Club, host to the ISPS Handa World Invitational. As a participant in the BBO, you will be part of a unique four days of golf, to promote blind and disabled golf as a paralympic sport, and honour the dream of our wonderful benefactor, Dr Haruhisa Handa. A member of IBGA, NIBGA is delighted to maintain the tradition of hosting the BBO every three years, in association with our friends and colleagues in Scotland and England & Wales Blind Golf.

In addition to your golf tournament, your experience in Galgorm will include

- Blind Confidence / Sport Inclusion Day for Children and Youth

- Award of the James Joyce Art and Essay Competition. Prizes to children and youth of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Details of your itinerary are summarised on the attached Schedule of Events.

We have bills to pay, so we will need to charge a registration fee of £120 per player. There's no need to pay this until your entry has been accepted. We'll let you know when. On the matter of buggys and transportation, here's the current plan

- Buggy hire at players own cost
- Airport transfers will be organised. There may be an nominal charge to cover this 20 minute journey.

We promise to have more specific information on actual buggy and transport costs in good time.

We are offering a choice of hotels, including the 5 star galgorm Castle. However, there will be a supplement if you want to stay at Galgorm Castle. We will provide further details to you, in due course.

Your Golf Course:

Galgorm is the finest inland golf course in County Antrim, home of the ISPS Handa World Invitational. It was developed about ten years ago. The terrain is relatively flat, protected by mature vegetation, and many water features. Man made burns intersect many of the fairways, and drain into the River Maine, which tumbles through the course's verdant acreage. The fairways are generous, and offer the long handicapper a wide landing zone, while presenting the better golfers an array of risk / return options.

Your choice of Hotels:

Galgorm Castle

Northern Ireland's Premier luxury Hotel and Spa situated only 30 minutes from Belfast is the perfect location to relax and get away from it all. Set within 163 acres of lush parkland with the spectacular River Maine flowing through the estate, Galgorm Resort has a truly unique setting.

Tullyglass Arms:

Set in beautiful wooded grounds on the outskirts of Ballymena, Tullyglass Hotel is family owned and was originally built as a highly specified gentleman's residence. With these roots, the directors have retained many references to its past and the hotel is renowned for its relaxing atmosphere, quality of service and high quality food using local produce.

Adare Arms, Ballymena

The Adare Arms has a friendly atmosphere, and is centrally located in the town of Ballymena, about two miles from the golf club. The hotel provides excellent accommodation and is renowned for its live music.

Your awards and Prizes

Bespoke art work, crafted by local artists with the assistance of the visually impaired art group of Ballymena. The pieces will be similar to the unique prizes awarded at the 2019 ISPS Handa Vision Cup.

Gents:

Champion Golfer (Nett)

Runner Up (Nett)

B1 Champion (Gross)

B2 Champion (Gross)

B3 Champion (Gross)

Stableford Champion

Ladies:

Champion Golfer (Nett)

Runner Up (Nett)

Champion Golfer (Gross)

Stableford Competition (Monday June 29th)

- Winner
- Runner Up

Please note that the actual prizes awarded will depend on the number of entries, and will be awarded in accordance with IBGA Rules and Guidelines.

For more detailed information, please review the following websites

Golf:

www.galgorm.co.uk

Hotels:

Galgorm

www.galgorm.co.uk

Tullyglass House Hotel

<https://tullyglass.com/>

Adare Arms

<https://www.adairarms.com/>

I look forward to receiving your application form soon.

Sincerely

Andrew Cochrane
Chairman, NIBGA