



POLISH HICKORY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP – 22-23 OCTOBER 2011

– celebrating 100 years of the first golfing on Polish soil

at

First Warsaw Golf & Country Club

To commemorate the centenary anniversary of golf play in Poland we are organising our first Hickory Golf Championship. We would like to invite all players passionate about hickory golf from Pros to novices, from golf clubs in Poland, Europe and across the World.

The tournament will be played at the first post Cold War golf course which was open in 1992 in Warsaw. Unfortunately due to the communist regime, there was no golf play in Poland for over 50 years.

The prestigious First Warsaw Golf and Country Club has played host to the European Challenge Tour on three occasions, attracting professional stars such as Ian Poulter and Justin Rose. It was and still is the place to see and be seen for VIPs and members of Polish high society.

The golf course is a picturesque parkland course with numerous old trees and water hazards demanding strategic play. The first 11 holes are more open but a few water hazards lie in wait for errant shots. The last 7 holes are played between forest trees. It is a par 71 measuring 6035m from the tips.



www.firstwarsawgolf.com

**Applications:**

Applications will be accepted by email at sofia.lelakowska@hickoryworld.co.uk and should be received by September 30th, 2011. Please use the enclosed form.

Registration, starting order:

Registration of the players is from 8:30 am in First Warsaw Golf & Country Club on Sunday 23rd. There will be a players' meeting at 9:00am - welcome of the players, starting order announcement, rules, equipment check, rental sets distribution.

The Championship will be shot-gun start at 10am. Starting order will be set by the tournament committee.

Format:

18 holes stroke play (brutto and netto handicap) in accordance with modern rules of golf and local rules. In case of tie for first place a play-off will be held on the 7th and 8th holes. Other positions will be decided on a countback. To keep the pace of the game, the highest score on every hole is its par + 5 strokes“, in case of more strokes, the player picks up his ball (maximum strokes 8 on par 3, 9 on par 4, 10 on par 5). Gentlemen play from yellow tees, ladies from red tees. Practice round – on Saturday 22nd October from 10am (please register for 2 days on the application form).

The Championship will be played on a shortened course, to fit the equipment of the day. Course rating will not be used as the course will be modified, however players will be allocated additional shots according to handicap.

Clubs: Only clubs with wooden shafts made before 1935 are allowed. Shaft replications are accepted, but club heads have to be original. In case of doubts the tournament committee should decide. Rental clubs are available at a cost of 30 euro (1 day) or 50 euro (2 days) (5 clubs + bag). Detailed information can be found in the *Application form*. In case of interest to purchase a set of hickory clubs please contact sofia.lelakowska@hickoryworld.co.uk.

Balls:

Modern balls are allowed, however play with hickory clubs requires the use of soft golf balls only (lowering the risk of club breakage). Ideal are replications of historic balls made from soft material (possible to buy prior to the tournament) or contemporary soft balls (Titleist Pro V1, etc.). Soft balls are mandatory in case of rental clubs! Please do not hit driving range balls with hickory clubs!

Please dress to impress both for the golf course and hickory gala. We would like to touch the lifestyle and feel the golfing experience and challenge as it was in the early 20th century

Dress Tournament: Period outfit required. The “Best Dressed Golfer” will be voted among the participants.

Dress Gala dinner: stylish 20ties & black tie.



Categories & winners:

Brutto - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Netto - 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

For netto calculations: Pro +1 shot; 1-4 hcp +2 shots; 5-8 hcp +3 shots; 9-15 hcp +4 shots; 16+ hcp +5 shots. Maximum playing hcp 36.

Prizes:

First Prize: Cristal Hickory Trophy – Hickory Golf Champion 2011

Period antiques prizes for other winners.

Other prizes:

First Lady player

Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive

Best Dressed Golfer

Additions to the Event Programme :

- Friday 21st October – Hickory Collectors Day:
This will include a hickory exhibition and collectors lectures and discussion panel.
- Saturday 22nd October - Hickory Lifestyle Day
with golf antiquities and twenties art auction, walking in Warsaw of 20ties
and Hickory Dinner held in a Hotel renovated in the original period style
- Sunday 23rd of October - The Hickory Championship Day
with challenging hickory golf play for the first time in Poland and awards ceremony in
the Polish Olympic Centre.

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Recommended Accommodation:

Recommended Hotel Le Meridien Bristol Hotel

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Virtual visit: <http://www.domoklik.pl/wirtualna-wizyta/hotel-bristol>

Many other hotels and guest houses you can find on the internet. Look for city centre and old town locations.

Looking forward to see you in Warsaw!