

GAMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION - PRESS RELEASE



The Gambia Golf Association (GGA) is very pleased to announce that the 2010 Gambia Open and Pro Am Golf Tournament will be held from 8 December 2010 to 13 December 2010 under the most distinguished chief patronage of the President of the Republic of The Gambia, His Excellency Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr Yahya A J J Jammeh.

The GGA is also delighted to attract established local companies and individuals to partner with us in the development of golf in The Gambia. It speaks volumes for the tireless work that the Executive Committee continues to provide to raise the standard of the game, so that both players and sponsors derive significant benefits. It is our hope that our sponsors and partners would continue to see the benefits of sponsorship not only for themselves but the average golfer and the game as a whole, and therefore continue a long-lasting relationship with the GGA.

To date, sponsors and partners of the event include the Gambia National Olympic Committee, Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, Lady Njaimah Jawara, Pristine Consulting, Gacem Ltd, Gamwater, Banjul Breweries, Transphere Printing Services, Ebrima Jawara, Seaview Garden Hotel and GreenTech Company Ltd.

The main prize of the event, traditionally called the President's Salver has been donated by President Jammeh with a cash amount of USD10,000. We congratulate President Jammeh for having the foresight to take this generous step towards ensuring that the 2010 Gambia Open and Pro Am will be the tournament of envy throughout the sub-region. GGA will play its part to maintain a very high standard.

Other prizes include seniors, nearest the pin, longest drive and team categories.

The Gambia Open is the leading tournament on the Gambia's golfing calendar and it allows for our professionals and amateurs to compete with the best players from the sub-region.

The GGA was formed in 2009 and is the Governing Body for Golf in The Republic of The Gambia. It is overseen by an Executive Committee under the General Authority of the National Sports Council (NSC) of the Ministry of Youth and Sports. GGA is also affiliated to the Gambia National Olympic Committee (GNOC).

Overview of Gambia Golf Association's Commitment to Golf in The Gambia

- August 2009: New Certification Scheme rolled out for the Professionals based on the standard used by the USPGA.
- September 2009: GGA was officially launched at a workshop in Fajara Club. Participants went through golf theory and practical lessons.
- October 2009: After a couple of incidents where GGA Certified Pros were refused access to the golf course by the Fajara Club Committee, GGA intervened and they were allowed to play free of charge (as is the worldwide norm for Golf Pros) and also to participate in Tournaments.
- October 2009: Introduced a Caddy Code of Conduct.
- November 2009: GGA website was operational.
- December 2009: First GGA sponsored Tournament.
- February 2010: Started the GGA Pro-weekly sponsored tournament.
- April 2010: Negotiated the biggest prize money for Gambian Pros since 2004 during the Africell Gambia Ltd sponsored Easter Extravaganza. Initial prize money of GMD10,000 was increased to GMD55,000.
- April 2010: Fakebba Drammeh (Tiger) won the Kenya Airlines Trophy in Dakar, one of the most prestigious trophies in Senegal.
- May 2010: Successfully held our first AGM.
- May 2010: Affiliated to Gambia National Olympic Committee.
- June 2010: Tiger won the International Tournament of Dakar and the Trophe Aziz Dieye.
- September 2010: GGA Golf Academy launched at Fajara Golf course.
- October 2010: Given "affiliation in principle" by The R&A, St Andrews, Scotland.

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