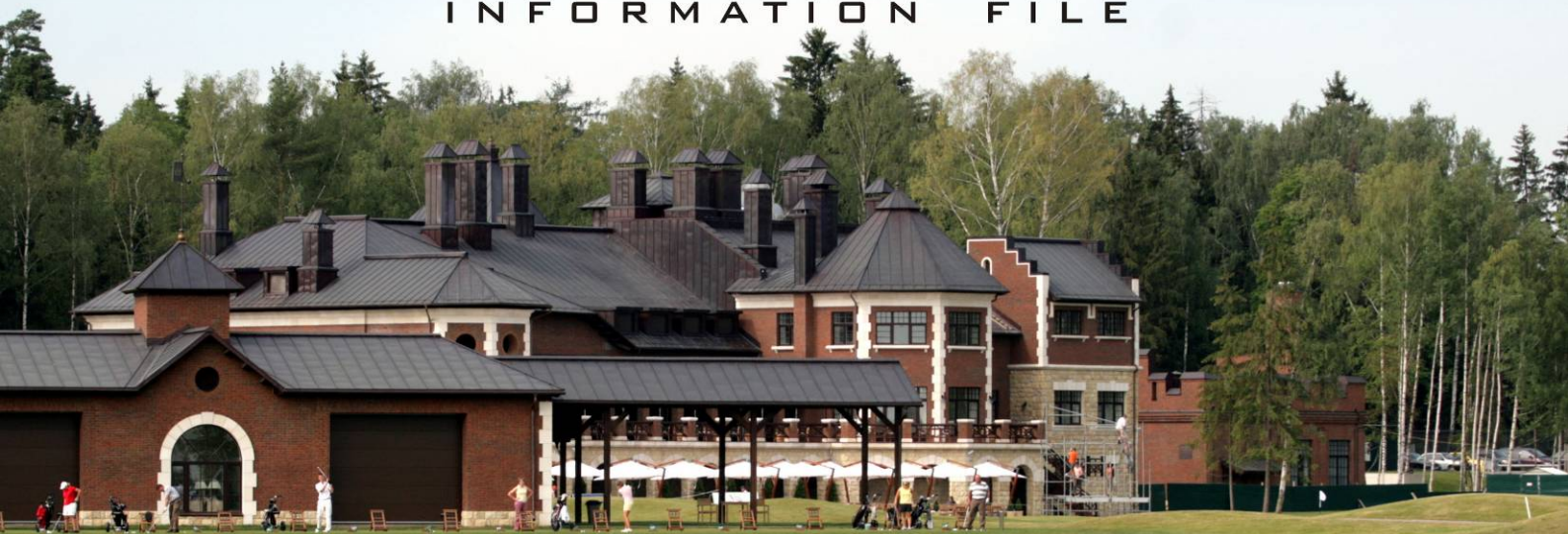




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1. Dates and Venue

The competition is to take place 16 to 21 July 2008 in Golf and Yacht Club “Pestovo” (Moscow, Russia) under the auspices of the Russian Golf Association:

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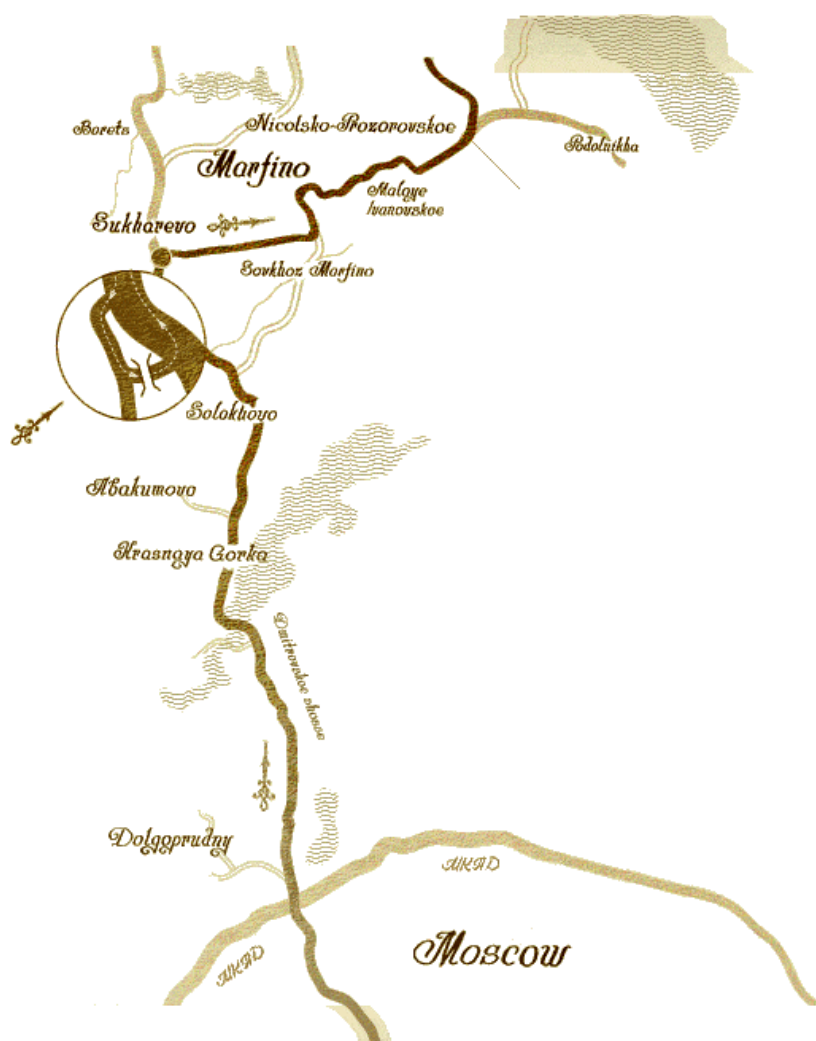
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Road directions:

Turn right approximately 20 km away from the Moscow Circular Road (look for the 38th kilometer signpost, Sukharevo village), right before Slavneft gas station, and continue toward Marfino village (follow the signs to Marfino and Katuar).

2. Format of the Tournament

- The format of the tournament is scratch (without handicap allowance) stroke play competition, played in 4 rounds 18 holes each;
- The cut is after the second round, best 50% men and best 50% ladies including ties are qualified for the third and fourth rounds;
- Ties for the first place are resolved by a sudden death play-off;
- Ties for the second/third place are resolved based on the better nine/six/three/last holes' result.

3. Program of the Tournament

July 15 th , Tuesday		Players' arrival
July 16 th , Wednesday		Players' arrival
	09.00 – 13.00	Players' registration at the Committee Office
	17.00 – 17.30	Official opening of the Tournament
	09.00 – 20.00	Practice round for registered players
July 17 th , Thursday	09.00 – 16.00	First competition round (18 holes)
July 18 th , Friday	09.00 – 16.00	Second competition round (18 holes)
	17.00 – 18.00	Determination of interim results. Cut procedure to qualify the best half of the players plus ties.
July 19 th , Saturday	09.00 – 16.00	Third competition round (18 holes)
July 20 th , Sunday	09.00 – 16.00	Fourth competition round (18 holes)
	17.00 – 18.00	Finalizing results. Meeting of the Tournament Committee.
	19.00 – 20.00	Prize-giving and official closure of the tournament
July 21 th , Monday		Players departure

The tournament office, clubhouse facilities, driving range and practice green will open Wednesday to Sunday one hour before the first tee time.

4. Entries

- Entries (for foreign participants) have to be submitted in the official Registration Form (Attachment 1) to the Russian Golf Association (e-mail: registration@rusgolf.ru; fax: +7 (499) 242-7467) not later than June 20th, 4 p.m. Central European time;
- Foreign participants should also fill in and send visa application form (Attachment 2) after their acceptance is confirmed;
- The maximum exact handicap is 6,0 for International men golfers and 10,0 for International ladies golfers;
- The Registration Forms should be signed for approval on behalf of the National Golf Association (Federation, Union);
- During the 17th Russian Amateur Open Championship 2008 there will be held separate men's amateur competition and ladies' amateur competition;
- The field will be maximum 120 players (70 men players, 50 ladies players, 12 referees);

- The results of the tournament will be sent to EGA, R&A and WAGR to be included into the European Amateur Rating and into the World Amateur Golf Rating;
- The results of the tournament may be sent to National Golf Association (Federation, Union) of a participant for handicapping purposes;
- The winner in men's competition will receive wild-card to participate in the Russian Open (European Tour event);
- All winners and runner-ups will receive Trophies, diplomas, vouchers and gifts from sponsors.

5. Entrance fee and eligibility

The entrance fee for participants is 300 Euro. The entrance fee may be paid by credit card or by wire transfer to the account of the Russian Golf Association.

Members of the Russian National Squad and members of other countries national squads (as invited by the Russian Golf Association) are exempt from paying entry fee.

The following services are provided to the participants as included into the entrance fee:

- driving range balls Wednesday to Sunday;
- practice round on Wednesday;
- competition rounds Thursday to Sunday;
- fruits and drinking water during competition rounds;
- trolleys;
- locker-rooms.

Lunch during competition days is provided to registered participants at a special (discounted) price.

Local caddies may be provided to participants at additional price (EUR 20 per round).

6. Terms of the Competition

The full text of the terms of the competition is published in Russian and is officially approved by the Russian Federal Committee on Physical Culture and Sports. The most important matters are listed below:

- The format of the tournament is scratch (without handicap allowance) stroke play competition, played in 4 rounds 18 holes each;
- The cut is after the second round, best 50% men and best 50% ladies including ties are qualified for the third and fourth rounds;
- Ties for the first place are resolved by a sudden death play-off;
- Ties for the second/third place are resolved based on the better nine/six/three/last holes' result;
- Participants are obliged to appear at the first tee at least five minutes before their tee-time; participants, that are late for their tee-time, are subject to

disqualification; scorecards and pin positions are given to participants in the Tournament office at least 30 minutes before their tee-time;

- Participants are obliged to use golf balls and driving clubs, that are listed as conforming with the Rules of Golf on the R&A Rules Limited web-site www.randa.org;
- Participants may use caddies in compliance with Rule 6-4 without any special limitations;
- Participants are penalized for slow play: 1st offence – oral warning; 2nd offence – 1 penalty stroke; further offence – disqualification;
- The following signals will be used to discontinue/resume play: one prolonged note of siren – discontinue play immediately; three consecutive notes of siren – discontinue play; two short notes of siren – resume play;
- Starting tees for all rounds: black tee-markers for men, white tee-markers for ladies;
- Participants should not use golf carts for transportation;
- Participants should adhere to WADA anti-doping rules;
- In addition to Rule 6-6b participants are obliged to submit their score cards to the tournament committee in person;
- There will be a separate set of rewards for the best 3 Russian men and the best 3 Russian ladies;
- Local rules and stroke savers of the course will be available in English on the day of registration.

7. Accommodation

Accommodation is recommended in Arthurs Spa Hotel (<http://www.arthurs-hotels.com/en/>). The price is 150 Euro per person per night for a single room or 160 Euro per night for a double room.





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Attachment 1

Registration Form

Please register me to participate in the Russian Amateur Open Championship 2008. I agree on and except General Regulations and Conditions of the Championship.

Name, surname:			
Date of birth (dd.mm.yyyy):		Sex (M/F):	
Registration card №:		Recent exact handicap:	___ , ___
Club, Federation, Organization:			
Entrant's contact address:			
Entrant's contact phone (mobile, home), fax:			
Entrant's contact e-mail:			
Citizenship:			
Information about entry fee transfer (amount, date, reference to supporting documents)			

Entrant:

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(signature)

(print name)

Secretary of the National Golf Association (Federation, Union)

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Attachment 2

Visa Application Form

Please, fill in and send this form for visa purposes.

Family/ Last Name of Guest	
First and Middle Name of Guest	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Sex:: (Male or Female)	
Passport №	
Passport Issued Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Passport Expire Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Guest's Citizenship	
Hotel Reservation № (if you already have one)	
Dates of Stay (arrival and departure):	
E-mail Address:	
Contact Telephone/Mobile telephone number with the country code:	
Contact Fax number with the country code, <u>where you wish the visa support documents to be sent to:</u>	