

# Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup returns



Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup 2019 winner Richard Lombard-Chibnall receives his trophy

The annual Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup is back after the event's cancellation in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The tournament, which attracts senior executives from the travel retail industry, is taking place over two days at the Montgomerie Golf Club Dubai on November 24 and Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club on November 25, respectively.

The 28th edition of the invitational golf tournament has attracted over 85 executives from the international duty free industry with around 45 overseas players set to descend on Dubai after a gap of two years.

The tournament kicks off directly after this year's Middle East and Africa Duty Free Association (MEADFA) Conference in Dubai.

Colm McLoughlin, Executive Vice Chairman & CEO of Dubai Duty Free, described this year's return of the golf tournament as a welcome celebration for the duty free industry. He said: "The response to this year's tournament has been great and, while we are missing some of our friends due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, we are delighted that so many were able to join us here in Dubai. We are also happy to welcome back Des Smyth as the golf pro of the tournament."

The stableford competition is open to all male and female amateur players with a valid handicap of 28/36 or less. Winners are selected from the Men's and Ladies Division and Seniors category from age 50+, 65+ and 70+.

Past champions of the Dubai Duty Free Golf World Cup include Steve Flanagan (1993/1996), Raimund Legnar (1994), Brendan O'Shea (1995), Noel Fox (1997-2000), Jan Baljet (2001), Ulrik Moller (2002),

Adel Zarooni (2003-2004), Art Miller (2005), John Kammerman (2006), Nayma Maya (2007), Mark Van Huesden (2008), James Kfourri (2009), Gurbax Singh (2010), Clark Francis (2011), Rabih Sfeila (2012), Dermot Davitt (2013), Denise Kennedy (2014), Bayer Khan (2015), Scott Campbell (2016), Clark Francis (2017), Cees van Dooren (2018) and Richard Lombard-Chibnall (2019).

Following the first day of golf on November 24, guests will be invited to enjoy Dubai Duty Free's hospitality at the popular The Irish Village in Garhoud, with entertainment lined up for the evening.

November/December are traditionally busy months for Dubai Duty Free, and this year is no exception. In recent weeks, the operation has supported the Dubai Airshow and the DP World Tour Championship - Race to Dubai and will soon be flying the flag at the Emirates Airline Dubai Rugby 7's and the Dubai Duty Free Sailing League Regatta.

All of this brings the retailer up to the celebration of its 38th anniversary in December when the business celebrates with its customers and staff.