The Club was originally founded in 2009 by the Founder members Mr. Krassimir Guergov, Mr. Kancho Stoichev, Ambassador Dr. Kiril Kalev and Mr. Seth Underwood, along with the honorary founder members H.E. Immanuel Robert Inkiriwang Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Tsuneharu Takeda Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Karol Mistrik Ambassador of Slovak Republic and H.E. Martin Klepetko Ambassador of Czech Republic. The Club is associated with its Mother Club, the Club Diplomatie und Wirtschaft (CDW), originally founded in Vienna in 2001.

The statutory goal of the Club is to contribute to Sofia's influence on the national and Balkan stage. The preliminary focus of the Club is towards internationalizing Sofia by enhancing relations between local and international communities, whilst also welcoming Diplomats and their spouses, as well as Expats and their spouses. This is being accomplished by developing initiatives, which promote dialog and the exchange of ideas in between the diplomatic and business leaders.

The Club understands its mission in creating, transmitting and promoting enterprises that perpetuate Sofia's traditions, possibilities and openness to the world.

The activities of the Club cover the most important assets of living in any cosmopolitan city, which can be grouped as networking, sports, leisure, workshops, culture and lifestyle, and lectures from influential speakers, both from the business and diplomatic world. All of these will be incorporated into a calendar of events, outlining the program for each month.

Networking

During our monthly events you will have the chance to meet and greet Diplomats, government representatives and business leaders in order to get to know each other, to elaborate on ideas and generate eventual possibilities of cooperation.

Sports

On our event calendar you will also be offered the possibility to join several sports activities including, golf learning, golf playing and golf tournaments such as the newly upcoming Ambassadors' Cup. Examples of other possible sport activities consist of table tennis tournaments, volleyball, badminton, football, petanque, croquet and more.

Leisure

The Leisure events can be presented in the form of saloon games, country walks, visits to other golf clubs and participation in the President's Cup (combination of travel and golf or travel only), among others.

Culture and Lifestyle

The Culture and Lifestyle events will include wine seminars and wine tastings, cooking classes, art expositions, fashion shows, jazz evenings, concerts and shows.

Workshops

The workshops will be focused on golf etiquette courses, painting classes for children, round tables, a book club, cosmetic workshops and SPA workshops with one of the country's leading yoga and nutritional coaches.

Lectures

The speakers will be national and international CEO's of companies, Diplomats and Politicians. These events will be held either under a discussion format, debates, speeches or luncheons.

Club Structure



Membership

All members and their personal guests enjoy the same rights and privileges. Membership entitles all Club services to be utilized against payment. The CDB may recommend a person for membership. A CDB member may propose a new member, who will have to have a second supporter or reference. Applications for membership may also be directed to the Club Management. Membership is only granted on a personal basis. Membership reserved.

The memberships of the club have three forms:

- Supporting (Sponsors)
- Active
- Honorary

All memberships will have to be approved by the CDB Committee.

The following requirements may apply to become a **Supporting** member:

Hosting a workshop or a cultural and lifestyle event, as well as a sports event by covering the occurring costs for the organization and for the amenities (food and beverage), in order to have the right to promote and place the sponsor's products.

The following requirements may apply to become an **Active** member:

Paying the annual fee, which allows the member to enjoy all club benefits and to participate in all events published on the event calendar.

The following requirements may apply to become an **Honorary** member:

Honorary members will be nominated by the President, the Honorary President, the Vice President, the Honorary Vice Presidents and the Committee at the monthly occurring general assemblies. These personalities may represent local public life by economic, political or cultural life. All Honorary members will be accepted on the discretion of the Board.

Annual Fees

The membership of the CDB will be supported with a minimal fee in order to cover the administrative costs and the scheduled events. Therefore, we ask each member for a cost participation fee of 300 BGN including VAT per year, payable from the point of acceptance into the CDB. Every membership is valid for a member and his/her spouse.

The annual fees are valid for a period of 12 months corresponding to the calendar year. The CDB can change the new membership fee and the annual membership fee, subject to six month notice as of the end of the membership year with effect from November 1st of the following year.

Publication in due time in the Club news is sufficient for any such change to be effective.

How to apply

Application forms can be downloaded at any time from www.stsofiagolf.com or they can be requested via e-mail through office@stsofiagolf.com.

The Club's committee reserves the right to accept or deny new members. The Club's committee is not required to provide an explanation for their decisions. Once a membership has been approved and depending on the type of membership, a confirmation letter will be sent to you along with the annual payment invoice. The CDB is a private club; therefore membership is contingent upon payment.

Club Cards

To gain access to the CDB you will receive your personal, non-transferable Club Card featuring your membership number. This card will also be used to invoice you for all of the St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA services used by you and your guests, since some benefits provided by the CDB will be at the Golf Club. The member and his/her spouse will each receive their own cards.



Admission and Invoicing

The Club is only open to members and their personal guests accompanied by the member. Admission is only possible with the Club card. The membership card is not transferable. All Club services, including those utilized by personal guests (upon request), are invoiced using the card. If the invoice is addressed to a company, both the member and the company are jointly and severally liable. Invoicing for the membership will be carried out annually. Invoicing for St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA services will be carried out at the end of each month for the past month. The member will receive a detailed invoice including VAT and service charge. Acceptable forms of payment are direct payment and/or bank transfer.

Transfer

Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable. A membership can be extended on a personal basis, after a request has been submitted to the Club's Committee and approved.

Benefits

The benefits of the Club Diplomats & Business Bulgaria will be presented in a separate file.

Liability

The CDB and St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA are only liable for gross negligence in the performance of their services. They are not liable for damage arising from the disturbance of their operations as a result of force majeure civil disturbance, acts of nature or arising from other events which are not their responsibility (e.g. strikes, lockouts, interruption of traffic) or which arise as a result of restraint of princes and rulers at home or abroad.

Storage of personal data: All details on persons (personal data) which are mechanically processed and stored by the CDB are treated in extreme confidence. The stipulations of the Bulgarian Law prevail.

Cancellation of Membership

Membership may be terminated by the member in written form until the 31st of August with effect from the 31st of October of the same year.

Choice of Law and Venue

Bulgarian law applies. The home venue of the CDB is St. Sofia Golf Club and SPA.

APPLICATION FORM
TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITEE

I HEREBY APPLY FOR A PERSONAL CLUB DIPLOMATS & BUSINESS BULGARIA MEMBERSHIP

Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Address:		
City and Country:		
Postcode:		
Mobile Telephone:		
Private E-mail:		
Type of Membership:	☐ Supporting	☐ Active
Spouse's Name (If Applicable):		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Company / Embassy:		Industry / Country of Origin:	
Address:		Position:	
Postcode:		Company/ Embassy Tel/Fax:	
City and Country:		Company / Embassy E-mail:	
Company /Embassy Tax Number:		Responsible Person:	

Annual Invoice To (please, choose one of the options):

☐ Business / Embassy Address	☐ Private Address	
If desired by e-mail to:	Cc:	

Recommended by:	

My Membership is governed by the conditions stated in the CDB file.

Place/ Date: Signature:

I hereby irrevocable agree to the 300 BGN including VAT payable payable in connection with my membership. I am to pay the amounts through a bank transfer or in person at St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA

BANK NAME:	UniCredit Bulbank	CURRENCY:	BGN
BANK ADDRESS:	Sofia, "Blvd. Yanko Sakazov" N.1	COMPANY NAME:	GOLF CLUB EOOD
IBAN:	BG58UNCR70001521150989	BRANCH NO.	222000426
SWIFT:	UNCRBGSF		

Signature: