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**Rainer Goldrian**

## The European Tour's foundation

"Thanks to a tour like the Pro Golf Tour, young players today have an exceptionally good opportunity to put themselves and their own skills to the test. The Pro Golf Tour is a platform for international competition that gives everyone the chance to start their professional career in an uncomplicated way." This quote comes from none other than Bernhard Langer, see page 12 too, and it expresses what the Pro Golf Tour is today very well and also applies to the three other satellite tours in Europe too. The base and essential sporting foundation of the Challenge Tour and European Tour. As if these platforms that offer young talent just a simple and cheap entry into life as a tour player didn't exist, how difficult would it then be for upcoming talent to compete against established players? How many players would probably have to give up the dream of becoming a pro golfer early because they didn't even have the chance to bring their own skills up to a level that allows them to promisingly compare themselves to the best players in Europe and even the world's elite and to usurp them? We are proud to offer a platform with the Pro Golf Tour that provides young talent with both excellent quality golf

courses, a sophisticated set-up and professional organisation, and with more than 20 tournaments a year on a regular basis. As these are essential components to develop a promising career as a tour player. At satellite level it's not about being able to make a living with the prize money available there. It's far more important to assess, refine and improve your own skills and critically put them to the test time and time again, which incidentally the European Tour thinks too. I wish all the players and supporters of the Pro Golf Tour an exciting as well as outstanding 2018 season on perfectly prepared courses with superb results. May the best players win and grab the opportunity to qualify for a life as a tour player in all respects.

**RAINER GOLDRIAN**  
Pro Golf Tour Managing Director  
PGA of Germany Managing Director



### Graduates

The 2017 graduates (from the left): Stanislav Matus, Marco Iten, Pedro Figueiredo, Ben Parker and Max Schmitt. Small picture: The 2017 overall champion, Nicolai von Dellingshausen. Not in the picture: Robbie van West.

## FOREWORD & FACTS

### PRO GOLF TOUR 2018

#### 7 countries

The Pro Golf Tour is going to be a guest in Egypt, Morocco, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and the Netherlands this year.

#### 21 tournaments

There are 21 competitions in total at first-class golf courses on the tour calendar between January and September.

#### 156 players

Up to 156 players from 25 different nations are appearing at the competitions.

#### 660.000 euro prize money

At 19 tournaments a prize money of 30,000 euro is distributed, the Leipziger Golf Open offers 40,000 euro. The season finale Castanea Resort Championship is traditionally endowed with 50,000 euro.

#### 5 promotion spots

The Top 5 in the Order of Merit for the year qualify for the European Challenge Tour 2018.



# Pro Golf Tour: "GOLF STARS OF TOMORROW"

The Pro Golf Tour is taking place for the 22nd time in 2018. It is considered to be a superb springboard for a tour player's career. Young talented professionals from all over Europe compete at 21 season tournaments.

As an official satellite tour, Pro Golf Tour provides an opportunity to instantly qualify for the European Challenge Tour. That means: anyone who occupies one of the top 5 rankings in the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit at the end of the season is promoted and can play in the Challenge Tour the following year. The professional tournament series' results also count for the world golf ranking.



**Robbie van West**

Challenge Tour  
Qualifier 2017

**Netherlands**

"This recognition of the sporting importance of our tour is wonderful confirmation that we are on the right path", says Rainer Goldrian, Pro Golf Tour Managing Director. As the leading operator of the tour, PGA of Germany is placing itself in a high-profile position on the stage of tournament golf in Europe.

**"It was my goal to finish in the Top 5 to reach the Challenge Tour 2018. The season developed really positively for me since I've been working with my cousin Matthew Parker as my coach. I'm looking forward to the Challenge Tour and I do feel well prepared."**



**Ben Parker**

Challenge Tour Qualifier 2017

**England**

"Golf Stars of Tomorrow" is the official tour slogan, as young, ambitious talented tee off here who have made it their goal to be the golf stars of tomorrow. The Pro Golf Tour's trademarks are excellent courses, flawless organisation and high-calibre sport. Up to 156 players from roughly 25 different nations compete at the tournaments. The tour is based in Munich at the offices of the main shareholder, PGA of Germany. A team of staff is employed at the tournaments: a tournament director, referees, a starter and a tour assistant, together with those responsible at the host club and indispensable voluntary helpers. They all ensure the professional preparation and implementation of all events.

**Nicolai von Dellingshausen**

**"The Pro Golf Tour is a springboard – not a final destination!"**

**Congratulations on winning the Pro Golf Tour 2017 overall and being directly promoted to the Challenge Tour, Nicolai von Dellingshausen. When you look back on this fantastic season, to what extent is the Pro Golf Tour suitable for starting a tour player's career?**

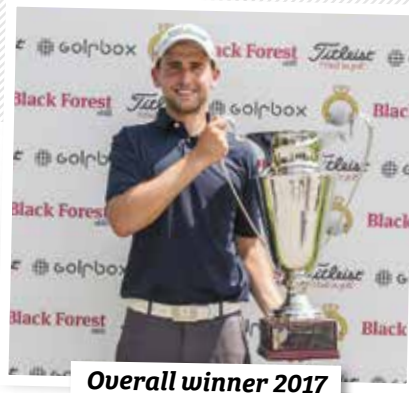
The Pro Golf Tour is ideal as a springboard to start your career in so far as you find a well-filled but not an overloaded tournament calendar. As a result there is enough time between the tournaments for your own training and to process the experiences you've had. The competition has also increased greatly on the tour continuously over the last few years and the best Pro Golf Tour players are generally also more than capable of competing on higher-ranking tours.

**What other experiences that you had on the Pro Golf Tour will help you progress further?**

The first time it's basically about earning a living with the sport. Playing for tangible amounts first of all makes acclimatisation a bit easier. Another aspect is definitely getting used to a lot of travelling and planning it ideally.

**What's your advice for players who also want to get into professional golf through the Pro Golf Tour?**

I would advise every player to be patient and work hard. I also think it's essential to see the profession as a job without losing your enjoyment of it. You have to invest all your energy in your own training for the Pro Golf Tour to be what it's intended for: a springboard and not a final destination.

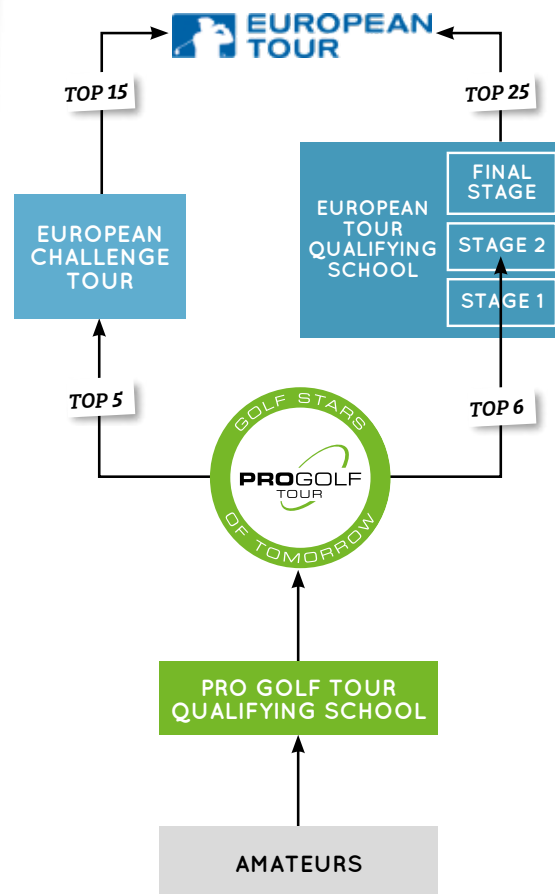


Nicolai von Dellingshausen celebrated three wins on the Pro Golf Tour in 2017 and was therefore immediately promoted to the Challenge Tour during the current season. At the end of the year he also won the overall ranking in the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit 2017.

## CLIMBERS

# The path to the Pro Golf Tour

The Pro Golf Tour is one of four official satellite tours alongside the PGA EuroPro Tour, the Alps Tour and the Nordic League. The Top 5 in the year's final ranking are authorised to tee off on the European Challenge Tour the following season. The top players are also exempt from Stage I of the European Tour Qualifying School.



**Florian Fritsch**

# "The Pro Golf Tour is very similar to the main tours!"

**Florian, how do you rate the Pro Golf Tour as a springboard into professional golf?**

The Pro Golf Tour is an important stop for every aspiring young pro. As the tournaments don't just take place in Central Europe but in North Africa too, they don't just include sporting elements but also organisational factors. The players have to learn how to organise and manage themselves. These are two very important areas. The playing standard is also very sound. There are enough good players to produce a sporting atmosphere.

**Is it an all-round successful tour for young talent?**

For what the Pro Golf Tour wants to be: yes! You move around a great deal, can play full season and also have to cope outside Europe. The prize money breakdown is also similar to the main tournaments so that you are forced to play well and hold your own over a longer period of time.

**Has the tour helped you in your personal sporting career?**

Yes. In my opinion it is important to learn to play a full season, to hold your own and also cope with fluctuations in performance. In comparison to this, for example, the European Tour Qualifying School shows time and time again that one good week in a year does not qualify a player to play consistently on the next level of tour. To learn this you have to give yourself the time to mature by



**Florian Fritsch won the Pro Golf Tour overall in 2013 and has in the meantime established himself on the European Tour. The tour player from Neckargemünd explains why the satellite tour prepares you really well for greater challenges.**

playing in lots of tournaments. That is exactly what the Pro Golf Tour offers.

**What are your fondest memories with regard to your time on the Pro Golf Tour?**

The camaraderie. We were all pretty broke and even the top five cannot actually finance a season with the prize money won. In this respect you have to find ways to keep costs down. This leads to you all pulling together and helping each other out. And this results in great and lasting friendships that I would not want to be without.

**What, would you say, distinguishes the Pro Golf Tour especially?**

I think the tour is really successful in trying to prepare young players for the next level of tours. From the prize money breakdown to the ranking and regular processes, the tour is very similar to the Challenge Tour and European Tour. That's the biggest sporting advantage of the Pro Golf Tour.

**What do you advise young players just starting their career on the Pro Golf Tour?**

Patience is important and a good team around you. And you should take the tour as what it is: a development tour to achieve great things later on.



**Florian Fritsch**

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The image shows special equipment sets.

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## Match play premiere and great golf

**There are 21 tournaments in total in seven different countries on the Pro Golf Tour calendar in the 2018 season. Prize money of 660,000 euros is being distributed and just as many points for the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit, the official tour ranking, are being issued in the process. For the first time the professionals will decide one of the tournament winners in a match play format.**

An early start to the tour on excellent courses in the sunny South, return to Central Europe to tried and tested venues at the end of April and top-class newcomers: The Pro Golf Tour 2018 season promises plenty of sporting highlights.

The tournament year starts with two events by the Red Sea in Egypt, followed by seven tournaments in Morocco. The tour has been fostering a close partnership with the Association du Trophée Hassan II de Golf since 2010. Austria is represented on the tournament calendar three times this year, the players are travelling to the Czech Republic and to Poland. At the Broekpolder International Open the tour returns to the Netherlands: from 5 to 7 July players compete for another EUR 30,000 prize money in Vlaardingen. Six tournaments in total are scheduled in Germany this summer, the newcomers here are the Leipziger Golf Open 2018 (6 to 8 August) at the Golf & Country Club Leipzig with EUR 40,000 prize money and the NEW GOLF CLUB Match Play Championship 2018 that is being held at New Golf Club Neu-Ulm from 2 to 5 September and, as the name already reveals, is being organised in a match play format. The battle is then on for EUR 50,000 prize money and the awarding of the promotion tickets to the Challenge Tour 2019 at the grand tour finale, the Castanea Resort Championship 2018.

The venues for all the Pro Golf Tour 2018 order of merit tournaments and the qualifying school for the 2019 season at GC Paderborner Land are on pages 20 and 21 of this brochure.

Verena Kuhlank

## "Everyone enjoyed this tournament!"

**What did you and your members think of the Pro Golf Tour tournament last summer?**

It was fantastic to be able to organise a high-ranking tournament again after 30 years. Normally, closed courses for tournaments are not endorsed by our members but this was different this time. Everyone enjoyed the energy and great mood that the upcoming professionals brought to our golf club. The interest in excellent quality golf was huge, which was also confirmed by the many spectators, especially during the final round. It was of course a special highlight for our youngsters to practice together with for example Nicolai von Dellingshausen and our local hero Clemens Prader.



**Golfclub Zell am See**

Chief Executive Officer

**Did you receive feedback after the tournament?**

The feedback was 100 percent positive. Golfers from our neighbouring clubs were also on site and accompanied the Pro Golf Tour players on the round. There was wide coverage in the local media, e.g. the Salzburger Nachrichten. We were particularly delighted by a two-minute report in ORF sport at prime time. Two days later there was also a 30-minute report on ORF Sport+.

**Did your club also attract attention from external (green fee) players due to the tournament?**

I was at tournaments in Germany several times last summer and was spoken to time and time again: "You were hosting the Pro Golf Tour!"

**What awaits players this year?**

When we host the tour this year from 19th to 21st July the tournament is going to take place on our championship course "Schmittenhöhe".





**Marcel Schneider**

The German Marcel Schneider was promoted to the Challenge Tour as the winner of the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit in 2014. He secured the right to play the European Tour in the 2018 season in the final stage of the European Tour Qualifying School in 2017, as did the former Order of Merit runner-up Sebastian Heisele.

There were  
**2,548 starts**  
for players at 21 Pro Golf Tour  
tournaments during  
the **2017 season**

During the 2017 season  
**46 players**  
on average made  
**the cut per tournament**,  
which was one over par  
on average

Tournament Director  
**Simon Bowler** will  
travel a total of  
**33,577**  
kilometres

to the tournaments  
from the Pro Golf  
Tour head office in  
Munich during the  
2018 season



Thanks to  
**three wins**  
each, the two Germans  
**Nicolai von Dellingshausen** and  
**Max Schmitt** both qualified immediately  
for the Challenge Tour



**Max Schmitt**

The German Max Schmitt achieved an albatross at the Gradi Golf Club in Wroclaw in Poland when he shot a hole-in-one on the 4th hole, a 276 metre long par 4

The German  
**Hinrich Arkenau** achieved

**the third 59**

in the tour's history at  
Bochumer Golf Club.  
The other two legendary  
rounds were achieved by  
Martin Kaymer in the 2006  
season at Am Habsberg  
GC and the Dutchman  
Robin Kind in 2015,  
who was also successful  
at Bochum GC

**The best winning  
score in 2017**

was recorded by  
German Hinrich  
Arkenau with

**24 under par**

at the Sparkassen  
Open at Bochumer GC.  
On average 12 under  
par was good enough  
last year to win



## HEROES & HISTORY

### MILESTONES

**1997**

Foundation of the Pro Golf Tour under the former name EPD Tour (European Professional Development Tour)

**2001**

Official recognition of the tour by the European Tour as a satellite tour and therefore an official feeder tour for the Challenge Tour

**2005**

PGA of Germany acquires the tour and runs it

**2006**

Langer Sport Marketing acquires company shares, the PGA of Germany remains the main shareholder of the tour



**2006**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Score	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	3	59

Martin Kaymer plays a German record at the Habsberg Classic with a 59 round. In the same year he wins the Order of Merit with five tournament wins, is promoted to the Challenge Tour and onto the European Tour

**2013**

Renaming of the EPD Tour into Pro Golf Tour with the slogan "Golf Stars of Tomorrow"

The German Golf Association (Deutscher Golf Verband) becomes a Pro Golf Tour partner and regularly receives starting places for the association's top amateurs

**2015**

The Pro Golf Tour results are recognised for the world golf ranking

# Website, App & Social Media: the Pro Golf Tour online

Tournament reports and previews, pictures, graphics and results: the Pro Golf Tour keeps members, fans and supporters informed on its own, dual-language website and uses the social media channels Facebook and Twitter for communication and interaction. The tour also has a presence in national and international print and online media with up to 45 press releases per season thanks to extensive PR work. With the takeover of the Pro Golf Tour by the PGA of Germany in the 2005 season, the satellite tour was given its own comprehensive website. In 2018 this website was fully relaunched. All the important information about tournaments and events is available there in English ([www.pro-golf-tour.com](http://www.pro-golf-tour.com))

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[golf-tour.com](http://golf-tour.com)) and German ([www.progolftour.de](http://www.progolftour.de)). In 2017 more than 170 editorial articles were published on the websites of the Pro Golf Tour. The Pro Golf Tour has been using the social media channels Facebook and Twitter for communication with members and fans since 2010. More than 4,500 likes on Facebook (status as of: 1 February 2018) and more than 1,000 Twitter followers are testament to the high demand for faster information and exclusive image material. The post's reach on tournament days is up to 50,000 readers. The posts report on all the Pro Golf Tour tournaments and events and on players' outstanding performances. The PGA iPhone app also offers a convenient live scoring module on match days.

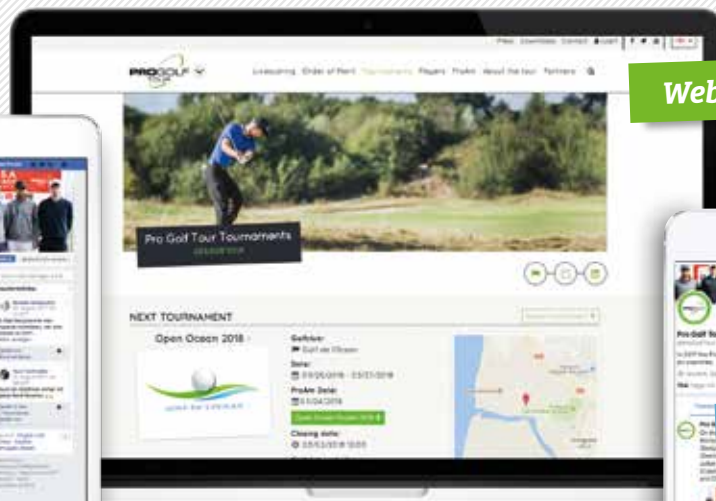
## International PR work

All the tour's activities are supported by intensive PR work. More than 500 media in the German-speaking region as well as leading international golf sports media receive the Pro Golf Tour press releases and report in words and pictures on a regular basis. Select events are accompanied by film. Videos and player interviews can be seen on TV and on the Pro Golf Tour websites.



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**Bernhard Langer**

# "The Pro Golf Tour is a fantastic opportunity"

**//** When I went with my Mother for careers advice in Augsburg in 1972, I'd just turned 15, and said that I wanted to be a golf professional, the documents there were checked with the outcome: this profession doesn't exist! The profession did exist but much of what is available today that young tour players benefit from didn't actually exist back then. First and foremost, there wasn't a competition level back then where I would have been able to test out whether I was good enough to be able to live from golf. The only tour was the European Tour and to be able to play there at all as a rookie meant coming at least second in the Monday qualifiers. Starting a tour player career in this way was as tough as it was educational but it was ultimately also a huge risk.

Thanks to a tour like the Pro Golf Tour, young players today have an exceptionally good opportunity to put themselves and their own skills to the test. The Pro Golf Tour is a platform for international competition that gives everyone the chance to start their professional career in an uncomplicated way. It leads onto the Challenge Tour for the best and you can manage to get onto the European Tour from there. This fantastic opportunity to gain competition practice, play on challenging golf courses and compete with international opponents is just what young players



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**Bernhard Langer**

Series winner of the PGA Tour Champions  
& PGA of Germany Player of the Year 2017

need to prepare for life on one of the major tours. And that is exactly what a satellite tour must be: an environment to test out your own playing strength at a high level with little risk. It's not about earning prize money to permanently earn a living on the Pro Golf Tour. It's about acquiring skills that are the basis for a career as a tour player during weekly matches. Providing young talent with these competition opportunities is the aim, in fact the mission of the Pro Golf Tour. And it has been fulfilling this mission in the best conceivable manner for years."

# "I feel ready and prepared for the Challenge Tour"

**"I played very consistently last year, with a lot of top 5 and top 10 results.**

I really enjoyed playing on the Pro Golf Tour, as we have the opportunity here to compete full season on throughout good to excellent courses. We also get the feeling that the people responsible for the tour really look after us players. It was my goal to finish in the top 5, I've managed that and I'm very happy in this respect, even though I wasn't able to win a tournament. However, it really is anything but easy to win on this tour with very strong players. I feel ready and prepared for the Challenge Tour nevertheless. In order to be ready for my 2018 season I will again tee off at the Pro Golf Tour events in Egypt and Morocco."



**Pedro Figueiredo**

Challenge Tour Qualifier 2017

**Portugal**



**Max Schmitt**

Challenge Tour Qualifier 2017

**Germany**

"I'm really grateful to have been allowed to play ten Pro Golf Tour tournaments as an amateur in 2017, and of course absolutely delighted that I was able to win three times. The playing standard on the Pro Golf Tour is very high in any case, particularly among the top 40. The courses that we play on are good and it's fun to compete with outstanding players on this tour."

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**"The Pro Golf Tour is an integral part of the competitive golf system in Germany,** and the DGV is a close partner supporting PGA of Germany here. The Pro Golf Tour is a superb opportunity for young talented players considering a career in professional golf to assess their own prospects and

get an ideal of where they are. For young playing professionals the tour allows them to define their position and at the same time is the springboard to the European elite, the Challenge Tour and European Tour. Anyone who established themselves at the top continuously over a period of two to three years on the Pro Golf Tour has proven: 'I can do it and I am on the right path!' Gaining self-confidence through success, coping with and using defeats, perfecting your game, leading a professional life and last but not least learning to develop the right attitude for a tough life on tour – that's what the Pro Golf Tour offers. If it didn't already exist, it would have to be developed as quickly as possible. The Pro Golf Tour is essential for developing golf in Germany further."



**Marcus Neumann**

German Golf Association  
Member of the Board – SPORTS

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**Martin Kaymer**

# "The Pro Golf Tour is the perfect way!"

## How do you rate the Pro Golf Tour as a spring-board into professional golf?

The Pro Golf Tour is the perfect way to transition from amateur to pro. You are immediately playing at a high level, have the comparison with your colleagues and can win prize money by producing good results that at least cover your costs. My time on the Pro Golf Tour was an experience that I would not want to have missed out on.

## What do you fondly remember when you think back to your just under half a year on the Tour?

I often think back to that time. I always drove my own car to tournaments, had lots of time to think about what I had to work on and was able to gain my first important experiences as a professional. I will also never forget Bernd Kraft, who is the unique starter of the tour's tournaments since many years. It was a really wonderful time.

**"The former EPD Tour, today's Pro Golf Tour, was the ideal stepping stone to professional golf for me. The tournaments are organised and delivered very professionally, the courses are extremely well maintained and challenging, and the competition on the tour, which I still follow with interest, is getting stronger and stronger. I don't think there's a better opportunity anywhere in Europe for a young ambitious player to be introduced to professional golf today, gain experience in tournaments and then start on their career path to the European Tour through the Pro Golf Tour."**

## Is it a successful tour?

In my opinion, yes. For young people in their early 20s who could turn their passion into their job it is the perfect stepping stone into working life and also the world of professional golf. Naturally you have to learn to organise yourself and to prepare yourself but that is something that is very helpful to your further career path as a pro.

## Did the tour help you on your way?

Definitely. The courses that you play during the tournaments are usually in top condition but not quite as difficult as those on the Challenge Tour or European Tour. It is therefore a perfect first step as you are not overwhelmed by the difficulty straight away and can gradually get used to a higher level. In addition, you have a direct comparison with quite a few other very good players.

**US OPEN 2014**

**Martin Kaymer from Mettmann/Germany is the most famous former member of the Pro Golf Tour. He won the ranking list in 2006 with five tournament wins, played a new German record round of 59 at the Habsberg Classic and qualified in the same year for the European Tour via the Challenge Tour (two wins). He climbed to first place in the world golf ranking on 28th February 2011 and in the meantime also has two Major titles to his name.**



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**ProAm GC Starnberg**

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At the ProAm professionals – below Swiss Marco Iten (2nd from the left) – and amateurs compete together in a team.



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## PROAM 2018

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- ★ Use of driving range
- ★ Refreshments on the course
- ★ Participation in the ProAm entertainment programme



# "The Tour's greatest strength is the very extensive tournament calendar"

**"2017 was a very successful year for me and the direct promotion to the Challenge Tour after just one season is of course the ideal scenario.** You don't know where you stand at all at the start. The standard is sure to be a bit higher on the Challenge Tour but I am very confident that I can prove myself there as well. The Pro Golf Tour's greatest strength is the really very extensive tournament calendar with tournaments from January to September. This forces you to play really consistently and constantly produce a stable performance throughout the whole year. Only those that can manage this are among the leaders in the end. The tour provided us professionals with a good standard."



**Marco Iten**

Challenge Tour Qualifier 2017

**Switzerland**



**Stanislav Matus**

Challenge Tour Qualifier 2017

**Czech Republic**

**"The promotion to the 2018 Challenge Tour was my ultimate goal and I am very happy that this finally worked out. I know that I definitely have to improve my putting – there's still a long way to go. What I particularly like on the Pro Golf Tour is that we can constantly play great tournaments throughout, from January to September – that's really fantastic."**



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## "THE TOURNAMENT IS A GOOD FIT WITH STARNBERG GC!"

**Why did you decide to be a host for the Pro Golf Tour?**

The Starnberg GC stands for sportiness and has a strong commitment to developing golf as a sport. Having watched the final tournament in Adendorf in 2016, it was clear to us that this tournament fits very well with our own golf club.



**Dr. Werner Proebstl**

President of Starnberg GC

**What advantages do you see in presenting yourself as a stage for professional golf?**

We have another opportunity to present our superbly maintained course to the public and also to show that this venue is a golf club with all its high standards that is open to the sport and whose members have a very welcoming culture.

**What do the members think of hosting the Pro Golf Tour at their golf club again in 2018?**

The members meeting voted in favour of being a venue by an overwhelming majority. They are very happy and perhaps even a little bit proud that this tournament is taking place at our club again in 2018 with high class international players competing on our golf course.



### Red Sea Egyptian Classic

16.01. – 18.01.2018

ProAm: 19.01.2018

Golf Club Ain Sokhna  
Ain Sokhna, Egypt  
[www.sokhnagolfclub.com](http://www.sokhnagolfclub.com)



### Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic

22.01. – 24.01.2018

Golf Club Ain Sokhna  
Ain Sokhna, Egypt  
[www.sokhnagolfclub.com](http://www.sokhnagolfclub.com)



### Open Prestigia

04.02. – 06.02.2018

ProAm: 03.02.2018

The Tony Jacklin Casablanca  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.prestigiagolf.com](http://www.prestigiagolf.com)



### Open Casa Green Golf

08.02. – 10.02.2018

ProAm: 11.02.2018

Casa Green Golf Club  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.casagreengolf.com](http://www.casagreengolf.com)



### Open Madaef

25.02. – 27.02.2018

ProAm: 24.02.2018

Pullman El Jadida Royal Golf & Spa  
El Jadida, Morocco  
[www.pullmanhotels.com](http://www.pullmanhotels.com)



### Open Palmeraie Country Club

01.03. – 03.03.2018

ProAm: 04.03.2018

Palmeraie Golf & Country Club  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.palmeraieresorts.com/en/golf/](http://www.palmeraieresorts.com/en/golf/)



### Open Ocean

25.03. – 27.03.2018

ProAm: 24.03.2018

Golf de l'Océan  
Agadir, Morocco  
[www.golfdelocéan.com](http://www.golfdelocéan.com)



### Open Tazegzout

29.03. – 31.03.2018

ProAm: 01.04.2018

Tazegzout Golf  
Tazegzout, Morocco  
[www.tazegzout.com](http://www.tazegzout.com)



**Ain Sokhna**



**Tazegzout Golf**





**Castanea Resort**



**Open Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia**

**04.04. – 06.04.2018**

**ProAm: 07.04.2018**

Mohammedia Royal Golf Club  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.rgam.ma](http://www.rgam.ma)



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**Haugschlag NÖ Open**

**25.04. – 27.04.2018**

**ProAm: 24.04.2018**

Golfresort Haugschlag  
Haugschlag, Austria  
[www.golfresort.at](http://www.golfresort.at)



**YPSILON**

**EXTEC Trophy  
by ATOMIC DRINKS**

**11.05. – 13.05.2018**

Ypsilon Golf Resort Liberec  
Liberec, Czech Republic  
[www.ugolf.cz](http://www.ugolf.cz)



**GOLFCLUB  
ST. PÖLTEN**

**Raiffeisen  
Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten**  
presented by Elation Travel

**30.05.-01.06.2018**

Golfclub St. Pölten  
Neidling, Austria  
[www.noe-golfclub.at](http://www.noe-golfclub.at)



**Golfclub Zell  
am See-Kaprun**



**Glashofen - Neusaß e.V.**

**McNeill Open sponsored by**

**KUHN Maßkonfektion**

**17.06. – 19.06.2018**

**ProAm: 16.06.2018**

Golfclub Glashofen Neusaß  
Walldürn-Neusaß, Germany  
[www.golfclub-glashofen-neusass.de](http://www.golfclub-glashofen-neusass.de)



**Gradi PGA Polish Masters**

**25.06. – 27.06.2018**

**ProAm: 24.06.2018**

Gradi Golf Club  
Prusice, Poland  
[www.palacbrzezno.pl](http://www.palacbrzezno.pl)



**Golfclub Broekpolder**

**Broekpolder  
International Open**

**05.07. – 07.07.2018**

**ProAm: 04.07.2018**

Golfclub Broekpolder  
HD Vlaardingen, Netherlands  
[www.golfclub-broekpolder.nl](http://www.golfclub-broekpolder.nl)



**Gut Bissenmoor Classic**

**12.07. – 14.07.2018**

**ProAm: 11.07.2018**

Golf & Country Club  
Gut Bissenmoor  
Bad Bramstedt, Germany  
[www.gut-bissenmoor.de](http://www.gut-bissenmoor.de)



**Zell am See- Kaprun Open**

presented by SalzburgerLand

**19.07. – 21.07.2018**

**ProAm: 22.07.2018**

Golfclub Zell am See-Kaprun  
Zell am See, Austria  
[www.golf-zellamsee.at](http://www.golf-zellamsee.at)



**Leipziger Golf Open**

**06.08. – 08.08.2018**

**ProAm: 05.08.2018 / 09.08.2018**

Golf & Country Club Leipzig  
Leipzig, Germany  
[www.gccleipzig.de](http://www.gccleipzig.de)



**Golf & Country Club  
Leipzig**

**CLUBS & HOSTS**



**Starnberg Open**

**16.08. – 18.08.2018**

**ProAm: 15.08.2018**

GolfClub Starnberg e.V.  
Starnberg, Germany  
[www.gcstarnberg.de](http://www.gcstarnberg.de)



**NEW GOLF CLUB**

**Matchplay Championship**

**02.09. – 05.09.2018**

**ProAm: 01.09.2018**

New Golf Club  
Neu-Ulm, Germany  
[www.newgolfclub.de](http://www.newgolfclub.de)



**Castanea Resort  
Championship**

**24.09. – 26.09.2018**

**ProAm: 23.09.2018**

Golfresort Adendorf  
Adendorf, Germany  
[www.golf-adendorf.de](http://www.golf-adendorf.de)



**Pro Golf Tour - Qualifying  
School**

**09.10. – 12.10.2018**

Golf Club Paderborner Land  
Salzkotten, Germany  
[www.gcpaderbornerland.de](http://www.gcpaderbornerland.de)



**Gradi Golf Club**



**GC Starnberg**

## TOURNAMENTS

# Marketing with the Pro Golf Tour

Just as the Pro Golf Tour is becoming more and more popular with Europe's playing professionals, more and more clubs are also using the tour as a marketing and PR instrument. "Since we stage the Pro Golf Tour, there is a noticeable rise in green fee revenue and visitors from distant clubs, too", says Dale Christopher Habbe, Managing Director of the Golf & Country Club Gut Bissenmoor, a Pro Golf Tour venue since 2014. "The international atmosphere on the course is unique. We can experience top-class golf up close." Positive feedback is even received from members who were initially sceptical. Habbe: "For us the tournament is the highlight of the year. Our members are delighted and proud that it is held here. We want to position ourselves in the world of sport, change our image and raise our profile. This marketing measure really pays off."



**Mark Rothballer**

Pro Golf Tour Manager

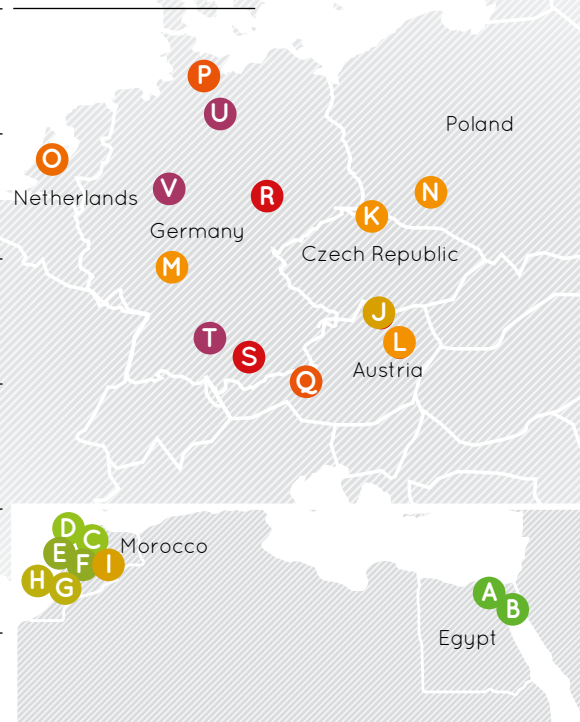
Clubs that would like to be a Pro Golf Tour host, should please contact Tour Manager Mark Rothballer (rothballer@progolftour.de, Telephone: +49(0)89-179588 48).

## BENEFITS FOR HOSTS

- ★ Official Pro Golf Tour venue
- ★ Host of a satellite tour tournament
- ★ Use of the Pro Golf Tour logo
- ★ Raising of golf course profile
- ★ Top-class ProAm for members and partners
- ★ Professional course preparation
- ★ Presence in print and online media
- ★ Presence in national and international press
- ★ International tournament atmosphere with GOLF STARS OF TOMORROW from 25 countries

## SCHEDULE 2018 SEASON

<b>JAN 16 - 18</b> <b>A</b> Red Sea Egyptian Classic	<b>MAY/JUN 30 - 01</b> <b>L</b> Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten presented by Elation Travel	<b>AUG 06 - 08</b> <b>R</b> Leipziger Golf Open
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<b>Feb 08 - 10</b> <b>D</b> Open Casa Green Golf	<b>JUL 05 - 07</b> <b>O</b> Broekpolder International Open	<b>SEP 24 - 26</b> <b>U</b> Castanea Resort Championship
<b>Feb 25 - 27</b> <b>E</b> Open Madaef	<b>JUL 12 - 14</b> <b>P</b> Gut Bissenmoor Classic	<b>OCT 09 - 12</b> <b>V</b> Pro Golf Tour - Qualifying School
<b>MAR 01 - 03</b> <b>F</b> Open Palmeraie Country Club	<b>JUL 19 - 21</b> <b>Q</b> Zell am See - Kaprun Open presented by SalzburgerLand	
<b>MAR 25 - 27</b> <b>G</b> Open Ocean		
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<b>APR 04 - 06</b> <b>I</b> Open Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia		
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