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Partnership

The past few years have shown: only those who get off to a good start in the respective tour season have a chance to occupy one of the coveted promotion spots and successfully make their way to the Challenge Tour and finally to the European Tour via the Pro Golf Tour. Our cooperation with the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association has enabled us to offer our players the perfect start to the golf and tournament season for many years. We have been organising tournaments for our members together with the Moroccan golf organisation, which is also responsible for the highly endowed European Tour and the Ladies European Tour events, for a decade now. And no matter whether it's in Agadir or Essaouira, in Casablanca, Rabat, Fez or Marrakesh: Morocco always stands for excellent golf courses and guarantees every tour player a challenging and well maintained championship course. On pages 6 and 7 of this season's Pro Golf Tour magazine we highlight the extremely successful partnership with Morocco; we are celebrating it on the course with a total of eight tournaments this year. The highlight will undoubtedly be the premiere of the "Open Michlifen 2019" in April, endowed with 40,000 euros, where anyone who wants to have a say at the end of the season when it comes to promotion will have to do well. I am proud that we can once again offer our members a full tour calendar with 21

tournaments in seven countries. I would like to highlight two other events besides the Open Michlifen: the Leipziger Golf Open, which celebrated its fantastic premiere last year, is endowed with a generous 45,000 euros this year, so the agenda will be set here in terms of promotion to the Challenge Tour at the very latest. And once again we will be determining the overall winner of the Pro Golf Tour 2019 and the five newcomers to the European Challenge Tour 2020 at the Castanea Resort. The prize money for the tour final will once again be 50,000 euros, which ensures that the cards are completely reshuffled once more and the audience will definitely experience an exciting end to the season again. "If the Pro Golf Tour didn't already exist, it would have to be invented," says Marcus Neumann, Member of the Board of the German Golf Association. Fortunately, it has been around for over 20 years, under the leadership of the PGA of Germany since 2005. I wish all the Pro Golf Tour players and fans an exciting as well as outstanding 2019 season on perfectly prepared courses with superb results.

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

FOREWORD & FACTS

PRO GOLF TOUR 2019

7 countries

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

21 tournaments

There are 21 competitions in total at first-class golf courses on the tour calendar between 15th January and 2nd October.

180 players

Up to 180 players from 25 different nations are appearing at the competitions.

675.000 euros prize money

At 18 tournaments a prize money of 30,000 euros is distributed, the Open Michlifen offers 40,000 euros, the Leipziger Golf Open even 45,000 euros. The season finale Castanea Resort Championship is traditionally endowed with 50,000 euros.

5 promotion spots

The Top 5 in the final Order of Merit for the year 2019 qualify for the European Challenge Tour 2020.



Graduates

The Top 5 of the 2018 Pro Golf Tour ranking: Mateusz Gradecki, Chris Robb, Craig Howie, Jonas Kölbinger and Mathieu Decottignies-Lafon.

Pro Golf Tour: "GOLF STARS OF TOMORROW"

The Pro Golf Tour is taking place for the 23rd time in 2019. 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. "This recognition of the sporting importance of our tour is wonderful confirmation that we are on the



Ondrej Lieser & Mateusz Gradecki
Czech Republic & Poland

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. The PGA of Germany with its headquarter in Munich is running the Pro Golf Tour since 2005.

"The Pro Golf Tour offers a great opportunity especially at the start of the year to test your skills on high quality courses under good conditions. Good weather and strong competition prepared me perfectly for the coming tournament season."



Jonas Kölbing

Challenge Tour 2019

Germany

Excellent courses, flawless organisation and high-calibre sport are trademarks of the PGT

"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 180 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.

CRAIG HOWIE

"The Pro Golf Tour is a great opportunity to start a career!"

Congratulations on winning the Pro Golf Tour 2018 overall and being directly promoted to the Challenge Tour, Craig Howie. 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 a great opportunity for professionals to start their careers. It offers the option to play regularly against top-class players from January to September. I chose the tour because of the fantastic calendar, which offers great advantages especially in the winter months when others take a break.

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

I learned more about a pro's travel requirements on tour. Coming from Scotland, I had to fly to every tournament this year. I feel like I'm well prepared for the Challenge Tour and European Tour travel requirements now. I've also got used to the kind of results that the pros bring onto the course. If you don't play under par, you probably won't make the cut. You have to learn quickly that even-par is no longer a good result. All in all I made a lot of valuable experiences that I will remember throughout my whole career.



Overall winner 2018

Craig Howie won the title of the Leipziger Golf Open in 2018 and three more second places during the season. The Scotsman took the PGT Order of Merit trophy at the end of the year.

Which event do you have particularly fond memories of?

My first professional victory in Leipzig of course. This very satisfying week helped me finally win the Order of Merit. I also made great friends, particularly with my compatriots.

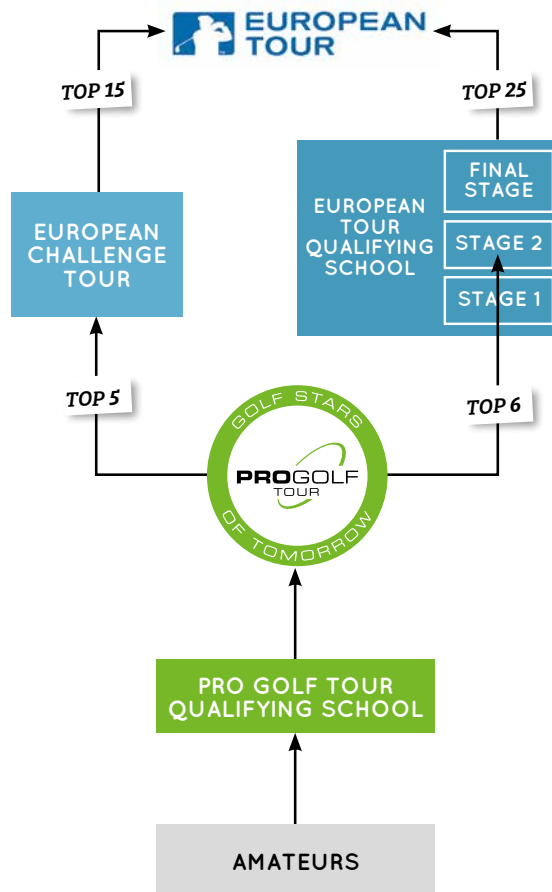
What's your advice for players who also want to get into professional golf through the PGT?

Play well! And be patient! For example, things didn't go according to plan at the beginning of the season for me, but I found my form by the end of the summer. If you're not patient, you are just putting obstacles in your own way.

CLIMBERS

From PGT to the European 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.



Morocco 10 years

Excellent golf courses, guaranteed sunshine and perfect support from the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association team: the Pro Golf Tour has been a guest in Morocco and offering its members an excellent start to the new tournament season since 2010.

"What the Pro Golf Tour regularly achieves here in Morocco is something you simply have to take your hat off to!" It's not just German player Moritz Lampert, winner of the Open Madaef Golfs 2019, who appreciates that the Pro Golf Tour has been offering its members an excellent opportunity to start the tour season in the sunny south for ten years now. The Pro Golf Tour's cooperation with Morocco or rather the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association, the Moroccan golf organisation, which is also responsible for the Ladies European Tour and European Tour tournaments in Morocco, has made a crucial contribution to this high quality offer. And the partnership is constantly growing.



The Michlifen Golf & Resort in Ifrane will host the Pro Golf Tour for the first time this season. The Open Michlifen 2019 is endowed with 40,000 euros prize money.

This year there are eight Pro Golf Tour tournaments on the programme; five are taking place in the Casablanca region in February and March. Afterwards, the tour will move on to Agadir, Tazegzout and to Ifrane, for the first time. The "Open Michlifen" premiere is scheduled to take place there, in the mountainous region near Fez, from 9 to 11 April. The Pro Golf Tour will be a guest at the "Le Michlifen Golf & Country Club" for the first time. The resort features an 18-hole championship course designed by Jack Nicklaus and provides a high-calibre setting for the closing event of the 2019 Morocco series.



HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Hassan II Golf Trophy Association has been a partner to the Pro Golf Tour in Morocco for ten years now (www.ath.ma).



Daniel Froreich

The German Daniel Alexander Froreich was the first PGT winner in Morocco in 2010 as champion of the Al Maaden Classic.



Tiago Cruz

Tiago Cruz from Portugal won the second PGT tournament in Morocco with the Samanah Classic 2010.



Marcel Haremza

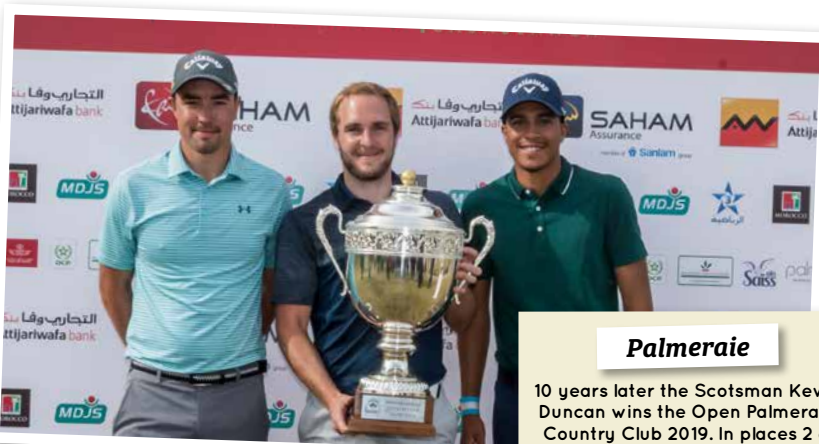
Marcel Haremza (Germany) was the third champion in Morocco to be entered in the Amelkis Classic 2010 winner's list.

WILDCARD FOR THE TROPHÉE HASSAN II

It has been worth performing particularly well in the Pro Golf Tour's tournaments in Morocco in several respects since the 2015 season. On the one hand, the players lay the foundation in North Africa for their possible promotion to the European Challenge Tour later on. But they also have the chance to win a wildcard for the Trophée Hassan II, the European Tour tournament in Morocco. The German Martin Keskari (photo) managed to do this in 2015 by performing best in the eight Pro Golf Tour tournaments in Morocco. Details at hassan2golftrophy.com.



The tournament is endowed with the top prize money of 40,000 euros. The host country and Pro Golf Tour are also celebrating their successful ten-year partnership with this event. "We are delighted to be able to acknowledge this extremely fruitful and enjoyable cooperation with a new tournament," says Rainer Goldrian, Pro Golf Tour Managing Director. "Morocco enables us to start the season early in the year on excellent courses and under good conditions, which is crucial for the players' sporting development and therefore for their careers." "We are extremely grateful for that!"



Palmeraie

10 years later the Scotsman Kevin Duncan wins the Open Palmeraie Country Club 2019. In places 2 & 3: Darren Walkley (England) and Ahmed Marjan (Morocco/right).

Teamwork

Ten years have passed since the partnership between the Pro Golf Tour and ATH resulted in the Atlas Pro Tour, a series of tournaments for professionals in Morocco. This anniversary is proof of the close relationship between our two institutions, which have joined forces to develop the sport of golf. This partnership has continued to grow over the years.



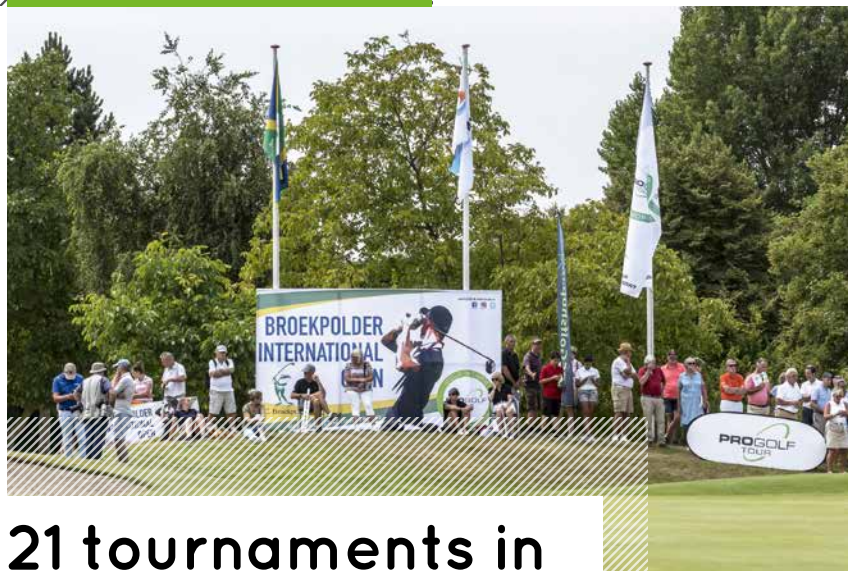
Mustapha Zine

Deputy Chairman
Hassan II Golf Trophy
Association

We started with three tournaments in 2010 and there are now eight tournaments scheduled in the 2019 season. We work closely together in this way for almost six months a year, giving hundreds of players from all over the world the opportunity to discover the diversity of Morocco's golf landscape.

In addition to the synergies and common objectives that unite us, the close ties that our teams have established during the events are a sign of the success of this collaboration. These tournaments also give our Moroccan talents the opportunity to compete with players from all over the world, and grow and improve as a result.

The Hassan II Golf Trophy Association is very happy to be working with the Pro Golf Tour and looks forward to expanding this successful partnership with great optimism.



21 tournaments in seven countries

The Pro Golf Tour offers its members a widely varied tournament calendar with attractive prize money in the 2019 season too: the professionals are playing for 675,000 euros prize money in 21 tournaments between 15 January and 2 October. The journey includes stops in Egypt, Morocco, Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, the Netherlands and Germany.

An early start to the tour on excellent courses in the sunny South, a return to Central Europe to tried and tested venues at the end of April and top-class newcomers: the Pro Golf Tour 2019 season promises plenty of sporting highlights. The tournament year starts with two events by the Red Sea in Egypt, followed by eight tournaments in Morocco. Five of these events are taking place in the Casablanca region in February and March. Afterwards, the tour will move on to Agadir, Tazegzout and, for the first time, to Ifrane. The "Open Michlifen" premiere is scheduled to take place there, in the mountainous region near the city of Fez, from 9 to 11 April. The prize money for the closing event to the 2019 Morocco Series has been increased to 40,000 euros (see pages 6/7). Traditionally, the second half of the season begins in April with the Haugschlag NÖ Open, where prize

Pro Golf Tour members will travel to the Netherlands in mid-July for the second edition of the Broekpolder International Open. The favourites include the Dutch player Maarten Bosch (right).



money of 30,000 euros is at stake, like in mid-May at the EXTEC Trophy by Atomic Drinks in Liberec, Czech Republic, and at the beginning of June at the KUHN Maßkonfektion Open at the GC Glashofen-Neusaß in Walldürn-Neusaß. The Czech Classic 2019 at the Golf Resort Kaskáda in Brno and the Polish Open at the Gradi Golf Club north of Wrocław are each endowed with 30,000 euros.

Following the extremely successful premiere in the 2018 season, the Pro Golf Tour will then return to Leipzig and the Golf & Country Club there. The Leipziger Golf Open is endowed with a 45,000 euros this year, so the agenda will be set here in terms of promotion to the Challenge Tour at the very latest. The second edition of the Broekpolder International Open will take place in the Netherlands from 11 to 13 July, and the classic "Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten presented by Elation Travel" will take players to Austria for the second time this year in July. The Starnberg Open is scheduled to take place from 16 to 18 August and the tour players will finally determine the winner of the Castanea Resort Championship 2019 as well as the overall winner of the Pro Golf Tour 2019 and the five newcomers to the European Challenge Tour 2020 at Castanea Resort from 30 September to 2 October.

The details for all the Pro Golf Tour 2019 Order of Merit tournaments and the Qualifying School for the 2020 season at GC Paderborner Land are listed from page 21 onwards.



The German **Max Schmitt** was promoted to the Challenge Tour as second in the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit in 2017. He secured the

right to play the European Tour

in the 2019 season in the final stage of the European Tour Qualifying School in 2018, as did Pedro Figueiredo from Portugal who was fourth in the Order of Merit back then.

Tournament Director **Simon Bowler** will travel a total of

37,576 kilometres

to the tournaments from the Pro Golf Tour head office in Munich during the 2019 season.



In the 2018 season there were

2,898 starts

for players at 21 Pro Golf Tour tournaments



Mathieu Decottignies-Lafon from France and the Czech **Ondrej Lieser** (photo) finished the Polish Open 2018 with 18 under par each. The subsequent

sudden death play-off lasted 10 holes

and almost broke a record from 1949, when a play-off of the PGA Tour went over 11 holes. Nevertheless, the two Pro Golf Tour players set a new European record and were both delighted with the Frenchman's victory putt.

The best winning score in 2018 was recorded at the Gradi Golf Club by the Frenchman **Mathieu Decottignies-Lafon** with 18 under par at the Polish Open. On average

12 under par

was enough last year to win.



During the 2018 season the players achieved

24 eagles and 864 birdies per tournament on average.

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

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533	463	183	327	338	363	141	429	357	2,825		
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36	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	36	72

Habsberg Classic
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Germany
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Round 2: Habsberg

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, Instagram 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-](http://www.pro-golf-tour.com)

golf-tour.com) and German (www.progolftour.de). In 2018 more than 70 editorial articles were published on the websites of the Pro Golf Tour. The Pro Golf Tour has been using the social media channels Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for communication with members and fans since 2010. More than 5,000 likes on Facebook (status as of: 1 February 2019) 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 worldwide. The PGA iPhone app also offers a convenient live scoring module on match days.



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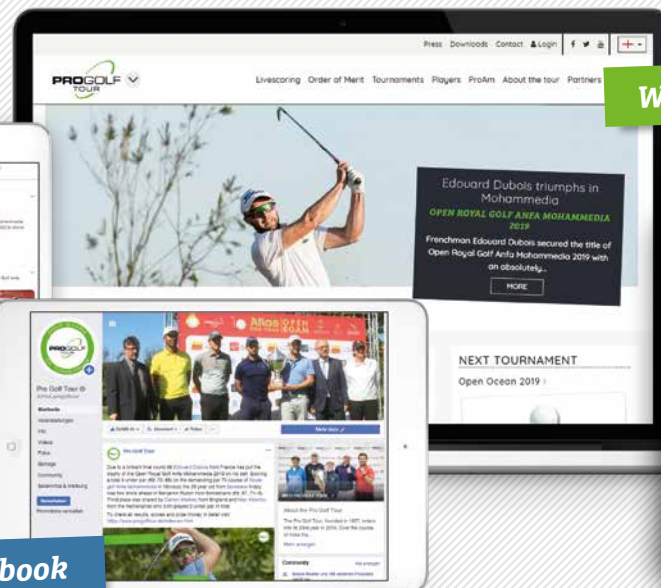
All the tour's activities are supported by intensive PR work. More than 500 media in the German-speaking region as well as leading international golf sports media receive the Pro Golf Tour press releases and report in words and pictures on a regular basis. Select events are accompanied by film. Videos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



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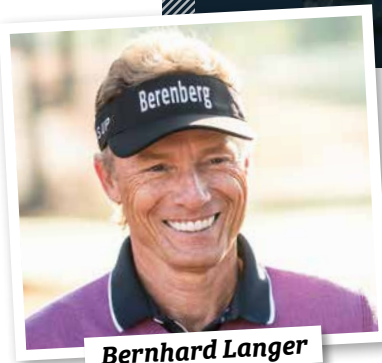
Bernhard Langer

"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



PICTURE: STEFAN VON STENGEL

**Bernhard Langer**

**No. 1 of the PGA Tour Champions,
Charles Schwab Cup winner 2018 and
PGA of Germany Player of the Year 2018**

competition practice, play on challenging golf courses and compete with international opponents is just what young players 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."

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 the Pro Golf Tour a successful tour in your opinion and an important stage for players?

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 on the European Tour. It is therefore a perfect first step as you are not overwhelmed by the difficulty straight away and you can gradually get used to a higher level. In addition, you have a direct comparison with quite a few other very good players.

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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"The Pro Golf Tour has been a great part of competitive golf in Germany for more than 20 years,

with the DGV regarding it as an important building block for golf development in its partnership with PGA of Germany. The Pro Golf Tour offers young talented players considering a career in professional golf a superb opportunity to compete and compare themselves against professional players and get an idea of where they stand as a result. For young playing professionals the tour

allows them to define their position compared to the competition and is the springboard to the European elite, the Challenge Tour and European Tour, at the same time. Anyone who has established themselves at the top over a period of two to three years on the Pro Golf Tour has proved themselves. Last but not least, the Pro Golf Tour also helps athletes to strengthen their character: increasing their self-confidence through success, learning from defeats and taking away the positive, perfecting their game, cultivating a professional lifestyle, all these things are important for the personal development that comes with the tough life on tour. If it didn't already exist, the Pro Golf Tour would have to be developed as quickly as possible to further develop golf in Germany in the long term."



Marcus Neumann

German Golf Association
Member of the Board - SPORTS

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European Tour and a partner to the Moroccan Association du Trophée Hassan II de Golf (ATH). The Pro Golf Tour results count towards the world golf ranking (www.owgr.com).



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"Our sponsors and golf have benefited enormously from the Pro Golf Tour!"

Following the successful premiere in the 2018 season, the Pro Golf Tour will return to Leipzig and the Golf & Country Club there from 1 to 3 July. The Leipziger Golf Open 2019 is now endowed with 45,000 euros, so the agenda will be set here in terms of promotion to the Challenge Tour at the very latest.

Alexander Kessler, you are the head professional at Leipzig G&CC and brought the Pro Golf Tour to your club for the first time in 2018. What did you think of the premiere?

The first edition of the Leipziger Golf Open was extremely well received by both members and sponsors. The tournament more than met our expectations. It was an exciting feeling to be part of the "Pro Golf Tour's" special flair. Despite the incredible heat during the tournament, it ignited a spark for all participants and really helped boost the enthusiasm for golf in Central Germany.

How important is the tournament at the club?

Following the first edition last year, there has been a massive increase in our members' interest in getting involved as helpers and being there live. Many members from other golf courses in our area have also talked to us about the tournament and we have only received extremely positive reactions. Leipziger Golf Open with the ProAm on 4 July comes in second as the top event of the year on our course behind the GRK Golf Charity Masters. We are making every effort to create a very special golf experience for all the participants and sponsors this year as well.



Alexander Kessler

Head-Professional

Leipzig G&CC

What sets the tournament in Leipzig apart from the other Pro Golf Tour events?

Last year we tried to pay special tribute to the Pro Golf Tour's main stakeholders, the golfers, and provide a supporting programme not just with the Players Party, which stands out from the other tournaments. We want to continue this concept this year with the 2nd Leipziger Golf Open.

What made you decide to increase the prize money and make the tournament the tour's second highest endowed tournament?

We want to raise the profile of the tournament within the Pro Golf Tour as a result. The great press response to the event alone has not just hugely benefited the sponsors but also golf in Central Germany. We have even been able to acquire more sponsors nationwide who want to get involved in professional golf this year and thus support our decision to increase the prize money.

Which players are your favourites?

We are of course keeping our fingers crossed for our member Wenzel Krzenck. But we are happy for everyone who takes on the "Pro Golf Tour" challenge and stands on the winner's podium, with a bit of luck too, at the end of the tournament.



"I was ready and prepared for the Challenge Tour"

"It was great fun to play on the Pro Golf Tour in the 2017 season and it was successful, too. I really enjoyed playing on this tour as we had the opportunity to compete full season on throughout good to excellent courses. I also got the feeling that the people responsible for the tour really looked after us players. It was my goal to finish in the top 5, I've managed that and I was 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 felt ready and prepared for the Challenge Tour nevertheless, and this feeling was right: Winning the KPMG Trophy in 2018 and finishing within the top 15 of the Order of Merit made me finally promote to the European Tour 2019 with full playing rights."



Pedro Figueiredo

European Tour 2019

Portugal



Max Schmitt

European Tour 2019

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."

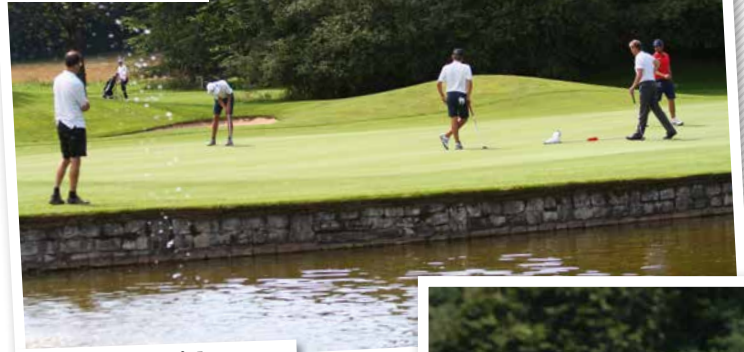
The 2019 tournament experience: tee off at a PGT ProAm

Anyone who wants to go on the hunt for a birdie side by side with a professional for once, has the opportunity to buy a ProAm spot at select Pro Golf Tour events. Host clubs can offer members, partners and sponsors a very special highlight with the ProAm.

Participants tee off together with professional tour players during a Pro Golf Tour ProAm tournament. As a result, you have the chance to watch professionals up close during an official tournament round and get advice in terms of course strategy, game tactics and technique.

At a ProAm a team consists of one professional and up to three amateurs. Benefit from the pro's hints and tricks on the golf course and enjoy this very special kind of golf experience.

A ProAm spot is also suitable as a wonderful gift: the Pro Golf Tour office will be happy to issue a personalised gift voucher on request. Anyone interested can also book a ProAm as a business event either independently or as part of the Pro Golf Tour schedule. You can find all the information about this as well as dates when ProAm starting places can be booked in the 2019 season at www.pro-golf-tour.com.



Compete with pros



Pure fun in golf is absolutely in the foreground when professionals like here the Swiss Marco Iten (2nd from the left) tee off together with amateurs.



Teamwork on the green



PROAM 2019

ProAm spots are available at select tournaments during the 2019 season. The package (297,50 euros) includes the following services:

- ★ 1 spot in the ProAm event of a Pro Golf Tour 2019 tournament
- ★ Tee present
- ★ Use of Driving Range
- ★ Refreshments on the course
- ★ Entertainment programme

"It's fantastic to experience such excellent quality golf!"

Since 2013, the Pro Golf Tour has been hosted by the Castanea Golf Resort Adendorf, where the final tournament of each season has been held for the last five years and the overall winner and players promoted to the European Challenge Tour are determined. For resort manager Marion groß Osterhues, the tournament is an absolute highlight of the season.

Ms Osterhues, the final of the Pro Golf Tour has become a tradition in Adendorf. Have you enjoyed the tournaments so far?

The Pro Golf Tour tournament is a very special event every year. Our employees and members have enjoyed the momentum and good mood of the event every time. Many members take part in the ProAm and accompany the pros during the tournament days. It's fantastic to experience such excellent quality golf. We are also keenly following the professionals' development who qualified for the Challenge Tour at our tournament.

Why did you bring the tour to Adendorf?

We became aware of the tour through our contact with Erwin Langer and Langer Sport Marketing, who are also partners of the Pro Golf Tour. Our Castanea Resort Hotel was extended by new suites in 2014. One of these suites was to be given the name "Bernhard Langer Suite", which is how the contact came about. This resulted in many years of friendly cooperation.

Does the tournament have a positive effect on marketing for your course?

Many sponsors and partners from the region support the final tournament at our resort and are repre-



The new "Castanea Forum" conference and event centre (right) is located right next to the golf course and is available for large and also for small golf events.



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Marion groß Osterhues

Manager of the
Castanea Golf Resort Adendorf

sented as guests. But it is also a great motivation for our new generation: there are three sponsored places available for the ProAm for our youth golf group each year. The places are very coveted and are awarded to the best players at the end of the club's youth championship.

How many people help you with the organisation before and during the tournament?

All the golf course employees and many other volunteers are involved in the preparation and organisation. The greenkeeper team in particular is extremely focused for weeks beforehand to ensure that the course is available in the best playable condition.

What makes the tournament special?

This year the final tournament's evening event will take place in the new "Castanea Forum" and the supporting programme will also have new, interesting elements. Contact with young, promising professionals and the associated promotion of golf in Germany are particularly important to us.

Decision at the 18th hole

The Pro Golf Tour will be a guest at the Kaskáda Golf Resort in the Czech Republic for the first time in its history this year. Eva Mozná is the manager of the resort in the north-west of Brno, which has 27 varied and superbly maintained holes, spacious training areas and an excellent 4-star hotel directly on site.

Eva Mozná, why did you apply to be a host for the Pro Golf Tour with the Kaskáda Resort?

The Kaskáda Golf Resort is often described as one of the best golf courses in our country, so we want to organise more high-ranking international tournaments in the future. In addition to our previous experience with perfectly run competitions of a similar size, our club amenities, large practice area, accommodation capacity, excellent on-site catering and extensive event management experience ensure that all participants are very well looked after during their stay with us.

What is so special and outstanding about the Kaskáda Golf Course?

Golf beginners appreciate our 27-hole course as much as demanding amateurs and professionals. As the name Kaskáda implies, the original landscape's hilly terrain inspired the Scottish architects to design this technically challenging course. We have chosen the combination of the "Stone and Wooden" courses for the Pro Golf Tour tournament. The players are confronted with 13 lakes and eight holes are surrounded by forest. There are hills and elevations on the course, and the right playing strategy with perfect ball control is crucial. The course is our greatest asset and our team will present it in top condition. The preparation will begin many weeks in advance with aeration, topdressing and treatments.



The two Czechs Stanislav Matus and Ondrej Lieser currently hold the course record in Kaskáda with 63 strokes.



Which players will perform well on your course?

That's hard to predict. With top players, the form in the day is often the decisive factor. However, on our course we have experienced that the decision is often made at the last hole. The 18th green is framed by lakes and we have already witnessed dramatic decisions here. The spectators cheer on the players and it's then often crucial how the players cope mentally with this last chip or putt. I am curious to see how the Pro Golf Tour players will manage this!

LIAM JOHNSTON: PROMOTED TO THE EUROPEAN TOUR IN ONE YEAR

Liam Johnston from Scotland secured the right to start the Pro Golf Tour 2018 by winning the Pro Golf Tour Qualifying School 2017. The man from Dumfries won the Open Prestigia in Morocco in February in his rookie season. When he received an invitation for the Challenge Tour in May, he promptly won the Andalucia - Costa del Sol Match Play 9 there and was thus eligible to play the entire Challenge Tour 2018. Another victory followed in September in Kazakhstan, which was equivalent to 10th place in the overall ranking of the Challenge Tour and a promotion to the European Tour 2019. As a result, he has made it from the Pro Golf Tour Qualifying School to full eligibility to play the European Tour in just one year.



Liam Johnston

European Tour 2019

Scotland

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Birdies in series, rounds in the low 60s, course records: when the GOLF STARS OF TOMORROW are guests, top-class sport arrives at your club. The Pro Golf Tour will be a guest at the Glashofen GC for the 6th time this year. Ronald Schneider, President of the Glashofen GC, explains why the Pro Golf Tour players are always warmly welcome on the course in this interview.



Ronald Schneider

Club President Ronald Schneider was able to present the winner's trophy to the German Hinrich Arkenau in the 2018 season.

Mr Ronald Schneider, how important is the Pro Golf Tour tournament to your club?

The tournament is an integral part of our annual planning and has developed over the years into a true highlight of the season. Whether it's the ProAm or professional tournament: it is more than impressive for all the spectators how the professionals master this sport in terms of stroke lengths and precision. Showing this is always a good reason to have this tournament in Glashofen. The members back this event and show this by being available as pre-caddies, scoring assistants or volunteers for the halfway catering. They bake cakes or provide private accommodation for the players.

Does the tournament also have a positive effect on marketing and raise the profile of your course?

It has definitely significantly raised the profile of the Glashofen-Neusass e.V. golf club. Our golf club is well-known as a venue for the Pro Golf Tour!

What is so special about your tournament?

The professionals feel particularly at home with us. Many members provide overnight accommodation, which has led to the development of several friendships. We offer the players a small piece of feeling at home in a rural setting amidst the tireless travel stress.

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Red Sea Egyptian Classic
15.1.-17.1.2019
ProAm: 18.1.2019
Golf Club Ain Sokhna
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Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic
21.1.-23.1.2019
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Open Prestigia
3.2.-5.2.2019
ProAm: 2.2.2019
The Tony Jacklin Casablanca
Casablanca, Morocco
www.prestigiagolf.com



Open Casa Green Golf
7.2.-9.2.2019
ProAm: 10.2.2019
Casa Green Golf Club
Casablanca, Morocco
www.casagreengolf.com



Open Palmeraie Country Club
13.2.-15.2.2019
ProAm: 16.2.2019
Palmeraie Golf & Country Club
Casablanca, Morocco
www.palmeraiieresorts.com



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3.3.-5.3.2019
ProAm: 2.3.2019
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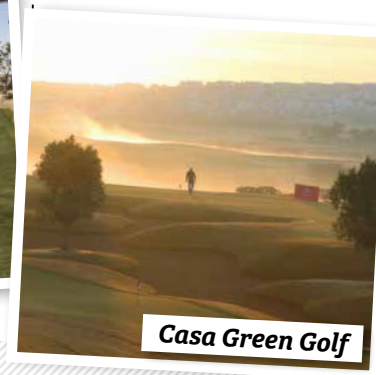
Open Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia
7.3.-9.3.2019
ProAm: 10.3.2019
Mohammedia Royal Golf Club
Casablanca, Morocco
www.rgam.ma



Open Ocean
28.3.-30.3.2019
ProAm: 31.3.2019
Golf de l'Océan
Agadir, Morocco
www.golfdelocean.com



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Casa Green Golf



Tazegzout Golf



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Open Tazegzout

3.4.-5.4.2019

ProAm: 6.4.2019

Tazegzout Golf
Tazegzout, Morocco
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Liberec, Czech Republic
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ProAm: 1.6.2019

Golfclub Glashofen Neusaß
Walldürn-Neusaß, Germany
www.golfclub-glashofen-neusass.de



Czech Classic 2019

18.6.-20.6.2019

ProAm: 17.6.2019

Golf Resort Kaskada
Brno, Czech Republic
www.golfbrno.cz



Polish Open

26.6.-28.6.2019

ProAm: 25.6.2019

Gradi Golf Club
Prusice, Poland
www.palacbrzezno.pl



Leipziger Golf Open

1.7.-3.7.2019

ProAm: 30.6.2019 / 4.7.2019

Golf & Country Club Leipzig
Leipzig, Germany
www.gccleipzig.de



Golfclub Broekpolder

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International Open**

11.7.-13.7.2019

ProAm: 10.7.2019

Golfclub Broekpolder
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16.8.-18.8.2019

ProAm: 15.8.2019

Golfclub Starnberg e.V.
Starnberg, Germany
www.gcstarnberg.de

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**Castanea Resort
Championship**

30.9.-2.10.2019

ProAm: 29.9.2019

Castanea Resort Adendorf
Adendorf, Germany
www.golf-adendorf.de



**Pro Golf Tour - Qualifying
School**

14.10.-18.10.2019

Golf Club Paderborner Land
Salzkotten, Germany
www.gcpaderbornerland.de



Kaskáda



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TOURNAMENTS

Golf club marketing with the events of the Pro Golf Tour

Just as the Pro Golf Tour is becoming more and more popular with Europe's professionals, more and more clubs are also using the tour as a marketing and PR instrument. "Of course, not every increase in green fee rounds played on our course can be attributed to this tournament alone. However, in purely emotional terms, this kind of event arouses the interest of many golfers in the amateur segment who then visit our course and want to play the course," says Andreas Kunz, Managing Director of the Leipzig Golf & Country Club. "What we definitely noticed, however, was an increase in the number of non-golfers attending introductory courses immediately after the positive and large press response to the event. Many non-golfers have visited our course because of the TV report by MDR to get a picture of the allegedly so elitist sport of golf.

Golf clubs that would like to host the Pro Golf Tour, should contact PGT Managing Director Peter Zäh via info@progolftour.de or ring +49(0)89-179588 48.



Peter Zäh

Pro Golf Tour Managing Director

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Feb 3 - 5 C Open Prestigia	Jun 18 - 20 N Czech Classic	Aug 23 - 25 T TBC
Feb 7 - 9 D Open Casa Green Golf	Jun 26 - 28 O Polish Open	Sep 30 - Okt 02 U Castanea Resort Championship
Feb 13 - 15 E Open Palmeraie Country Club	Jul 1 - 3 P Leipziger Golf Open	Okt 14 - 18 V Pro Golf Tour Qualifying School
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