



# PRO GOLF TOUR 2020

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**Peter Zäh**

## Development tour

The Pro Golf Tour 2019 season ended with a novelty, with eight players from our satellite tour advancing to the European Challenge Tour at the end of the year. This has never happened before. Thanks to strong performances by our players Hurlly Long, Sami Välimäki and Robbie van West at the European Tour Qualifying School, where everyone made the cut and Sami Välimäki even managed to cash in his ticket to Europe's elite league, three more players were allowed to move up to the Challenge Tour. This confirms that we are on the right track with the Pro Golf Tour. Anyone who achieves well here, is obviously well equipped for sporting challenges to come.

We are always trying to improve the standard of play on our tour. High-quality courses, a tournament calendar that is just as extensive as it is balanced, as well as the professional handling of our events on site and in the back office contribute to the success of the tour and the players. The Pro Golf Tour is a development tour. The aim is to promote young talent and offer them the best possible conditions to successfully turn their passion into a career. We can only guarantee these factors with the support of long-standing partners such as the Association du Trophée Hassan II de Golf in Morocco, the PGA of Germany and the German Golf Association as well as Langer Sport Marketing GmbH and our sponsors. The support of the golf clubs where we are guests is

essential. It is only possible to run a satellite tour smoothly with the help of the club management, the employees and last but not least the club members.

We attach great importance to our players making a professional and friendly appearance, so we are welcome guests at the clubs. They are role models and ambassadors for golf at all times during the tournaments. This positive image of the Pro Golf Tour and its players, Europe's top young talent, is communicated to the outside world with the help of the media. When one of our players then also steps onto the major golf sporting scene, as Sami Välimäki did on 1 March 2020 with his Oman Open win, we offer our partners a counter and marketing value for their commitment, which ensures that the Pro Golf Tour can remain the attractive tournament series it has developed into over recent years. I would like to thank everyone who has played a major part in this - our members, partners and fans of the Pro Golf Tour.

With kind regards, Peter Zäh

**Pro Golf Tour Managing Director**



### LEAGUE CLIMBERS

The Top 5 in the final Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit 2019 (from left): Ondrej Lieser, Sami Välimäki, Hurlly Long (overall winner), Robbie van West, Allen John

## FOREWORD & FACTS

### PRO GOLF TOUR 2020

**7 Countries**

The Pro Golf Tour is going to be a guest in Egypt, Morocco, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and the Netherlands in the 2020 season

**20 tournaments**

There are a total of 20 competitions on first-class golf courses on the tour calendar between 14 January and 30 September

**200 players**

Up to 200 players from 25 different nations are appearing at the Pro Golf Tour 2020 tournaments

**645,000 euro prize money**

30,000 euro will be distributed at each of 17 Order of Merit tournaments, 40,000 euro at the Huatech Trophy by EXTEC and as much as 45,000 euro at the Leipziger Golf Open. The season's final, the Castanea Resort Championship, is traditionally endowed with 50,000 euro

**5 promotion spots**

The Top 5 of the final Order of Merit for the year qualify for the European Challenge Tour 2021



## Pro Golf Tour: a stage for the "GOLF STARS OF TOMORROW"

The Pro Golf Tour will be in its 24th season in 2020. It is considered to be a superb spring-board for a tour player's career. Young professionals from all over Europe will compete in 20 season tournaments this year.

As an official satellite tour of the European Tour, the Pro Golf Tour (PGT) provides an opportunity to instantly qualify for the European Challenge Tour. That means: anyone who occupies one of the top rankings in the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit at the end of the season can play on the Challenge Tour the following year. The tournament series' results

**Castanea Resort Championship**

**Adendorf**

also count for the world golf ranking. "This recognition of the sporting importance of our tour also underlines its presence at all levels and its positive international reputation," says Peter Zäh, Pro Golf Tour Managing Director. As operators of the tour, Langer Sport Marketing GmbH and PGA of Germany are placing themselves effectively on the stage of tournament golf in Europe.

„The Pro Golf Tour is a superb tour for young professionals: the season starts early in the year, you can play almost all year round, and you compete on great golf courses! This is a very good opportunity to start a career as a tour player. Anyone who makes it into the top 5 here is definitely well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. For me, 2019 was an outstanding year to gain confidence and to march through to the European Tour.“



**Sami Välimäki**

**Finland**

PGT four-time winner 2019 &  
Oman Open Champion 2020

"Golf Stars of Tomorrow" is the tour slogan, as young, ambitious talented professionals tee off here who have made it their goal to be the golf stars of tomorrow. The tour's trademarks are excellent courses, flawless organisation and high-calibre sport. Up to 200 players from 25 different nations tee off at the tournaments. The PGT is based in Diedorf on the shareholder Langer Sport Marketing GmbH's premises. A competent team of staff is working at the events: a tournament director, referees and tour assistants, together with those responsible at the host club and the voluntary helpers, ensure the implementation of all events.

## HURLY LONG

"Good courses and committed people make this tour stand out."

### Hurly, how do you remember the 2019 Pro Golf Tour season?

Very positively! Not just because I played well and consistently but also because the people behind this tour and also those who ultimately run the tournaments on site are really very committed and nice. They all organise the tour really well and us players accordingly have the chance to prepare ourselves on good courses at every tournament for what we hope will await us one day on the European Tour or the PGA Tour. I was also very surprised about the quality of the courses we played on. Almost all of the golf courses were excellent and in superb condition.

### Which was the best tournament of the 2019 season for you?

I enjoyed the Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten in Austria most, where I celebrated my first victory. I played very well there and it was really nice to play a slightly easier course and score suitably low. But I also felt the Michliflen Open in Morocco was something really special! First of all, you don't expect snow in Africa. It was so cool! The ball flew very far at that altitude and the whole course is simply sensational. A course I would never have heard of other-



**Overall winner 2019**

wise and a place I would never have travelled to without the Pro Golf Tour. It was fantastic fun!

### What makes the tour special?

Good organisation and good courses. And quite honestly: that's really all a tour for young professionals needs to be successful.

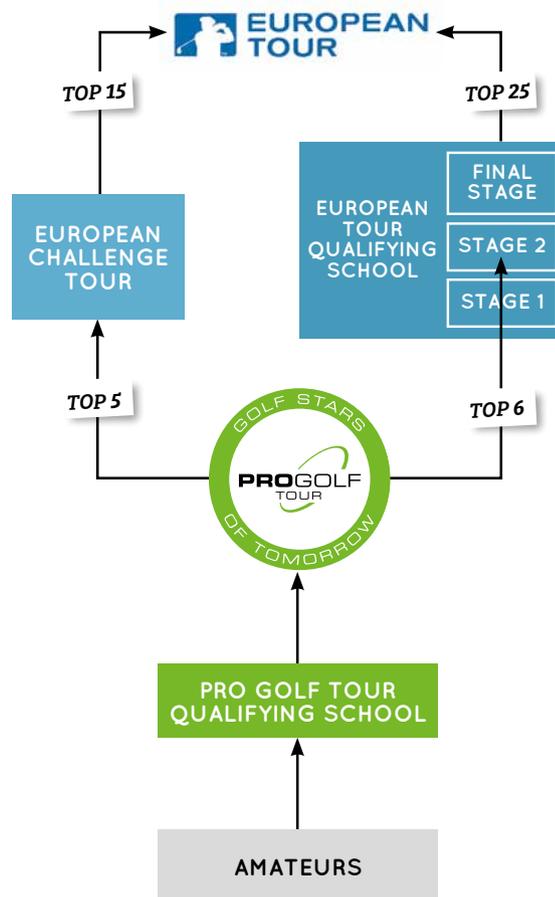
### Is the PGT a good stage for the "Golf Stars of Tomorrow"?

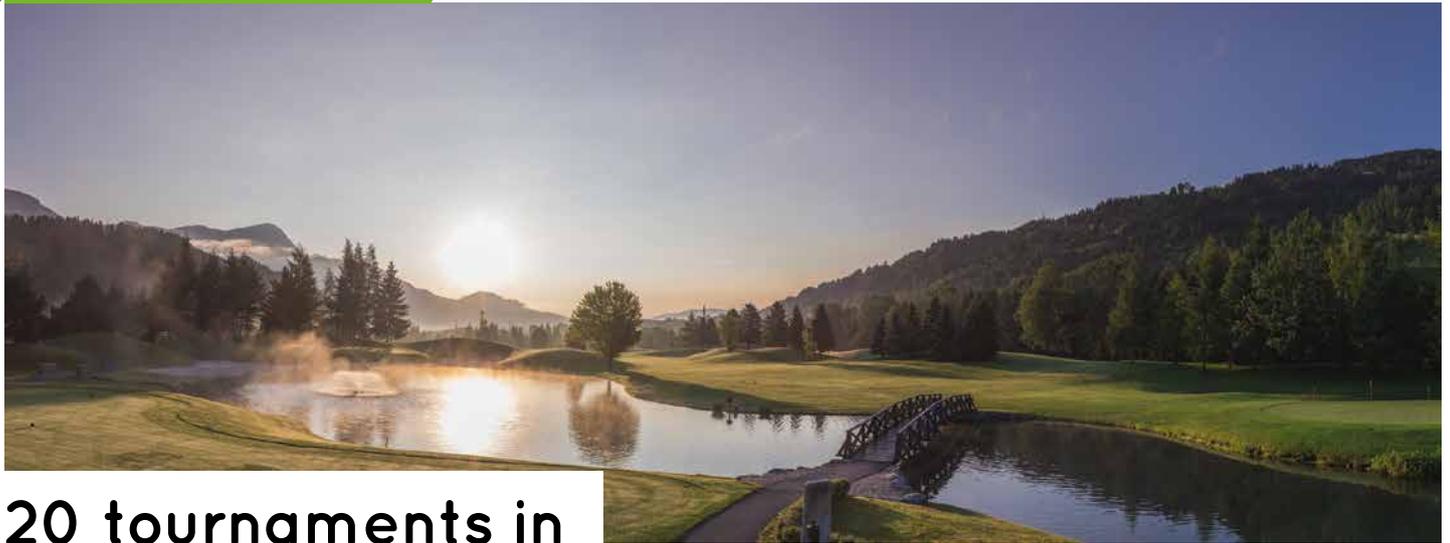
Definitely! Because the whole package is spot on! Other tours can't compete with the quality of the courses we have the honour of playing on during the Pro Golf Tour season. They are well maintained without exception and also pose a real sporting challenge. You can't allow for any really poor strokes on this tour. You have to consistently make really good shots from the tee to the green to be among the leaders.

## CLIMBING TO THE TOP

# From PGT to the European Tour

The Pro Golf Tour is one of four official satellite tours for the European Tour 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 tour's top players are also exempt from Stage I of the European Tour Qualifying School.





## 20 tournaments in seven countries

After the spring events in Egypt and Morocco, this year's tour will stop off in Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, the Netherlands and Germany. A total of 645,000 euro prize money is at stake at 20 tournaments.

Outstanding golf courses, opportunities to play and compete early in the season and strong competition: the Pro Golf Tour can offer its members these criteria in the 2020 season. After two tournaments in Egypt in January, eight events are scheduled in Morocco in February, March and April. The Pro Golf Tour traditionally kicks off in Europe at the Golfresort Haugschlag in Lower Austria, where the Haugschlag NÖ Open by perfect eagle is scheduled from 28 to 30 April. After the EXTEC Trophy by Atomic Drinks in mid-May at the Czech Ypsilon Golf Resort Liberec, two tournaments will follow in Germany in June with the Starnberg Open (15 to 17 June) and the Leipziger Golf Open (22 to 24 June) with 45,000 euro prize money. Two classics are scheduled in July with the Polish Open at the Gradi Golf Club in Poland and the Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten in Austria, before another premiere is on the cards in

At the beginning of September, club manager Franz Wittmann junior welcomes the Pro Golf Tour players to the Schladming Dachstein Open at the Schladming Dachstein Golf Club in Austria for the first time.

August: the PGT will be a guest at the DGC de Gelpenberg in the Netherlands for the first time from 21 to 23 August. In the last week of August, the players will compete in the Huatech Trophy by EXTEC on the courses at Kynzsvart Golf Club and Sokolov Golf Club in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic. From 2 to 4 September the tour will make its very first appearance at the Schladming Dachstein Golf Club. The season final will be the Castanea Resort Championship 2020 endowed with 50,000 euro from 28 to 30 September.



**Robbie van West**

No. 3 of 2019 season

**Netherlands**

„The Pro Golf Tour is a sensible stage to start your career as a tour player. You have the chance to play many tournaments on different courses. Some of the courses are also a real sporting challenge. You definitely get used to the life of a tour player during the 20 or so weeks of tournament play, and the early start to the season is also really good. Each year 20 to 25 players compete for the five Challenge Tour promotion tickets, and the level of active players is getting better from year to year. You have to play with great concentration and consistency to get a promotion ticket!“



The record number of  
**96 eagles**

was recorded at the Castanea Resort Championship 2019 in Adendorf. An incredible **FOUR EAGLES** were made by German **Dominik Pietzsch** who shared 30th place with 4 under par at the end of the tournament.



**1351 birdies in total**

were putted last year at the Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten – the record for the whole season. Tournament winner **Hurlu Long** made **24 of them**, eleven of them in round 3 alone, when he signed his scorecard with 60 strokes – two more bests for the 2019 season.



Record lead: An impressive

**seven strokes**

put tournament winner **Ondrej Lieser** ahead of the Frenchman Félix Mory, who finished second with 12 under par, after the final round of the Polish Open 2019 by John Deere. The winner from the Czech Republic played 19 under par in three rounds, recording a round of 61 on his scorecard on the first day!

Tournament Director **Simon Bowler** is expected to cover

**38,000 kilometres**

during the 2020 season to get him and his team and the Pro Golf Tour equipment to each of the venues.



Pacemaker: The fastest round in the 2019 season was played in just under

**3 hours 50 minutes**

on the final day of the Open Casa Green Golf by the German **Hinrich Arkenau**, Leonard Bem from France and the Dutchman Jeroen Krietemeijer. However, them being in such a hurry was not conducive to the score – the whole trio recorded their worst round on the third day of the event.

At 21 tournaments of the 2019 season a total of 2880 participants teed off on the Pro Golf Tour. Another 175 players took part in the Qualifying School event for the 2020 season in GC Paderborner Land. The 178 players competing at the **Open Casa Green Golf** was a record number as well as the season's lowest cut of 3 under par at the Open

**Palmeriaie Country Club.**



## 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 GmbH acquires company shares, the PGA of Germany remains the main shareholder of the tour



**2006**

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

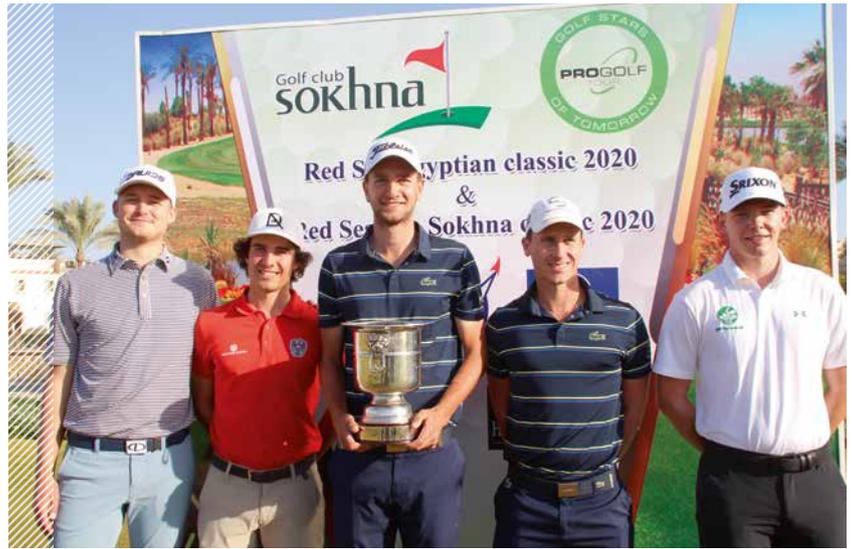
**2020**

The Pro Golf Tour head office is moving to Diedorf to the premises of Langer Sport Marketing GmbH. As a second managing director of the company Peter Zäh operates the Pro Golf Tour alongside Rainer Goldrian

## Successful start in Egypt and Morocco

The Pro Golf Tour season traditionally starts at the Sokhna Golf Club in Egypt. The Red Sea Egyptian Classic 2020 and the Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic 2020 are both endowed with 30,000 euro prize money and scheduled at the resort on the Red Sea in January. The tour then stops off at eight tournaments in Morocco between 12 February and 21 April.

"With the start of the tour in Egypt, we can once again offer our members good playing and tournament conditions at the beginning of the year," said Rainer Goldrian, Managing Director of the Pro Golf Tour together with Peter Zäh. The 27-hole course in Ain Sokhna has been the venue for the start of the Pro Golf Tour season since the 2015 season, and a victory on the Red Sea has always been an indicator of a successful year in



the past. The best start to 2020 was made by the Frenchman Victor Veyret, who secured the winner's trophy at the Red Sea Egyptian Classic 2020 with a play-off victory on the first extra hole. After 54 holes he shared 1st place with his fellow countryman Julien de Poyen with 10 under par. The Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic title also went to France: the 17-year-old Jean Bekirian won the second tournament of the year with a total of 6 under par; after 54 holes at Sokhna Golf Club, he was one shot ahead of his fellow countryman Maxime Radureau.

Four blocks with two tournaments each in Morocco form part 2 of the Pro Golf Tour spring series in North Africa. In February, the professionals teed off at the Open Palmeraie Country Club and the Open Casa Green Golf in Casablanca. At the beginning of March, they travelled to Mohammedia, where the classic Open Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia and, for the first time, the Open Bahia Golf Beach each offered 30,000 euro in prize money (not finished by the copy deadline). At the end of March, the Open Océan and Open Tazegzout near Agadir will feature as many birdies as possible, and in mid-April the Open Madaef Golfs, which will be held for the first time on the "Royal Golf de Fès" course near the historic town of Fès, and the Open Michlifen on the Michlifen Resort & Golf course in the mountains near Ifrane will mark another two highlights on the 2020 Pro Golf Tour tournament schedule.



**Thomas Rosenmüller**

The German Thomas Rosenmüller won the Open Palmeraie Country Club in Morocco with 14 under par.



**Julien Brun**

Julien Brun also recorded 14 under par with his first success on tour; the Frenchman won the Open Casa Green Golf.

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# Website, app & social media: the Pro Golf Tour on-line & on the web

Tournament reports and previews, pictures, graphics and results: the Pro Golf Tour keeps members and fans informed on its dual-language website and uses social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for communication and interaction with players and followers. 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. The website is up to date in terms of content and technology. All the important information about the tour's tournaments and events is available there in German ([www.progolftour.de](http://www.progolftour.de)) and English ([www.pro-golf-tour.com](http://www.pro-golf-tour.com)).



  
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The Pro Golf Tour published over 60 online news items, articles and extensive feature articles during the 2019 season. Via the social media channels Facebook, Instagram and Twitter players and prospects are kept up to date. Over 5,600 friends on Facebook and more than 1,500 Twitter subscriptions as well as over 1,400 Instagram followers (as of 1 March 2020) are evidence of the high demand from members and fans for quick information and up-to-date images. The post's reach on tournament days is up to 60,000 readers. Reports are about tournaments and on players' outstanding performances worldwide. The website and the app of the PGA of Germany offer live scoring features.

## 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. Select events are accompanied by film. Videos and player interviews can be seen on TV and on the tour website.



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the middle of Drenthe

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**Martin Kaymer**

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

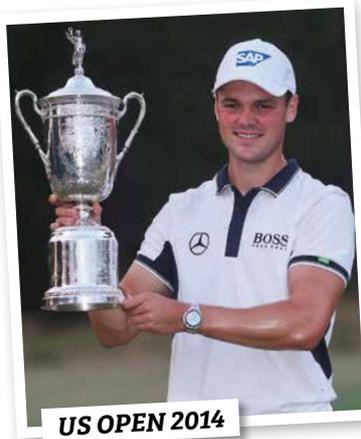
**Martin, how do you rate the Pro Golf Tour as a springboard into professional golf?**

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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## „Tokyo 2020 – the second Olympic Games for golf.

A fantastic event – some say the Olympics is the crowning glory of golf, other think it's the fifth Major. It definitely helps make golf even more interesting for our young talent as a competitive sport though. The Olympics broaden the perspectives, goals and dreams for our talented professionals. But Olympic highs are not conceivable without good training. As a result, the German Golf Association is working together with the PGA of Germany to try to further develop the best possible com-

petitive sports structures for golf in Germany. Tournaments play an important role in developing performance in the long term. But only competition geared towards performance and development is beneficial. And this is where the Pro Golf Tour plays its special Olympic role, as it is a highly valuable element in our overall system, offering young playing professionals a chance to define their position compared to the competition and a springboard to the European elite at the same time. The Pro Golf Tour helps our young tour golfers to consolidate the basics they have learned to the highest level. No young playing professional should miss out on the Pro Golf Tour as such a beneficial step in their development on their long path to joining the global golf elite, perhaps until their Olympic dream comes true."



**Rainer Goldrian**

Managing Director Pro Golf Tour & PGA of Germany



**Peter Zäh**

Managing Director Pro Golf Tour & Langer Sport Marketing GmbH

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# "If you want to win here, you need a wide repertoire of strokes!"

The Pro Golf Tour will be a guest at the DGC de Gelpenberg in the Netherlands for the first time from 21 to 23 August 2020. The "Drentse Golf Club de Gelpenberg" is located west of Emmen, about 30 kilometres west of the German-Dutch border. Founded in 1970, the course is 6,321 metres long from the championship tee today.

## Marcel Kocks, why are you hosting the Pro Golf Tour in 2020?

We are celebrating our 50th anniversary and therefore want to organise an exceptional golf tournament. The Pro Golf Tour fits perfectly with our idea of such a tournament and we are very proud that the tour is coming to us.

## What are you expecting from the Pro Golf Tour's guest appearance?

During the tournament week, an extremely exciting sporting competition on a perfectly prepared course, where ultimately the performance around and on the greens will be decisive. We also want to use this tournament to raise awareness for our course among German golfers and therefore also to inspire guests for the (golf) region Drenthe.

## What character does your golf course have?

Our course has been among the top 20 courses in the Netherlands for many years and is generally regarded as the best golf course in the north of the Netherlands. It is a stunning woodland and moorland course and a challenging sporting test in beautiful surroundings but one that is easy for players of all abilities to master. The club was founded in 1970 and is therefore the oldest in Drenthe.



**Marcel Kocks**

President DGC

**De Gelpenberg**



## How do the professionals of the Pro Golf Tour have to play here to win?

De Gelpenberg is an 18-hole par 72 course which a player actually needs a very broad repertoire of strokes for. The first nine holes are relatively open but bordered by deep rough. You have to get the ball on the fairway! The second nine run through the forest, are a bit shorter and precision is now

mainly called for here. If you hit the green on the wrong side, you need a really excellent short game afterwards to gain a stroke or save your score! When the course is dry, irons are definitely the better and smarter choice for teeing off in this section. Our 18th hole, is really great: you can still lose the whole tournament – or in fact win it there.

## How did your 650 members react when they heard the Pro Golf Tour was coming?

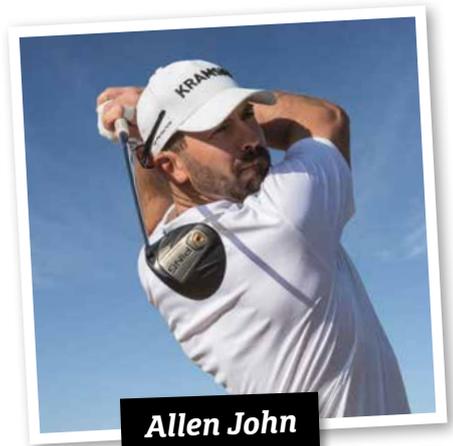
They are absolutely thrilled and are looking forward to the tournament week! And they will do everything in their power to make the players feel at home here. For De Gelpenberg, the Pro Golf Tour's debut is the icing on the cake for our 50th anniversary! And we really hope to inspire the players and spectators for our golf region where there are numerous other beautiful golf courses.

**Ondrej Lieser**No. 5 of 2019 season **Czech Republic**

**"You can very clearly see that the level of the players on the Pro Golf Tour is getting higher and higher from year to year.**

To win here and have a chance of promotion, you have to play really well and deliver very low rounds. Take Sami Välimäki, Hurlly Long and Robbie van West as examples this year: all three of them made the European Tour Qualifying School cut, Sami went straight on to the European Tour and has now won his first tournament there on just his sixth attempt! The results of the guys who have climbed from a satellite tour say a lot about the quality of that satellite tour. The Pro Golf Tour itself is superbly managed and organised by outstanding people. One example: at last year's tour final in Adendorf, Tournament Director Simon Bowler simply shortened a few holes after heavy rainfall in order to be able to play three rounds in spite of unbelievable masses of water. This was as ingenious as it was highly professional – and certainly the best decision you can make in such a really difficult situation."

**"The Pro Golf Tour is superbly organised and with its more than 20 tournaments per season offers a lot of opportunities to play – and in fact almost all year round. The standard is getting better and better, and the tournaments are definitely great preparation for the upcoming demands on the Challenge Tour."**

**Allen John**No. 4 of 2019 season **Germany**

**"For me the Pro Golf Tour was the ideal terrain to start my professional career!** The tournament calendar is quite full, which helps you get used to the tour life and to be prepared for the even greater demands of, for example, the Challenge Tour. The fact that we can start the season so early in the year in North Africa on good and excellent courses with great weather conditions is really fantastic, because we can train and play tournaments at a time when this is not possible yet in Europe due to the weather. The tournaments on excellent courses without exception in different countries also prepare you for travelling and you learn to organise yourself. This is also part of it if you want to play at the highest level! I really enjoyed my first year as a professional on the Pro Golf Tour."

**Félix Mory**No. 8 of 2019 season **France**

# The 2020 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 2020 season on our website at [www.pro-golf-tour.com](http://www.pro-golf-tour.com).



*Play with the pros*



**Golf experience with a TOUR PLAYER:** Here you can see professional Benjamin Rusch (2nd from right) with "his" Amateurs on the tee box of the Starnberg Open ProAm - all of them hopeful talents!



*Precision on the green*



## PROAM 2020

ProAm spots are available at select tournaments during the 2020 season. The package (297,50 euros) includes the following services:

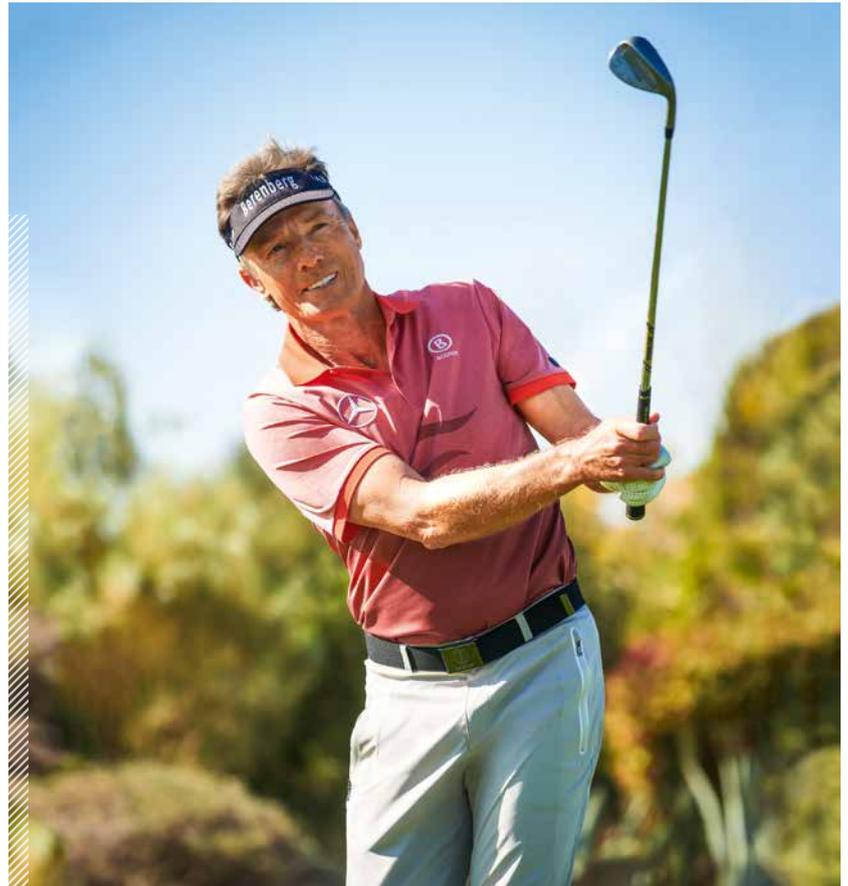
- ★ 1 spot in the ProAm event of a Pro Golf Tour 2020 tournament
- ★ Tee present
- ★ Use of Driving Range
- ★ Refreshments on the course
- ★ Entertainment programme

**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



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**Mustapha Zine & Bernhard Langer**

**Cooperation:** At the beginning of the year Bernhard Langer personally sealed further cooperation of the Pro Golf Tour with the Moroccan Association du Tropic Hassan II de Golf and their deputy Chairman Mustapha Zine by handshake and written contract.

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 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."



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Surrounded by the beautiful Tuscan countryside, Royal Golf La Bagnaia is a tranquil oasis set against a landscape scattered with charming medieval hamlets and towns.

Managed by IMG and designed by the award-winning architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., the golf course is draped across the rolling Siena hills and offers a unique inland links experience with undulating fairways and sweeping fescue roughs.

Spread across 1,100 hectares, the upscale Curio Collection by Hilton Hotel has a village-like look and feel, divided across a number of buildings and featuring two main hamlets: Borgo La Bagnaia and Borgo La Filetta.

The resort features the luxurious Buddha Spa by Clarins and a range of facilities for leisure and business travellers.



# Schladming: the jewel in front of the Dachstein mountains

## Franz Wittmann, why did you bring the Pro Golf Tour to Schladming?

It is something very special for us to be able to support young players at the beginning of their professional career. We take great pleasure in promoting and reviving tournament golf at a high level in this way. In addition, we would of course like to present our wonderful course to the 156 participants, the ProAm guests, the spectators and the international media. The whole region, the surrounding communities and also the tourism association are behind the Schladming Dachstein Open 2020. Added to this, it is our golf course's 30th birthday this year and we want to celebrate this anniversary with the Pro Golf Tour's guest appearance.



**Franz Wittmann jun.**

Managing Director Golfclub Schladming Dachstein



*The Leading Golf Courses*

## What challenges await participants at the foot of the Dachstein mountains in terms of play?

The course, which was designed by Bernhard Langer, seems relatively short at first glance. But we are providing high rough during the tournament week and first impressions are deceptive: in fact our six par 3s are quite a challenge. Bernhard Langer himself said about them: "A Bogey is made faster on these par 3s than a birdie. The all-deciding end is the island green on the 18th, which is a real challenge for any player. It is the grand finale to a fantastic round of golf, which also offers a permanent visual adventure with the magnificent Dachstein mountains." We are therefore looking forward to a very exciting golf tournament against a picturesque backdrop.

**Schladming Dachstein Open, 2-4 September 2020,**  
GC Schladming Dachstein, [www.schladming-golf.at](http://www.schladming-golf.at).



**Red Sea Egyptian Classic**  
14.1.-16.1.2020  
ProAm: 17.1.2020  
Golf Club Ain Sokhna  
Ain Sokhna, Egypt  
[www.sokhnagolfclub.com](http://www.sokhnagolfclub.com)



**Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic**  
19.1.-21.1.2020  
Golf Club Ain Sokhna  
Ain Sokhna, Egypt  
[www.sokhnagolfclub.com](http://www.sokhnagolfclub.com)



PALMERAIE COUNTRY CLUB  
CASABLANCA

**Open Palmeraie Country Club**  
12.2.-14.2.2020  
ProAm: 15.2.2020  
Palmeraie Country Club  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.palmeraiecountryclub.com](http://www.palmeraiecountryclub.com)



**Open Casa Green Golf**  
18.2.-20.2.2020  
ProAm: 16.2.2020  
Casa Green Golf Club  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.casagreengolf.com](http://www.casagreengolf.com)



**Sokhna Golf Club**



**Open Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia**  
4.3.-6.3.2020  
ProAm: 7.3.2020  
Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.rgam.ma](http://www.rgam.ma)



**Bahia GOLF BEACH**  
**Open Bahia Golf Beach**  
10.3.-12.3.2020  
ProAm: 8.3.2020  
Bahia Golf Beach  
Casablanca, Morocco  
[www.bahia golf beach.com](http://www.bahia golf beach.com)



**Open Océan**  
25.3.-27.3.2020  
ProAm: 28.3.2020  
Océan Golf Club  
Agadir, Morocco  
[www.golfdelocean.com](http://www.golfdelocean.com)



**Open Tazegzout**  
31.3.-2.4.2020  
ProAm: 29.3.2020  
Tazegzout Golf  
Tazegzout, Morocco  
[www.tazegzout.com](http://www.tazegzout.com)



**Casa Green Golf**



**Michlifen Golf & Resort**



**Open Madaef Golfs**  
13.4.-15.4.2020  
ProAm: 12.4.2020  
Fès Royal Golf Club  
Fès, Morocco  
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**Open Michlifen**  
19.4.-21.4.2020  
ProAm: 18.4.2020  
Michlifen Golf & Resort  
Ifrane, Morocco  
[www.michlifen.com](http://www.michlifen.com)



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**Haugschlag NÖ Open**  
by perfect eagle  
28.4.-30.4.2020  
ProAm: 26.4.2020  
Golfresort Haugschlag  
Haugschlag, Austria  
[www.golfresort.at](http://www.golfresort.at)



**Haugschlag**



**EXTEC Trophy**



**EXTEC Trophy by**  
**ATOMIC DRINKS**  
15.5.-17.5.2020  
Ypsilon Golf Resort Liberec  
Liberec, Czech Republic  
[www.ygolf.cz](http://www.ygolf.cz)



**Starnberg Open**  
15.6.-17.6.2020  
ProAm: 14.6.2020  
Golfclub Starnberg  
Starnberg, Germany  
[www.gcstarnberg.de](http://www.gcstarnberg.de)



**Leipziger Golf Open**  
22.6.-24.6.2020  
ProAm: 21.6./25.6.2020  
Golf & Country Club Leipzig  
Leipzig, Germany  
[www.gccleipzig.de](http://www.gccleipzig.de)



**Polish Open**  
1.7.-3.7.2020  
ProAm: 30.6.2020  
Gradi Golf Club  
Prusice, Poland  
[www.palacbrzezno.pl](http://www.palacbrzezno.pl)



**Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour**  
St. Pölten  
22.7.-24.7.2020  
Golfclub St. Pölten  
Neiding, Austria  
[www.no-e-golfclub.at](http://www.no-e-golfclub.at)



**Coevorden**  
**Gelpenberg Open**  
21.8.-23.8.2020  
ProAm: 20.8.2020  
DGC de Gelpenberg  
Emmen, Netherlands  
[www.dgcdegelpenberg.nl](http://www.dgcdegelpenberg.nl)



**Huatech Trophy by EXTEC**  
28.8.-30.8.2020  
Golf Club Kynzvalt  
Golf Club Sokolov  
Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic  
[www.golfkynzvalt.cz/en](http://www.golfkynzvalt.cz/en)  
[www.golf-sokolov.cz](http://www.golf-sokolov.cz)



*The Leading Golf Courses*  
**Schladming**  
**Dachstein Open**  
2.9.-4.9.2020  
ProAm: 1.9.2020  
Golfclub Schladming Dachstein  
Schladming, Austria  
[www.schladming-golf.at](http://www.schladming-golf.at)



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**Castanea Resort**  
**Championship**  
28.9.-30.9.2020  
ProAm: 27.9.2020  
Golfresort Adendorf  
Adendorf, Germany  
[www.golf-adendorf.de](http://www.golf-adendorf.de)



**Qualifying School**  
**PGT season 2021**  
12.10.-15.10.2020  
Golf Club Paderborner Land  
Salzkotten, Germany  
[www.gcpaderbornerland.de](http://www.gcpaderbornerland.de)



**Schladming**

## TOURNAMENTS

# The Pro Golf Tour as a highly effective multiplier

Just as the Pro Golf Tour is becoming more and more popular with Europe's professionals, clubs and resorts are also using the tour as a marketing and PR instrument. Hans Geist, owner and managing director of Golfresort Haugschlag in Lower Austria's Waldviertel, has been successfully putting his faith in the Pro Golf Tour for ten years. "We are really delighted that the golf stars of tomorrow will be our guests for the tenth year in a row this year. The young tour players are excellent ambassadors and multipliers for our resort. Guests check in with us time and time again because they have found out about us through the Pro Golf Tour and its players. The great tournament week with all the international guests is also really excellent training for my employees."

The **Haugschlag NÖ Open 2020 by perfect eagle** opens the Pro Golf Tour's season in Europe from 28 to 30 April. Players and guests can then expect a superbly maintained golf course, a renovated clubhouse and perfect hospitality at the resort ([www.golfresort.at](http://www.golfresort.at)).



**Hans Geist**  
Owner Golfresort Haugschlag

## 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

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<b>Jan 14 - 16</b> <b>A</b> Red Sea Egyptian Classic	<b>May 15 - 17</b> <b>L</b> EXTEC Trophy by Atomic Drinks	<b>Aug 21 - 23</b> <b>Q</b> Coevorden Gelpenberg Open
<b>Jan 19 - 21</b> <b>B</b> Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic	<b>Jun 15 - 17</b> <b>M</b> Starnberg Open	<b>Aug 28 - 30</b> <b>R</b> Huatech Trophy by EXTEC
<b>Feb 12 - 14</b> <b>C</b> Open Palmeraie Country Club	<b>Jun 22 - 24</b> <b>N</b> Leipziger Golf Open	<b>Sep 2 - 4</b> <b>S</b> Schladming Dachstein Open
<b>Feb 18 - 20</b> <b>D</b> Open Casa Green Golf	<b>Jul 1 - 3</b> <b>O</b> Polish Open	<b>Sep 28 - 30</b> <b>T</b> Castanea Resort Championship
<b>Mar 4 - 6</b> <b>E</b> Open Royal Golf Anfa Mohammedia	<b>Jul 22 - 24</b> <b>P</b> Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten	<b>Okt 12 - 15</b> <b>U</b> Qualifying School PGT season 2021
<b>Mar 10 - 12</b> <b>F</b> Open Bahia Golf Beach		
<b>Mar 25 - 27</b> <b>G</b> Open Océan		
<b>Mar 31 - Apr 2</b> <b>H</b> Open Tazegzout		
<b>Apr 13 - 15</b> <b>I</b> Open Madaef Golfs		
<b>Apr 19 - 21</b> <b>J</b> Open Michlifen		
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