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MESSARDIERE GOLF CUP Race to Saint-Tropez 2014 Finals – 17 & 18 October 2014

The second '**MESSARDIERE GOLF CUP, Race to Saint-Tropez**' will have attracted more than one and a half thousand participants by the end of the season, as competitors tackle the twenty-eight qualifying rounds in France and abroad. This underlines the success of this prestigious competition, which is now one of the major events on the international amateur golf calendar.

Several weeks from the final, which will gather the best amateur golfers in France, Belgium and Luxembourg (Europeans for the most part), this 'Open' competition was naturally restricted to all male and female participants in classes one, two and three.

Similarly to last year, after the final, the players with the highest gross score from each series will be offered a wild card and the chance to participate in a play-off on Saturday, 18 October. They will also be able to enjoy the festivities and VIP accommodation (with the person of their choice) at the magnificent Château de la Messardière, sponsoring the event.

And for the first time this year, the players with the highest net score will be given three additional wild cards, offering players of all levels the opportunity to join in the play-offs in the same way as the 'gross' winners.

Managing Director Alexandre Durand-Viel and all of his team will then celebrate all of the 2014 winners as part of the Closing Event at the magnificent Château de la Messardière, a luxurious hotel & spa and five-star Palace in Saint-Tropez.

Final Stages: places of character

Two Var golf courses, the Saint-Andréol and Sainte-Maxime courses, respectively, will host participants in the final stages of the second 'MESSARDIERE GOLF CUP, Race to Saint-Tropez 2014' on Friday, 17 and Saturday, 18 October.

These excellent golf courses offer spectacular playing conditions with a very steep terrain (the former is inland, while the latter is located on the seafront).

Saint-Andréol Golf Course

Inaugurated in 1992, this multi-faceted 6,169-metre course adapts to the variable contours of the land. Dominated by the imposing Rock of Roquebrune, which blazes in the setting sun, the river and the water features unfold among century-old umbrella pines. Designed by Michael Gayon, every fairway of this 18-hole golf course is unique in character and the thirteenth hole, in particular, is one to remember, with a spectacular and impressive plunge towards a waterside green. This hole has, nonetheless, been conquered by players at all levels.



Sainte-Maxime Golf Course

In the upper regions of Saint-Tropez at the heart of the Var hinterland, the Sainte-Maxime golf course offers exceptional views over the Mediterranean and the Massif des Maures. On steep ground, this 18-hole, par-72, 6,023-metre golf course presents a balanced golfing challenge, with something for all styles. On the outbound journey, the narrow, twisted fairways advise caution, particularly during the drive, where golfers should be on their guard against some tricky slopes. The return leg is kinder, allowing golfers to breathe a little and really let go.



General Circuit Ranking

In sporting terms, though the General Ranking remains undecided after the twenty-sixth stage at the Golf Country Club de Cannes-Mougins, two young Breton players are in front and currently share the number one spot with an incredible gross score of 38 Stableford points. Young player Evrain Hugo (pictured) with a handicap of 2.0 sits atop the rankings, alongside his friend Lucas Pouchoulin with a handicap of 1.1; both are members of the Golf International Barrière La Baule club.



In terms of the award for excellence, there has not yet been a hole-in-one on the Circuit, but don't forget that this special contest, sponsored by Luxe-Magazine.com, is there to be won during the Final, with the incredible prize of one week for two in Mauritius at the magnificent 'Trou aux Biches' (Beachcomber Group) up for grabs.

Calling all fans of thrilling experiences and exceptional performance. This contest is part of the ongoing '**Hole In One National Contest 2014**'. And no one is safe from an ace!

This national event is a key element of the major 'MESSARDIERE GOLF CUP, Race to Saint-Tropez' attractions for 2014.

Unique in its field, it also recognises all recorded exploits at more than 400 French golf courses for the second consecutive year. And with 350

holes in one already achieved during the season in France, in official competition, it is at a rate of almost once a day.

Major new features

The various stages of the Circuit produce not only a General Ranking, but also a specific Corporate Ranking that influences the 'World Corporate Golf Challenge France' title race, exclusive to French Businesses.

In fact, four Corporate Pro-Am have been officially integrated into the 2014 Calendar. On the basis of these challenges, a France team was selected at the end of a National Final at the Golf du Prieuré on 16 June of this year. Eric Combernous and Christophe Bellity from Masternet were presented with a one-off invitation to participate in the World Corporate Golf Challenge final from 1-6 July in Andalusia on the magnificent La Reserva Course in Sotogrande, Andalusia.

Another exclusivity

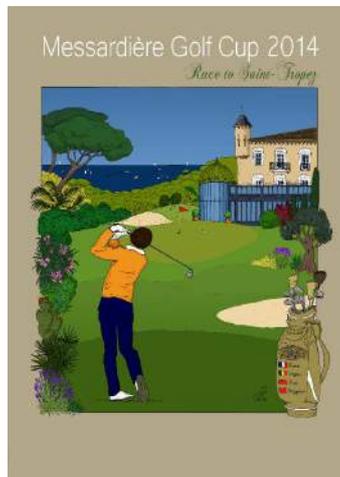
The European kick-off of 'Messardière Golf Cup Race to Saint-Tropez' competitions took place on Sunday, 13 April in both France and Belgium at the Golf National and the Golf de Falnuée respectively. Incidentally, we would like to pay tribute to our Belgian friends, Michael André and Marc Houben (at SHF Golf, in charge of the 'Messardière Golf Cup Race to Saint-Tropez' circuit in France and Luxembourg), who together organised this international amateur event.

They have completed a comprehensive, 12-step tour in Belgium-Luxembourg and are soon to join us with their winners in Saint-Tropez on the greens of the French Riviera, and share in a wonderful, festive, Tropezian evening on 17 October at Château de la Messardière a five-star Palace and hotel and spa.

The defending champions from 2013

Defending champions Alexis Lozach and Vincent Samoyeau (Golf de la Vaucouleurs), and Carrie Choy (Singapore Island Country Club), will also be given a wild card to take part in this incredible Final and have a go at defending their title.

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