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MESSARDIERE GOLF CUP Race to Saint-Tropez 2014 Results and Ranking

The Château de la Messardière, which has a long tradition as a centre of hospitality and culture in Saint-Tropez, also became a centre of sport on Saturday night, holding a celebration for the winners in its own international golf competition. This competition was part of a 28-stage tour of famous courses in France and abroad, one of the most highly regarded amateur tours around.

The awards ceremony for the Messardiere Golf Cup Race to Saint-Tropez 2014 ended with joy and laughter in the presence of Mr Claude Berrard, 1st Deputy Mayor of Saint-Tropez and Deputy for Culture and Heritage, as well as Mr Laurent Petit, Deputy for Sport. The ceremony was made even more special by a few good bottles of wine from Domaine Bertaud Belieu and by "La Blonde of Saint-Tropez", a beer from a new partner that was a hit with the golfers.

Alexandre Durand-Viel, General Manager of the Château de la Messardière and his team made sure the winners and all of the tour partners had a proper welcome to the 5-star palace.

The final round of the "Messardiere Golf Cup, Race to Saint-Tropez 2014" was played at the enchanting Saint-Endréol golf course. The day was beautifully sunny, much to the delight of the players who had come from all over France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the United Kingdom.

Many top amateur golfers participated in the competition. Of the 49 participants, about 20 are top ranked amateurs with single-digit handicaps. The competition for the top spots was fierce. The overall winner of the competition, Stéphane Hassler (handicap 0.4), ended with a gross Stableford score of 32, i.e. only 4 strokes over Par. Mr Hassler beat his rival from Sainte-Maxime, Yves Jouannas (handicap 4.2) by one point.

Yvon Legrand, a young Parisian who came directly from the 'Golf National' course was only two points behind Mr Hassler.

In the net rankings, Parisian Jean-Michel Fava came out clearly on top with a score of 45 Stableford points. Another Parisian, Christophe Tallis came in second with 38 Stableford points. André Di Luca, a member of the Sainte-Maxime club and Philippe Pirotais, from La Baule, tied for third with 36 Stableford points.

Virginie Malfait from Nice (handicap 14.6) won the women's competition with a gross score of 21 Stableford points.



(From left to right: **Laurent Petit**, Saint-Tropez Town Hall Deputy for Sport, **Claude Bérard**, Saint-Tropez First Deputy Mayor, one of the many winners receiving a jeroboam of Bertaud Belieu Prestige Rosé, **Alexandre Durand-Viel**, Château de la Messardière General Manager, **Michael André**, Belgium and Luxembourg circuit organiser, **Philippe Soleillant**, President of PSO and Messardiere Golf Cup organiser, **Stéphane Decayeux**, Director of Decayeux Golf and an MGC partner.)

Amongst 'les Amis de la Messardière', Florence Guyot (Member of the Beauvallon Golf Course) won the driving contest, and Bernard Bellissent (also a member at Beauvallon) won the approach shot competition, earning a jeroboam of wine from Domaine Bertaud Belieu. David Bywalski, an excellent player, won the men's driving contest.

The next day, the best players were invited to the Blue Green Golf Course in Sainte-Maxime to play an 18-hole playoff round next to the Mediterranean.

The Château de la Messardière will now begin preparations for the 3rd "Messardiere Golf Cup, Race to Saint-Tropez" which will take place from mid-April (when the hotel reopens) to mid-October 2015, with about forty dates scheduled in France and Europe



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