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MESSARDIÈRE GOLF CUP Race to Saint-Tropez 2015 Finals – 16 & 17 October 2015

The Messardière Golf Cup Race to Saint-Tropez has returned for its third edition, and it won't fail to impress. This year, the number of golfers has increased as 3,000 participants have hit the green carpet, so to speak, in France, Belgium and Luxembourg since April. The final stages, so eagerly anticipated a month ahead of the event, will be held at the Saint-Endréol and Sainte-Maxime golf courses on **16 and 17 October**.

This international amateur circuit is a must for all amateur golfers, male or female, whatever their nationality or level. The first rounds were held at the Blue Green golf course in Sainte-Maxime on Saturday, 4 April, and the final rounds will also take place here, in the Var region, on Saturday, 17 October (the day after the final). On this occasion, however, two professional players will also 'tap in' – a first in the history of this event. The much-loved Pro-Am award will now be part of the final stages, starting this year. *"It's always a real pleasure to play with and be part of a professional player's team, especially during such an event"*. Six lucky players will have the chance to play for this award. They will be split into two teams, sporting the Messardière and Decayeux colours respectively.

Managing Director Alexandre Durand-Viel and his team will then join in celebration with the 2015 winners and participants at the closing event on Friday, 16 October, in the magnificent Château de la Messardière, a luxurious five-star hotel and spa in Saint-Tropez that gives the circuit its name.

Once again, the Bertaud Belieu Domaine will be sponsoring the prizes at the closing event, in the same manner as for the full Messardière Golf Cup Race to Saint-Tropez circuit, which runs from April to October. The Bertaud Belieu wine cellar shall be open to finalists—for those who would like to try the delicious wines from this expert wine producer.

Final Stages: places of character

Two Var-region golf courses, Saint-Endréol and Sainte-Maxime, respectively, will welcome participants in the final stages of the third Messardière Golf Cup Race to Saint-Tropez on Friday and Saturday, 16 and 17 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-Endréol 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

Above 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 playing styles. On the outbound journey, the narrow, twisted fairways demand 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.



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.

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The elite in question are Romain Bechu and Mélodie Bourdy, two French players.

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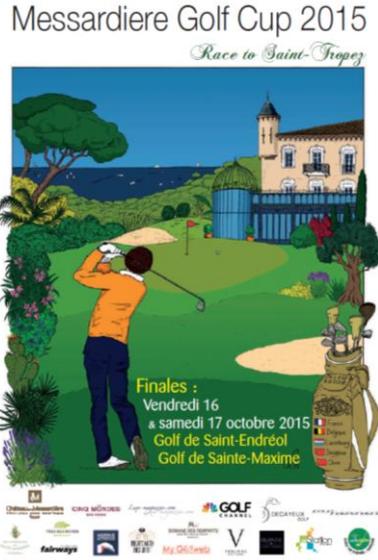
The celebrations and VIP accommodation for the press, the sponsors and the players will be organised at the magnificent Château de la Messardière, named sponsor of this event on the third weekend of October (two weeks after the *Voiles de Saint-Tropez* sailing festival).

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