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An All Round Victorious Finish For The Inaugural World Club ProAm

The PGA of South Africa | Mercedes-Benz World Club ProAm has received applaud from international and local PGA professional and amateur golfers for the hosting of a world-class inaugural tournament.

Chief Executive of the PGA of South Africa, Ivano Ficalbi, commented, "We are thrilled with the positive feedback received and are overjoyed to hear that the golfers will spread the word to their fellow PGA members and return to the tournament in greater numbers next year. We are confident that this inaugural event has already carved its niche on the international golfing calendar".

PGA club teams from the USA, Australia, Europe, Namibia and South Africa competed for a total prize fund of US\$350 000, including cash for the professionals, amateur prizes and hole-in-one prizes of two Mercedes-Benz SLK vehicles valued at over R1.2 million for both the professionals and amateurs.

90 championship holes were played from 15 – 22 February across KwaZulu-Natal's championship courses - Durban Country Club, Zimbali Country Club, Prince's Grant Golf Estate, Cotswold Downs Golf Course and Umhlali Country Club. Following humid weather conditions on the first 4 days of play, the golfers were faced with the challenges of persistent rain and some waterlogged holes on the final round at Durban Country Club.

The internationals were in top form leading the field throughout the tournament in the Professional Individual Stableford, which ended in a close finish of only one shot difference between 1st and 2nd place. Henrik Engdahll from The Crete Golf Club (Greece) took the lead on Day 2 and played a consistent game throughout, culminating in a victorious 1st place finish on 179 points. Australian, Aaron Cox from Caboolture Golf Club finished on 178, 5 shots ahead of 3rd place winner, Namibian Steve Basson from Omeya Club on 173 points.



The South Africans dominated the ProAm 4-Ball Alliance from the outset, however it was the international Team from The Crete Golf Club (Greece) who moved up the field and clinched the title on the final day with a 7 shot lead, finishing on 429 points. 2nd and 3rd places went to South African teams River Club on 421 points followed by Blue Valley Golf & Country Club, 2 shots behind on 419 points.

Tournament organisers' spokespersons, Craig Clay-Smith and Toy Mzimela, concluded, "We would like to thank all our competitors, partners and sponsors for making the inaugural tournament a huge success and we look forward to hosting our next event from 14 – 21 February 2015".

Final Results (top 10): ProAm 4-Ball Alliance

POSITION	TEAM	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	The Crete Golf Club	Greece	429
2	River Club	South Africa	421
3	Blue Valley Golf & Country Club	South Africa	419
T4	Cotswold Downs	South Africa	412
T4	Moss Vale Golf Club	Australia	412
6	The Lake Club Benoni	South Africa	411
7	Bankstown Golf Club 1	Australia	409
8	Kingswood Golf Estate	South Africa	408
9	Woodhill Country Club 2	South Africa	405
10	Lonsdale Golf Club	Australia	400

Final Results (Top 10): Professional Individual Stableford Championship

POSITION	PROFESSIONAL	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	Henrik Engdahll – The Crete Golf Club	Greece	179
2	Aaron Cox – Caboolture Golf Club	Australia	178
3	Steve Basson – Omeya Golf Club	Namibia	173
4	Roger Wessels – Kingswood Golf Estate	South Africa	170
5	Chad Ayres – Hillcrest Golf Club	USA	169



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T6	Barend Fouchee – Paarl Golf Club	South Africa	168
T6	Lee Hunt – Bankstown Golf Club 1	Australia	168
T8	Paul Marks – Woodhill Country Club 2	South Africa	166
T8	Robert Kennedy – Mossvale Golf Club	Australia	166
10	Nisharlan Sewshanker – Windsor Park	South Africa	164

For more information on the tournament, visit www.worldclubproam.com

About World Club ProAm

The PGA of South Africa / Mercedes-Benz World Club ProAm is hosted in Kwazulu-Natal and invites PGA professionals and amateur golfers to compete in a 4-ball for a total prize fund of US\$350 000 including cash for the professionals, amateur prizes and no less than two hole-in-one prizes of two Mercedes-Benz SLK vehicles valued at over R1.2 million for both the professionals and amateurs.

The tournament is a unique format of 90-holes of golf played across 5 premier championship courses. All registered PGA club professionals were invited to enter and identify three amateur golfers with official handicaps who make up the entry.

There are two competitions played simultaneously. The professionals compete in an individual stableford championship and the team in a ProAm 4-ball alliance. The winning PGA Professional will walk off with ±US\$33 000 in prize money and the winning 4-ball will claim the coveted inaugural World Club ProAm team trophy along with daily prizes and give-aways. The runner-up, third and through to the tenth finishing 4-balls all win permissible prizes.

The entry includes a full golfing package, plus seven nights 4-star accommodation sharing, meals and three 5-star gala events.

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