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### **All Round Golfing Glory for World Club ProAm**

The second PGA of SA | Mercedes Benz World Club ProAm, held in KwaZulu-Natal from 14 – 21 February, ended on a high note after receiving huge acclaim not only from the local and international PGA Professionals and their amateurs, but also from the PGA's of Europe and the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs as a premier golf tourism event for the province.

Guest speaker at the Awards Ceremony, Ian Randell, Chief Executive of PGA's of Europe, said that he was impressed with the calibre of the tournament and that of the host golf courses. "This event will be sanctioned by the PGA's of Europe and will feature on our international calendar as a premier tournament," added Randell.

The HOD at the Dept of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Desmond Golding, said in his address that the World Club ProAm shared the Province's vision for growth through golf tourism and that the tournament would continue to receive their full support.

"This is a huge achievement for our second year and we look forward to the enormous potential that awaits us as we continue to develop the World Club ProAm into the premier club championship on the PGA international golfing calendar", said Craig Clay-Smith, tournament spokesperson.

32 teams of local and international PGA Professionals and their amateurs, battled it out over 5 days and 90 holes of fiercely competitive and exhilarating golf at Durban Country Club, Zimbali Country Club, Prince's Grant Golf Estate, Cotswold Downs Golf Estate and Mt Edgecombe Country Club Course 1.

The Professional Stableford saw the internationals go head-to-head in the top 5 spots as South Africa, Namibia, Australia and Swedish title defender, Henrik Engdahl from Crete Golf Club in Greece all had their eye on the title. In the final round it was Henrik Engdahl who charged up the field in an impressive finish on 40 points at Durban Country Club and held onto his title and trophy by finishing 9 strokes ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, Steve Basson from Omeya Golf Club in Namibia.

"I played one of my best games in the final round and it was wonderful to win the second World Club ProAm on a personal career highlight. I will definitely be back next year to continue defending my title," said Engdahl who walked away with a prize cheque of US\$33 285.

The ProAm 4-Ball Team Alliance was dominated by the South Africans, with Modderfontein Golf Club leading the field from tee-off to the final putt and winning the team trophy on 440 points, 8 shots ahead of fellow South African rivals, Strand Golf Club 1 on 432 points.

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"A total prize purse of US\$210 000, including cash for the professionals and cutting-edge TaylorMade golf apparel to the value of half-a-million rand was given away in prizes. We would like to thank our sponsors Mercedes Benz, Tsogo Sun, TaylorMade, Tourism KwaZulu-Natal, Business Report, African Crystal and Aqua Mice for their valued support in making this tournament a huge success for the second consecutive year," concluded Event Management Director, Beverley Theron of Flagship Events.

### **FINAL RESULTS AFTER 90-HOLES**

#### **Professional Individual Stableford Championship**

POSITION	PROFESSIONAL	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	Henrik Engdahl – The Crete Golf Club	Sweden	186
2	Steve Basson – Omeya Golf Club	Namibia	177
3	Michael du Toit – Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC	South Africa	176

#### **ProAm 4-Ball Alliance**

POSITION	TEAM	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	Modderfontein Golf Club	South Africa	440
2	Strand Golf Club 1	South Africa	432
3	Blue Valley	South Africa	430

For more information on the tournament, visit [www.worldclubproam.com](http://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\$210 000 including cash for the professionals, amateur prizes and two hole-in-one prizes of two Mercedes-Benz SLK 200 vehicles jointly 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 entry includes a full golfing package, plus seven nights 4-star accommodation sharing, meals and three 5-star gala events.







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