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PGA of SA | Mercedes Benz World Club ProAm Tees-Off In Durban

Round 1 of the PGA of SA|Mercedes Benz World Club ProAm teed-off to windy conditions at Zimbali Country Club yesterday, where local and international PGA Professionals and their amateurs found themselves under pressure as they tackled the first 18-holes of the 5-day tournament. Despite the challenging conditions, Zimbali's rating among the top 10 ultimate golfing experiences in South Africa did not fail to impress the visiting golfers and re-inforced PGA Chairman, Paul Mark's comments at the Gala Welcome Dinner that the tournament was being played out across five of the country's finest courses.

In the ProAm 4-Ball alliance, Modderfontein Golf Club showed their determination to claim the team trophy this year by taking the lead at the outset of the tournament with a finish of 89 Stableford points. The 4-ball from Blue Valley Golf & Country Club finished 2 shots down the field in 2nd place on 87 points with Witbank Golf Club closely on their heels in 3rd place on 85 points.

The top 3 positions in the Professional Stableford are being closely contested with a one shot difference between the leader, Christo Roos from Cotswold Downs Golf Course on 39 points, 2nd place holder Steven Shearer from Zimbali Country Club on 38 points and Steve Basson from Omeya Golf Club in Namibia on 37 points. Title defender, Henrik Engdahl from Crete Golf Club in Greece is following closely in 4th place on 36 points. With 72-holes still to be played across 4 courses each with their unique challenges, all eyes are fixed on who will be leading the field at the end of the next round.

The Hole-In-One Professional and Amateur prize of a Mercedes Benz SLK 200, jointly valued at over R1.2 million, went unclaimed in the first round and move with the tournament to Mount Edgecombe Country Club Course 1 for today's Round 2.

LEADER BOARD: AT THE END OF ROUND 1

ProAm 4-Ball Alliance

POSITION	TEAM	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	Modderfontein Golf Club	South Africa	89
2	Blue Valley Golf & Country Club 3	South Africa	87
3	Witbank Golf Club	South Africa	85



Professional Individual Stableford Championship

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1	Christo Roos – Cotswold Downs Golf Estate	South Africa	39
2	Steven Shearer – Zimbali Country Club	South Africa	38
3	Steve Basson – Omeya Golf Club	Namibia	37
4	Henrik Engdahl – The Crete Golf Club	Sweden	36
5	Louis le Roux – Modderfontein Golf Club	South Africa	35

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

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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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