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### **New Play Format Set To Spice Up 2016 World Club ProAm**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the PGA of SA World Club ProAm will see the introduction of an exciting adjusted competition format that will spice up the camaraderie and challenge for the professional and team title. The changes promote global networking opportunities between the participating golfers and create a valuable opportunity for the PGA Professional to spend more time hosting his invited amateurs, thereby enhancing their World Club ProAm golf experience.

The 90-hole format that is unique to the World Club ProAm will remain for the PGA Professional, but the amateurs will now play 4 rounds of team golf with an optional 5<sup>th</sup> round for the World Club Pro Am Individual Amateur title. The team event will consist of three rounds of combined Betterball Stableford and a single round of Fourball Alliance Stableford with 2 scores to count. The PGA Professional will partner with a different amateur partner each day thereby pairing with 2 other amateurs giving players the opportunity to network with golfers from other teams. The Amateurs then have the option of either competing in the separate Individual Cup event on day five or they can opt to rest and support their PGA Professional on the final day of the Professional Championship..

The PGA Professionals will be drawn together in a seeded final round in the Individual Stableford Professional Championship where the winner will claim the US\$33 000 prize fund and Individual title.

“This format change has been introduced to increase the engagement and networking between the players and we are confident that the players will appreciate the challenge and increase the popularity of the event. Our focus throughout this decision process has been to ensure that the title and team trophy is tightly contested and that the ethos of the tournament to promote camaraderie among the teams and to provide a truly memorable golf experience is upheld,” said Ivano Ficalbi, Chief Executive of the PGA of South Africa.

The PGA of SA World Club ProAm will be played in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa from 27 February to 5 March 2016. Registered PGA Professionals are invited to play by invitation of the PGA of South Africa and sponsors of the tournament. Once they have identified their three amateurs they may then enter their team online at [www.worldclubproam.com](http://www.worldclubproam.com).

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