



# European Amateur Golf Ranking 2014



Congratulations to the Top Ranked Players in the European Amateur Golf Ranking 2014. Final results (as of September 5, 2014) were:

1	Mario Galiano	Spain	1232.98 pts
2	Marcus Kinhult	Sweden	1221.97 pts
3	Renato Paratore	Italy	1221.43 pts

The gold medallist is **Mario Galiano (ESP)**. His rise into the ranking started with a good run of tournaments to kick off his 2014 season. In March, he finished second leading individual in the European Nations Championship and contributed to the European Team's success in the Bonallack Trophy played in India. He then won back-to-back tournaments in Spain, with victories in the Campeonato de Madrid and Campeonato de Barcelona. After qualifying for the match play stage at the Amateur Championship (lost in the first round), he brought four points (out of five matches) to his country, helping Spain to become European Amateur Team Champion. Later in the summer, Galiano was runner-up in the Spanish Amateur (Campeonato de Espana Absoluto) and played his way into the second match play round in the US Amateur. He was back in Europe at the end of August for the St Andrews Trophy. He is the first Spanish player to claim the European Amateur Golf Ranking gold medal since the reward was first instituted in 2005.

Despite two wins in Sweden in 2013, silver-medallist **Marcus Kinhult (SWE)** only started 2014 just inside the top 50 (49th), but climbed up the ranking steadily throughout the season. He opened his campaign by finishing third in the Portuguese International Amateur and second in the Spanish Amateur Copa S M El Rey's qualification. After another solid performance in the European Nations Championship (11th), he continued to show his talent by placing fourth in the Lytham Trophy. He played in the Nordea Masters on the European Tour and finished 21st. However, the highlight of his summer was most probably his success in China at the Youth Olympic Games. He claimed two medals in Nanjing, the silver in the individual competition and the gold, with Linnea Strom, in the team event. Kinhult was part of the

Continental Team for the Jacques L glise Trophy played in his home country, Sweden.

The bronze medal goes to another talented young player. **Renato Paratore (ITA)** impressed throughout the season. In early January, he won the Junior Orange Bowl International and became, eight month later, the first ever golf Youth Olympic Champion in Nanjing, China. Between these resounding successes, Paratore won three more events: the Portuguese International Amateur, the Umberto Agnelli Trophy and the Italian Amateur Stroke Play Championship. He also placed second in the stroke play qualifying for the Amateur Championship and the German International Amateur as well as eighth in the International European Amateur Championship. He led his team to the title in the European Boys' Team Championship, winning six points in so many matches. He was also part of the European Bonallack Trophy winning team.

EAGR Conditions and full results for 2014 can be viewed at: <http://www.ega-golf.ch/080000/080200.asp>

The first three ranked players will receive formal recognition for their achievement by being awarded EGA medal prizes.

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The 2015 European Amateur Golf Ranking will restart immediately, with results posted on: [http://www.ega-golf.ch/080000/EAGR\\_2015.asp](http://www.ega-golf.ch/080000/EAGR_2015.asp)