

# EGA Championships 2007

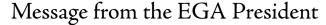












What an exciting golfing year it has been across Europe! An enthralling Open Championship was concluded with two of Europe's finest golfers, Sergio Garcia and Padraig Harrington fighting it out to become Champion Golfer and of course our 2006 European Amateur Champion Rory Mcllroy displayed to all, his incredible talent in winning the Silver Medal.

This publication illustrates the fine achievements of the best amateur golfers in Europe. During 2007 the European Golf Association staged 15 European Championships and participated in 2 International Matches, the Jacques Leglise Trophy at the Notts Golf Club, England and the Vagliano Trophy at the Fairmont St Andrews, Scotland.

Thank you to all the competitors who throughout the year not only played to such a high standard but also showed respect for the traditions and etiquette of this great game.

A special thank you to the National Federations, the R&A and the LGU who all contributed to making 2007 another outstanding year of golf.

Andrew B. Morgan



# Message from the EGA General Secretary

Again, in 2007, we have enjoyed serving the European golfing community through the myriad of different championships we govern and organise in cooperation with our members. I am happy to have received much positive feedback from captains, coaches and players throughout the year, but have also appreciated receiving suggestions on how we can continue to improve our championships and broaden the golfing scene across Europe, support our member federations when they need assistance as well as to continue nurturing our future stars.

We have attempted this year to make a number of improvements with the introduction of new services such as an online entry system, revised conditions of competition and entry forms, EGA hard cards and further work towards standardising procedures for application across all EGA Championships.

2008 will see us continue to improve and develop systems and methods to assist our committees and hosting federations deliver the best services possible. We are also looking into improved collaboration with national golf federations in reference to International Matches in order to be able to select the best teams.

We thank all of our members and their golfers for their continued support.

John C. Storjohann



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### EUROPEAN MEN'S AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Western Gailes, Scotland 3 - 7 July 2007





**IRELAND FRANCE SCOTLAND** 

On Day 1, the French team showed of things to come in the first match play qualifying round on the classic Scottish links course. They dropped two positions to England and Scotland in the final match play line-up after the second and final stroke play round on Day 2, with Ireland qualifying fourth.

The top four positions were not to change once the match play began on Day 3 with all four teams registering wins in the quarter finals. Each was then playing for a chance to take the title in the semi finals on Day 4. France and Ireland were to earn their places defeating Scotland and England respectively.

Day 5: an exciting clash for old rivals England and Scotland for third position resulted in the home team narrowly claiming victory. The match for first and second was left to the singles after the morning foursomes matches were onea-piece. Ireland lost only one match of the five singles to take the title.

The second flight was headed by World Champions, the Netherlands, in a one-sided final match with Germany. The third flight was keenly contested by Iceland, the Czech Republic, Italy and Turkey. The closeness of the matches required the results of individual games to decide the final placings. Iceland topped the final placings narrowly from Italy, the Czech Republic and Turkey. The latter two teams must now re-qualify for a place in the Championship. Next year's event will be at Royal Park Golf and Country Club in Turin, Italy.

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### **EUROPEAN CHALLENGE MEN'S TROPHY**

Tallin GC, Estonia 5 - 7 July 2007



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1		ESTONIA
2		POLAND
3	(0)	SLOVAKIA

Five teams participated in this year's Challenge Trophy for Men and Estonia took the opportunity to host its first EGA event. Estonia has consistently attended the championship in past years and were particularly driven to qualify for the European Men's Amateur Team Championship in 2008 on home turf. They proved to be the team to catch from the start and, after two rounds, it was the battle for the other placings that proved crucial. Remarkably, Slovakia and Greece had identical team scores for Days 1 and 2 and Poland were just one stroke ahead of them. Poland managed to hold their position for second and Slovakia managed to

move away from Greece in the final nine holes to take third place honours.

Unfortunately for Slovakia, only two teams will go through to next year's European Men's Amateur Team Championship - an anticlimactic result for what would have been their first appearance in a European Team Championship.

Well done Estonia and Tallinn Golf Club for hosting an enjoyable and competitive championship.



### EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Castelconturbia GC, Italy 10- 14 July 2007



Spain, Sweden and England showed their strength in the stroke play finishing in the top three placings. All three teams would remain in their respective positions until they reached the podium, with Germany, fourth ranked following the stroke play by only one stroke, the most likely team to upset Spain. Spain and Germany met in the semi-

finals, the latter sealing a convincing win over home team, Italy, in the quarter-finals. However, two 1-hole victories for Spain in the foursomes made them too difficult to catch in the afternoon singles. Sweden had a one point victory over England in their semi-final, but were no match for Spain in the final.



### **EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Oslo GC, Norway 10-14 July 2007



Flaunting a beautiful outlook over Bogstad Lake, a wet Oslo golf course returned some high scores during the stroke play. Denmark and Germany took the stroke play honours but were relegated to third and fourth positions respectively

after fifth-placed Sweden and sixth-placed Netherlands showed that match play was their preferred format. After being one down in the foursomes, Sweden took the singles outright to win the championship.



### **EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Rold Skov GC, Denmark 10-14 July 2007



Denmark showed they have some depth to be reckoned with in their junior ranks winning over England in the final of the European Boys' Team Championship. Denmark ranked sixth going into the match play behind teams such as France, Norway and Sweden who, among others, were fielding international representative players. Italy's second placing may have been an indication of things to come in the European Young Masters, later in the year. They continued

their form against Scotland in the quarter-finals, but faltered against Denmark in the semis. The final looked set to be an excellent encounter with England dismissing two strong teams to earn their finals berth. It did not disappoint with the foursomes squared in the morning, one match lasting until the 24th. Denmark's two point advantage in the singles came down to two 1-hole wins.



### **EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Royal Drottningholms GC, Sweden 24-27 July 2007



The newly-crowned European Ladies' Individual Champion led the way for France to qualify in the number one spot for the match play. Royal Drottningholms Golf Club, enjoyed by all the ladies, was then scene for the top qualifier to

overcome two of the strong Great Britain and Ireland teams, Scotland and England to take the title.



### **EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bled GC, Slovenia 15-18 July 2007



Beautiful Bled. In the European Senior Men's Team Championship, the depth of the Great Britain and Ireland teams did not falter against any Continental bid. Following the 36-hole stroke play qualification rounds, the Scottish, Irish and English teams finished first, second and third respectively, with only four strokes separating first and second and one stroke separating second and third. France was the fourth placed team, 14 strokes back and Scotland had little opposition from them in the first semi-final match. Ireland and England had a closely-fought semi with the former

emerging successful - the morning foursomes making the difference. With England now playing for third, a match they played strongly to claim the bronze medal, Scotland and Ireland were left to claim gold and silver. Scotland took the morning lead from the foursomes and, with one singles match reaching the 21st, it was always going to be a intense contest. With three singles matches left to make the balance, Ireland took the advantage and their second European team title of 2007.



### INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

GC Domaine Impérial, Switzerland 7-9 June 2007



Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total
1	Gary Wolstenholme	+	England	72	69	72	213
2	Mika Wikström	+	Finland	75	76	71	222
2	Ulrich Schulte		Germany	75	70	77	222

As usual, a full field took to the course to compete in the European Mid-Amateur Championship, hosted this year on the northern banks of Lake Geneva. Gary Wolstenholme was looking to defend his title and a three under par 69 in the second round on the difficult layout gave him the cushion he needed to stroll to a comfortable win. The Finnish

contingent vibrantly celebrated Mika Wikström's silver medal, while Ulrich Schulte pondered his least successful round of the tournament to take equal second placing and the bronze medal.



### INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Vilamoura (Old Course and Pinhal), Portugal 14-16 June 2007



	LADIES								
Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total		
1	Virginie Burrus		France	76	75	69	220		
2	Cecilia Mourgue D'Algue		France	75	75	73	223		
3	Marina Buscaini		Italy	74	79	75	228		

	MEN									
Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total			
1	Norman Swenson		USA	73	68	75	216			
2	Maurice Kelly		Ireland	73	71	75	219			
3	Miguel Preysler De la Riva		Spain	73	74	74	221			

With the Ladies on Vilamoura's Old Course and the Men on Pinhal, the overcast conditions gave both Championships' players relief from the summer heat. French ladies Virginie Burrus and Cecilia Mourgue D'Algue certainly kept their cool to be first and second respectively, while Marina Buscaini finished with a solid 75 to take third.

Norman Swenson, who confesses to spending much of his time playing international championships all around the world, came to contest the European Championship this year with great success. The strong-hitting American made his presence known with a second-round 68 and was then able to hold-off a challenge from Irishman Maurice Kelly, who also began the championship on good form, to win by three. Two strokes further back, Miguel Preysler de la Riva (Spain) held off experienced campaigner Hans-Hubert Giesen (Germany) by a stroke to take third.



### **EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS**

Golf de Bondues, France 26-28 July 2007



NATIONS CUP							
Pos	(	Total					
1		656					
2	+	ENGLAND	665				
3	$\times$	SCOTLAND	667				



	GIRLS									
Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total			
1	Carly Booth	X	Scotland	69	76	72	217			
2	Sofia Hoglund	+	Finland	73	72	75	220			
3	Fanny Wolte		Austria	75	71	75	221			

	BOYS									
Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total			
1	Matteo Manassero		Italy	72	72	71	215			
2	Robin Kind		Netherlands	75	70	71	216			
3	Eddie Pepperell	+	England	75	69	72	216			



The popular junior Championship began its three year visit to France this year within the model setting presented by Golf de Bondues near Lille. Water intervenes on almost every hole on the course and makes it a serene by potentially hazardous golfing excursion.

Italy kept to the serene by winning the Nations Cup by nine strokes over England and eleven over Scotland. The Boys' Champion, Matteo Manassero (Italy), as a 14 yearold, played well beyond his years with consistent rounds of 72, 72, 71 on the par 72 layout to better Robin Kind (Netherlands) and Eddie Pepperell (England), both by a single stroke.

In the girls' championship, Carly Booth of Scotland, who attained third place last year, improved on her previous performance by finishing in first place by three from Sofia Hoglund (Finland) and four from Fanny Wolde (Austria).

The championship moves next year to Chantilly.

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### INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Sporting Club Berlin, Germany 22-25 August 2007



Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	Benjamin Herbert*		France	68	69	70	70	277
2	Joel Sjoholm	+	Sweden	69	69	70	69	277
3	Daniel Willett	+	England	73	71	70	66	280

<sup>\*</sup> Herbert won playoff

A challenging links-style layout at Scharmützelsee, southeast of Berlin greeted the players for the championship. Scores were excellent on this, one of Germany's toughest courses; a course known for inducing playoffs. Two players tied the four rounds on 11-under par - Joel Sjoholm (Sweden) and Benjamin Hebert (France). Four players were tied for third, three strokes behind the leaders.

Superb golf was shown by both players in the three-hole playoff over holes 10, 8 and 9. Both players parred the par five 10th, Hebert converting a difficult lie in the thick rough into a birdie opportunity, which narrowly missed. Over the next two holes he did not miss his chances and played the two par fours, the 8th and 9th, each in birdie three.





### INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Golf National, France 29 August - 1 September 2007



Pos	Player	Country		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	Caroline Hedwall*	+	Sweden	74	70	68	71	283
2	Carlota Ciganda		Spain	70	70	75	68	283
3	Alexandra Bonetti		France	70	74	74	70	288

<sup>\*</sup> Hedwall won playoff

Golf National, headquarters to the French Golf Federation, was an exciting venue for the 2007 European Ladies' Amateur Championship. Swede Caroline Hedwall played strongly for the four rounds, finishing on -5. Carlota Ciganda of Spain equalled this tally with an exciting final round 68. In the three-hole playoff over holes 16, 17 and 18, Hedwall's par, birdie, birdie score narrowly defeated Ciganda who made birdie, bogey, birdie.





### **VAGLIANO TROPHY**

Fairmont St-Andrews, Scotland 25-28 July 2007



Great-Britain & Ireland		Continent of Europe			
Friday 27 July 2007					
Foursomes	0	4			
Singles	3	5			
Total Day 1	3	9			
Saturday 28 July 2007					
Foursomes	2	2			
Singles	4	4			
Total Day 2	6	6			
Overall Match Result					
Total	9	15			
Players					
Rachel Bell, England		Denise Becker, Germany			
Elizabeth Bennett, England		Emma Cabrera, Spain			
Krystle Caithness, Scotland		Carlota Ciganda, Spain			
Tara Delaney, Ireland		Valentine Derrey, France			
Naomi Edwards, England		Sandra Gal, Germany			
Sahra Hassan, Wales		Pernilla Lindberg, Sweden			
Breanne Loucks, Wales		Belen Mozo, Spain			
Melissa Reid, England		Anna Nordqvist, Sweden			
Kerry Smith, England		Caroline Westrup, Sweden			
Captain: Mary McKenna, Ireland		Captain: Macarena Campomanes, Spain			

With a 4-0 advantage in the foursomes on the morning of the first day, Continent of Europe took a commanding 9-3 lead into Day 2. The results were an evenly matched 6-6 on the second day - but were enough for the continental team to post a convincing six-point win.



# JACQUES LEGLISE TROPHY

Notts GC, England 31 August - 1 September 2007



Great-Britain & Ireland		Continent of Europe			
Friday 31 August 2007					
Foursomes	3.5	0.5			
Singles	5	3			
Total Day 1	8.5	3.5			
Saturday 1 September 2007					
Foursomes	2.5	1.5			
Singles	2.5	5.5			
Total Day 2	5	7			
Overall Match Result					
Total	13.5	10.5			
Players					
James Byrne, Scotland		Nikolaj Aagaard, Denmark			
Paul Cutler, Ireland		Edouard Dubois, France			
Tommy Fleetwood , England		Sean Einhaus, Germany			
Fraser Fotheringham , Scotland		Pedro Figueiredo, Portugal			
Matt Haines, England		Maximilian Kieffer, Germany			
Jack Hiluta, England (Captain)		Daniel Løkke, Denmark			
Andrew Johnston, England		Matteo Manassero, Italy			
Eddie Pepperell, England		Christiano Terragni, Italy			
Michael Stewart, Scotland		Floris de Vries, Netherlands			
Captain: Jack Hiluta, England		Captain: Andreas Pallauf, Austria			

The 40th edition of the Match was won by the Great Britain & Ireland team 13.5-10.5 after two years of continental supremacy. Following a difficult first day, the continental team

made a fighting comeback in the singles on the second day, but their effort did not culminate in a third victory in row.





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