



CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009





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Message from the EGA President

In the footsteps of Rory McIlroy, Europe's incredible talent in the amateur ranks continues to shine as Matteo Manassero of Italy becomes the youngest competitor ever to win The Amateur Championship and then follows this success by winning the Silver Medal at The Open Championship. Matteo was subsequently invited to act as one of golf's ambassadors as our sport was added to the Olympic agenda. I eagerly anticipate seeing golf receive the global popularity, appreciation and respect that it deserves.

We have also witnessed Sweden's Anna Nordqvist, who graced these pages only last year, winning a major championship in her rookie year on the LPGA tour.

In this publication, we celebrate a year of Europe's best amateur players' performances in European Golf Association (EGA) events. As such, each and every one represents the dedication of the host nation, the players, the supporters and the role of the EGA as the roof organisation of 38 member countries throughout Europe. The EGA also warmly acknowledges the enormous contribution of the R&A in its continued support of our championships. We look forward to seeing the next generation of champions emerge.

As I end my term as EGA President, I am content that the friendship forged by golf across our European nations is in a healthy state. I thank the EGA Executive, Championship and Handicapping and Course Rating Committees, in particular the retiring Championship Committee Chairman, Anne Lanrezac, and finally the EGA office staff for their unwavering support for this cause and for consistently moving the EGA forward.

I look forward to continuing for another two years with the EGA as Past President.

Marion Thannhäuser



Message from the EGA General Secretary

In a year still subjected to a difficult global financial situation, we have been able to retain our standards of competition and organisation owing to the generosity and ingenuity of our hosting nations, who I thank most warmly on behalf of all EGA members. Rolex continues to support the EGA through sponsorship and our cooperation with them has again enhanced the opportunities the EGA has in supporting its members with services.

As we look forward to an even better 2010, we have a number of upcoming changes to our championships. A new condition for the status of nominated persons giving advice during our team championships will be implemented. Further, to assist with the many European players who are based at US colleges, 2010 will usher-in the new dates of our International European Men's and Ladies' Amateur Championships. The European Amateur Golf Rankings are also incorporating more events to make them more accessible and representative of our players' achievements and a sound basis for team selections.

The EGA's online entry system has further improved and GolfBox has developed into a solid base for administering our relatively complex team championships. The system was applied successfully in its second year and will further be improved to meet all demands. GolfMark, the Portuguese film production company, recorded several championships once again and delivered some fine footage for our records.

Furthermore, we can all now look forward to golf's status as an Olympic Sport.

As we continue to move forward, we thank all of our members for their continual support.

John C. Storjohann



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EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Conwy GC, Wales

30 June - 4 July



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1		SCOTLAND
2		ENGLAND
3		ITALY

World Amateur Team champions Scotland were victors over England in the European Amateur Team Championship final after completing the morning foursomes 2-0. Despite an early comeback in the singles, England's Luke Goddard and Tommy Fleetwood could not hold off Scotland's Paul O'Hara and Ross Kellett who won their matches on the 17th and 18th holes respectively.

As Champions for the last two years, Ireland's qualification into the second flight of eight came as a disappointment. However, they asserted themselves in the match play by taking the top position in an exciting final match against Denmark. Austria won the round robin third flight, after the deciding match against the Czech Republic went to the third extra hole, to earn their invitation to the 2010 event to be held in Sweden.




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**EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bled GC, Slovenia

7-11 July



1		GERMANY
2		ENGLAND
3		FRANCE

Pia Halbig won an intense match that went to the 19th against England's Emma Brown to decide the Ladies' Team title. Germany qualified for the match play only in seventh position, yet were able to upset Sweden and Spain on their way to the final by a tight one-point margin.

In the final, the undefeated foursomes pairing of Stephanie Kirchmayr and Lara Katzy made no error in a close match to half the morning's tally. The two first afternoon singles matches narrowly went England's way, with the final two falling comfortably to Germany. The middle (third) match then became the focus of attention as it went into extra holes.

Spain played France in the other finals medal match, but could not overcome the top seed in the singles following a one-all foursomes tie that could have gone either way with each team completing a one-hole victory. Another match going to the 19th hole decided the proceedings following a further close match in the final singles.

Scotland, who only missed qualifying for the top eight by three strokes, held form as the second flight's top seed. Wales, who had qualified in 15th position had two strong days of match play, but claimed no matches from Scotland in the final.

Iceland upset Ireland and the home team, Slovenia, to win the round robin third flight.






EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Kokkola GC, Finland

7-11 July



1		IRELAND
2		SWEDEN
3		SPAIN

Ireland's Leona Maguire placed her team as top qualifiers for the match play from Spain and home team, Finland, following a superb 67 in the second stroke play round. She and sister Lisa proved a winning combination in the foursomes through all the match play days which gave their team the edge they needed for a final victory over defending champions Sweden. Spain took the bronze medal from England.

As top qualifiers in the second flight, France looked to be taking line honours until upset by 11th seed the Netherlands in the final.

Italy were too strong for Latvia and Greece in the round robin third flight.



**EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

GC de Pan, Netherlands

7-11 July



1		DENMARK
2		GERMANY
3		NETHERLANDS

Denmark showed that they can also win this title away from home in a competitive championship in the Netherlands on the tough Golf de Pan course.

England and Sweden seemed most in control after the first day of stroke play until Denmark burst into second place on the second day with three sub-70 scores.

Top seed England's medal contentions were upset by Germany on the first day of match play, while the home team put an end to defending champion Sweden's chances. Denmark meanwhile had a relatively straight forward move into the semi-finals after a comfortable win over the Czech Republic.

Germany made full use of their cliff-hanger one shot qualification into eighth position by defeating

Spain for a final's berth. The semi-final between the Netherlands and Denmark was the most exciting match of the championship. Lucas Bjerregaard won the 21st with a birdie to give Denmark their chance.

In an evenly-matched final, only one singles match was the difference, while the local supporters helped the Netherlands attain the bronze medal narrowly from Spain.

A strong French team, which would have been very competitive in the first flight, had little trouble finishing first in the second flight, while a courageous Slovenian team held off relegation by finishing ahead of Wales, Poland and Hungary in the third flight round robin.



EUROPEAN BOYS' CHALLENGE TROPHY

Blacksearama, Bulgaria

30 July - 1 August



1		AUSTRIA
2		WALES
3		POLAND

Bulgaria commenced its first hosting of an EGA event this year at the Gary Player designed Blacksearama Golf Club. Six teams took to the cliff-top course to attempt to qualify for the 2010 European Boys' Team Championship (EBTC) scheduled for Turkey.

A windswept championship saw Austria make their claim to an EBTC berth, finishing 11 clear of Wales.

Austria made the most of the championship's easiest weather conditions on Day 1 with Bernard Neumayer and Tobias Nemecz firing the lowest two scores of the championship: 69 (-3) and 70 respectively. The Welsh team looked to be playing steady and cautious golf with a tight range of

scores: 72-76. Poland kept in touch with a fine 71 from Grzegorz Zielinski.

The positions never changed after Day 2, but Poland had given chase to Wales who only led them by five strokes going into the final day.

On Day 3, four solid rounds in tough conditions earned Wales their 2010 EBTC invitation as they shaved ten strokes off their Day 2 total. Poland took third position and would normally have qualified, but for the condition that allows the host country an exemption. Turkey will therefore be invited to take their place among the qualifiers next year in the 20 team line-up, with Poland as first reserve.


**EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ascona GC, Switzerland

11-15 August



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1		ENGLAND
2		SWEDEN
3		IRELAND

Ireland began their title defence strongly, leading the stroke play after Day 1 by four strokes. England had a sound day returning scores of level par from Philip Slater, Doug Arnold and Andrew Carman to place second.

Germany came to the fore on Day 2, eventually finishing as top seed, four ahead of Ireland with a consistent team effort.

However, Germany faltered on the first day of match play losing to eighth seed, Italy. Ireland came through the quarter-finals strongly over France with Sweden and England also making their bid.

Closely fought semi-finals saw Sweden and England progress.

After the first nine in the final, all seemed to be going Sweden's way, but once England turned the tide in the foursomes, the final matches were inspired with Phillip Slater and Geoff King taking England to victory.

A disappointed home team, who were ranked fifth after Day 1 and then missed the medal chances following Day 2, continued well in the match play to hold top position in the second flight.

The third flight narrowly went to Austria over Israel.



EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Dun Laoghaire, Ireland
31 August - 4 September



1		GERMANY
2		ITALY
3		ENGLAND

Dun Laoghaire and the local conditions suited the home side in the stroke play; Ireland qualified as top seed from Sweden and Spain. However, any glory was short lived as eighth seed, Germany, took the first three matches of the quarter-finals to end the home team's hopes. As in the European Boys' Team Championship, the German team began strongly from the eighth seed position and overcame the top seed early. Germany won a close match against England in the semi-finals and was set to meet Italy, who defeated Spain, in the final. With matches tied, the experienced pairing of Chris Utermarck versus Clotilde Fasolis Costa was the deciding match. Utermarck withstood the pressure to take the match by 1 hole. England were too strong for Spain for the final medal placing.

Belgium won the second flight convincingly over Switzerland while Austria defeated Denmark in the final flight to finish 13th.



**INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Rio Real, Marbella, Spain

4-6 June



Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Stephen East		ENG	217
2	Nigel Sweet		ENG	218
3	Rodrigo Lacerda Soares		BRA	219

The Javier Arana designed Rio Real course near Malaga in Spain hosted perfect golfing temperatures, yet the windy conditions allowed a shrewd 68 from former champion François Illouz (FRA) to take a two shot lead after Day 1. As the winds continued on Day 2, the steady scorers reaffirmed their claim to the title. Nigel Sweet and Stephen East, two of the thirty-strong English contingent, held the top two positions of level and one over par respectively. Also in the mix was Brazilian Rodrigo Lacerda Soares, who was in touch with two one-over 73s.

The top three from Day 2 remained the main stayers

well into the third round, with East making a birdie on the 16th hole to edge-out his main rival, Sweet, by a stroke.

A further 73 from Lacerda Soares gave him third position, a stroke further back.









INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Porto Carras GC, Greece

11-13 June



MEN				
Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Frederico Lang		ITA	216
2	Maurice Kelly		IRE	217
3	Georgios Vafeiadis		GRE	218

Ladies				
Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Virginie Burrus		FRA	222
2	Mimmi Guglielmone		SUI	226
3	Viveca Hoff		SWE	229

Virgine Burrus (FRA) did not allow the sluggish greens on the Porto Carras Golf Club in Greece to deter her from her third successive title in this championship. Burrus won by a convincing four strokes from first round leader, Mimmi Guglielmone (SUI), who took the Super Seniors title.

In the Men's, Englishman Geoff King's opening 3-under par 69 kept him in contention throughout the three days, but it was Italian Federico Lang who's first and last rounds of 70 kept a mediocre second round from interrupting a narrow 1-stroke lead over Ireland's Maurice Kelly, who could not force a playoff with an up and down at the 54th.

Local, Georgios Vafeiadis, posted three consistent rounds to narrowly take third from King, who's final pair of 75s were not enough to keep him in the medals and from 2000 champion Hans-Hubert Giesen who's final round 69 was the day's best.

Italy also featured in the Super Seniors with Piergiorgio Vigliani taking the title from Roger Fontagneres of France by five strokes.

**EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS**

Golf National (Albatros), France

23-25 July



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NATIONS		
1		CZECH REPUBLIC
2		NETHERLANDS
3		SPAIN




In the final year of three in France, the European Young Masters was held on the demanding Golf National course. Although many struggled on the home of the French Open, Klara Spilkova (CZE) made the course hers by finishing the tournament 14 under par and 14 strokes beyond second place in the Girls' title. The Boys' title was more closely fought, but a consistent performance from Jeroen Krietemeijer (NED), with a superb second round 69, was enough for him to take the Boys' title by two.




Spilkova's results, backed up by some consistent scoring from her team mates, gave the Czech Republic a four-stroke victory in the nation's cup over the Netherlands and Spain.



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GIRLS				
Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Klara Spilkova		CZE	202
2	Camilla Hedberg		SPA	216
3	Anne Hakula		FIN	224

BOYS				
Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Jeroen Krietemeijer		NED	213
2	Stewart Calum		SCO	215
3	Thomas Detry		BEL	215

The EYM now ends what has been a superb hosting by the French Golf Federation at the Golf de Bondues, Golf de Chantilly and Golf National (Albatros) courses.

Hungary will host the championship for the next three years, commencing next year at the beautiful Royal Balaton Golf and Yacht Club.



**INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Chantilly, France

19-22 August



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Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Victor Dubuisson		FRA	277
2	Ross Kellett		SCO	278
3	Billy Hemstock		ENG	280

A hot, dry Golf de Chantilly met the competitors on Day 1. Local Victor Dubuisson handled the conditions the best carding a six under 65. Espen Kofstad (NOR) was one stroke further back and Ross Kellett (SCO), -7 after the 15th, had to settle for a 67.

Kellett kept pushing on Day 2 reaching -12 after the 15th, but finishing his second round on a tournament-leading -9. Fellow countryman, James Byrne, had a second 69 to take second place with Adam Runcie of Wales. Dubuisson slipped to -2 after a fighting 75.

On Day 3, it was Kellett to let the strokes slip as

another steady round from Byrne had them tied at -5. A number of players had played themselves into contention and were sitting just behind the lead.

Kellett began well on the final day while Byrne could not pick up the strokes he needed to stay in touch. The main pursuant was Dubuisson who, after four inward birdies, was one behind Kellett who birdied the 9th hole to reach -7. Kellett extended his lead by two after he birdied the 12th, but a bogey on the 14th lessened the gap. The swing came on the 17th; Kellett bogied to Dubuisson's birdie and pars for both players on the last left the Frenchman with the title.



INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Falsterbo GC, Sweden
26-29 August



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Pos	Player	Country		Total
1	Caroline Hedwall		SWE	285
2	Kylie Walker		SCO	295
3	Louise Larsson		SWE	296

Falsterbo Golf Club in Sweden heralded a tough course in tough conditions for the Ladies. Karlijn Zaanen (NED) put in an early bid for the lead with an opening 69 (-2). Four players tied for second position one shot further back.

Scores were high on Day 2, but Scotland's Pamela Pretswell showed the way with a 69 to take the lead on even par. On the third day, the tide turned as local Caroline Hedwall fired a 66 to give herself a seven stroke lead going into the final round. Hedwall was able to extend her lead by three winning by ten from Scotland's Kylie Walker with Louise Larsson (SWE) one further back.





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**EUROPEAN LADIES' CLUB TROPHY**

GC Bergisch Land, Wuppertal, Germany

24-26 September



Pos	CLUB	Country		Total
1	GC St Leon-Rot		GER	438
2	Racing Club		FRA	439
3	Golf Klub Cechie		CZE	450

The third and final successive European Ladies' Club Trophy held at the GC Bergisch Land Wuppertal, Germany, was won by defending champions, German club, St. Leon Rot. They had a two stroke lead going into the final round over one of the strongest clubs in Europe in recent years: Racing Club de France. 69s from each of Junior Solheim Cup player Sophia Popov (GC St. Leon Rot) and Ines Lescudier (Racing Club de France) led the way, but Nicole Lingelbach's (GC St. Leon Rot) 73 was enough to hold off Manon Gidali's (Racing Club de France) 72 for a one stroke victory.

Popov was the highest ranked individual. She followed a 78 on Day 1 with 72 and 69.








EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB TROPHY

Klassis G&CC, Turkey
22-24 October



Pos	CLUB	Country		Total
1	Klassis G&CC		TUR	415
2	Murhof GC		AUT	415
3	GC St Leon-Rot		GER	416

The home team and former champion, Klassis Golf and Country Club, led the first day with French club Ormesson on 12 under par. The Turkish club was assisted by a 9 under 64 from Gencer Özcan.



On Day 2, Klassis G&CC did not continue their assault on the golf course finishing on par for the day, while Tobias and Lukas Nemecz of the Murhof Golf Club, Austria, made rounds of 67 and 68 respectively to move into second place on 15 under. They trailed Ormesson, who had extended their score to 17 under par.

On the final day, the Klassis team were to use their local knowledge to make a comeback. A 67

by Koray Varli and a 68 by Özcan brought the team to 23 under par. The score was matched by the Austrian club, with both the Nemecz brothers firing solid 69s. The importance of the non-counting scores became immediately apparent as the home side was awarded the title with theirs still totalling 2 under par. German club, St. Leon Rot, surprised Ormesson with a 64 from Alexis Szappanos and a 68 from Allen John to take the bronze medal by two strokes.

The overall individual best score was John on countback from Lukas Nemecz, both on -13.

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24-25 July

 Great Britain & Ireland	 Continent of Europe		
Friday 24 July 2009			
Foursomes	1.5	2.5	
Singles	3	5	
Total Day 1	4.5	7.5	
Saturday 25 July 2009			
Foursomes	1.5	2.5	
Singles	5	3	
Total Day 2	6.5	5.5	
Overall Match Result			
Total	11	13	
Players			
Captain: Mary McKenna, Ireland		Captain: Macarena Campomanes, Spain	
Jodi Ewart, England		Laura Gonzales-Escallon, Belgium	
Rachel Jennings, England		Lucie André, France	
Leona Maguire, Ireland		Rosanna Crépiat, France	
Lisa Maguire, Ireland		Marion Ricordeau, France	
Danielle McVeigh, Ireland		Caroline Masson, Germany	
Pamela Pretswell, Scotland		Pia Halbig, Germany	
Rhian Wyn Thomas, Wales		Marieke Nivard, Netherlands	
Kylie Walker, Scotland		Adriana Zwank, Spain	
Sally Watson, Scotland		Caroline Hedwall, Sweden	

“Vagliano Trophy bleibt auf dem Kontinent“!

The Continent of Europe successfully defended their title in the Vagliano Trophy at Hamburger GC Falkenstein, Germany, by defeating Great Britain & Ireland 13 points to 11. The home team exerted their authority on the first day with a three point lead. The visitors returned strongly on Day 2 in the singles, but the lead, furthered

in the morning by the continental team, left too big a deficit, with two matches the eventual difference.

Caroline Headwall went through all matches undefeated for the Continent of Europe and Macarena Campomanes of Spain returned as captain to successfully defend the team's 2007 win.





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JACQUES LEGLISE TROPHY

Ganton, England
28-29 August



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 Great Britain & Ireland		 Continent of Europe	
Friday 28 August 2009			
Foursomes	1.5	2.5	
Singles	5	3	
Total Day 1	6.5	5.5	
Saturday 29 August 2009			
Foursomes	2.5	1.5	
Singles	5.5	2.5	
Total Day 2	8	4	
Overall Match Result			
Total	14.5	9.5	
Players			
Captain: Paul Dunne, Ireland		Captain: Andreas Pallauf, Austria	
Jonathan Bell, England		Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark	
Adam Carson, England		Emilio Cuartero, Spain	
Sebastian Crookall-Nixon, England		Pedro Figueiredo, Portugal	
Tom Lewis, England		Toni Hakula, Finland	
Chris Lloyd, England		Robin Kind, Netherlands	
Eddie Pepperell, England		Moritz Lampert, Germany	
Paul Shields, Scotland		Maximilian Rohrig, Germany	
Max Smith, England		Kasper Sorensen, Denmark	
Paul Dunne, Ireland		Romain Wattel, France	

Two closely-matched teams clashed with the home team enjoying a one-point lead over the Continent of Europe on Day 1. Gusty winds and intermittent torrential downpours were contended well by all, with an exceptional standard of play maintained. The Continent of Europe took the morning honours in the foursomes (2½ - 1½), but the deficit was reversed in the afternoon singles with the score at 6½ - 5½ to GB&I.

On Day 2, the wind had not abated and the home team handled the conditions better than the visitors. After taking the morning foursomes, GB&I's lead had increased to two – a target still reachable for the Continent in the afternoon singles. However, the GB&I players were controlling their matches and took what was, up to this point, a close match into a relatively comfortable 5 point win.





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