



Bonallack & Patsy Hankins Trophies

Doha GC, Qatar
8-10 March 2018



ALEXIS GODILLOT
Non-Playing Captain

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The 2018 Bonallack Trophy Selection Committee, led by non-playing Captain, and former EGA Championship Committee Chairman, Alexis Godillot, is pleased to announce the 12 highly talented players who have been selected to represent Europe against Asia-Pacific at Doha Golf Club, Qatar from 8-10 March.

The team selection is as follows:



Frenchman, Edgar Catherine, won the South African Stroke Play Championship, and finished third in the Internationaux de France (Coupe Murat) last year. He previously helped the Continent of Europe to victory in the 2016 Jacques Léglise Trophy.

Todd Clements finished top of the 2017 MENA Tour Amateur Order of Merit. The Englishman's performances on the MENA Tour earned him a spot at the Omega Dubai Desert Classic last month, where he finished in a tie for 68th. The 2017 English Men's Amateur Champion also won the Lee Westwood Trophy in 2016.

Robin Dawson, Ireland, finished first in the World University Championship in 2016. He finished as runner-up in multiple championships last year, including the European Nations Cup (Copa Sotogrande) and the South African Stroke Play Championship. More recently, Dawson placed 12th in this year's Abierto Sudamericano Amateur.

Oliver Gillberg is currently the highest ranked European player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR). The Swede is in fantastic form, having won the South African Stroke Play Championship last week, an event where he finished seventh

last year. Gillberg finished fourth in the 2017 European Nations Cup (Copa Sotogrande) and finished 35th on the Nordic Golf League ranking in 2016.

In 2017, Marc Hammer won the German National Amateur and had a top-10 and a top-25 on the Pro Golf Tour. In 2016, he finished third in the Toyota Junior World Cup and was runner-up in the Fairhaven Trophy.

Rasmus Hojgaard, the youngest player on the European side, helped the Danish team to victory in the 2017 European Boys' Team Championship. He also finished as runner-up in the Copa Baleares and helped the Continent of Europe to victory in the Jacques Léglise Trophy in the same year. Hojgaard won the Danish International Amateur Championship in 2016.

Matias Honkala, Finland, represented Europe in the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup and the Continent of Europe in the 2017 Jacques Léglise Trophy. Last year, he made it to the fourth round of The Amateur Championship and finished 11th in the Campeonato Sudamericano Amateur.



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In 2017, Angel Hidalgo Portillo helped Spain to a gold medal in the European Amateur Team Championship. The Spaniard also claimed bronze medals in the Campeonato de Espana Amateur and the Copa Baleares in the same year. In 2016, Hidalgo Portillo won the Campeonato de Espana Amateur and the Campeonato Internacional de Espana U18.

Matthew Jordan, the second English player selected, had an impressive 2017 season which saw him win the St Andrews Links Trophy, finish as runner-up in the Carrick Neill Scottish Open Stroke Play Championship, place fourth in the Irish Amateur Open Championship, finish fifth in the Brabazon Trophy, and claim sixth in the European Amateur Championship. Furthermore, he helped England to a silver medal in the 2017 European Amateur Team Championship.

Frédéric Lacroix, the second French player selected, won the 2017 European Men's Club Trophy with Racing Club de France, a competition where he had already gained silver and bronze medals the previous two years. In 2017, the Frenchman also won the Championnat de France (Coupe Ganay), and finished tied third in the South African Stroke Play Championship.

Kristoffer Reitan, Norway, represented Europe in the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup. He has also played for the Continent of Europe in the Jacques Léglise Trophy on three occasions. Reitan represented Norway in last year's European Amateur Team Championship, where he finished top of the individual stroke play rounds. In 2016, he finished as runner-up in the Junior Orange Bowl International.

In 2017, Sami Valimaki, the second Finish player selected, won the Portuguese International Amateur Championship, the Ticino Championship, and claimed a bronze medal in the German International Amateur Championship. He also finished fifth in the Italian International Amateur Championship and claimed a top-15 in the Challenge Tour in the same year. Valimaki helped Finland to earn promotion to this year's European Amateur Team Championship by winning the Division 2 event last season.

Alexis Godillot, who also captained the team in 2016, said,

"It is a great honour to captain Europe's best amateur golfers in the Bonallack Trophy for the second time. We are lucky to have so many talented players available to represent Europe. The 2016 match was very close, and I am sure we will face a big challenge once more against a strong Asia-Pacific team, this time away from home. Given the format of the match, I believe it is extremely important to do well in the four-ball and foursomes matches, which played a huge part in our victory in 2016."

All tournament information including liverscoring will be available on the EGA website:

<http://www.ega-golf.ch/event/bonallack-trophy>

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