

PRESS RELEASE

Messinia Pro-Am: Participants from 13 countries!

Athens, February 20th, 2017. Everything's ready for the 1st international golf tournament **Messinia Pro-Am**, organized by [Costa Navarino](#), which aims at contributing to the promotion of golf tourism and to the development of the sport in Greece.

Top professional and amateur golfers from the following **13 countries** will participate in the event: **Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Portugal, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Austria, Bulgaria, Romania** and **Greece**. The participants are welcomed in [The Westin Resort Costa Navarino](#) and will compete at the two award-winning signature golf courses, [The Dunes Course](#) and [The Bay Course](#) from **February 21st to February 24th 2017**.

In addition to the awards of the 1st **Messinia Pro-Am top pro-athlete and top-team** further awards will be given in special category winners. Moreover, all participants will receive special souvenir gifts of the tournament, as well as traditional local products that have kindly been provided by Messinia Pro-Am sponsors.

New last additions to Messinia Pro-Am sponsors!

[Athens International Airport \(AIA\)](#) has been added among the **official sponsors** of the tournament, while [Heineken](#) and [Ford Motor Hellas](#) are the new **official supporters** and [Hyas](#), the natural mineral water, is a new **helper**.

[AEGEAN](#) is the **official airline partner** and member of the global airline alliance, STAR ALLIANCE and [Loux](#) is the **official sponsor**, and the largest soft drinks and juices company in Greece.

[Vodafone](#), [Poseidonia](#), [MyTransfer](#) and **CU BOX** will equally support the tournament as **official sponsors**. The company [J.VOURAKIS SONS EE](#), **official supporter** has crafted the golfers' prizes. [METAXA](#), [Kyvernitis Travel](#) and **TomTom Sports** are also **official supporters**. **Helpers** of the tournament are [Kalamata Papadimitriou](#), the brands **Stolichnaya** and **Fever-Tree**, [Predaris](#) with the **Cu Wrap** brand and [Dimiourgies](#).

The 1st **Messinia Pro-Am** is organized **under the auspices** of the **PGAs of Europe**, the **PGA of Greece**, the **Hellenic Golf Federation** and the **Hellenic Olympic Academy**.

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Costa Navarino:

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring 5-star deluxe hotels, luxury residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centres, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children. Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury 5-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; The Dunes Course – the first signature golf course in Greece- Anazoe Spa, a 4,000sq.m. spa & thalassotherapy centre; the state-of-the-art conference centre House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; as well as a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities. Navarino Bay, the second area is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course. Download high resolution photos and logos from the press section in downloads on the

website www.costanavarino.com, using the password nestor.

The Westin Resort Costa Navarino

The Westin Resort Costa Navarino is one of the two luxury 5-star properties operating at Navarino Dunes, the first resort area in Costa Navarino, the prime destination in the Mediterranean. Overlooking the Ionian Sea coastline of the Dunes Beach, at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino 445 rooms and suites, inspired by old Messinian mansions, spring from nature and create an ambiance of genuine hospitality. Voted as the "Best Family Destination" in the Mediterranean amongst Europe's Starwood Hotels & Resorts, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino is the ideal destination for family getaways as it proposes a plethora of children activities such as a wonderful aqua park with water slides, playground and recreational center as well as two specially designed hubs for children, Cocoon and SandCastle. At Navarino Dunes there is also The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, the 18-hole signature golf course The Dunes Course the 4,000 sqm Anazoe Spa, a state-of-the-art conference center, as well as a variety of culinary venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities. Navarino Bay, the second area in Costa Navarino, features the second 18-hole signature golf course, The Bay Course. For more information on The Westin Resort Costa Navarino, please visit www.westincostanavarino.com or follow us on Twitter.

The Dunes Course

The seaside Dunes Course at Navarino Dunes, designed by former US Masters Champion and Ryder Cup Captain Bernhard Langer, in association with European Golf Design, opened in May 2010 and is the first signature golf course in Greece.

This 18-hole / par-71 championship golf course includes some links-style features in areas closest to the sea. Parts of the course venture into olive and fruit groves, while several holes run along a small river. Combined with large undulating greens, wide fairways and steep-faced pot bunkers, the links element of the course adds to its unique style and playability, so that each of the 18 holes presents a matchless challenge.

The Dunes Course includes a full-size driving range and a short-game practice area with the largest green in Europe, the 3500m² Dunes Clubhouse with well-appointed dining and function areas, for pre- and post-tournament activities, a designated members lounge with terrace and an exclusive Pro shop.

The Bay Course

Open since October 2011, The Bay Course at Navarino Bay - just a few minutes from The Westin Resort Costa Navarino and next to the historic Navarino Bay, promises a different set of challenges and choices, with greater emphasis on strategic play and positional golf.

With the majority of tees offering inspiring sea views, the 18-hole seaside Bay Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones II, meanders through three distinct natural landscapes. The Seaside, Canyon, and Grove holes provide striking contrasts that make for an intense and memorable golf round.

The Bay Course plays to a par of 71 from a variety of lengths designed to challenge golfers of various skill levels. Crafted across natural terrain, the layout is offering panoramic sea and mountain views, having also some holes that play directly along the sea.