

PRESS RELEASE

Registrations continue until 20/01 for participation in the international tournament, Messinia Pro-Am!

Athens, 20th December 2016. The international golf tournament **Messinia Pro-Am** will take place in [Costa Navarino](#), the award-winning golf destination in Europe, from 21 – 24 February 2017. Professional and amateur golfers are rushing to ensure their participation in the tournament. Please see the teaser video [here](#).

The 30 teams participating in the first tournament have been almost completed while registration will continue until **January 20 2017**.

[Costa Navarino](#) is renowned for being an ideal destination at any time of year and participants in the tournament are expected to enjoy the exceptional Messinian climate and mild winter in February.

Mr. **Bernhard Langer**, former two times **US Masters Champion, Ryder Cup Captain** and designer of [The Dunes Course](#), [Costa Navarino](#) mentioned:

"Following the two recent awards that Costa Navarino received this year both by IAGTO and IGTM, it is super exciting that the 2017 season kicks off with the Messinian Pro-Am Golf Tournament! Launching the Messinia Pro-Am at a time that golf has once again become an Olympic sport for the first time since 1904, Costa Navarino proves its devotion and dedication to golf and golf tourism. A new tournament to discover and hopefully a well-established annual golf event in the near future, the Pro-Am presents a great opportunity to mingle among top golfers from around the globe, while play golf at a world-class golf destination of unprecedented natural beauty, historical and culinary legacy. I am sure that alongside the tournament, participants will experience a rich program of entertaining events, on top of the warm and genuine hospitality of the Messinians. This cannot be missed!"

The tournament will be held at both golf courses [The Dunes Course](#) and [The Bay Course](#). In **The Dunes Course**, athletes will play golf amongst olive trees over 100 years old and enjoy stunning views of the Sellas River and the Ionian Sea. Similarly, in **The Bay Course**, athletes will follow a spectacular path among hills and olive groves overlooking the historic bay of Navarino. [Costa Navarino](#) has recently been recognised by the **International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO)** and presented with the prestigious **European Golf Resort of the Year 2017** award.

Each team will play a **total of 54 holes**, 18 holes per day, while the **three best professional players** and the **three best teams** will be awarded for their success. In addition, special awards will be given in both men and women's categories.

Golfers' prizes have been crafted by the company [Vourakis](#), the **official supporter** of the first **Messinia Pro Am**. In addition, [Loux](#), the largest Greek soft drinks and juices company will support **Messinia Pro Am** tournament as **official sponsor** highlighting its authentic flavors and Greek qualitative raw materials with the most effective way. [AEGEAN Airlines](#), **member of STAR ALLIANCE**, the leading global aviation alliance will be the **official airline partner** of the event, while the company [Kyvernitis Travel](#) will also be an **official supporter** of the event.

Registration and participation forms for the **1st Messinia Pro Am** continue for a few more days at the **official [page](#) of the event**.

For those who are interested in staying at **The Westin Resort Costa Navarino** and enjoy the full experience of the **Messinia Pro Am 2017**, **[special accommodation packages](#)** are available.

The **1st Messinia Pro Am** will be held under the umbrella 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.