

PRESS RELEASE

The schedule of Messinia Pro-Am is now available! International golf “stars” will shine at Costa Navarino!

Athens, February 2, 2017. The final countdown for the 1st international golf tournament **Messinia Pro-Am** taking place in [Costa Navarino](#) has already begun! [The Westin Resort Costa Navarino](#) is ready to open again, welcoming the new tourism season and the top professional and amateur golfers globally!

Within the last months, the interest of the teams for the tournament peaked. 6 remaining places are now open before the final completion of all the teams!

Messinia Pro-Am 2017 is an occasion to highlight the hospitality element, for which Messinia is famous from the Homeric years! 30 teams, each consisting of one professional and three amateurs will compete on **February 21-24, 2017** in the 1st Messinia Pro-Am for the first place! Among them many distinguished international professional athletes will play, such as the Dutch **Ralph Miller** (who recently won the PGA's of Europe Individual Championship), the Portuguese **Hugo Santos** (3 times champion of the PGA Professional Championship of Europe), the Italian **Emanuele Canonica** (Champion of European Tour, 2005), the British, **Graham Fox** (No. 2 in the ranking of the PGA in Scotland), and the famous Italian **Lorenzo Gagli** (featured in the top 150 of the Official World Golf Ranking), as well as top Greek Pros including **Adam Kritikos, Eugene Papadopoulos** and **Panos Karantzias!**

On **Sunday, February 19**, the teams will receive their participation bags and confirm their participation in the tournament's registration office at **House of Events, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino**. On **Monday, February 20** they will be able to have their first unofficial practice.

Tuesday, February 21 is the first official practice day of each team, with the opportunity for athletes to work out in the two award-winning Costa Navarino golf courses. The tournament kicks off on **Wednesday, February 22** with the 1st round being held at [The Dunes Course](#). The 2nd round will be held on **Thursday, February 23** at [The Bay Course](#). The third and final round of the game will take place on **Friday, February 24** at [The Dunes Course](#), while the award ceremony of the tournament will take place at the end of day. The Messinia Pro-Am 2017 **detailed schedule** is available [here](#).

Messinia Pro-Am aims to promote golf tourism in Greece. The sponsors supporting this goal are the **official airline partner** [AEGEAN](#), member of the global airline alliance, STAR ALLIANCE, the **official sponsor**, [Loux](#), which is the largest Greek soft drinks and juices company and [Vodafone, Poseidonia, MyTransfer](#) and **CU BOX** that equally support the tournament as **official sponsors**.

The company [J.VOURAKIS SONS EE](#), **official supporter** will craft the golfers' prizes. [METAXA, Kyvernitis Travel](#) and **TomTom Sports** are also **official supporters**.

The contribution of the tournament helpers is particularly significant, as their benefits ensure the smooth running of the event. The **Helpers** include [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.