



Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy

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INVITATION

Mr John Rahm-Rodriguez
C/- RFEG

7 March, 2012

Dear John,

We are pleased to inform you that the 2012 Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy Selection Committee has selected you as one of 12 players to represent Europe against Asia/Pacific this year. Your selection has been based on your recent performances and your current World Amateur Golf Ranking.

We write on this occasion to ask of your availability for the Match to be held at the Monte Rei Golf & Country Club in Portugal on 25-27 April. Players will be expected to arrive on Sunday, 22 April (programme on the next page). Your written confirmation should be emailed, at your earliest convenience, to richard@ega-golf.ch with the subject: "SMBT Selections".

Please note that travel expenses are to be borne by the national golf authorities of selected players. Formal dress will be the player's national team dress. Playing kit, local travel, accommodation and meals will be supplied by the EGA.

We congratulate you on your selection and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

Andrew B Morgan

Team Captain

Richard Heath

EGA General Secretary



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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

The following timetable is expected, but subject to some change as the event nears:

Sunday 22 April	Arrival of teams and officials
Monday 23 April	1 st Practice Round Championship Committee Meeting Welcome Cocktail at Monte Rei
Tuesday 24 April	2 nd Practice Round
9.30am	Duffers' Competition and Prize-Giving Lunch
4.00pm	Referees' Meeting
5.00pm	Captains' Meeting
5.30pm	Team Photographs
6.00pm	Opening Ceremony
6.30pm	Cocktail Party
Wednesday 25 April	Match Day 1, 8.00am & 1.00pm starts
Thursday 26 April	Match Day 2, 8.00am & 1.00pm starts
Friday 27 April	Final Match Day, 11.00am start
6.30pm	Closing Ceremony
7.30pm	Gala Dinner
Saturday 28 April	Teams & Officials Depart



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SIR MICHAEL BONALLACK



Sir Michael Bonallack (born 31 December 1934) is an English amateur golfer who was one of the leading administrators in world golf in the late 20th century.

He has an exceptional amateur record in golf. He won the British Boys Championship in 1952 and, remaining an amateur in the era when professional domination of the sport became firmly entrenched, he went on to win the Amateur Championship and the English Amateur Championships five times each and the English Amateur Stroke Play Championships four times. He was a member of nine Walker Cup teams and played in the Eisenhower Trophy seven times. His best finish at the Open Championship was eleventh in 1959. He was the leading amateur at the Open in 1968 and 1971.

Sir Michael was Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews from 1984 to 1999 and Captain of the Royal and Ancient in 2000. He has also been Chairman of the PGA of Great Britain and Ireland (1976-81), Chairman of the Golf Foundation (1977-82), and President of the English Golf Union (1982). He also had spells as President of the One Armed Golfers Society, the British and International Greenkeepers Association, and the Professional Golfers Association of Europe and as Chairman of the advisory committee for the Official World Golf Rankings. He received an OBE for services to golf in 1971 and was knighted in 1998. In 1972, he was voted the Bob Jones Award, the highest honour given by the United States Golf Association in recognition of distinguished sportsmanship in golf. He has received numerous honours from golfing organisations around the world, culminating in his induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2000.

(Source: Wikipedia)





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FORM OF PLAY

The Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy consists of two teams of twelve representing Europe and Asia-Pacific. There are three days of play. The first two days comprise five four-ball matches each morning and five foursomes matches each afternoon. On the final day, all twelve team players compete in singles match play. A win counts as one point, a half yields half a point and a lost match returns zero. In the event of a tie, the trophy shall be retained by the holders.

RESULTS OF PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Venue	Winner	Result
2010	Karnataka Golf Ass.Bengaluru, India	CANCELLED (Icelandic volcano eruption)	
2008	Valderrama, Spain	Europe	20-12
2006	Auckland GC, New Zealand	Europe	18-14
2004	Circolo Golf Roma, Italy	Asia-Pacific	16.5-15.5
2002	Hirono GC, Japan	Asia-Pacific	18-14
2000	Puerta de Hierro, Madrid, Spain	Europe	20-12
1998	Lake Karrinyup GC, Australia	Europe	18-14

EUROPEAN TEAM SELECTION

The World Amateur Golf Ranking will be used as the main reference in addition to a number of captain's picks. According to the match conditions, no more than two players may be selected from the same country.



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