

“TRULY ONE OF THE ULTIMATE GOLF EXPERIENCES  
IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE”

COLIN MONTGOMERIE

*Ryder Cup Legend, Triple Senior Major Champion  
& Winner of the European Senior Tour  
Order of Merit in 2014 & 2015*



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## TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE MEDIA

The Communication Department of Constance Hotels and Resorts is delighted to welcome you to the 5th edition of the Mauritius Commercial Bank Tour Championship.

It's been more than two decades since Constance Belle Mare Plage launched the very first PGA-approved golf tournament in Mauritius and we are proud to be the historical golf pioneer on the island.

For twenty-one years, many fantastic rounds of golf featuring great names from the sport have been played on our two golf courses which continue to please and excite players every year.

As usual, printed and online information will enable you to follow the development of the tournament, particularly on our website, [www.constancehotels.com](http://www.constancehotels.com).

This information kit includes useful details, facts, statistics and a record of the numerous renowned golf pros.

We are pleased that you have joined us for the final leg of the European Senior Tour season, the MCB Tour Championship from December 11 to 13, 2015, on the Legend Golf Course at Constance Belle Mare Plage.

This event has traditionally culminated in the awarding of the John Jacobs Trophy to the leader of the Senior Tour Order of Merit. As last year, Colin Montgomerie is already assured of first place thanks to some outstanding performances throughout the season. With a top ten finish this week, The Ryder Cup legend would even beat last year's record earnings of 624,543.

We are also honoured to announce that the top 10 players of the Order of Merit will participate in the tournament.

Should you require further information, please contact any member of the communication team.

The Communication Department







## MAURITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

### THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME

**198 Amateurs**  
(local and international)  
and **66 Pros**

Main tournament prize fund:  
**€ 420,000**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Air Mauritius Trophy on the Legend Course

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Air Mauritius Trophy on the Links Course

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Constance Hotels Pro-Am on the Legend and Links Courses

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

First Round of the MCB Tour Championship on the Legend Course

MCB Invitational on Links Golf Course

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Second Round of the MCB Tour Championship on the Legend Course

Air Mauritius Trophy on the Links Course

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Final Round of the MCB Tour Championship on the Legend Course

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

MCB Pro-Am on the Legend Course

Last year, Paul Wesselingh marked his return to Mauritius with a second victory in a row in the MCB Tour Championship over the Legend Course at Belle Mare Plage.

This year, the MCB Tour Championship, probably the most prestigious tournament outside the Senior Majors, visits the island for the fifth time. The Championship brings together the top 52 players on the Senior Tour Order of Merit to compete for a prize fund of €420,000. The previous year's champion and the winners of the season's Majors are also eligible to compete, underlining the quality of the event.

This year's MCB Tour Championship will be played over 54 holes, from December 11 to 13. As usual, additional competitions will be featured before and after the main tournament on our two 18-hole championship golf courses to make this week as unique as the previous years.

Coverage of the tournament will appear in national and international newspapers and magazines, through television and radio, and via the PGA European Tour website, while all information on the week's activities – reports, scores and features – can be accessed on our website, [www.mcbtourchampionship.com](http://www.mcbtourchampionship.com)

## EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR



- This year, the European Senior Tour marks its 22nd season.
- The PGA European Tour operates a broad range of business initiatives essential to its primary mission of administering professional golf tournaments.
- It is a unique business, generating profits to the benefit of the members and the tournament players, who receive dividends by winning prize money.



# THE JOHN JACOBS TROPHY

The John Jacobs Trophy honours one of the most respected names in professional golf and is presented at the end of the year to the winner of the Senior Tour's Order of Merit.

Englishman John Jacobs enjoyed a successful career as a player, Ryder Cup captain, administrator, coach, and course designer. Born in March 1925, Jacobs won tournaments in Holland and South Africa in the pre-European Tour days. In 1955, he appeared in one Ryder Cup match in the USA, winning two points for the GB and Ireland team in their 8-4 defeat.

In October 1971, Jacobs became Tournament Director-General of the PGA, which marked the official birth of The European Tour.

He twice captained the European team in The Ryder Cup, albeit unsuccessfully, in 1979 and 1981. By then, he had established a reputation as an outstanding teacher, working with some of the sport's top players and establishing a network of teaching academies and driving ranges. One of the finest tributes paid to Jacobs came from Butch Harmon, Tiger Woods's coach. "There is not one teacher who does not owe something to John," said Harmon. "He wrote the book on coaching."

In 1997, Jacobs was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Three years later, he was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame and, in 2001, to the World Golf Teachers' Hall of Fame.

The following year, he accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

The 2015 recipient of the John Jacobs Trophy will be Colin Montgomerie, who cannot be caught at the top of the Order of Merit.



Year	Order of Merit Leader	Nat	Earnings(€)
2014	Colin Montgomerie	SCO	624,543
2013	Paul Wesselingh	ENG	311,644
2012	Roger Chapman	ENG	356,751
2011	Peter Fowler	AUS	302,327
2010	Boonchu Ruangkit	THA	266,609
2009	Sam Torrance	SCO	170,696
2008	Ian Woosnam	WAL	320,120
2007	Carl Mason	ENG	412,376
2006	Sam Torrance	SCO	347,525
2005	Sam Torrance	SCO	277,421
2004	Carl Mason	ENG	354,743
2003	Carl Mason	ENG	350,242
2002	Seiji Ebihara	JAP	330,211
2001	Ian Stanley	AUS	287,025
2000	Noel Ratcliffe	AUS	163,167
1999	Tommy Horton	ENG	138,944
1998	Tommy Horton	ENG	127,656
1997	Tommy Horton	ENG	158,427
1996	Tommy Horton	ENG	133,195
1995	Brian Barnes	SCO	63,620







## A MEETING OF GOLFING GREATS

This year's field boasts most of the top golfers from European Senior Tour's 2015 Order of Merit. Many of them are golfing legends and they include Ryder Cup heroes and tournament winners in Europe, the United States and further afield.

Eighteen nations will be represented in this year's MCB Tour Championship.

### **Leader and pre-announced winner of the 2015 Order of Merit, Colin Montgomerie (SCO)**

- Eight-time Ryder Cup player, six times as a winner.
- Ryder Cup Captain in 2010.
- Double Senior Major Champion in 2014.
- The most prolific British winner in European Tour history, with 31 titles.

### **Former European Ryder Cup Captain, Sam Torrance O.B.E. (SCO)**

- The three-time winner of the Senior Tour Order of Merit is also a nine-time Ryder Cup player, and led the European team to victory as Captain in 2002.
- Won 21 European Tour events and 11 European Senior Tour events.

### **Four-time Senior Tour champion, Barry Lane (ENG)**

- Currently third on the 2015 Order of Merit,
- Finished second in the MCB Tour Championship last year.
- Regular visitor to the winner's enclosure on The European Tour, and again on the European Senior Tour.

### **MCB Open champion, David Frost (South Africa)**

- A winner all over the world, having secured titles in South Africa, Europe and the United States.
- Winner of the MCB Tour Championship in 2010 and 2012.
- Two-time winner on the US Champions Tour.

### **2015 Senior Tour Rookie of the Year contender, Paul Broadhurst (ENG)**

- Winner of the Prostate Cancer UK Senior Scottish Open.

### **Defending Champion, Paul Wesselingh (ENG)**

- European Senior Tour Order of Merit winner in 2013.
- Winner of the MCB Tour Championship in 2013 and 2014.



# 2015 SENIOR TOUR ORDER OF MERIT



Rank	Player name	Nat	Tournaments Played	Prize Money
1	Colin MONTGOMERIE	SCO	4	€ 614,011
2	Peter FOWLER	AUS	11	€ 207,578
3	Barry LANE	ENG	10	€ 152,693
4	Gordon MANSON	AUT	9	€ 139,922
5	Philip GOLDING	ENG	11	€ 105,326
6	Paul WESSELINGH	ENG	11	€ 99,118
7	André BOSSERT	SUI	10	€ 89,515
8	Ross DRUMMOND	SCO	10	€ 87,006
9	Pedro LINHART	ESP	10	€ 87,000
10	Miguel Angel MARTIN	ESP	11	€ 84,352
11	Simon P BROWN	ENG	8	€ 84,308
12	Carl MANSON	ENG	9	€ 77,784
13	Philip WALTON	IRL	9	€ 77,596
14	Paul BROADHURST	ENG	3	€ 74,654
15	Anders FORSBRAND	SWE	10	€ 71,324
16	Tim THELEN	USA	10	€ 70,414
17	Mark MOULAND	WAL	9	€ 62,075
18	Cesar MONASTERIO	ARG	10	€ 61,368
19	Santiago LUNA	ESP	10	€ 59,848
20	Lianwei ZHANG	CHN	6	€ 57,849
21	Andrew OLDCORN	SCO	10	€ 55,500
22	Roger CHAPMAN	ENG	4	€ 53,614
23	Angel FRANCO	PAR	6	€ 50,461
24	José Manuel CARRILES	ESP	8	€ 46,569
25	Christopher WILLIAMS	RSA	10	€ 45,376
26	Jerry SMITH	USA	5	€ 43,496
27	Jean-François REMESY	FRA	9	€ 42,040
28	Steen TINNING	DEN	10	€ 41,996
29	Ian WOOSNAM	WAL	5	€ 41,804
30	Mark James	ENG	9	€ 38,178







## CONSTANCE HOTELS AND RESORTS, HOSTING THE LEGENDS OF GOLF

A major factor in the success of the MCB Tour Championship and its predecessor, the Mauritius Golf Open, is the ability of Constance Hotels and Resorts to provide first-class accommodation and access to two 18-hole championship golf courses.

These exceptional facilities have been available to participants of this exclusive golfing event for the past 21 years: the players, professionals and amateurs, their families and friends, and the international and local media.

The range of accommodation includes:

- 256 elegant and well-appointed suites and villas at the Constance Belle Mare Plage.
- 88 suites and villas at the luxurious Constance Le Prince Maurice, providing outstanding facilities throughout the week.

Apart from the golf, many activities are available to keep guests occupied and entertained. Whether it's relaxing by the poolside, on the beach or at the bar, working out at the gym, being pampered at the spa, enjoying a variety of water sports or simply exploring the island, every need is catered for.

### EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The Constance Belle Mare Plage has a wealth of experience in running major professional golf tournaments. The resort launched the first Mauritius Golf Open way back in 1994, and witnessed numerous epic encounters and thrilling finales over subsequent years.

Englishman Mike McLean was the first winner, and repeated his feat six years later.

Australian Rodger Davis was also a champion, as were Welshman Mark Mouland and England's Miles Tunnicliff, both on two successive occasions.

And who can forget Van Phillips making up eight shots over the closing 12 holes to lift the title in 2006?

Ryder Cup player Peter Baker enjoyed a career revival in 2007, before Welshman Jamie Donaldson became the last champion in the tournament's old format.

All the drama and intensity of the previous years have been carried forward into the MCB Tour Championship, as inaugural champion Kevin Spurgeon will bear witness. He went from two strokes ahead to four shots behind in the final round, before staging an inspired recovery over the closing seven holes.







## THE MCB TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP WORLDWIDE VISIBILITY

Daily bulletins, live updates, interviews and features for newspapers, magazines, radio stations, TV programmes and the web, throughout the tournament and beyond, will be provided by:

- [www.europeantour.com](http://www.europeantour.com)
- [www.constancehotels.com](http://www.constancehotels.com), [www.mcbtourchampionship.com](http://www.mcbtourchampionship.com)
- European Tour Productions, who will supply a one-hour film of exclusive highlights of the event to be viewed on Sky Sports in the UK, Sport+ in France, Eurosport in Asia, and Supersport in South Africa. The tournament will be broadcasted to more than 230 million viewers throughout Europe, North and South America, Middle East, Africa and Asia.
- 17 journalists from the main golfing and general media will provide articles and features for publications around the globe:
  - *Germany (Golf Time, Golf Journal)*
  - *United Kingdom (Golf Monthly, Golf International)*
  - *Italy (Golfe Turismo)*
  - *India (Travel + Leisure, Millionaire Asia, Selling World Travel)*
  - *China / Hong Kong (Senasia Publication Group Limited)*
  - *France (Journal du Golf, Canal Plus, Fairways)*
  - *Turkey (Golf Magazine)*
  - *South Africa (Golf Digest, Compleat Golfer)*
  - *United Arab Emirates (Worldwide Golf)*
  - *Mauritius (Ile Maurice Tourisme)*
  - *Denmark (Luxury Aficionados)*





## THANKS TO OUR VALUED PARTNERS

The **MAURITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK (MCB)** is the oldest and largest banking institution in Mauritius. It was founded in 1838 and has its headquarters in Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis.

The bank has a total of 2,500 employees and operates a network of 42 branches and over 4,000 point-of-sale terminals across the island. The MCB has always sought to contribute to the welfare of the community and has been at the heart of numerous projects. Among these are the Blue Penny Museum, a rich collection of historical documents and works of art made available to the public to view, and the MCB Forward Foundation, whose prime objective is to develop and support sustainable initiatives for the social, environmental and economic well-being of the community.

*Organisers of the MCB Tour Championship are also indebted to their various other supporters and sponsors who include:*

### **CONSTANCE LE PRINCE MAURICE**

Set within 60 hectares of unspoiled land, amidst rare and luxuriant vegetation, Constance Le Prince Maurice consists of suites and villas and one Princely Villa. Some of the accommodations are on stilts on a natural fish reserve.

The entire property blends naturally with the beauty and simplicity of the environment.

The hotel features top class facilities and comfort, including the Uspa, a fantastic wine cellar as well as a large range of water and inland sports activities. The unique floating restaurant and bar is open for dinner only.

### **AIR MAURITIUS – Our Official Carrier**

Air Mauritius is the national carrier. Air Mauritius presently flies to 24 destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.

Their policy regarding golf bags is to allow an additional 23 kg containing golf equipment per passenger free of charge.

This facility is applicable for travel on a point-to-point basis to all Air Mauritius online destinations in Europe and also to beyond points via Charles de Gaulle for passenger travelling on Air Mauritius / Air France.

### **MAURITOURS & BUDGET RENT A CAR - Our Official Ground Handling Agent**

Mauritours is the leader in the Mauritian tourism industry and is well-respected at home and abroad. The group present in Mauritius, Rodrigues and Madagascar operates several main branches of activities, including:

- Tour Operating / Destination Management Services,
- Travel Agents,
- Hotels in Rodrigues,

Car hire through Budget Rent a Car, with a fleet of 75 cars ranging from small to full size, all cars are fully optional. Present in most hotels, their rates are competitive. Focusing on product and service quality, they guarantee the customer the best service ever.

### **OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS**

**Champagne Delamotte, Crus et Domaines de France, Nespresso, Castle Lager, L'Épicerie and Argolf.**

### **STANDARD SPONSORS**

*For contributing materially and financially to the success of the event*

**Brinks, Sisley, Central Business Equipment, Porsche, Scetia, Trésor Noir, Lacoste, Ile Maurice Tourisme et Imprimerie et Papeterie Commerciale Ltée.**





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