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WELCOME

LETAS 2018 GUIDE FOREWORD

Welcome to the Ladies European Tour Access Series (LETAS), which provides playing opportunities for golfers wanting to test their games at the international level. LETAS bridges the gap between amateur and professional golf and offers a pathway to full Ladies European Tour (LET) membership. The top five players on the LETAS Ranking earn membership for the following LET season, while players in sixth to 20th positions can progress directly to the final stage of Lalla Aicha Tour School, thereby skipping the first qualifying stage.

Now in our ninth year of operations, we are delighted to present a healthy schedule offering young and aspiring professional golfers a wide range of competitive opportunities in at least nine countries across Europe.

It is extremely rewarding for us to see the progress of our LETAS graduates, which reflects the great work of all of our stakeholders. We would like to thank all of the federations, promoters, officials, media and volunteers who support our organisation and players.

We would also like to recognise the important contribution of our sponsors, The R&A and Lacoste, for contributing to the development of women's golf, as LETAS becomes an increasingly attractive proposition for players wishing to progress in the global game.

To all competitors, officials, spectators and fans: enjoy the 2018 season and we hope that you will continue to follow the Tour and the players in the future.

Warm regards,

Di Barnard
Tour Director
LET Access Series



Meghan MacLaren, Winner of LETAS Order Of Merit 2017



A B O U T T H E LET ACCESS SERIES

The LET Access Series (LETAS), the official developmental tour to the Ladies European Tour, has been formed to give players not part of a major tour an opportunity to compete and progress on to the Ladies European Tour.

The LET Access Series is an important step for the development of women's professional golf in Europe, helping to raise awareness of women's professional golf generally, and bringing additional opportunities to countries developing their women's golf programmes.

All female professional golfers and amateurs with a handicap of 2 or better will be eligible for membership of the LET Access Series, providing they are over 18 years of age, therefore giving elite amateurs the opportunity to play at the top level against professionals on a week by week basis.

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A B O U T T H E LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR

The Ladies European Tour (LET) is headquartered at the Buckinghamshire Golf Club near London and celebrates women's golf on a global stage.

Since its formation in 1978, the Ladies European Tour has crowned 252 different winners and a total of 725 championship trophies have been lifted as players from 28 different countries have won on the Tour.

The LET operates tournaments across six continents and The Solheim Cup, which has been played 15 times biannually since 1990, has become one of the biggest female sporting events in the world.

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LET ACCESS SERIES 2018 SCHEDULE

DATE	COUNTRY	TOURNAMENT	VENUE	PRIZE FUND
6th - 8th April	France 	Terre Blanche Ladies Open	Golf de Terre Blanche	€40,000
4th - 6th May	Switzerland 	VP Bank Ladies Open	Gams-Werdenberg Golf Club	€40,000
31st May - 2nd June	France 	Jabra Ladies Open	Golf Club de Evian, Evian-les-Bains	€120,000
7th - 9th June	Finland 	Ladies Finnish Open	Messilä Golf, Lahti	€40,000
14th - 16th June	Czech Republic 	Czech Ladies Challenge	Golf Resort Konopiště	€35,000
20th - 22nd June	Switzerland 	Lavaux Ladies Championship	Golf de Lavaux	€50,000
28th - 30th June	Belgium 	Belfius Ladies Open	Royal Bercuit Golf Club, Grez-Doiceau	€40,000
4th - 6th July	Spain 	Riberia Sacra Patrimonio de la Humanidad Ladies Open	Augas Santas Balneario & Golf Resort	€35,000
9th - 11th August	Sweden 	Anna Nordqvist Västerås Open	Västerås Golf Club, Västerås	€35,000
15th - 17th August	France 	Bossey Ladies Championship	Association du Golf & Country Club de Bossey	€50,000
30th August - 1st September	Sweden 	Allerum Open	Allerum Golf Club, Helsingborg	€35,000
13th - 15th September	England 	WPGA International Challenge	Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf & Spa	€35,000

England's Meghan MacLaren continued to impress on the LET Access Series in 2017 as she seized the number one ranking on the Order of Merit.

The 23-year-old from Rushton in Northamptonshire, who is the daughter of the Staysure Tour CEO David MacLaren, earned her second title in the Azores Ladies Open, at Terceira Golf Club on Terceira Island in April and posted a further six top 10s from 12 starts, including a runner-up finish at the Belfius Ladies Open and two top three finishes at the VP Bank Ladies Open in Switzerland and the Castellum Ladies Open.

It was a striking start to professional golf for Meghan, who had previously won the 2016 season-ending Santander Golf Tour LETAS La Peñaza in Zaragoza, Spain, whilst she was still an amateur.

As a rookie on the Ladies European Tour, in 2017 she also qualified for the US Women's Open and had two top-10 finishes, including sixth place in the Andalucia Costa del Sol Open de España Femenino and a tie for ninth at the Hero Women's Indian Open, to end 52nd on the LET Order of Merit.

Reflecting on her year, she said: "Winning the Azores Ladies Open was the highlight, as nothing else comes close to winning a tournament. Quite a lot happened after that. I had a lot of close calls, but I was always trying to get back that winning feeling. It was what I was searching for the whole year."

"It taught me a few lessons, such as to never give up. I was quite far behind at one point in the last round and I told myself that I could only do what I could do and it didn't matter what anyone else did and that week it was enough. Taking that lesson forward was quite important. Any time you can come out on top in a field of players that are all trying to do the same thing is pretty special."

"Most important was trusting my own ability and not worrying what others were doing. You realise that everyone is capable of good golf, but I was so focused on trying to improve myself bit by bit and to turn that into good finishes helped me on the main tour and when I went over to America."

MacLaren played in six LET events in 2017 and made five cuts, but after working hard with swing coach Shane Rose, putting coach Nick Soto and strength and conditioning coach Paul Farquarson in the off-season, her goal in 2018 is to find more consistency across the different tournament courses.

"I'm trying not to set my goals on results so much as improvements. I'd like to get more consistency and maintain my own emotional states," she says.

"I was happy with my season because I think that winning the LET Access Series showed that consistency is just as important as winning once and I think what I'm doing right now is taking a step back and going back to the mindset of last year and improving myself and my own golf game. If you relax and trust your own game then more often than not, that will take you to where you want to be. It's about constant improvement."

Aside from golf, Meghan switches off by watching Newcastle FC and she recently had a tattoo inked inside her right wrist, which reads: "Protect your magic." She explains: "Whatever makes you different, just do it, don't let other people squash it out of you. I guess I noticed at college that a lot of people try to conform and fit in, but it's okay to be different. You can still fit it in the way that you want to." Meghan MacLaren may be the daughter of the Staysure Tour CEO David MacLaren, but she is already making her own name in golf.



MEGHAN MACLAREN

2017 LETAS ORDER OF MERIT WINNER



TERRE BLANCHE LADIES OPEN

TERRE BLANCHE HOTEL SPA GOLF RESORT,
TERRE BLANCHE, FRANCE

31 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2017

France's Valentine Derrey produced an impressive final round of 67, to win the Terre Blanche Ladies Open at Terre Blanche Resort, by an impressive eight shots. Derrey was delighted to win for the second time in her home country. The Frenchwoman won the 2014 Open Generali de Dinard in the same year she was also a winner on the LET, claiming the Turkish Airlines Ladies Open at National Golf club in Antalya.

"Great, I just played great," Derrey said. "I played my game, I hit some good shots to the pin and I made some birdies on the front nine and then just played steady on the back nine, didn't miss a lot of shots. It's always tough to win at home and I did it."

Fellow countrywoman Sophie Giquel-Bettan tied for 2nd place alongside Mireia Prat of Spain. The Frenchwoman produced the low round of the week with her final day 66, to finish at 4 under par and a 212 total.

Prat produced her best performance on the LETAS since winning twice during the 2014 season to earn her LET card for the following year.

VALENTINE DERREY (FRA)

204 (-12) 68 69 67

SOPHIE GIQUEL-BETTAN (FRA)

212 (-4) 76 70 66

MIREIA PRAT (ESP)

212 (-4) 72 72 68

KLARA SPILKOVA (CZE)

213 (-3) 71 70 72

AGATHE SAUZON (FRA)

213 (-3) 70 69 74

ELIA FOLCH (ESP)

213 (-3) 68 70 75

TONJE DAFFINRUD (NOR)

213 (-3) 71 67 75



AZORES LADIES OPEN

TERCEIRA GOLF CLUB
TERCEIRA ISLAND, PORTUGAL

21 - 23 APRIL 2017

England's Meghan MacLaren claimed her second victory on the LET Access Series with a two-stroke win in the Azores Ladies Open, at Terceira Golf Club on Terceira Island.

It is the second title for the daughter of David MacLaren - Staysure Tour CEO - in LETAS tournaments, but the first as a professional, since last year, when she was victorious in Zaragoza, still as an amateur. It is indeed striking that MacLaren already has two LETAS titles in only four tournaments played. It looks predestined that she will enjoy a successful career, already having a card to play some events on the LET.

MacLaren started the final round with a one-shot lead over Eva Gilly, which she would relinquish early on the final day. The young Frenchwoman covered the opening nine in 33 shots compared to MacLaren's even par, 35. Both players struggled on the back nine in the windy conditions and reached the 15th hole tied for the lead. Gilly double-bogeyed the 16th, while MacLaren closed with bogey-birdie-par over the last three holes, for a round of 74.

MEGHAN MACLAREN (ENG)

214 (-2) 70 70 74

CHLOE WILLIAMS (WAL)

216 (E) 73 72 71

EVA GILLY (FRA)

216 (E) 70 71 75

TIIA KOIVISTO (FIN)

217 (1) 72 74 71

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON (ENG)

217 (1) 72 72 73

EMILIE ALONSO (FRA)

217 (1) 70 72 75

VP Bank
Ladies Open



VP BANK LADIES OPEN

GAMS-WERDENBERG GOLF CLUB
GAMS, SWITZERLAND

4 - 6 MAY 2017

Finland's Linda Henriksson claimed her first LETAS victory in the VP Bank Ladies Open at GC Gams-Werdenberg, with a solid par round in tough conditions. The Finn set the clubhouse lead at four under par, with Nina Pegova of Russia matching Henriksson's round of 72 to draw level. None of the fifty-two players who had qualified for the final round were able to break par, as the strong and gusty winds took their toll.

Henriksson believed she had done enough to capture her first win when overnight leader, Meghan MacLaren from England failed to make a birdie on the final hole, but there had been a mistake with Pegova's numbers when informing the scorers and the Russian had also finished at -4 and not -3, as previously thought.

The two players had to go to a play-off to decide the title. Henriksson played the first extra hole, the short par five 18th, aggressively, hitting her drive on the fairway and placing her second shot on the green. Her Russian counterpart found the right greenside bunker with her second shot, left the bunker shot short and failed to convert her birdie. The Finn was left with a three-metre putt for her birdie and her first victory on the LET Access Series.

LINDA HENRIKSSON (FIN)

212 (-4) 72 68 72

NINA PEGOVA (RUS)

212 (-4) 70 70 72

MEGHAN MACLAREN (ENG)

213 (-3) 68 70 75

JENNY HAGLUND (SWE)

215 (-1) 69 71 75

VALDIS THORA JONSDOTTIR (ISL)

216 (E) 70 71 75



NINA MUEHL

2017 LETAS GRADUATE

"The LET Access Series is a highly competitive tour and gives us a great chance to get ready for the LET. It's a really friendly atmosphere and the tournaments are always enjoyable to play in. I'm happy that I made the top five and I'm looking forward to playing on the LET this year."



FORGET FOUNDATION PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

PGA SWEDEN NATIONAL
BARA, SWEDEN

24 - 26 MAY 2017

France's Valentine Derrey secured her second win in 2017 with a final hole birdie, in the Forget Foundation PGA Championship at PGA Sweden National, in Bara.

The Frenchwoman started her final round strongly, recording an eagle on the par 5 second hole. Bogeys on the 7th and 14th brought Derrey back to even par for the day but she finished strongly with three birdies in the last four holes. A critical birdie coming on the final hole to take her one shot ahead of the clubhouse leader, Frida Gustafsson-Spang.

The Swede recorded a final day 69, three under par, to finish at -5 for the tournament. Joint overnight leader, Manon de Roey of Belgium, bogeyed the final hole to fall back into 3rd place, at 4 under, alongside Jessica Karlsson (72) who also started the final round at the top of the leaderboard.

VALENTINE DERREY (FRA)

210 (-6) 73 68 69

FRIDA GUSTAFSSON-SPANG (SWE)

211 (-5) 73 69 69

MANON DE ROEY (BEL)

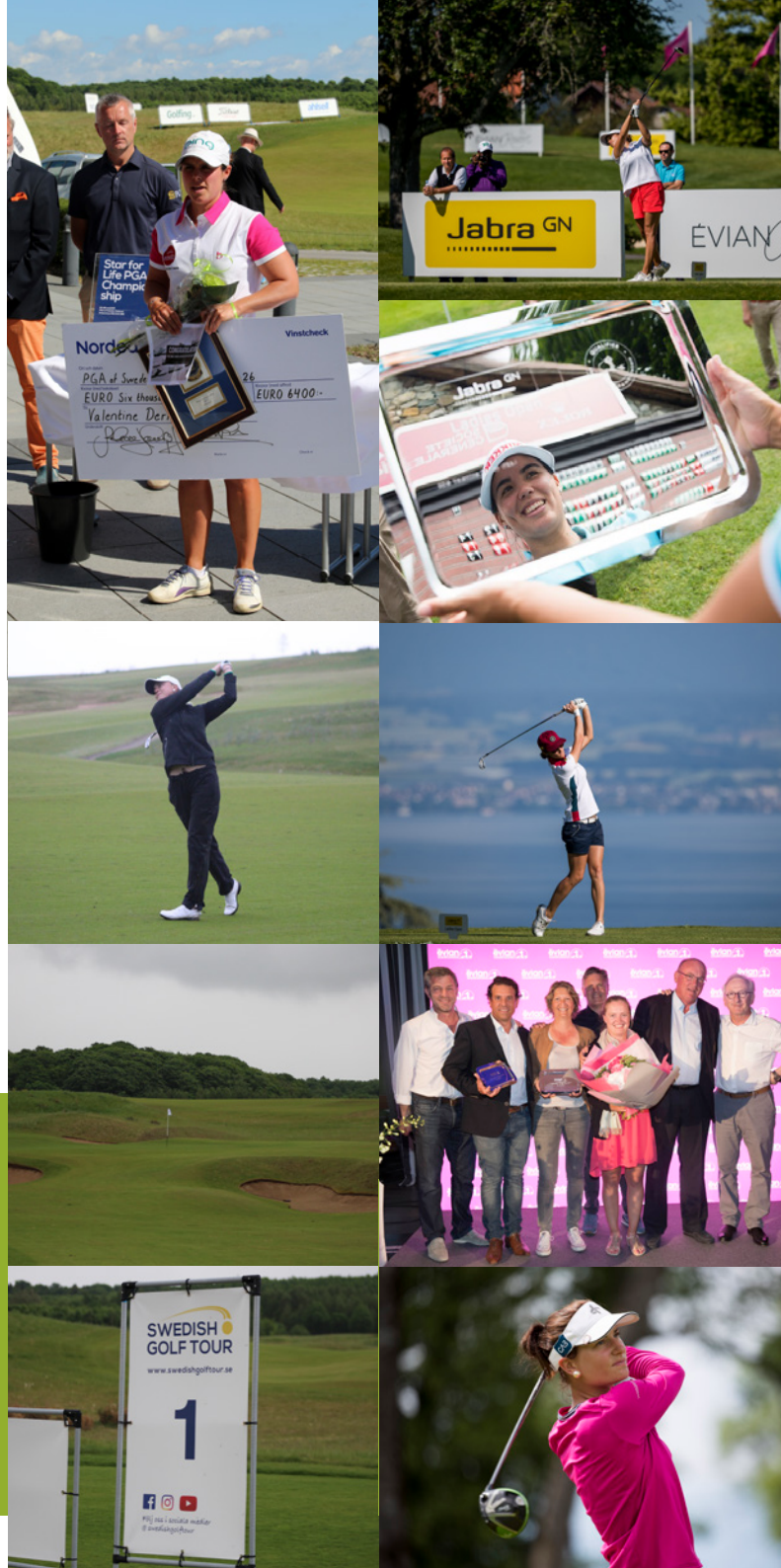
212 (-4) 71 69 72

JESSICA KARLSSON (SWE)

212 (-4) 68 72 72

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON (ENG)

213 (-3) 73 73 67



JABRA LADIES OPEN

GOLF CLUB DE EVIAN
EVIAN-LES-BAINS, FRANCE

1 - 3 JUNE 2017

Riding her third straight under-par round of the week, followed by a quick one-hole playoff against Johanna Gustavsson, Isabelle Boineau walked away with the honours at the €50,000 Jabra Ladies Open. Playing error-free golf, Boineau made two birdies against a single bogey for a one-under final round to take her to seven-under for the week.

Gustavsson shot the low round of the day with a five-under par round of 66. In fact, she could have won the tournament outright had it not been for two closing bogeys that put her in the playoff against Boineau. Also shooting five-under in the final round was three-time LET and one-time LETAS winner Linda Wessberg who moved up 48 spots to finish T15.

Only one extra hole was needed, and Boineau who is a resident of Marseille, France birdied the par four 18th en route to victory on home soil. Her scores for the week read as 67, 69 and 70 for a total of 206, while Gustavsson finished with 71, 69 and 66. Already a winner in 2016 at the LET Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open, the Frenchwoman qualified for the Evian Championship in September.

Gustavsson came into the Jabra tournament on the back of two missed cuts at the VP Bank Ladies Open and Forget Foundation PGA Championship earlier this year. This finish also punched her ticket for the Evian Championship, to be held at the Evian Resort Course.

ISABELLE BOINEAU (FRA)

206 (-7) 67 69 70

JOHANNA GUSTAVSSON (SWE)

206 (-7) 71 69 66

LYNN CARLSSON (SWE)

208 (-5) 69 71 68

LAURA JANSONE (LVA)

208 (-5) 75 64 69

NATALIA ESCURIOLA (ESP)

208 (-5) 70 65 73

It's been an incredible golfing journey so far for Nicole Broch Larsen. The 24-year-old Dane, who is now in her sixth season as a professional golfer, has made strong but steady progress.

After an excellent amateur career, which included losing the Samso Ladies Open in a play-off on her LET Access Series debut, she turned professional in August 2013 and immediately won her first two events played as a pro, the HLR Golf Academy Open and Ladies Norwegian Challenge on the LET Access Series.

Finishing in the top five on the LETAS Order of Merit allowed her to progress to the Ladies European Tour, where she played her rookie season in 2014. In 2015, she won the Helsingborg Open and produced four further top 10 finishes to finish third on the Order of Merit. In 2016, she represented Denmark in the Rio Olympic Games and earned her fourth professional win at the Symetra Tour Championship.

In 2017, she improved to three top 10 finishes on the LPGA Tour, including a tie for third in the Canadian Pacific Women's Open. Now she has her sights set on a first LPGA victory and a place on the European Solheim Cup team next year at Gleneagles.

Speaking at the beginning of the season, Nicole said: "This year I would like to have a win on the LPGA or at least be really close and I want to become a Major winner as well. I'm going to play in six LET events and it would be nice to get some top results and get some points for The Solheim Cup next year, which is definitely a big goal of mine. The 2019 Solheim Cup in Scotland and the Olympic Games in 2020 are two big goals."

Looking back at her golfing journey, she describes how the LET Access Series was the perfect launch pad for her career.

"I lost the Samso Ladies Open as an amateur, in a play-off, turned pro the following August and won my first two pro events on the LET Access Series, which was unreal back then, but I had a really good start and it got me into the top five on the Order of Merit which earned me my full card on the Ladies European Tour. That half a year on the LET Access Series prepared me for my first year on tour and I

made some good friends out there. It was a great start to pro life for me. I think it's a good way to prepare for being a professional golfer, because it is different from being an amateur golfer. There are a lot of things you have to handle yourself and playing on the LET Access Series was really good for me."

When asked about her career highlights, she says: "My win in Helsingborg in 2015 springs to my mind very quickly. I got that win two or three weeks after I screwed up in Pilsen in the Czech Republic, where I was leading until the 16th hole. Winning the next week on the Ladies European Tour couldn't have been any better and it was the closest event I had played to home, so I had a lot of friends and family to share the moment with. Having my dad there was really nice because he doesn't come to many events. My goal for 2015 was definitely to win on the Ladies European Tour so to get that one in was really good."

"In 2016, I didn't really play that well. I struggled with being one of those people who could win to being someone who had won and was expected to be up there all the time. Then I went on the Symetra Tour at the end of the year and didn't get my card that way but fought my way onto the LPGA. My third place in Canada on the LPGA in 2017 was huge for me too. I played in the final group on the last day and I was really nervous in the beginning. I didn't play that well for the first six or seven holes, but I stepped up and I had Sophie Gustafson on the bag, who helped me as well. It was a really good experience, being in the last group and I finished birdie, birdie to tie for third. It was good fun and I played well the following weeks in Portland and in Evian too."

Although it's been an incredible journey so far and she has explored almost every tour across the world in pursuit of progress, Copenhagen remains her favourite place to be.

"I moved into a new apartment with my boyfriend in Copenhagen this off-season, so that was a big thing for me," she says.

"I don't have a base in the United States. For me, home is home and I really enjoy being at home, even though sometimes it's only for five or six days. It's worth it, because I'm happier and I feel better when I've caught up with things rather than if I've stayed in a hotel. For now, home is the best place for me."



NICOLE BROCH LARSEN

THE RISE AND RISE OF NICOLE BROCH LARSEN



EVLI LADIES FINNISH OPEN

HILLSIDE GOLF CLUB
VIHTI, FINLAND

9 - 11 JUNE 2017

Starting the day three shots back, Ursula Wikstrom won her maiden title on the LET Access Series at the EVLI Ladies Finnish Open, with a final round 66.

Wikstrom steered two shots clear of her nearest competitors Charlotte Thompson of England and fellow Finn Sanna Nuutinen, to win on home soil, at Hillside Golf Club in Vihti.

Opening rounds of 71 and 67 put her in the hunt before a final day charge. A relatively quiet front nine included two birdies against one bogey. Beginning on the par three 12th, Wikstrom put together a run that read birdie, eagle, par, birdie before closing with three straight pars. Charlotte Thompson from England shot a final round 68 to move up one spot to second place, while Finland's Sanna Nuutinen (71, 67) shot a closing 69 to stay in a tie for second with Thompson.

The overnight leader from Columbia, Laura Sanchez Zuluaga opened her third round with two birdies in the first three holes. From there however, she struggled with three bogeys and a double bogey to finish with a closing 75 - tied eighth with England's Meghan MacLaren and Swede Linda Wessberg.

URSULA WIKSTROM (FIN)

204 (-9) 71 67 66

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON (ENG)

206 (-7) 71 67 68

SANNA NUUTINEN (FIN)

206 (-7) 70 67 69

JESSICA KARLSSON (SWE)

208 (-5) 73 71 64

MANON DE ROEY (BEL)

208 (-5) 69 69 70



CHARLOTTE THOMPSON

2017 LETAS GRADUATE

"I think it's such a fantastic tour. It's such a well-run tour and it's great for us to experience professional life before coming up to the LET. It gives us a good insight into what we need to do, how good we need to be and how to practise. You learn so much and it's a friendly tour with good hotels and host families."



FOXCONN CZECH LADIES CHALLENGE

CASA SERENA GOLF CLUB
KUTNÁ HORA, CZECH REPUBLIC

22 - 24 JUNE 2017

Due to a fire which started in the club storage area of the Casa Serena clubhouse, causing damage to a number of player's equipment, the final round of the Foxconn Czech Ladies Challenge was cancelled. There were no injuries but there was substantial damage caused to tournament equipment and the clubhouse building.

The event result was decided with a three hole play-off between the overnight leaders, Nina Muehl, Lucie Andre and Agathe Sauzon played over the 9th, 10th and 18th holes. Muehl recorded bogey, par, par, Sauzon parred all three holes, and Andre scored par, birdie, par for the best aggregate score of 1 under par.

Andre was delighted to record her first LETAS win although in unusual circumstances and praised the club and tournament staff, and the volunteers for the way they dealt with the fire and that everyone was safe.

LUCIE ANDRE (FRA)

137 (-5) 69 68

AGATHE SAUZON (FRA)

137 (-5) 69 68

NINA MUEHL (AUT)

137 (-5) 68 69

VALDIS THORA JONSDOTTIR (ISL)

138 (-4) 68 70

LUNA SOBRON (ESP)

139 (-3) 70 69



BELFIUS LADIES OPEN

RINKVEN GOLF CLUB
GRAVENWEZEL, BELGIUM

6 - 8 JULY 2017

Scotland's Heather Macrae lists her favourite golfer as Seve Ballesteros. The late Spaniard would be proud of the up-and-down Macrae conjured to win the play-off against Order of Merit leader Meghan MacLaren, of England.

Starting the day six shots back at the Rinkven Golf Club in Gravenwezel, the Scottish professional fired a flawless five-under 66 to come from behind and win the €35,000 Belfius Ladies Open.

MacLaren had a chance to win outright with a par on the last hole but a late bogey after three birdies and fourteen carefully crafted pars saw her one-shot lead evaporate.

Only one extra hole was required to declare the winner, but not without some drama and fine play. Macrae hit her drive into a water hazard left of the 18th fairway. She then took a drop and hit her third shot to within three metres of the flag.

In regulation, the Scot made a birdie on the 18th. During the play-off, she was glad to be there. "It was my first poor drive of the day. Dropping from the hazard, I had to play a low shot under a tree, and it was perfect."

Meanwhile, MacLaren missed the green with her approach and failed to make her par and Macrae claimed her second LETAS victory.

HEATHER MACRAE (SCO)

207 (-6) 69 72 66

MEGHAN MACLAREN (ENG)

207 (-6) 68 70 69

SILVIA BANON (ESP)

209 (-4) 65 70 74

EMMA GODDARD (ENG)

211 (-2) 76 69 66

MARIE FOURQUIER (FRA)

211 (-2) 70 72 69

MARTINA EDBERG (SWE)

211 (-2) 71 67 73

RIBEIRA SACRA PATRIMONIO DE LA HUMANIDAD INTERNATIONAL LADIES OPEN

AUGAS SANTAS BALNEARIO & GOLF RESORT
LUGO, SPAIN

12 - 14 JULY 2017

At the end of the first round of play in Lugo, Spain, France's Salome Zasio was tied for eighth place alongside England's Emma Goddard. By the time three rounds were in the books, the two were once again tied for the lead.

This sent the €35,000 Riberira Sacra Patrimonio de la Humanidad International Ladies Open into extra holes. On the first, both the amateur Zasio and professional Goddard made pars. The second went in the Englishwomen's favour after she made a par to trump the Frenchwomen's bogey and clinched the title. "It hasn't really sunk in yet to be honest. The girl I was playing with (Salome) was one ahead of me going into the back-nine and I just wanted to finish ahead of her to give myself a chance," said Goddard.

Over three days, Goddard (68, 68, 68) and Zasio (68, 69, 67) both climbed up the leaderboard. In her last three years on the LETAS, the Englishwoman has finished inside the top-three of a tournament at least once every season. She comes off the heels of a tied 4th at the Belfius Ladies Open in Belgium.

EMMA GODDARD (ENG)

204 (-6) 68 68 68

SALOME ZASIO (AM) (FRA)

204 (-6) 68 69 67

SILVIA BANON (ESP)

205 (-5) 69 70 66

ASTRID VAYSON DE PRADENNE (FRA)

205 (-5) 68 67 70

STEFANIA AVANZO (ITA)

206 (-4) 70 72 64

NINA MUEHL (AUT)

206 (-4) 65 71 70

CAROLINE ROMINGER (SWI)

206 (-4) 68 67 71

NATASHA FEAR (ESP)

206 (-4) 68 66 72



MANON DE ROEY

2017 LETAS GRADUATE

"I think LETAS is the perfect stage for a talented amateur to join the professional circuit. I learned to deal with difficult situations, became mentally stronger and improved my game plan year after year. I feel ready now to join the LET."

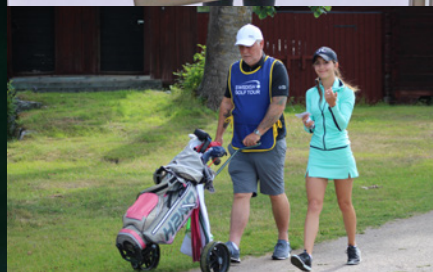




LUCIE ANDRE

2017 LETAS GRADUATE

“LETAS is a fantastic opportunity for players on the second division to compete at a high level and prepare themselves for the LET. That’s a great springboard. The atmosphere is great, golf courses are challenging and the level is increasing year after year.”



SWEDISH
GOLF TOUR

CASTELLUM LADIES OPEN

SUNDSVALL GOLF CLUB
KVISSLEBY, SWEDEN

2 - 4 AUGUST 2017

Coming into the €35,000 Castellum Ladies Open co-sanctioned with the Swedish Golf Tour, Luna Sobron had divided her year between the Ladies European Tour and LETAS. A final round 67 shot her eleven places up in proceedings, as overnight leader Lara Plachetka Pohl carded a final round 79 on the par 70 Sundsvall Golf Club, to fall out of contention.

The other players who were chasing Plachetka Pohl, such as Eun Jung Ji Kim (69, 68, 72), Natasha Fear (73, 66, 72) and Jane Turner (67, 71, 73) gave way to Astrid Vayson de Pradenne whose final round 69 tied her for the lead at two-under come the end of 54 holes.

On a windy day in Kvissleby, Sweden the players went off on a shot gun start at 7:00am local time. Play was halted at 8:30am, and later resumed at 10:45am.

Luna and Vayson de Pradenne played the 18th hole once more in a play-off where the former made a birdie to the latter's par for the win. What made the occasion amusing according to the Spaniard, was that the two professionals were staying together during the week.

LUNA SOBRON (ESP)

208 (-2) 74 67 67

ASTRID VAYSON DE PRADENNE (FRA)

208 (-2) 72 67 69

NINA MUEHL (AUT)

209 (-1) 70 73 66

MEGHAN MACLAREN (ENG)

209 (-1) 72 69 68

JOHANNA GUSTAVSSON (SWE)

209 (-1) 72 69 68

EUN JUNG JI KIM (ESP)

209 (-1) 69 68 72

INES LESCUDIER

2017 LETAS GRADUATE

"It's a much better tour than it used to be. The level is pretty good, the cuts are very low and I think that more players deserve to progress to the LET. We played on so many great courses and I'm sure that the LET Access Series will grow bigger in the next few years."



Bossey Ladies
CHAMPIONSHIP

BOSSEY LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

ASSOCIATION DU GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB DE BOSSEY
BOSSEY, FRANCE

15 - 17 AUGUST 2017

Scotland's Jane Turner recorded her first win on the LET Access Series with a wire-to-wire victory at the Bossey Ladies Championship at Golf de Bossey, near Geneva.

Turner shot a closing even par 71 to finish at 7 under, in a tie with Noemi Jimenez, who had already posted a final round 67 to lead in the clubhouse. The Scot had the slimmest of leads at the start of the day and faltered during the middle of her round, losing her advantage.

In the past, Turner may have panicked but she rallied to record three birdies on the 11th, 12th and 13th to tie Jimenez at 7 under. The Spaniard then bogeyed the 17th but birdied the 18th to draw level with Turner, who parred her way in from the 14th.

Both players could not be split after the first play-off hole and it was Jimenez who found trouble on the second play-off hole, not able to reach the par four 400-yard 18th hole with her second shot and failing to get up and down from 40 yards. Turner hit the green in two and rolled her first putt up to about a foot but admitted to being very nervous over the short putt but holed with no problem and the title belonged to her.

Natalia Escuriola of Spain finished on her own in 3rd place, scoring a final day one over par 72 for a 5 under total, 208. England's Lauren Taylor improved each day with rounds of 72, 69 and 68 for a 4 under par total and 4th position.

JANE TURNER (SCO)

206 (-7) 65 70 71

NOEMI JIMENEZ (ESP)

206 (-7) 68 71 67

NATALIA ESCURIOLA (ESP)

208 (-5) 67 69 72

LAUREN TAYLOR (ENG)

209 (-4) 72 69 68

MEGHAN MACLAREN (ENG)

210 (-3) 69 76 65

THOMSON TARGETING THE 2019 SOLHEIM CUP

Life has turned a full circle for Michele Thomson. Ten years ago, in 2008, the prodigious amateur golfer was selected to represent GB&I in the Curtis Cup against the United States, at the home of golf, St Andrews. In the same year, she became the Scottish Ladies Amateur Champion and secured a conditional card for the Ladies European Tour, but after only half a season, she gave it all up, due to feeling lonely. The ten years in between is a story in itself – working for the Scottish police force, working in a pro shop and meeting Donald Trump, before returning to the game as a full time professional player in 2014.

Starting out on the LET Access Series, she treated 2014 as her rookie season. In 2015, she improved to eighth on the LET Access Series Order of Merit, which included a victory in Spain at the Ribeira Sacra Patrimonio de la Humanidad International Ladies Open, along with six top 10 finishes. In 2016, she played in 15 events on the circuit resulting in seven top 10 finishes and ended fourth on the Order of Merit, securing her full card on the LET for 2017, where her progress continued.

In 2017, Michele played in 10 tournaments on the Ladies European Tour with her best finishes being second in the Hero Women's Indian Open, which included a course record 64 (-8) on the tough Gary Player-designed Black Knight Course at DLF Country Club, as well as a tie for ninth in the season-ending Omega Dubai Ladies Classic. She finished 16th on the Order of Merit as the top Scottish golfer for the year.

So how did Thomson get back to golf? After quitting the police, she worked in a pro shop and as a caddie. One day, watching the Ladies European Tour golf on TV re-kindled her aspirations.

She said: "When I first turned professional I was too young. I went into the police for two years and that matured me. Seeing all my friends doing well and achieving their potential made me feel that I hadn't given it my all. I needed to give it one more chance and if that didn't work, at least I could say that I tried."

Slowly but surely, she got her golfing mojo back and she says: "I feel that my game is going in the right direction." Her team, which includes former LPGA and LET player Jo Morley as caddie and the support of dad, Graham, coach Neil Marr and friends on tour, such as Kelsey MacDonald, Kiran Matharu and Carly Booth, have all contributed, but the LET Access Series boosted her confidence.

"The LET Access Series teaches you how to win and how to compete with all the other good players. The Access Series has strength and depth and all the players are just as good, so it gave me the experience of playing in competitions before progressing to the LET," she says.

"To finish 16th on the LET Order of Merit last year was a massive step for me. Then going to India, finishing second there and ninth in Dubai, was huge and hopefully I can move forward this year."

Having won her first amateur tournament at 15 in the Royal Bank of Scotland Junior Masters at Gleneagles, to play in The 2019 Solheim Cup at the same venue would be a dream come true for Michele, who turned 30 in March.

"The Solheim Cup is a massive goal for me, to get into that team. Obviously, there are a lot of great players, but I feel that I'm good enough and hopefully I can prove that," she said.

"The Solheim Cup coming to Scotland is huge for all the Europeans. After losing last year, hopefully Scotland will suit the Europeans more than the Americans.

"I live in Aberdeen, which is two hours north of Gleneagles, but I've played there a number of times and I watched The Ryder Cup there. It's definitely a course that suits my game. Hopefully it will suit all the Europeans."

For now, she is happy improving her golf, which will no doubt catch the eye of European captain Catriona Matthew. She says: "It's great to be back and be able to compete and know that I can give it my all, make a living and have fun while I'm here."

MICHELE T H O M S O N



WPGA INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

STOKE BY NAYLAND HOTEL GOLF & SPA
LEAVENHEATH, UNITED KINGDOM

28 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Lydia Hall completed a wire-to-wire victory in the WPGA International Challenge at Stoke by Nayland, but there were a few unplanned diversions en route. Not least the sudden-death play-off with France's Ines Lescudier following a two-shot swing on the par three final hole on the Gainsborough course, at the Suffolk resort.

Lescudier, who began the day four shots behind Hall, birdied it for a six-under par round of 66 and complete the tournament's 54-holes in nine-under. Hall, by contrast, bogeyed it in a scenario that was reminiscent of her visit to the hole in the first round. On both occasions the ball flirted with the cup before refusing to drop.

Back up the 18th the players went, but it was the 29-year-old PGA Assistant from Wales who appeared least fazed by the drama. While she deposited her tee shot eight feet from the pin, her opponent overcooked hers and cleared the green.

Two chips later and a tap-in saw the Frenchwoman down in four leaving Hall with two putts to claim the cut-glass trophy and winner's cheque. Both putts were needed. She sent the first scooting past the hole and was left to sink a six-footer for victory.

LYDIA HALL (WAL)

207 (-9) 65 72 70

INES LESCUDIER (FRA)

207 (-9) 66 75 66

EMMA NILSSON (SWE)

209 (-7) 72 71 66

LUNA SOBRON (ESP)

209 (-7) 73 70 66

MICHELE THOMSON (SCO)

209 (-7) 68 69 72

NOEMI JIMENEZ (ESP)

209 (-7) 69 68 72



SANTANDER GOLF TOUR LETAS EL SALER

PARADOR DE EL SALER
EL SALER, VALENCIA, SPAIN

25 - 27 OCTOBER 2017

Emma Nilsson was crowned the winner of the season-ending tournament on the 2017 LET Access Series: the Santander Golf Tour LETAS El Saler in Spain. The 23-year-old Swede fired rounds of 69, 70 and 71 to finish on a total of six-under-par and win by a shot over Iceland's Valdis Thora Jonsdottir, at Parador de El Saler in Valencia, with Norwegian Tonje Daffinrud a stroke further behind in third.

Nilsson, who carded four birdies and three bogeys in the final round, played in perfect conditions on the scenic, ocean-front course, collecting her third LETAS trophy, following wins at the Pilsen Golf Challenge and Ladies Norwegian Challenge in 2014.

After making the turn in one-under 35, Nilsson bogeyed the 11th, but picked up a stroke on the long 15th hole to take a one stroke advantage down the last hole. She had two putts for the win after Jonsdottir missed her birdie putt.

EMMA NILSSON (SWE)

210 (-6) 69 70 71

VALDIS THORA JONSDOTTIR (ISL)

211 (-5) 66 73 72

TONJE DAFFINRUD (NOR)

215 (-1) 78 67 70

PUK LYG THOMSEN (AM) (DEN)

218 (2) 73 75 70

MARIA PALACIOS (ESP)

218 (2) 70 75 73

2017 ORDER OF MERIT

POS	PLAYER	EVENTS	POINTS				
1	Meghan MACLAREN (ENG)	12	21985.42	86	Ana MENENDEZ (MEX)	3	2125.00
2	Valentine DERREY (FRA)	6	14967.50	87	Minea BLOMQUIST (FIN)	1	2060.00
3	Nina MUEHL (AUT)	13	13956.25	89	Olivia COWAN (GER)	1	2060.00
4	Luna SOBRON (ESP)	8	13818.75	90	Ariane PROVOT (FRA)	3	1951.67
5	Charlotte THOMPSON (ENG)	13	13764.16	91	Emma GRECHI (FRA)	8	1946.67
6	Manon DE ROEY (BEL)	13	11602.00	92	Madelene STAVNAR (NOR)	5	1906.67
7	Lucie ANDRE (FRA)	13	11360.93	93	Laura MURRAY (SCO)	12	1850.00
8	Ines LESCUPIER (FRA)	13	11260.10	94	Lina BOQVIST (SWE)	2	1847.50
9	Emma GODDARD (ENG)	13	10939.76	95	Klára SPILKOVÁ (CZE)	1	1845.00
10	Silvia BANON (ESP)	9	10722.00	96	Pamela PRETSEWELL (SCO)	1	1721.25
11	Eva GILLY (FRA)	13	10481.17	97	Marta SILVA (ESP)	5	1700.00
12	Jane TURNER (SCO)	12	9983.75	98	Matilda CASTREN (FIN)	3	1694.09
13	Emma NILSSON (SWE)	10	9922.50	99	Emilie PIQUOT (FRA)	13	1609.50
14	Agathe SAUZON (FRA)	6	9695.00	100	Margherita RIGON (ITA)	2	1603.33
15	Valdis Thora JONSDOTTIR (ISL)	6	9680.00	101	Francesca CUTURI (ITA)	9	1490.00
16	Nina PEGOVA (RUS)	12	9596.25	102	Victoria LOVELADY (BRA)	3	1463.33
17	Caroline ROMINGER (SWI)	12	9562.42	103	Sarah SCHÖBER (AUT)	2	1400.00
18	Astrid VAYSON DE PRADENNE (FRA)	11	9556.09	104	Susana MENDES RIBEIRO (PRT)	4	1321.43
19	Maria PALACIOS (ESP)	13	9528.67	105	Kiran MATHARU (ENG)	4	1317.50
20	Isabelle BOINEAU (FRA)	3	9414.16	106	Lien WILLEMS (BEL)	4	1300.00
21	Johanna GUSTAVSSON (SWE)	8	9330.00		Kelsey MACDONALD (SCO)	2	1293.00
22	Lauren TAYLOR (ENG)	7	8887.00		Nicole GARCIA (RSA)	1	1293.00
23	Stefania AVANZO (ITA)	9	8818.33	108	Lara PLACHETKA POHL (FRA)	6	1241.43
24	Noemi JIMENEZ (ESP)	6	8455.00	109	Fabienne IN-ALBON (SWI)	7	1213.33
25	Linda HENRIKSSON (FIN)	12	7811.43	110	Vikki LAING (SCO)	2	1150.83
26	Natalia ESCURIOLA (ESP)	7	7790.00	111	Celine BERGE (AM) (NOR)	5	1100.00
27	Emilie ALONSO (FRA)	13	7227.33	112	Jessica BRADLEY (ENG)	4	1030.00
28	Mireia PRAT (ESP)	12	7121.59	113	Valeria MARTINOLI (SWI)	8	1019.09
29	Lucrezia COLOMBOTTO ROSSO (ITA)	11	7120.76	114	Elisabetta BERTINI (ITA)	3	1015.00
30	Heather MACRAE (SCO)	5	6982.50	115	Virginia ESPEJO (ESP)	4	1005.00
31	Karolin LAMPERT (GER)	5	6937.08	116	Justine DREHER (FRA)	1	982.00
32	Elia POLCH (ESP)	11	6933.67		Lauren HORSFORD (ENG)	4	982.00
33	Sanna NUUTINEN (FIN)	9	6723.75	119	Fanny CNOPS (BEL)	8	982.00
34	Frida GUSTAFSSON-SPANG (SWE)	6	6660.00	120	Emma WESTIN (SWE)	11	975.00
35	Lydia HALL (WAL)	2	6293.00	121	Noora TAMMINEN (FIN)	1	940.00
36	Lynn CARLSSON (SWE)	4	6056.25	122	Franziska FRIEDRICH (AM) (GER)	1	920.00
37	Jessica KARLSSON (SWE)	4	5988.33	123	Chiara MERTENS (GER)	4	910.00
38	Natasha FEAR (ESP)	9	5359.27	124	Ann-Kathrin LINDNER (GER)	2	862.00
39	Cloe FRANKISH (ENG)	9	5305.83	125	Nuria ITURRIOS (ESP)	1	840.00
40	Tiia KOIVISTO (FIN)	13	5242.66	126	Mimmi BERGMAN (SWE)	2	835.00
41	Leena MAKKONEN (FIN)	13	5236.00	127	Tracey BOYES (ENG)	5	730.00
42	Sarah NILSSON (SWE)	12	5208.33	128	Sandra ABRAHAMSON (SWE)	4	710.00
43	Marie FOURQUIER (FRA)	11	5044.76	129	Louise LARSSON (SWE)	6	685.00
44	Ursula WIKSTROM (FIN)	1	5000.00		Stacey Lee BREGMAN (RSA)	1	675.00
45	Jenny HAGLUND (SWE)	4	4753.33		Alexandra BONETTI (FRA)	4	675.00
46	Tonje DAFFINRUD (NOR)	5	4645.00	132	Joyce CHONG (NLD)	12	675.00
47	Joana DE SA PEREIRA (PRT)	8	4556.66		Stacey MCCARTNEY (NZL)	3	670.00
48	Gabriella COWLEY (ENG)	7	4552.00	134	Vani KAPOOR (IND)	1	670.00
49	Camille CHEVALIER (FRA)	6	4494.50		Julia DAVIDSSON (SWE)	2	660.00
50	Anastasia MICKAN (AM) (GER)	8	4369.58	136	Flora PEUCH (FRA)	11	660.00
51	Eun Jung Ji KIM (ESP)	6	4307.50	137	Josefin ODENRIING (SWE)	8	635.00
52	Chloe WILLIAMS (WAL)	9	4175.00	138	Emelie ANDERSSON (SWE)	8	620.00
53	Laura SANCHEZ ZULUAGA (COL)	10	3995.83		Gemma FUSTER ANGLADA (ESP)	6	600.00
54	Sofia LJUNGGVIST (SWE)	10	3917.83	140	Greta Isabella VOELKER (AM) (GER)	1	600.00
55	Johanna BJORK (SWE)	10	3907.50		Manon GIDALI (FRA)	8	590.00
56	Linda WESSBERG (SWE)	3	3875.83	142	Krista BAKKER (FIN)	3	590.00
57	Piti MARTINEZ BERNAL (ESP)	12	3846.43	143	Nastja BANOVEC (SVN)	8	570.00
58	Daisy NIELSEN (DNK)	8	3729.68		Alexandra VILATTE FARRET (FRA)	1	560.00
59	Sophie GIQUEL-BETTAN (FRA)	2	3655.00	145	Sophie SANDOLO (ITA)	3	560.00
60	Christine WOLF (AUT)	4	3611.67	146	Rebecca WALLACE (FRA)	9	540.00
61	Maha HADDIOUI (MAR)	4	3597.50	147	Leticia RAS-ANDERICA (GER)	1	532.50
62	Cajsa PERSSON (SWE)	7	3540.83	148	Camilla HEDBERG (ESP)	9	490.00
63	Lejan LEWTHWAITE (RSA)	9	3480.83		Marion DUVERNAY (FRA)	9	460.00
64	Laura JANSONE (LVA)	1	3450.00		Diana LUNA (ITA)	1	460.00
65	Anaëlle CARNET (FRA)	12	3402.50	150	Rosie DAVIES (ENG)	5	429.09
66	Julie AIME (FRA)	9	3385.00		Alessandra BRAIDA (ITA)	6	429.09
67	Sophie KEECH (ENG)	12	3367.50	152	Nadine DREHER (AUT)	7	420.00
68	Samantha GILES (ENG)	6	3317.50	153	Inci MEHMET (ENG)	2	403.33
69	Carmen ALONSO (ESP)	8	3314.50	154	Therese NERPIN (SWE)	6	385.00
70	Laura SEDDA (ITA)	10	3251.43	155	Jessica LJUNGBERG (SWE)	2	380.00
71	Josephine JANSON (SWE)	8	3180.00		Malin VINGESKOG (AM) (SWE)	1	380.00
72	Lucie HINNEROVA (CZE)	8	3105.00	157	Camille FALLAY (FRA)	1	375.00
73	Clara PIETRI (SWI)	12	3099.09	158	Maria BEAUTELL (ESP)	1	365.00
74	Gwladys NOCERA (FRA)	2	3020.00		Luisa DITTRICH (GER)	7	365.00
75	Chloe LEURQUIN (BEL)	6	2970.00	161	Rachael GOODALL (ENG)	8	365.00
76	Anais MAGGETTI (SWI)	3	2904.50	162	Amber RATCLIFFE (ENG)	2	340.00
77	Martina EDBERG (SWE)	4	2834.76		Hanna ROOS (SWE)	2	330.00
78	Michele THOMSON (SCO)	4	2830.00		Anna SVENSTRUP (SWE)	7	330.00
79	Sideri VANOVA (CZE)	8	2620.00		Oona VARTIAINEN (FIN)	5	330.00
80	Puk Lyng THOMSEN (AM) (DEN)	2	2582.50	165	Suzanne DICKENS (ENG)	1	325.00
81	Viva SCHLASBERG (SWE)	13	2335.00	166	Sophie POWELL (ENG)	6	320.00
82	Melanie MAETZLER (SWI)	11	2328.33	167	Iona STEPHEN (SCO)	6	310.00
83	Anais MEYSSONNIER (FRA)	11	2266.67	168	Eva-Maria MOEHWALD (SWI)	9	300.00
84	Ainil BAKAR (MYS)	3	2263.43	169	Veslemoy HERAMB (NOR)	7	290.00
85	Julie MAISONGROSSE (FRA)	8	2220.00		Keely CHIERICATO (ENG)	9	290.00
				171	Rachel RAASTAD (NOR)	6	270.00
				172	Molly LAWRENCE (ENG)	6	240.00

EXEMPTION CATEGORIES 2018

- 1) *Host Tour*
- 2) *Host Tour Amateurs*
- 3) *Winners of the LET Access Series Order of Merit: Three-year exemption*
- 4) *LET Access Series Ranking Tournament Winners: One calendar year exemption*
- 5) *Top 1 player from the top 10 from previous tournament*
- 6) *A maximum of six invitations. This may include amateurs with a handicap of 2 or less ranked by a priority list according to the Women's Amateur Golf Rankings. Any spots not taken up will pass to the players in reserve list order as at closing date of entries.*
- 7) *5 LET Members in Category 1 – 6 by 2018 LET Exemption Category in 132 player full field events. For all other field sizes, 3 LET Members in Category 1 – 6 by 2018 LET Exemption Category.*
- 8) *Top 50 from the final 2017 LETAS Exemption List*
- 9) *Top five (5) in the top 50 on the current LETAS Order of Merit at the closing date for entries, not otherwise exempt.*
- 10) *LET Members in Category 8 - 9 by 2018 LET Exemption Category*
- 11) *Re-rank of Categories 12 and 13. This category will be formed after a mid-season re-rank.*
- 12a) *LET and/or LETAS Members ranked by a priority list from 2018 LET Final Tour School determined by finishing position.*
- 12b) *Top 90 from the final 2017 LETAS Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.*
- 12c) *LET and/or LETAS Members ranked by a priority list from 2018 LET Pre-Qualifying Tour School determined by finishing position.*
- 12d) *Members ranked according to the 2017 LET Category 11 Career Money List. For those in equal positions the effective date of tournament entry will be used where necessary.*
- 13) *LETAS Members who have not attended 2018 LET Tour School from a priority list based on when membership was applied for.*

Categories 12 and 13 will be re-ranked mid-season to create a new category (11) which will be ranked according to the LETAS Order of Merit points earned in 2018 to the mid-way point.

To obtain inclusion in the final 2018 LET Access Series Order of Merit, and to participate in such benefits derived from, a Member must compete in a minimum of six (6) Ranking tournaments in the 2018 season.



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