

THE 2012 FRENCH-AMERICAN CHALLENGE



LIGUE DE PARIS

VS. THE

METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

AND THE

WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2012

SEBONACK GOLF CLUB, SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y.

THE MATCHES

The MGA entered the international arena in 1990 with the creation of the French-American Challenge, or FRED's Cup. Named for its founding sponsor, the international jeweler FRED Joaillier, the event comprises teams of top men and women representing the MGA and WMGA against the men and women amateurs of the Ligue de Paris. The first competition was held at Chantilly Golf Club, outside Paris. Since then, it has alternated (biennially since 1998) between France and the Met Area, having been played over some of the most outstanding courses on both sides of the Atlantic.



The competition between six-man/four-woman teams in Four-ball, Foursome, and Singles matches has been dominated by the Ligue de Paris. However, the spirit of competition and camaraderie are always the most compelling part of the matches.

The Ligue de Golf de Paris last visited the Met Area for these matches in 2008, when they emerged with a 14-6 victory at Metropolis Country Club in White Plains, N.Y. The format requires all 10 players on each team to play in each of the three sessions: Fourballs and Foursomes on the first day, and singles matches on the second day. Twenty points are up for grabs, and the MGA/WMGA team needs to earn 10.5 points to win for just the second time in the history of the matches. The Ligue de Golf de Paris needs 10 points to retain the French-American Challenge trophy.

Preceding the matches is the French-American Challenge Am-Am, which will be held this year on Monday, October 15 at Sebonack. In addition to serving as a valuable practice round for the championship competitors, the Am-Am gives all 20 team members a chance to interact with Met Area golfers whose support of the Am-Am helps to raise money for the MGA Foundation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

AM-AM COMPETITION

1:00 p.m.....Shotgun Start

6:00 p.m....Awards Reception

Formal Introduction of 2012 Teams

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:30 a.m.....Fourball Matches

1:00 p.m.....Foursome Matches

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 a.m.....Singles Matches

2:00 p.m.....Awards Luncheon



The Ligue de Paris (left) and the MGA/WMGA teams at the 2010 French-American Challenge at Golf de Fontainebleau in France.



LIGUE DE PARIS PLAYER PROFILES

CAPTAIN: JEAN - CLAUDE PERCEROU



Morgane Bazin de Jessey | Age: 27

Bazine de Jessey took second at the French Team Championship this year, and is ranked 15th in the French National Amateur rankings. In 2010 her team won the World University Team Championship, and she finished second in the World University Individual. In 2008 she took bronze at the European Ladies Team Championship, and she played in the French - American Challenge in 2010 and '08.



Louise Gateau Chovelon | Age: 18

At only 18, Chovelon has already won the French Foursome Ladies Championship and finished 3rd at the French Ladies Amateur. In 2011, she finished 11th at the Irish Girls Championship, and played in the 2010 Dinard Ladies Open (a professional championship) where she finished 20th.



Amandine Guignard | Age: 36

Guignard, the winner of the 2011 Ligue de Paris Championship, played on French International teams from 1993 to 1997 and participated at the World Amateur Championship in 1994 and '96. Before attending UCLA from 1995 to '99, she won the French Junior Championship ('94 and '93) and the British Girls Championship ('94). She also played in the LPGA Evian Masters in 1996 and '95.



Anyssia Herbaut | Age: 17

Herbaut has had several top-finishes in 2012, including 5th at the British Girls, 4th at the Coupe de France Ladies, 12th at the European Girls, and 15th at the German Girls championships. She has won several Grand Prix events in France and is ranked 13th in the French National Amateur rankings.



WMGA PLAYER PROFILES

CAPTAIN: BETH POST

Cindy Ha | Age: 16

Ha is ranked in the top 50 in the Polo Golf Junior Rankings and the Golfweek Junior Rankings. She won the WMGA Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament and the WMGA Junior Girls' Open Championship. Ha qualified for the 2012 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, finished as the runner-up at the New Jersey Women's State Amateur, and in 2011 advanced to the Round of 16 at the U.S. Women's Amateur championship.



Ellen Oswald | Age: 22

The recent St. John's University graduate won the 2012 New York Women's State Amateur Championship and finished as the runner-up at both the WMGA Stroke Play Championship and WMGA/MGA Met Amateur championships. At St. John's, Oswald was a four-time academic All-American and competed for all four years on the women's golf team.



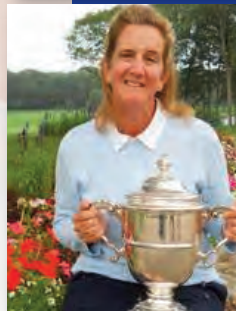
Annie Park | Age: 17

Park is ranked 98th in the USGA World Amateur Golf Ranking, 22nd in the Polo Golf Junior Rankings & 18th in the Golfweek Junior Rankings. She was the first girl to win the Nassau County High School Boys Championship, finished as the medalist at a U.S. Women's Open sectional qualifier, and was named the 2012 Long Island Player of the Year. She advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2011 U.S. Women's Public Links and next year will attend USC.



Phoebe Timpson | Age: 48

Timpson is the reigning WMGA Player of the Year, and this year she captured the title at the WMGA Stroke Play Championship and was the runner-up at the WMGA Match Play Championship. Last year Timpson recorded multiple wins on the WMGA circuit, including the Match Play Championship, Sister/Sister Championship, and the Mackie Cup. Timpson has also won the Meadow Brook Club Women's Championship multiple times.





LIGUE DE PARIS PLAYER PROFILES

CAPTAIN: JEAN - CLAUDE PERCEROU



Arnaud Bonardi | Age: 35

In 2012, Bonardi won the French Team Championship Mid-Amateur division and was the winner of the Grand Prix de Corse. He is a five-time winner of the French Team Corporate Championship (2002-2004, 2009 and 2011), and he has won the French Individual Corporate Championship four consecutive years (2007-2010).



Franck Daux | Age: 20

Daux was ranked 15th in the French National Amateur Rankings as of September 2012, and this season he was a finalist in the French Team Championship First Division and a Semifinalist at the Spain International Championship. In 2011 he was a quarterfinalist at both the Italian International and French Amateur Championships and finished 14th at the Miami Beach International. Daux also won four Grand Prix events in 2010.



Benjamin Morin | Age: 40

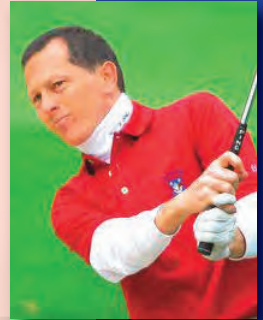
Morin, ranked 117th in the French National Amateur rankings, is a five-time French Grand Prix champion. He was selected twice for the French Team Mid-Amateur competition, and he also participated in at the French Team Championship First Division.



LIGUE DE PARIS PLAYER PROFILES

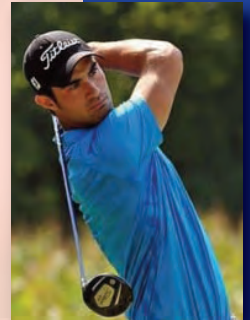
Christophe Ravetto | Age: 38

A former player on the European Tour, Ravetto has been selected a total of 14 times for French international team championships. He won the 2012 French Mid-Amateur Team Championship, and is a former winner of the French Amateur (1997 and '95). Also on his golf resume are six wins at the French Team Championship.



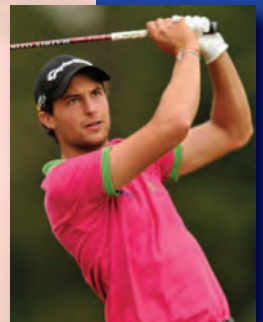
Olivier Rozner | Age: 22

As of September, Rozner was ranked 13th on the French National Amateur rankings. In 2012, he won the French Team Championship, finished 10th at the Spain International Championship, 15th at the Portugal International Championship, and 30th at the British Amateur. Rozner was a finalist in the French Individual Championship in 2011.



Antoine Schwartz | Age: 23

Ranked 7th in the French National Amateur rankings, Schwartz won the French Team Championship First Division and was a member of the French Team for a France v. England match in 2012. He also advanced to the Round of 32 in this year's British Amateur and finished 15th at the Lytham Trophy. Schwartz won the French Amateur Championship in 2010.





MGA PLAYER PROFILES

CAPTAIN: GENE BERNSTEIN



Max Buckley | Age: 22

The former member of the SMU golf team helped lead the New York state team to victory at the 2012 USGA State Team Championship and finished tied for sixth in the individual portion. Buckley shared the runner-up position with Saladino at the Ike and was runner-up at the Westchester Open. He was a quarterfinalist at the Met Amateur, and qualified for the U.S. Amateur for the second consecutive year; in 2011 he reached the quarterfinals.



Niall Handley | Age: 40

Handley played with Komline on the 2012 USGA New Jersey State team, was a semifinalist at the NJSGA Mid-Amateur, runner-up at the NJSGA Open, finished tenth at the NYC Amateur, and advanced to match play at the Met Amateur. In 2011 he won the MGA Mid-Amateur and Bergen County Amateur championships and was the runner-up at the NYC Am.



Brian Komline | Age:38

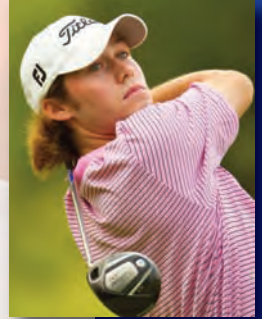
Komline won the 2012 NJSGA Mid-Amateur and finished tied for sixth at the Met Open. The former NJSGA Player of the Year was the stroke-play medalist and reached the quarterfinals at this year's Met Amateur. He represented New Jersey at the 2012 and 2010 USGA State Team, finished tied for sixth at both the NYC and NJSGA Amateur championships in 2012, and qualified for the U.S. Mid-Am. This is his third time playing on an MGA international team.



MGA PLAYER PROFILES

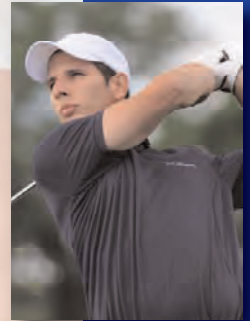
Mike Miller | Age: 20

The reigning MGA Player of the Year led New York to victory at the 2012 USGA State Team Championship and captured the individual title. This year Miller won the Westchester Am and the Boff Invitational, was runner-up at the NYC Am, a semifinalist at the Met Am, and the third low amateur/10th place at the Met Open. The 2011 Met Am champ is leading the Polo Golf MGA Player of the Year Points Standings and advanced to the Round of 32 at the U.S. Amateur. In May, he finished tied fourth at the Irish Amateur and Lytham Trophy.



Joe Saladino | Age: 32

The two-time MGA Player of the Year ('10 & '08) was a member of the victorious N.Y. team at the 2012 USGA State Team Championship. This season Saladino won the Travis Memorial, finished tied for second with Buckley at the Ike, third at the Long Island Open, and was a semifinalist at the Long Island Amateur. He was the runner-up to Young at the Mittelmark Invitational and finished as the Low Amateur at the NYSGA Open. Saladino played in the Met Am and this year's U.S. Mid-Amateur; this will be his ninth appearance on an MGA international team.



Cameron Young | Age: 15

Young, a quarterfinalist at the 2012 Met Amateur, finished 15th at the Met Open and won the New York State High School Catholic and Federation titles as a freshman on the Fordham Prep team. He captured the titles at the Hochster Memorial, Mittelmark, and Brae Burn Invitationals, and finished as runner-up to Miller at the Westchester Amateur. The 2011 Carter Cup champion was the runner-up at the North and South Junior Championship this year at Pinehurst.



FRENCH - AMERICAN CHALLENGE HISTORY

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Champion</u> | <u>Site</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1990 | Ligue de Paris | Chantilly |
| 1991 | MGAWMGA | Baltusrol |
| 1992 | Ligue de Paris | St. Germain |
| 1993 | Ligue de Paris | Sleepy Hollow |
| 1994 | Ligue de Paris | St. Cloud |
| 1995 | Tie | Creek |
| 1996 | Ligue de Paris | Racing Club/La Boulie |
| 1997 | Ligue de Paris | Mountain Ridge |
| 1998 | Ligue de Paris | St. Nom La Breteche |
| 2000 | Ligue de Paris | Atlantic |
| 2002 | Ligue de Paris | Joyenal |
| 2004 | Tie | Plainfield |
| 2006 | Ligue de Paris | Le Prieure |
| 2008 | Ligue de Paris | Metropolis |
| 2010 | Ligue de Paris | Fontainebleau |



Brian Komline shakes hands with his opponent after his singles match in 2010.



Team camaraderie at Fontainebleau.



Sebonack Golf Club owner Michael Pascucci spent four years searching Long Island for the perfect piece of land to build his dream golf course. He finally settled on a waterfront spot in upscale Southampton, N.Y., nestled very close to a pair of classic courses — Shinnecock Hills and National Golf Links.

Situated on 300 acres, Sebonack has been carved out of land which seems to have been long-destined to become a golf course. Jack Nicklaus and Tom Doak, two designers with dramatically different styles, used the natural contours and features of the land to create a unique look on Long Island's East End.

Sandy dunes and fescue-laden areas give Sebonack an historic aura. The fairways are generously wide but its greens are fast and unfathomably contoured. Golfers who can improvise by hitting low, bouncing approach shots amid the bumps and swales will succeed on this British Open-style course. Doak's architectural style appears in the bunkering, while course strategy and the greens are a product of Nicklaus's brilliant mind. Nicklaus designed many undulating greens, with tricky swales and burrows that test even the best players. Sebonack's memorable finishing hole is a par five with Great Peconic Bay running the fairway's entire left side.

Sebonack, which opened in 2006 to rave reviews, will host the 2013 U.S. Women's Open — its first national championship. It will be the first time that Long Island has hosted the U.S. Women's Open since the event began in 1946.



Course Opened:
2006

Architects:
Jack Nicklaus
Tom Doak

Championship Tees:
Par: 72
Yardage: 7,534
Course Rating: 77.3
Slope: 151

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