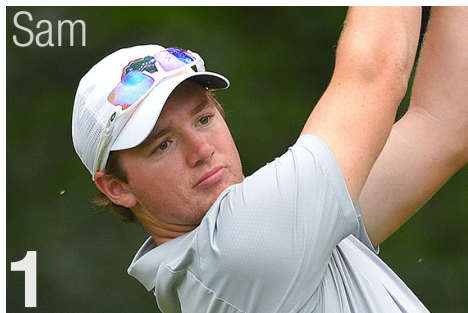


# EUROPEAN AMATEUR GOLF RANKING 2016



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Congratulations to the Top Ranked Players in the European Amateur Golf Ranking 2016. Final results (as of September 12, 2016) were:

1	<b>Sam Horsfield</b>	England	1229.42 pts
2	<b>Ivan Cantero Gutierrez</b>	Spain	1162.28 pts
3	<b>Matthias Schwab</b>	Austria	1158.42 pts

The gold medallist, Sam Horsfield (ENG), was born in England but now lives in Davenport, Florida. The University of Florida student played all of his golf in the United States, where he enjoyed a very consistent season. After a stretch of solid performances in late 2015, including three top-5 finishes, his first win came in February in the Sea Best Invitational. It was followed by a runner-up spot in the SunTrust Gator Invitational and two more victories in the Southern Highlands Collegiate and Mason Rudolph Championship. He then played the U.S. Open at Oakmont CC. At the beginning of the summer, Horsfield was part of the European Arnold Palmer Cup winning team. His best performance of the season came in the Western Amateur Championship, in which he won the 72-holes stroke play by nine strokes, and reached the final in the match play phase. Finally, Horsfield advanced to the round of 16 in the U.S. Amateur Championship before starting a new NCAA season with yet another top-10 finish.

Ivan Cantero Gutierrez (ESP) won the silver medal. He started his campaign in his home country, Spain, at the end of 2015, finishing tied second in the Copa Baleares. Shortly after New Year, the Spaniard recorded back-to-back wins in the Copa de Andalucía and Campeonato de Barcelona. He was part of the winning European Bonallack Trophy Team in Portugal. His most resounding victory was the Internationaux de France - Coupe Murat at Golf de Chantilly. Cantero reached the quarter-final in The Amateur Championship and contributed to the Continental Team's first ever halve with Great Britain and Ireland in the

St Andrews Trophy played at Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich. Cantero was part of the Spanish team in the Eisenhower Trophy played in Mexico.

Matthias Schwab (AUT) added the bronze medal to the silver he won in 2012, when he reached the final of The Amateur Championship at Royal Troon and played the Junior Ryder Cup in Chicago. The Vanderbilt University student recorded six top-10 finishes between 2015 and 2016 and shared medallist honours in the Carmel Cup (tied 2nd), the Western Refining College All-America (tied 2nd) and the Mason Rudolph Championship (3rd). He placed tied third in the NCAA Championship and won his quarter-final's single match. Schwab contributed to the European team's victory in the Palmer Cup before winning all his matches in the European Amateur Team Championship. He was selected for the St Andrews Trophy, in which he earned 2 ½ points for the Continental Team. Back in the United States, Schwab qualified for the U.S. Amateur match play in tied 11th position and collected another top-5 finish in the Carmel Cup. Just after the counting period was over, Schwab won the bronze medal with the Austrian Team in the Eisenhower Trophy.

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<http://www.ega-golf.ch/content/about>  
<http://www.ega-golf.ch/rankings/men>

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