

The first ever World Pitch and Putt Pairs championship will be played at the Tambre course in Sigüeiro near Santiago de Compostella, Galicia, Spain from June 9/11, 2017.

Play will be over 90 holes Strokeplay. Format is: Greensomes on Friday; Canada Cup (both players playing singles) on Saturday morning; Fourball on Saturday afternoon; Foursomes on Sunday.

Some really talented pairs will participate.

Enrique Jaen was a member of the Olympus team that won the recent Iberian Teams Cup at Urduna. This time Jaen teams up with Conchi Carballo. Conchi was Andorra Ladies Open champion two years ago.

Two former winning combinations in the Catalan International Pairs tournament will contest the world championship. Ireland's Thomas Hanley and Kieran Earls are the holders of the Catalan International Pairs. Their fellow countrymen Pacelli Darcy and Liam O'Donovan at Lloret Papalus in 2014. Liam O'Donovan is a four-time winner of the European team championship with Ireland and is the reigning European Strokeplay champion. Pacelli is a regular winner on the international senior Open circuit and won the Over 55 section of the 2015 European Strokeplay championship in Orvelte.

2016 Catalan Open winner Daniel Gimenez boasted a 100% Matchplay record during Catalonia's triumph in the 2014 European Team championship. Daniel teams up with Jordi Serra who was also a member of that Catalan team in Andorra three years ago. This will be a formidable partnership. Daniel Gimenez and Jordi Serra have been Catalan Double champions on three separate occasions – 2011, 2014 and 2015. Jordi placed third in the 2011 Galician Invitational Pairs with David Riera. On this occasion, 2011 Catalan Matchplay champion David Riera will link up with Alex Portas.

Two of the most successful lady players in international open history will be contenders. European Ladies Strokeplay champion Esther De Schiffart teams up with Mauritz Rangkouw while Herma Kleinlugtenbeld is partnered by Gerard Spaargaren.

Pepe Garcia and Toni Armengol will bring lots of experience from Andorra. Pepe was 2012 FIPPA Senior Open winner at EL Torrent. Toni Armengol played in the second ever World Pitch and Putt Cup final at Teia in 2006.

Juan Carlos Iglesias Surribas and Jorge R. Sarmiento from Galicia were prominent for two rounds of the 2011 Galician Pairs event and will be confident of getting into the mix again.

Dani Coleman will be paired with David Solé. Dani was also part of the Olympus team that recently won the Iberian Teams Cup in the Basque Country. Dani won the Catalan Doubles championship in 2010 alongside Luis Grifé. David Solé was a World Cup winner with Catalonia in 2006. Dani Coleman was a member of the winning Catalan team in the 2010 European Team championship at Lloret Papalus.

Leading Catalan coach and player Xavi Ponsdemenech will team up with his son Ivan. Peter Mervin Henry and Marcos Lopez Fernández won the domestic Galician qualifying competition for the World pairs championship.

Enric Sanz is the reigning Catalan Open champion. His partner for this event will be 2016 Catalan Strokeplay champion Jaume Vidal. Sanz, a three time Andorra Open winner, was part of the winning Catalan team in the 2010 European Team championship at Lloret Papalus.

With over 50 pairs from Galicia, Basque, Catalonia, Andorra, Netherlands, Ireland and Great Britain the inaugural World Pairs championship is certain to be a memorable event.

The Tambre River, the third longest in Galicia, gives its name to the 18-hole Tambre Pitch and Putt course, as it runs alongside both to the South and West.

Tambre Pitch and Putt is 10 minutes from the International Airport of Santiago de Compostela, and the same distance from the centre of the Galician capital city. The "English Way", one of the most important stretches of the pilgrimage route to Santiago, passes close to the course.