



PRESS RELEASE

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Home, sweet home, for Becky

Solheim Cup star Becky Brewerton is hoping it will be a case of home, sweet home, when she tees it up in the S4C Wales Ladies Championship of Europe event at Conwy next month, supported by Conwy County Borough Council.

For the tough links course is just a few miles along the North Wales coast from where Brewerton was brought up and learned to play at Abergele, the perfect venue for her to become the first Welsh winner of the event after a series of near misses.

The greens of home will welcome Brewerton, along with fellow Welsh challengers Breanne Loucks, Lydia Hall, Becky Morgan and Jo Pritchard, to Conwy golf club from August 12-15.

"I came close to winning the event as an amateur, eventually ending up second at Royal Porthcawl, and ever since then the tournament in Wales has been tied up with some dramatic moments in my golfing life," admitted Brewerton.

"There have been a few special moments associated with the event, but it is one of my aims to win it and I know I have been close on a few occasions – I would love to reward the great support I always get in Wales.

"There was the year in Machynys when I was trying to qualify for my first Solheim Cup and it was the last event. I missed the cut but results went my way and I still qualified to play for Europe against the United States in Sweden.

"Then last year the event came immediately after the Solheim Cup team had been announced and I was selected as a captain's pick, so there was a lot of attention surrounding that.

"Last year was at a course I knew well in Harlech and where I had won the Welsh Amateur title, but to play in Conwy is perfect for me.

"I can stay close to home and it is a course I grew up playing. I really want to add to the titles I have won on the Ladies European Tour and I really want to win the event in Wales, so where better to do it.

“I know it is a tough course, particularly on the closing stretch, so it will be an incredible test for me and all the other players.”

Brewerton has had a slow start to this season by her own high standards, but there have been signs in recent weeks that the old form is coming back as she has registered some consistently high finishes.

However she is keen to add to victories in England and Spain and has been working really hard on her game over the winter to try and step up to the next level.

She was fourth at Royal St David's last year, behind England's Karen Stupples, while a final round of 76 saw her drop down the leaderboard to 11th two years ago in Machynys.

She will spearhead a strong Welsh challenge, with fellow North Walian Loucks also looking to do well on a course she knows inside out, while Hall, Pritchard and Morgan all played the course in their successful Welsh amateur careers.

Ryder Cup Wales Chief Executive Rob Holt said, “It is always great to see the Welsh players doing well on home soil and over the years we have seen that from Rhys Davies, Bradley Dredge, Phil Price, Ian Woosnam and, of course, Becky Brewerton in particular.

“Having claimed the SWALEC Wales Challenge at The Vale Resort last year, we have seen how Rhys' career on The European Tour has spring boarded and taken him to remarkable heights in such a short time.

“Hopefully it will give Becky and her fellow Welsh players a slight advantage that we are back at Conwy for one of the Ryder Cup Wales Summer of Golf events, a tough course but one they know well. It would be great to see one of them with the trophy at the end of the week.

“Conwy has tested the best Seniors in Europe when it played host to the Ryder Cup Wales Seniors Open in 2007 and 2008, particularly the world famous closing holes. The course was also a big challenge for Italy's young star Matteo Manassero when he played there in the European Amateur Team Championships.

“We know it is one of the best courses we have in Wales and it backs up our plan to make sure that the Summer of Golf events are held all round Wales.

“The Ryder Cup itself may be in Newport, but it is vital that all Welsh golf fans get the chance to see the best players in Europe in action near them and everyone in North Wales will certainly get the chance to do that in August.”

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