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Oakley KING OF GREENS 2015
Action sports golf championship takes Berlin by storm



On the 28 July 2015 the Oakley KING OF GREENS brings a little rough to golf in Berlin, Germany, with the third tee-off of this one-of-a-kind international action sports golf championships. With an all-new Captained Team Format and unique Nixon trophy watch up for grabs in the individuals contest it promises to be an outstanding day of golf and good vibes.

At the Faldo Course Berlin, at the A-Rosa Scharmützelsee resort, action sports world champs, Olympians and X Games medalists will trade in bikes, boards, skis and decks for a bag of clubs and play 18 holes of pure golf. Shortlisted to hold the Ryder Cup in 2022 the course is the creation of Europe's best Ryder Cup player Nick Faldo and is reputed to be the most demanding in Germany. It will be interesting to see if an American or European player will win on the 28th.

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In 2014 England's snowboard pipe Olympian Ben Kilner (GB) clinched a nail-biting playoff against big wave surfer Alain Riou (FRA) to win the individual competition and help Team Snowboard to an overall glory. He also went on to win the Pro-Am at the BMW PGA Championship, in Wentworth, alongside two times European Champion Rafa Cabrera-Bello.

Rafa, like Matteo Manassero the previous year, had spiced up Oakley KING OF GREENS with a surprise "Beat the Pro" contest, in which contenders had the heart-stopping challenge of beating Rafa to the pin. For those who succeeded it was the highpoint of their golfing career, so all those competing in 2015 are super excited to see which Tour Pro they will have to beat.

Ben returns to the Oakley KING OF GREENS, along with some 30 other international athletes, both to bolster the firepower of Team Snowboard and defend his individual title. Competitors including the legendary snowboarder and snowboard team captain Devun Walsh (CAN) and pioneering street skater Eric Koston (USA), who will captain Team Skate. Last year's runner up Alain Riou (FRA) will again be playing a tight game out on the greens for Team Surf, while the first girl contender of the contest, freeskiier Sandra Lahnsteiner (AUT), backs up Team Ski - we could have a Queen of the Green in 2015!

There is also going to be an impressive line-up of German action sports personalities battling it out in the Oakley KING OF GREENS 2015. They include skiers pros Sven Kueenle and Sebastian Hannemann; the snowboarders Alex Tank and Konstantin Schad; and Berlin skater Mack McKelton.

Beyond points and places the Oakley KING OF GREENS gives athletes from all corners of action sports to hang out and compete as brothers and equals; or as BMXer Senad Grosic (AUT) put it: "Its the best non BMX event I've been to. Too much fun".

See you in Berlin for the third Oakley KING OF GREENS - 100% stoked on golf.

SKATE

There is nothing better in Eric Koston's mind than a good skate followed by a challenging round of golf and if his handicap is anything to go by then his play on the greens of Berlin may well be on a par with his skate skills. Joining him on team skate is US colleague Sean Malto local ripper Mack McKelton (GER) and Spaniards Alain Goikoetxea and Javier Sarmiento. With a line-up like that they should be able to better Team Skate's 2014 3rd place finish.

SNOWBOARD

This will be Devun Walsh's first OAKLEY KING OF GREENS but with a single figure handicap and defending last years win alongside Ben Kilner and team-mates Gjermund Braaten (NOR), Konstantin Schad and Alex Tank Team Snowboard certainly has a good chance at retaining the title.

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SKI

As yet Team Ski is without a captain but Sandra is playing with a solid crew of serious challengers for the title, including Oscar Wester (SWE), Sebastian Hannemann (GER), Sven Kueenle (GER), Oscar Scherlin (SWE) and Tobi Tritscher (AUT). Surely with talent like that on board they can better their 2nd place of last year's contest.

SURF

After a stinging playoff defeat at the hands of Ben Kilner in 2014 Alain Riou is hungry for revenge and while not surfing has been tirelessly selecting a mean team of surfer/golfers to kick some snowboard ass. It is going to be one hell of a contest between the board sports this year.

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