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**Gold Tip and Bee Stinger Pro Tim Gillingham Wins European Pro Series Welsh Masters Classic**

**Gold Tip Pierce Platinum Shafts Sit Atop the Podium Again**

**AMERICAN FORK, Utah – September 9, 2016 –** Gold Tip and Bee Stinger Pro Staff Manager Tim Gillingham captured his first-ever Pro Series win last week at the European Pro Series Welsh Masters Classic held near Cardiff, Wales. Gillingham dominated the event, finishing with a 14-point cushion after two days of shooting with the new Kinetic Pierce Platinum shafts and Bee Stinger stabilizer system.

Gillingham, who manages the Gold Tip and Bee Stinger pro staff and is also an accomplished tournament shooter, previously had two second-place finishes in the Pro Series, but the top of the podium had eluded him. The European Pro Series features some of the most extreme field archery shooting that exists in the world of archery. Shooters compete by invite only or through a qualifying event. Targets are set on extreme angles and at further distances than what is commonly used in tournament archery, which creates a dynamic round to showcase a variety of skillsets. The event is filmed and can be viewed online.

“I trained hard for this event,” Gillingham said. “Three previous events really made me understand what skills were needed to win against this talented field. I was very prepared and was able to use the windy and rainy conditions the first day to grab a 7-point lead.”

The second day featured better weather and Gillingham used a finely-tuned setup with Gold Tip’s new slim diameter Pierce Platinum shafts to extend his lead. Domagoj Buden of Croatia finished second. He was also shooting the Pierce Platinum shafts.

Gold Tip and Bee Stinger are Vista Outdoor brands and two of the most recognizable and trusted names in tournament archery and in bowhunting. For more information, visit [www.GoldTip.com](http://www.GoldTip.com) and [www.beestinger.com](http://www.beestinger.com).

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