

## WHO IS THE SECRET TOUR PRO?

A social media phenomenon, the Twitter account of The Secret Tour Pro has over 21k followers and he isn't shy on opinions.  
By Kenneth Quillinan

**I**f you are on Twitter, chances are you have come across this account (@secrettourpro) and his posts and photos from players only access zones at various events seems to suggest that he may actually be a current tour pro. He has said he is, but he has said a lot of questionable things! However, he was kind enough to conduct an in-depth interview via email recently, but I'm not convinced he was totally honest with his replies. I'll let you decide...

**So...when you look in the mirror is there more than one of you looking back?**

**STP:** There is only one "secret one"! I have assistants, yes. But doesn't every secret mastermind! I have to throw people off the scent somehow!

**How many pro golfers know your identity?**


**STP:** A good question, not many, if any at all! I always play stupid on the range, "do you know who's behind it?" Then sometimes I will try and pin it on people, accuse them of doing it. It's funny listening to theories, and what everyone thinks, sometimes I have to walk away before I laugh to hard!

**Who have you tried to pin it on?? Also, if you were not the STP who do you think it may be...?**

**STP:** Oh I couldn't possibly tell you that, it would take a few of the candidates out of the picture wouldn't it! If I had to guess, I'd say it's Andy Sullivan, certainly something he'd do!

**Somehow I don't think Sully's Army would be able to keep it a secret if it was him...so**



 When I requested a photo to use with the article, he sent me this...



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**that's one person definitely ruled out! Who have been the main guesses that you can definitely rule out?**

**STP:** I don't think Sully's Army are capable of being quiet... I honestly couldn't tell you who to rule out, that reduce the list of suspects. But I drop enough clues for everyone, it's just about piecing them together and working it out. Whatever you do, don't try and work me out from the schedule I say I play! You're fishing in an empty lake doing that!

**You admitted recently that you are definitely not British or Irish? Correct?**

**STP:** I'm certainly not British, I've always said that!

**Not Irish either??**

**STP:** Is Ireland part of Britain?

**Woo...lost yourself some fans there...does your personal Twitter account have more followers than your S.T.P. one?**

**STP:** No it doesn't, which is quite alarming really...It must mean that I'm a boring person or that my dual person the STP is more interesting!

**So are you worried that when your identity is revealed you will lose most of your followers?**

**STP:** I don't honestly know, it's not something I think will ever be revealed. Well I'm hoping that anyway!

**Have you ever played in the Irish Open? Thoughts in comparison to other tournaments? Fans, weather, beers...etc.**

**STP:** Yes, I have played in the Irish Open on a number of occasions, it's one of my favourite events on the calendar. I find that it's very diverse. It's a different style of course every year and no other tournament does that. Going from Fota Island to Royal County Down, then to the K Club in 2016. It's always fun. I just wish the weather would get better, I don't mind wind, but rain and cold air isn't my thing. But, the fans always seem to come out in the force no matter what the weather is like, they certainly are brave souls!

**So you're not used to the rain and cold weather where you're from?**

**STP:** Well, I guess you have me there, but remember I spend most of the year in warmer climates, the rain isn't my most favourite let's put it that way. It can have funny effects on your game too, especially when you're going



from solid/hard fast greens to soft/slow greens. You'd be surprised how much of an effect it can have on a lot of guys.

**Well that's why Ireland has so many pubs. It's always warm and dry inside them!**

**STP:** I don't blame them... My favourite club on a wet and windy day is the clubhouse!

**Speaking of pubs, what is your beer of choice? You seem to be open to drink anything that's wet based on your Twitter photos...**

**STP:** Anything! I like lighter beers but have been known to have a Guinness or two sometimes. The occasional cocktail is always fun, also a glass of wine or even champagne.

**Are you worried that eventually your identity will be revealed and you will regret some of the things you have said? There are no long term secrets on the Internet...**

**STP:** Many people have tried, but I'm yet to see any solid shred of evidence. They'll have to try much harder to try and catch me out!

**What do you enjoy the most about being (apparently...) a pro on tour?**

**STP:** Doing your hobby and getting paid for it! Nothing can beat that! Did you get paid a lot this year...? STP: (Laughs) Enough!

**Finally, for now, can you give the readers one clue to your identity/identities please?**

**STP:** Sure, the clue is in the title!

OK, thank you for your time. The investigation continues....

