

## Former Ryder Cup trio to play in Sharjah seniors golf event



Three former Ryder Cup players will compete in the Sharjah Senior Invitational Pro-Am at Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club on Wednesday, March 16.

The 18-hole tournament will feature Des Smyth (Ireland) and Paul Broadhurst (England) as well as former European No. 1 Ronan Rafferty (Northern Ireland), who will be joined by sponsors and invited guests on the **Peter Harradine**-designed layout.

The European Senior Tour first came to the UAE in 2000 when Abu Dhabi Golf Club hosted the Abu Dhabi European Seniors Tour Championship while the Arcapita Seniors Tour Championship was held in Bahrain in 2005 and 2006.

Nick Tarratt, director of the European Tour International Dubai Office, said: "We're excited to see a European Senior Tour initiative in Sharjah and back in the UAE and the region. We look forward to a great one-day Pro-Am in March and hope this can develop into something more substantial for the future."

The Sharjah Senior Invitational Pro-Am is one of eight European Tour golf initiatives on the 2016 Middle East golf calendar, along with the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, the Commercialbank Qatar Masters, the Omega Dubai Desert Classic, the DP World Tour Championship, the Abu Dhabi Invitational, the NBO Golf Classic Grand Final and the recently announced Ras Al Khaimah Golf Challenge.

Ziad Al Sharabi, sales and marketing director of Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club, said: "This event is a fantastic platform for us to showcase our excellent floodlit course and leisure facilities to both the local residents of Sharjah and the international market. We will be opening our new state-of-the-art Golf Academy in the near future and we'll be proud to show what the club has to offer during this great event."