



RYDER CUP STARS SET FOR SHARJAH SENIOR INVITATIONAL PRO-AM PRESENTED BY SHUROOQ

The UAE is set to increase its significance in the world golf scene ever further with the announcement that Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club will host the Sharjah Senior Invitational Pro-Am presented by Shurooq on Wednesday March 16, 2016.

The 18-hole tournament will feature former Ryder Cup stars Des Smyth (Republic of Ireland) and Paul Broadhurst (England) as well as former European Number One Ronan Rafferty (Northern Ireland), who will be joined by sponsors and invited guests on the Peter Harradine-designed layout in what promises to be a great day of golf played in a fun, yet competitive environment which will showcase Sharjah's merits as an international golf and tourism destination.

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.

The Sharjah Senior Invitational Pro-Am presented by Shurooq heralds an astonishing eighth European Tour golf initiative on the 2016 Middle East golf calendar, along with: the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, the Commercial Bank 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. ■

PLAYER PROFILES:

PAUL BROADHURST (ENGLAND)



Date of Birth – 14th August, 1965.
Winner of six European Tour titles and one European Senior Tour title, winning the 2015 Prostate Cancer UK Scottish Senior Open on his Senior Tour debut.
1991 – Represented Europe in The Ryder Cup.
1995 and 1997 – Represented England in the World Cup.
2015 Rookie of the Year European Senior Tour.

DES SMYTH (IRELAND)



Date of Birth – 12th February, 1953.
Winner of eight European Tour titles and five European Season Tour titles.
1979 and 1981 – Represented Europe in The Ryder Cup.
1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 2000 – Represented Ireland in the Alfred Dunhill Cup and was part of the winning team in 1988 along with Ronan Rafferty.
1979, 1980, 1982, 1988 and 1989 – Represented Ireland in the World Cup.
By winning the 2001 Madeira Islands Masters at the age of 48 years and 34 days became the oldest winner on The European Tour that has since been overtaken by Miguel Angel Jimenez.

RONAN RAFFERTY (NORTHERN IRELAND)



Date of Birth – 13th January, 1964.
Winner of seven European Tour titles and winner of the Order of Merit in 1989.
1989 – Represented Europe in The Ryder Cup.
1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1995 – Represented Ireland in the Alfred Dunhill Cup and was part of the winning team in both 1988 and 1990, the former with Des Smyth.
1983, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 – Represented Ireland in the World Cup.
Lost in a play-off for the Dubai Desert Classic in 1992 to champion Seve Ballesteros.

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The 2016 DP World Tour Championship will take place at Jumeirah Golf Estates from **November 17 to 20**....the countdown is on!