

# Nine hole golf course to host tour event

Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club in the United Arab Emirates has been selected to host the European Senior Tour's Sharjah Senior Golf Masters presented by Shurooq, from 2017 to 2019. It will be the first time a nine-hole course has hosted a European Tour event.

The golf course was designed by Peter Harradine and opened in 2007. Harradine says: "Where there was room we have designed each hole so that they can be played quite differently on a second time round – there are up to six sets of tees on some holes."

For each of the three tournament rounds the nine holes can be played twice, to a total par of 72 and exceeding 7,300 yards.

"We designed the course to be easy to play, but difficult to score," continues Harradine. "From the back tees, it's a pretty long course, but open enough to be very playable. And it's floodlit, enabling members to play after work and long into the evenings."

The course at Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club features four lakes, giving feature to what was previously a flat, sandy site.

Harradine explained that a high water table meant construction was quite challenging. The lakes therefore needed to be quite shallow, and fill was used to shape the course, which was seeded with paspalum throughout for tolerance to water with a high salt content.



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