

Five Kuwaiti amateurs to line up in Mena Golf Tour's Sahara Kuwait Championship



Yousef Abdulaziz Al Qatami, centre, member of Sahara Kuwait's golf advisory committee, with Rod Bogg, second left, of Mena Golf Tour, and Saudi Arabia amateurs Ali Alsakha, Khaled Attieh and Othman Almulla. Courtesy

The Sahara Golf and Country Club in Kuwait hosts the Mena Golf Tour's Sahara Kuwait Championship on Monday to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the club.

Headlined by 11 winners on the Mena Tour, the field is certain to provide a gruelling challenge on Kuwait's first 18-hole grass course, designed by **Peter Harradine**. Included in the starting line-up are five Kuwaiti amateurs – Qatami Al Qatami, Ali Al Ansari, Abdulaziz Al Sarawi, Ali Alhajerj and Ahmed Al Sarawi – who will be competing in a Mena Tour event for the first time.

"We are delighted to be part of the Mena Golf Tour as we feel the championship will be a great catalyst for the overall growth and development of the sport in our country," said Yousef Abdulaziz Al Qatami, member of Sahara Kuwait's golf advisory committee. "It will not only be a great opportunity for us to showcase our championship course and other tourist attractions as well," he said. "Ours is the only grass course in the country it makes perfect sense to bring international tournaments there if we are to promote golf here."

Built to PGA standards, Sahara Kuwait is a challenging par 70, 6,730-yard layout, featuring three lakes and nearly 5,000 trees. Adding to the course's distinctive character are its 12 holes bounded by the racetrack of the Hunting and Equestrian Club.