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Woosnam set for South African voyage

Ian Woosnam will join fellow Major Champion Gary Player in the field for the inaugural Berenberg Bank Masters when the European Senior Tour visits South Africa for the first time from March 26-28, 2010.

The tournament will form part of the 1991 Masters Tournament winner's early season schedule as he tries to reclaim the John Jacobs Trophy he won in 2008, having finishing second behind Sam Torrance in the 2009 Senior Tour Order of Merit.

Woosnam, who won the recent PGA Handa Cup Philanthropy Senior Tournament in Japan, missed out on back-to-back John Jacobs Trophies by just €3,380, with Torrance edging the battle of the former Ryder Cup Captains.

The spectacular Links at Fancourt, which was designed by Player, the nine-time Major Champion and nine-time Senior Major Champion, will give Woosnam a chance to make an early impression on the 2010 Order of Merit. He has enjoyed previous success in South Africa, having won the Million Dollar Challenge at Sun City in 1987, and the Berenberg Bank Masters will be the first time he has played in the country since 2000.

"It's fantastic that the Berenberg Bank Masters is going to become part of the European Senior Tour and I'm really looking forward to what promises to be a great tournament," said Woosnam. "I won the Million Dollar at Sun City way back in 1987 and so maybe I can do the same again on another of Gary's courses.

"I have watched the Presidents Cup at Fancourt on television so it will be good to now get the chance to play the course. I am also looking to regain the Order of Merit title back from Sam."

Having designed the Links course, Player, South Africa's most decorate golfer and like Woosnam a former Green Jacket winner, will also be in the field for the inaugural Bereberg Bank Masters, along with compatriots John Bland, who is attached to Fancourt, and Bertus Smit, both of whom won on the Senior Tour in 2009.

Dr Hans-Walter Peters, Managing Partner of Berenberg Bank, said: "We are very glad to have Ian Woosnam playing in our tournament. I am sure many spectators from the whole Garden Route and also from Europe will visit the Berenberg Bank Masters to see some of the best players in the world."

The Berenberg Bank Masters, sponsored by Germany's oldest private bank which has more than 400 years experience in the sector, will be co-sanctioned by the European Senior Tour and the Sunshine Tour. Pam Golding Properties, South Africa's largest independent property services company, will be an Associate Sponsor to the Berenberg Bank Masters, hosting the pre-tournament Pro-Am and dinner on March 25 and entertaining key clients throughout the tournament week.

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Berenberg Bank was founded in 1590 and is one of the oldest banks in the world. The Hamburg based bank has 850 employees and offers its clients services in Private Banking, Investment Banking, Institutional Asset Management and Commercial Banking. Berenberg has more than 20 billion assets under management.

Paragon Event Services, the specialist sports event management company with many years experience of delivering high profile golf tournaments around the world and in South Africa, will be the event management company.