

# Golf – Masters champ Woosie back in Scotland for Seniors

Ian Woosnam will compete in the Scottish Senior Open at the impressive Renaissance Club from August 4-6.

The 1991 Masters Champion, who won 52 tournaments world-wide and who is soon to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, is in the hunt for the £250,000 prize fund.



It will be the second visit to the area for Woosnam who finished tied for eighth last year.

The man nicknamed Woosie is expected to be a huge draw and he is attempting to make history.

There has been only one Welsh winner in Brian Huggett who triumphed at Royal Aberdeen in 1995.

Woosnam, now 59, won three of his 29 European Tour titles in Scotland by capturing the Scottish Open twice at Gleneagles and once over Carnoustie.

He has won five times on the Senior Tour and in 2015 broke through on the PGA TOUR Champions by winning the Insperity Invitational.

Woosnam captained Europe to a record-equalling  $18 \frac{1}{2} - 9 \frac{1}{2}$  victory over the United States in the 2006 Ryder Cup at the K Club and he said: "I always like to play golf in Scotland where I think I've got a pretty good record."

England's Paul Eales will defend the title and the first 36 holes will be contested in the Alliance Pro-Am format, where amateur players are paired with a professional.

The final round on Sunday, August 6 will be for professionals only with the winner taking home a cheque for £37,500.

Entrance will be free with a nominal charge being made for car parking situated a short walk from the first tee and 18th.

Cars with solo occupancy will be charged £5 per day while vehicles with one or more passenger will pay £10. All proceeds will be donated to the official event charity, which will be determined at a later date.