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Sharks Attack The Tytherington Club

Premiership rugby union side Sale Sharks will be holding their annual Golf Day at the Tytherington Club, Macclesfield on Friday 3rd July.

There are some very good golfers within the Sharks' squad with at least 10 players carrying official handicaps. Included in that group is the Guinness Premiership's all-time leading points scorer Charlie Hodgson, England international Mark Cueto who is starting against Argentina at Old Trafford on Saturday, and Wales scrum half Dwayne Peel. However, it is the England scrum half Richard Wigglesworth who will have the training edge as his parents converted their farm into the Staining Lodge Golf Club in Blackpool a couple of years ago.

The day has been organised by the Guinness Premiership's all-time leading try scorer Steve Hanley, who is now working for the club in a business development role. One of Steve's main projects has been to develop the club's golf day into an outstanding annual event in the greater Manchester sporting calendar. Fourteen teams have booked onto the event already, but there is still room for another 10 teams – bringing the field up to 24.

The first ten teams to book have requested that one of the Sharks' handicap golfers join their team, so the players will be drawn into teams prior to the start of the competition. The player likely to be most in demand during the draw is second row Sean Cox, who has the best official handicap in the club. Sean plays to an official handicap of seven. With the departure of French second row Sebastien Chabal to Paris, Sean will be working hard this summer to earn a regular place in the Sharks' second row, and the player is planning to use his golf skill to gain a mental edge over his team mates.

"We have great competition in the squad this season. Whether it's on the golf course or the rugby pitch, we just want to play well and win."

There are still team places available should any Sharks' supporters or avid golfers wish to enter a team. The cost to enter a team of four is £350 excl. vat. To enter a team, please ring 0161 286 8911 or email hospitality@salesharks.com.

The day starts with lunch at The Tytherington Club for 11AM. A professional golfer will be on site to offer free tips at the driving range and the practice green. Tee off will be via a shotgun start at 1PM. After the golf has concluded, guests will retire back to the clubhouse for an evening meal with the entire Sale Sharks squad, and of course the presentation of the all-important trophy to see who will be the Sharks' Golf Champions of 2009.

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