



Stars dance with sharks in Chongqing in Shui On Land China Golf Challenge

Chongqing, China; October 14, 2011: Lee Westwood couldn't catch leader Liang Wen-chong after 13 holes of the Shui On Land China Golf Challenge, but he did come close to three Sand Tiger sharks in 'Dancing With The Sharks', Chongqing Tiandi's most famous bar.

"Very impressive. It wasn't what I expected at all. You only normally see bars like that on TV," the world number two said in Chongqing on day five of the week-long, seven-city tournament. "However, I wasn't going to dance on stage. I left that to the girls."

Ian Poulter, who shares second place with Westwood at one-under, a shot behind Liang, did rise to the occasion and the renowned showman was the only one of the four players on stage to dance in front of the enormous fish tank.

"I'd usually rather have a couple of drinks in me before I start cutting some shapes, but it was a very cool bar," said Poulter, who led for the first two days of the 18-hole tournament.

"There's three nine-foot Tiger Sharks swimming around in there so I can see why that's a hot place. It looks like they have some very interesting activities, lots of dancing, and it seems pretty lively."

The colourfully dressed Englishman, resplendent in check trousers and blue shoes, donned a face mask and even started putting on a wetsuit as he threatened to join some bikini-clad ladies in the adjacent swimming pool.

At Sun Kingdom Golf Club earlier in the day, Rory McIlroy was the only player to bag a birdie during the two holes, having struggled on the course during the first four days. The 22-year-old US Open birdied the 173-yard par-three 12th to move to six-over, while the three other players parred both holes.

Westwood came closest to a birdie at the monster 678-yard par-five, narrowly missing his first putt after a great pitch close to the flag on the event's longest hole.

"That was a long hole, wasn't it? I haven't played a hole that long for a while, plus it was wet," Westwood said.

The Englishman, who has twice been world number one in the last year, said that the players were still in high spirits after a whirlwind schedule that has included five flights in the last four days.

“It’s a piece of cake, really. We’re flying around on Bombardier private jets, taking Rolls-Royces and Hummers. We’ve stayed in great hotels. We get a great reception wherever we go, so travelling’s easy,” Westwood said.

“It’s amazing when you visit all these cities. If golf booms in this country, then it will be huge and they will be a force to reckon with. They have good junior and Olympic programmes. Golf being in the Olympics is key to growing the game here as China has a good Olympic history in other sports, so why would it be any different with golf.”

From Chongqing, the players took an afternoon flight on a Bombardier jet to Shenzhen in southern Guangdong province and made their way to Dongguan.

On Saturday, the quartet will play three holes in the Shui On Land China Golf Challenge at Long Island Golf and Country Club before participating in a charity pro-am. They will then fly by helicopter in the afternoon to Macau and stay at The Venetian till Monday.

The Shui On Land China Golf Challenge is being filmed by IMG Media and showcased on Golfing World

Shui On Land China Golf Challenge 2011 schedule

October 10: Shanghai – Tomson Shanghai Pudong Golf Club

October 11: Zhengzhou – Jinsha Lake Golf Club

October 12: Beijing – Topwin Golf and Country Club & Jade Island International Golf Club

October 13: Dalian – Red Flag Valley

October 14: Chongqing – Sun Kingdom Golf Club

October 15: Dongguan – Long Island Golf and Country Club

October 16: Macau – Caesars Golf Macau

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The Shui On Land China Golf Challenge will be held from October 10-16, 2011 and feature Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter, Liang Wen-chong and Rory McIlroy. Host venues are Tomson Golf Club (Shanghai); Jinsha Lake Golf Club (Zhengzhou); Topwin Golf and Country Club and Jade Island International Golf Club (both Beijing); Red Flag Valley (Dalian); Sun Kingdom Golf Club (Chongqing), Long Island Golf and Country Club (Dongguan) and Caesars Golf Macau (Macau). Owned by The Great 18 Golf Championships Ltd and managed by Infinite Ideas International, the event will be broadcast on Golfing World and distributed internationally by IMG Media, with communications by Fast Track Hong Kong. Shui On Land is the title sponsor, while other sponsors include Bombardier, Sino Private Aviation, Media Asia Group, Lai Fung Holdings, Titleist, Kent & Curwen, Van Klaren, The Venetian, Audemars Piguet, Scottsdale Golf Group, Churchill Corporate Services and The Wealth Management Group.

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