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**PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said he plans** on playing in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Finchem will be playing with Davis Love III, and his foursome will include Hunter Mahan and his amateur partner, AT&T chairman Randall Stephenson. "The chairman and CEO of AT&T asked me to play, and I do believe I said, 'Yes, sir,'" Finchem said. Finchem said his handicap index is 6.3.

**So where has Luke Donald been all year?** Back in July I reported he was considering wrist surgery as a result of an injury sustained in the U.S. Open. Following the U.S. Open, Donald's 2008 campaign came to an abrupt halt when he withdrew from the final round at Torrey Pines. He went through with the surgery in August and was bitterly disappointed to miss out on the British Open, the U.S. PGA Championship and the Ryder Cup. He returned to competitive golf two weeks ago at the Sun City Challenge in South Africa and is looking forward to playing a full tournament schedule next year. "My wrist feels like normal with no pain, no soreness and totally healed," said Donald, a double winner on the PGA Tour. "I'm ready to go for '09 and expect a good season. I think I'll be refreshed and ready to go and re-energized and have a little bit of a different perspective, a bit more of a renewed energy and a bit more appreciation for the game."

**The PGA Tour has lost at least one tournament from its Fall Series** because of the economy, and the final part of its 2009 schedule released Tuesday had another tournament still up in the air. The tour announced five tournaments -- down from seven this year -- that will be played after the FedEx Cup ends to give players a chance to finish in the top-125 on the money list and retain their cards. Gone from the Fall Series schedule is the Ginn sur Mer Classic, which was held the penultimate week of the season and was not expected to return because of the real estate crisis. Also missing from the fall is the Valero Texas Open, which moved to the spring to replace the eliminated Atlanta tournament.

**If the '09 schedule stays the way it is, there will be 46 tournaments** (down from 48) with a \$100,000 increase in total prize money. That doesn't include the majors, which have not released their purses for 2009.

**Greg Norman, now 53 years old,** has earned his way back into the Masters, a tournament that has frustrated him several times in the past. His third-place finish in the British Open got him into Augusta, and he's on the list of 88 qualifiers so far that the boys at Augusta just released. Norman was a runner up three times at the Masters 1986, 1987 and 1996. At his last Augusta appearance in 2002, he finished in a tie for 36th.



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