

Vijay Singh completes foursome at Unionville skins game

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The PGA's current third-leading money winner and fifth-ranked player will be visiting the Angus Glen Golf Club links to play a few rounds.

And he will be doing it as the fourth member of the upcoming Telus Skins Game, presented by Ericsson Communications July 23-24.

Vijay Singh announced his

intention to join Mike Weir, Sergio Garcia and David Duval in this year's event, which has prize money valued at \$360,000 Cdn.

The addition of Singh marks the first time he will play at Angus Glen and in the Canadian skins game.

"I am excited about playing because it gives me a chance to test my game against some of the best players in the world," said

Singh in a news release Thursday. "Prize money is always nice of course, but it really is secondary when you get a chance to measure

yourself against the best."

Singh's presence also represents the strongest field ever staged for a Canadian skins game, said Kevin

Thistle, general manager and director of golf operations for the Unionville public course.

"We have four of the top 12 players in the world," he

pointed out.

The front nine will be played July 23 at 1 p.m., while the back nine will be staged the following day at 8 a.m.

Sorenstam to compete at Glen Angus tournament

When Angus Glen Golf Club opens its links for this year's Bank of Montreal Canadian Women's Open, the top player on the LPGA circuit is expected to be hunting for the top prize.

Annika Sorenstam, the current leader on the LPGA money list, is expected to be a part of the 144-member field, sources close to the tournament said Friday.

Through 10 LPGA events this season, which included four tour victories, the 30-year-old native of Stockholm, Sweden has pocketed \$1,013,890 U.S.

Sorenstam, who was the

1995 and 1996 U.S. Women's Open champion, is also the current leader in the LPGA Tour Rolex Player of the Year series with 216 points. Se Ri Pak is in second with 80.50 points.

A total purse of \$1.2 million U.S. is up for grabs in this year's event, which takes place Aug. 16-19. The winner takes home \$180,000 U.S.

Practice rounds are Aug. 13 and 14 and a championship pro-am event is Aug. 15.

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