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VOLUNTEER

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To view your contact information and other important volunteer information, including volunteer newsletters, please visit www.rydercup.com/usa and click on the volunteers tab. If you cannot remember your login information, follow the directions under "Forgotten Password," or call the Ryder Cup Office at (952) 777-2400.

KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATED

Over the next few months of preparation, we will need to contact you via telephone, mail and/or email. It is very important for us to have your current information. If your information has changed or will change please update it on your Volunteer Profile.

VOLUNTEER BADGE/ CREDENTIALS

Your Volunteer Badge/Credential will allow you access each and every day of Ryder Cup Week. It is made exclusively for your use. Plan to work hard during your shifts, and look forward to enjoying the Ryder Cup as a spectator during the hours you are not scheduled to volunteer.

FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR



Spring is just around the corner and as a sure sign of the changing season, Hazeltine National Golf Club has announced that April 15 will be our opening day for this historic 2016 golf year.

As Ryder Cup volunteers and golf fans, let's look at the course opening as a shotgun start for the final preparations leading to the greatest event in

International golf, the 2016 Ryder Cup. Many of you are in the early stages of your volunteer experience but rest assured that preparations for the 41st Ryder Cup are well underway and have been for quite some time.

And we're not the only ones getting ready. The world's top players are competing week in and week out with an eye on making their respective Ryder Cup teams. The captains for both the American and European teams are keeping a watchful eye on player performance. And golf fans across the world are finalizing their travel plans having been among the lucky beneficiaries of the random ticket selection.

Now is the time for you to rally around the game and follow every dramatic moment as players work their way toward a possible spot on their respective teams. Invite your friends, families and co-workers to join you in the excitement. Remember that you are ambassadors for the Ryder Cup now, during and after the event. As the Ryder Cup slogan so aptly reminds us, "This is Where Legends are Forged," and you will soon be part of that legend.

Kind regards,

Patrick Hunt, General Chairman

TEAM USA CAPTAIN – CAPTAIN DAVIS LOVE, III



NAME: Davis Love, III
BIRTHDATE: April 13, 1964
BIRTHPLACE: Charlotte, NC
RESIDENCE: Sea Island, GA
TURNED PRO: 1985
MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP WINS: 1997 PGA Championship
PAST RYDER CUP TEAMS: 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2004
 Captain in 2012

In February 2015, Captain Davis Love III was named the Captain for the 2016 Ryder Cup. Love, who served as the U.S. Captain in 2012, becomes the eighth American to guide multiple Ryder Cup teams. Upon being named captain for a second time in February, 2015, Love said, "It is a great honor to be in the position to help build the team, but our mission doesn't end there. What we accomplish in 2016 at Hazeltine must serve as the foundation for future USA Ryder Cup teams. As the son of a PGA professional and representing all PGA members, I am very proud to accept this responsibility and eager to get started."

GOLF RELATED QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: What is your first memory of golf?

Playing Atlanta CC with my mom in a cart about 6 years old

QUESTION 2: What are the best words of advice you received as a new golfer?

Swing as hard as you want as long as you keep your balance and hold your finish.

QUESTION 3: What is your most memorable moment to-date in golf?

Being named the Ryder Cup captain for a second time!

QUESTION 4: How often do you practice? What do you practice the most?

Less every year! Usually three times a week on off weeks, every day at a tournament, I practice mostly wedges 125 yards in and putting.

QUESTION 5: What is your favorite course? Why?

Seminole, Don Ross design and a great club!

NON-GOLF RELATED QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: What do you like to do when you're not golfing?

Fish, Hunt, Snowboard

QUESTION 2: What is your favorite movie?

Clint Eastwood westerns

QUESTION 3: What is your favorite food?

BBQ

QUESTION 4: What are three words you would use to describe yourself?

Father, Husband, Friend

QUESTION 5: What is your favorite family tradition?

Thanksgiving at the cabin

TEAM EUROPE CAPTAIN – DARREN CLARKE



In February 2015, Captain Darren Clarke was named the Captain for the 2016 Ryder Cup. Clarke was selected by a five man selection panel consisting of three most recent European Ryder Cup Captains, the former Chief Executive of the European Tour, George O'Grady, and European Tour Tournament Committee member David Howell. Clarke will take the lead in hopes of bringing the team to a fourth consecutive victory. Recently Clarke said he was "Delighted to captain Europe for many reasons, not least because in the opposite corner will be Davis, somebody I respect immensely and who holds the values of the competition and the game as closely as I do. We will leave Hazeltine as we arrive, the best of friends."

NAME: Darren Christopher Clarke
BIRTHDATE: August 14, 1968
BIRTHPLACE: Dungannon, Northern Ireland
RESIDENCE: Portrush, Northern Ireland
TURNED PRO: 1990
MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP WINS: 2011 Open Championship
PAST RYDER CUP TEAMS: 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006
 Vice-Captain in 2010 and 2012

GOLF RELATED QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: What is your first memory of golf?

First time I took any interest whatsoever was when I was about 9 and my dad took me to Dungannon Golf Club so that I could caddy for him.

He'd let me hit, or try to, occasionally and eventually I struck the one shot that got me hooked.

QUESTION 2: What are the best words of advice you received as a new golfer?

There are three things you should always practice. 1: Short game; 2: Short game; 3: Short game.

QUESTION 3: What is your most memorable moment to-date in golf?

On the course, that would have to be winning The Open Championship in 2011. Off the course, that would be being appointed Ryder Cup captain. The European Tour can bestow no greater honour on any of its members.

QUESTION 4: How often do you practice? What do you practice the most?

See answer 2. I just wish I'd listened more intently when I was first told!

QUESTION 5: Favorite course? Why?

Pine Valley. It's got everything you could want in a golf course.

FUN/NON-GOLF RELATED

QUESTION 1: What do like to do most when you are not golfing?

Fishing is my passion, especially with a fly. I disappear to Abaco in the Bahamas whenever I can.

QUESTION 2: Favorite movie?

Shawshank Redemption

QUESTION 3: Favorite food?

Steak

QUESTION 4: What are three words you would use to describe yourself?

You'd better ask my wife on that one, not sure I could deliver a totally accurate picture!"

QUESTION 5: Favorite family tradition?

Christmas dinner

HISTORY OF THE RYDER CUP

The Ryder Cup is one of the greatest sporting events founded on prestige rather than prize money. The competition began in 1927 at the request of its namesake, Samuel Ryder. Ryder was a successful English seed merchant who did not take up golf until the age of 50. He hired British star golfer Abe Mitchell for personal instruction. He later befriended the legendary golfer, Walter Hagen and others, and eventually suggested a friendly match between the U.S. and Great Britain.

Ryder provided a gold cup as a trophy for the first official match, which took place in 1927 at Worcester (Mass.) Country Club. The gold chalice bears Ryder's name and the figurine on the top of the trophy bears Mitchell's resemblance. The teams compete for the same trophy today.

The U.S. dominated the Ryder Cup for many years, and eventually, concern for the event's popularity ensued. In 1979, the PGA of Great Britain widened its team selection process to include all of continental Europe. As a result, the days of one team being completely dominant vanished.

The Ryder Cup has only suspended matches two times. The first came due to the outbreak of World War II and continued from 1939 to 1945. The United States retained the trophy during that period from its 1937 victory. During that time, the United States continued the spirit of the Ryder Cup by selecting a 10-member team that participated in "challenge" matches to raise funds for the American Red Cross, various service organizations and other war-related efforts. The Ryder Cup was interrupted for the second time in history following the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the United States and following the tragedy, the 2001 Ryder Cup was rescheduled, with all future competitions conducted in even-numbered years.

Having spanned 40 competitions over 88 years, the Ryder Cup is viewed as one of the most thrilling and dramatic events in all of sports



Sport, Golf, 1929 Ryder Cup at Moortown, Leeds, Samuel Ryder, the donor of the Ryder Cup, presents the trophy to winning captain, Great Britain's George Duncan, after they had beaten the U.S.A
(Photo by Haynes Archive/Popperfoto/Getty Images)

PARKING



As volunteers, you will receive complimentary parking and shuttles from Canturbury Park, located in Shakopee, MN to the Ryder Cup Bus Terminal, located at Chaska High School adjacent to the Main Entrance Gate. To meet your expectations, the shuttle ride will take approximately 35-40 minutes. Please consider this additional time when preparing to arrive for your scheduled volunteer shifts. Plan to use this lot throughout Ryder Cup week as no on-site volunteer parking will be available. Specific information regarding parking for on-site training prior to Ryder Cup Week will be sent at a later date.

SHIFT PREFERENCE SELECTION Q&A

Q: My login does not work! Help!

A: Please make sure you are using the EXACT information we have on file, including your first name. For example: If your first name on file is Elizabeth but you always go by Liz, make sure to use Elizabeth while logging in. For two people using the same computer, make sure to completely exit the Internet browser before starting a new login process.

Q: Who completes the official schedule and when will I see it?

A: Your committee chair will be responsible for completing the official schedule using the shift preferences you set. We will mail your official schedule to you in July. ALL volunteers will receive official schedules via U.S. mail.

Q: What happens if I do not complete my shift preferences before the March 31st deadline?

A: Ryder Cup staff will assume you are available to work every day, and we will schedule your shifts where help is needed.

Q: Can I request to work with a certain person?

A: Yes, while selecting your shift preferences, there is a text box where you may type in a specific scheduling request for the committee chair.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

If you have additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Ryder Cup Office at
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