

# 40<sup>TH</sup> RYDER CUP

SEPTEMBER 26 – 28, 2014

GLENEAGLES (PGA CENTENARY COURSE) - PERTSHIRE, SCOTLAND

**Defending Champion:** Europe

**U.S. Captain:** Tom Watson | **European Captain:** Paul McGinley



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For only the second time, the Ryder Cup will be staged in Scotland, when the 2014 matches are held on The PGA Centenary Course at Gleneagles. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, the course is highlighted by a feast of views of the spectacular countryside in which Gleneagles is set. The par-5 ninth hole (above) is one such example of the course's allure and challenge. (Photo by David Cannon/Getty Images)

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## GLENEAGLES

One of the world's most celebrated golf destinations, Gleneagles marked its 90th anniversary in June 2014, three months prior to hosting the second Ryder Cup ever conducted in Scotland. When it made its debut in June 1924, Gleneagles was described as a "Riviera in the Highlands," and the "eighth wonder of the world." Positioned an hour drive from Edinburgh and Glasgow, Gleneagles was built by the former Caledonian Railway Company, which has its own station, minutes from the hotel. Today, Gleneagles is part of Diageo, the world's leading premium beverage business.

Gleneagles is a member of the "The Leading Hotels of the World," a founding member of Connoisseurs Scotland, and was the site of the G8 Summit in 2005.

The PGA Centenary Course, created by Jack Nicklaus and opened in 1993, is a modern classic. Nicklaus described the course as "the finest parcel of land in the world I have ever been given to work with."

The tees are graded at each hole in five stages, including a challenging 6,815 yards from the white markers down to 5,322 from the red. Fittingly, the PGA Centenary Course begins by playing southeast towards the glen, sweeping up the Ochil Hills to the summit of the pass below Ben Shee, which joins it to Glendevon.

## FACTS AND FORMAT

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### **Sky** (British Summer Time)

Sky Sports 4 and Sky Sports 4 HD

Day 1: Friday, Sept. 26..... 07:00 – 19:00 BST

Day 2: Saturday, Sept. 27..... 07:00 – 19:00 BST

Day 3: Sunday, Sept. 28..... 10:00 – 19:00 BST

### **Television** (all times Eastern)

Day 1: Friday, Sept. 26 ..... Golf Channel: 2:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Day 2: Saturday, Sept. 27.....NBC: 3:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Day 3: Sunday, Sept. 28.....NBC: 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Rules and Regulations**

The Rules of Golf, which govern play, are determined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and applied by Ryder Cup Europe.

### **Method of Play**

Match-Play, including foursomes (two-member teams in alternate shot), four-ball (two-member teams in better ball) and singles (18 holes at Match-Play). The order of play during the first two days of competition (foursomes or four-balls) is determined by the “home” captain.



A feature of The PGA Centenary Course is the feast of views of the spectacular countryside. Putting on the two-tier second green, a golfer is distracted by the lush panorama of the rich Perthshire straths. Over the next several holes, the rugged Grampians come into view on the right, and then distantly purple ahead, Ben Vorlich and the mountains above the Trossachs.

The significant events at Gleneagles since the 1920s, include: the 1936 Curtis Cup; 1957 Women's British Open; 1984 Dunhill Trophy (U.K. vs. Japan); 1987-1994 Bell's Scottish Open; 1996 PGA Cup; 1999-2001 Scottish PGA Championship; 1999-present, Gleneagles Scottish PGA Championship; 2005-present, Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles.

### Gleneagles' Ryder Cup Roots

When the Ryder Cup arrives in 2014, it is returning to the site that inspired the modern match. In May 1921, the RMS Aquitania, built at the John Brown shipyard in Clydebank and one of the Cunard Line's grand trio of ships along with the Mauretania and the Lusitania, departed New York Harbor for Britain. On board were 10 American golfers, including some transplanted Scots. The group included Walter Hagen, Bill Mehlhorn, and native Scots Jock Hutchison from St. Andrews and Fred McLeod from North Berwick.

The team was set to face a storied British side that featured James Braid, Harry Vardon, J.H. Taylor, Ted Ray and George Duncan, owning a combined 20 major championships. Duncan was the reigning Open Champion, Ray the holder of the U.S. Open.

On the other side, Hutchison had won the PGA Championship and Hagen had already begun to establish his legend with two majors titles of an eventual 11. By the time the players from both sides had retired they had secured a combined 35 major championships. In 1921 at Gleneagles, it was the first time that an American golf team had been assembled, and the first time the nations had come together for a match. It was labeled the "International Challenge." Great Britain would register a convincing 10½ to 4½ rout.

The match was the brainchild of American James Harnett of Golf Illustrated, who raised the price of the trip by appealing to the clubs of America to contribute what they could in order to create one of the great spectacles in the history of the game. On June 6, the action began, with five foursome matches and 10 singles. With the regal Gleneagles Hotel yet to be completed, the players were housed in railway carriages.

The other morning matches belonged to Britain. James Sherlock and Josh Taylor beat Charles Hoffner and Mehlhorn, 1-up. Arthur Havers, who would win the Open Championship in 1923, and James Ockenden defeated Wilfrid Reid and George McLean. Havers and Ockenden put on a short-game exhibition that was talked about for years after.

### THE RYDER CUP TROPHY

In 1927, English seed merchant Samuel A. Ryder presented the Ryder Cup to The Professional Golfers' Association (of Great Britain & Ireland) to place as a prize for an international competition between American and British professional golfers. The Ryder Cup was commissioned for £250. The trophy stands 17 inches high, is nine inches from handle to handle and weighs four pounds.

Vardon and Braid were each 51, with Vardon suffering a serious illness and having won his last major seven years before. Braid had finished his Open Championship domination more than a decade earlier.

After Duncan and Abe Mitchell had halved the opening match with Hutchison and Hagen, the attention turned to the action behind them. Vardon and Ray were a team again and they were up against Emmet French, from Youngstown Country Club in Ohio, and Tom Kerrigan, from Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville, N.Y. Vardon and Ray rolled back time, and cruised to a 5-and-4 victory.

Now the gallery switched to two more British veterans doing battle with one of America's stellar partnerships. Braid and Taylor were up against the transplanted Scot McLeod, and Clarence Hackney from Atlantic City. Taylor was in majestic form, pulling off a succession of shots from trouble spots that kept the Brits in the contest. It ended in a halved match.

The U.S. trailed 4-1 with the 10 singles matches to come. Hutchison and Hagen were the Americans out in the first two singles matches. Duncan downed Hutchison, 2 and 1, while Mitchell and Hagen fought an engrossing battle all the way to the 18th, where the match was halved. Ray and Taylor both went down, to French and McLeod, respectively, but Great Britain rebounded behind Vardon and Braid. Vardon beat Kerrigan, 3 and 1, posting a 64 for the 17 holes played. Braid eased past Hackney, 5 and 4.



Havers lost to Reid for a consolation point for the Americans, but Ockenden, Sherlock and Josh Taylor won the last three matches.

Captain Duncan accepted the plaudits and thanked the visitors. French, the American Captain, did likewise. "This is a glorious place to be," he said. They all agreed that these matches should be repeated and, that there was great potential in the idea of a Transatlantic joust. Soon, that competition would be born in the guise of the Ryder Cup.

## PGA CENTENARY COURSE PREPARATIONS

Led by architect Jack Nicklaus, a course modification project was conducted on The PGA Centenary Course from October 2011 through April 2012. Under the supervision of Scott Fenwick, Golf Courses and Estate Manager, the team completed several changes. Primary work was completed on the ninth and 10th holes, with additional refinements on the 12th and 18th holes.

The ninth hole remains a risk-reward par-5 hole, with modifications toward the green and approach shot landing area. A large fairway bunker that flanked the pond to the right of the fairway was removed and the pond was enlarged. For those golfers playing the hole in regulation by keeping the ball out to the left, they will have to navigate two new bunkers near the pond. Additionally, a bunker on the left-hand side will narrow the landing area.

The major change on the 10th hole is the position of the tee boxes. On this long, downhill par-3 the championship, tee and white medal tees have been moved significantly to the left of their current position.

This change will mean that the angle of approach into the green will change and the greenside bunker to the left will come more in to play.

The 12th hole features new mounding to the left of the fairway and the removal of a bunker at the approach to the green.

The 18th remains a par-5, with modification from the landing area of the fairway up to and including the green. Tees may be changed according to the weather conditions and to ensure that a player may reach the green in two shots. The championship tee will be moved slightly forward and to the left of the current position and raised, giving a better view of the fairway and landing area.

The tee shot should be aimed to the left side of the fairway as a strategic bunker will be placed on the right side within range of the tee shot. From the landing area, approximately 289 yards up, the fairway was leveled, with some 35,000 tons of material removed.

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An aerial view of the 320-yard, par-4 14th hole (right) and the 463-yard, par-4 15th hole on The PGA Centenary Course at Gleneagles Hotel. (Photo by David Cannon/Getty Images)

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## THE PGA CENTENARY COURSE (CHAMPIONSHIP TEE DIMENSIONS)

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	TOTAL
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	36	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	36	72
YARDS	426	516	431	211	461	201	468	419	618	3,751	208	350	445	481	320	463	518	194	513	3,492	7,243
METERS	390	472	394	193	422	184	428	383	565	3,431	190	320	407	440	293	423	474	177	469	3,193	6,624

## U.S. POINTS SYSTEM

The United States Points System determined the first nine players for the 2014 U.S. Ryder Cup Team, on Aug. 10, 2014. In addition, Captain Tom Watson selected three players on Sept. 2, 2014, to complete the U.S. Team. Points were based upon the following:

- Prize money earned in the 2013 major championships (Masters, U.S. Open, Open Championship, and PGA Championship): One point was awarded for every \$1,000 earned; all U.S. players making the cut earned points.
- Prize money earned in PGA TOUR events from Oct. 7, 2013, beginning with the Frys.com Open through the 2014 PGA Championship, ending Aug. 10, 2014: One point was awarded for every \$1,000 earned, excluding the major championships, events played opposite major championships and events played opposite World Golf Championships; all U.S. players making the cut earned points.
- Prize money earned for the 2014 major championships: (Masters, U.S. Open, Open Championship, and PGA Championship). Two points were awarded for every \$1,000 earned; all U.S. players making the cut earned points.
- Prize money earned in 2014 events played opposite the major championships and opposite World Golf Championships between Jan. 1 and the 2014 PGA Championship - one-half point was awarded for every \$1,000 earned; all U.S. players making the cut earned points.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE 2014 EUROPEAN RYDER CUP TEAM

The European Team to compete in the 2014 Ryder Cup was comprised of the following Members:

- The leading four Members (1) on The Ryder Cup European Points List (1) on Aug. 31, 2014, (or as at the conclusion of the Race to Dubai Tournament scheduled to conclude on that date, whichever is the latter). In the event of a tie between Members (i.e. a number of Members having accumulated an equal number of points), placings were decided by the Member (1) with the higher ranking on the 2014 Race to Dubai on Aug. 31, 2014, (or as at the conclusion of the Race to Dubai Tournament scheduled to conclude on that date, whichever is the latter);
  - The leading five Members (1), not otherwise qualified under paragraph (a) above, on The Ryder Cup World Points List (2) on Aug. 31, 2014, (or as at the conclusion of the Race to Dubai Tournament scheduled to conclude on that date, whichever is the latter). In the event of a tie between Members (i.e. a number of Members having accumulated an equal number of points), placings were decided by the Member (1) with the higher ranking on the Official World Golf Ranking as published on Aug.25, 2014; and
  - The Captain, Paul McGinley, chose (at his own discretion) the remaining three Members(1) following the conclusion of the Race to Dubai Tournament scheduled to conclude on Aug. 31, 2014.
- The Ryder Cup European Points List comprised points (1 point = 1 Euro) earned by a Member (1) from all Race to Dubai Tournaments in which he participated between Aug. 26, 2013 and Aug. 31, 2014 (or the conclusion of the Race to Dubai Tournament scheduled to conclude on Aug. 31, whichever is the latter). (Money earned by a Member from the 2013 Race to Dubai Bonus Pool or Race to Dubai bonus points earned during the 2013 Final series do not count towards this points list).
  - The Ryder Cup World Points List comprised Official World Ranking Points won by a Member (1) from each tournament in which he participated between Aug. 26, 2013 and Aug. 24, 2014 (or the conclusion of all the Official World Golf Rankings tournaments scheduled to conclude on that date, whichever is the latter) and thereafter from the Race to Dubai Tournament scheduled to conclude on Aug. 31, 2014 only. Official World Ranking Points were allocated to all officially sanctioned tournaments (on any Federated Tour) by the Official World Ranking and were allocated according to the Event Rating of the tournament.