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# The Ryder Cup Captains' Challenge

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The Detroit Golf

Club is hosting the Ryder Cup Captains Challenge on September 15th.

Basically, members of the golfing community who had \$3500 left after payday could play a round with a former Ryder Cup Captain.

According to Lee Woodruff, COO of the DGC, "Jack Burke, Billy Casper, Dow Finsterwall, Raymond Floyd, Dave Stockton, Curtis Strange, Lanny Wadkins, Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite have all signed on. "We have had no word yet on Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson or Lee Trevino, but I am confident that if they commit we will be able to use them!" joked Woodruff.

The Detroit Golf Club has hosted Ryder Cup teams The Ryder



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Cup took a ten-year hiatus during the war. Still, teams were selected in hope that the war would end. In 1941, Bob Jones put together his Challengers team and challenged a Ryder Cup team that had been selected by the P.G.A. Their task was to keep the Ryder Cup name out there and also raise some money for the war effort. Bob Jones Challengers met at the Detroit Golf Club and defeated the P.G.A. Ryder Cup team 8 1/2 by 6 1/2. 18,000 spectators turned out for the two days of play and a substantial amount of money was

raised and given to the USO (United Service Organization.)

Some of the individuals who played in the match included, from the Bob Jones Challengers; Bob Jones, who captained the team, Craig Wood, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, Gene Sarazen and Ed Dudley. Playing for the P.G.A. Ryder Cup team were

Sam Snead, Bryon Nelson, Ralph Buldahl and Detroit Golf Club's own Horton Smith. Walter Hagen was also on hand as a non-playing honorary captain. *MG*

*Here to give us more information on the event and the course itself is Lee Woodruff, COO of the Detroit Golf Club.*

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