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**RYDER CUP TROPHY DISPLAY OFFICIALLY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC
AT THE PGA HISTORICAL CENTER ON DECEMBER 26**

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLA. - The Ryder Cup, Samuel Ryder's famed golden trophy, will officially make a triumphant return to the PGA Historical Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., this Fri., Dec. 26, 2008, where it will remain for a special public appearance during the winter months at the famed golf museum.

The Ryder Cup Trophy and accompanying display of rare memorabilia and artifacts will pay tribute to the United States Ryder Cup Team's dramatic 16 ? to 11? victory in the 37th Ryder Cup at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., last October. Visitors witnessing Samuel Ryder's famed golden chalice trophy will be able to evoke memories of the miraculous upset led by 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup Team Captain Paul Azinger, Phil Mickelson, Anthony Kim, Boo Weekley, Kenny Perry, Jim Furyk, Hunter Mahan, Stewart Cink, Justin Leonard, Ben Curtis, Chad Campbell, J.B. Holmes and Steve Stricker, as well as Assistant Captains Raymond Floyd, Olin Browne and Dave Stockton.

"It's an incredible honor to host the Ryder Cup at the PGA Historical Center, as part of the Ultimate Golf Experience at PGA Village," said Bob Baldassari, PGA general manager, PGA Village, which also encompasses the PGA Golf Club and PGA Learning Center. "The PGA of America invites everyone to the PGA Historical Center to witness this magnificent and famed trophy first-hand in what is sure to be an awe-inspiring experience."

In 1927, Samuel Ryder, an English seed merchant, presented the Ryder Cup as a prize for an international competition between American and British professional golfers. The trophy stands 17 inches high, is nine inches from handle-to-handle and weighs four pounds. The figure depicted on top of the trophy is of Abe Mitchell, a friend and golf instructor of Samuel Ryder, who competed in the 1929, '31 and '33 Ryder Cups.

The United States lost possession of the Ryder Cup on Sept. 29, 2002, at The Belfry in Sutton Coldfield, England. It would take 5 years, 11 months and 24 days before the U.S. Team reclaimed its rights at Valhalla. This 2,185-day absence made the clinching of the Ryder Cup all the much sweeter for the joyous U.S. Team.

The PGA Historical Center also features displays that trace the history of the game of golf as paralleled by the growth of The PGA of America. In addition to the Ryder Cup, the facility features all four of golf's major Championship trophies; Donald Ross' workbench from 1900; the oldest known written mention of golf from the Articles of Parliament in the 1600s; and the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame tribute wall.

The Trophy is available for public viewing daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the PGA Historical Center golf museum and to view the Ryder Cup Trophy are complimentary for all visitors. The PGA Historical Center is located next to the PGA Learning Center at 8559 Commerce Center Dr., Port St. Lucie, Fla.

For more information, please call (772) 370-5410 or visit pgavillage.com.

About the Ryder Cup

Begun in 1927, The Ryder Cup is among the last great professional sporting events where winning, and not prize money, is its own reward. The United States, which owns a 25-10-2 advantage in the biennial competition, currently owns possession of the Ryder Cup.

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