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Ganton



Moortown



GB&I captain Dai Rees holds aloft the Cup at Lindrick in 1957



Lindrick

A true Yorkshire challenge

A 54-hole amateur competition, played over the White Rose county's three Ryder Cup host courses, is all set to make its debut this September

Three of Yorkshire's finest golfing venues – Ganton, Moortown and Lindrick – will host the Lexus Yorkshire Challenge this September, a three-day Stableford competition designed to showcase the golfing splendours of the White Rose county.

All three prestigious courses have hosted the Ryder Cup – the only three in Yorkshire to boast such a claim – and that connection was the main motive behind this unique event. While the Ryder Cup was the undoubted inspiration, it was closely followed by a desire to familiarise golfers up and down the county with the rich history, quality and tradition of three of Yorkshire's most significant venues.

Great Britain won its first Ryder Cup at Moortown in 1929, lost to the United States at Ganton in 1949, but regained the trophy after a 24-year hiatus at Lindrick in 1957.

The idea for the event was first touted by John King, former coach of Lee Westwood and Lindrick's current professional. The proposal quickly gained momentum, facilitated, in part, by the willingness of sponsor Lexus and the close relationship between the three clubs. Indeed, Ganton, Moortown and Lindrick – who contest annual club matches – share similar values and a collective heritage.

The three-day, 54-hole pairs tournament – which is also being supported by Ping, Titleist, Glenbrae and ProQuip – is a men's three-quarter handicap Stableford betterball

competition, with individual prizes awarded at each venue. The pair that accrues the highest aggregate score over the three days will be presented with the Lexus Yorkshire Challenge Trophy. What's more, Lexus will donate a car for a year to anyone recording a hole-in-one.

Unsurprisingly, the initial response has been excellent, with 25 per cent of the slots filled before entries officially opened. The plan is to grow the event into an annual competition, with golfers enticed back by the quality, charm and all-round experience of Yorkshire's three brilliant Ryder Cup courses.

The event – which costs only £300 a pair – will be staged from September 11-13. For more info and to enter, visit lindrickgolfclub.co.uk/visitors_opens.php. **GM**