



The Ryder Cup gun

Gunmakers Holloway & Naughton have delivered a stunning over-under to mark golf's Ryder Cup being held in Wales.

The specially commissioned 12-bore over-under will go on display at this year's Ryder Cup at The Celtic Manor Resort in Wales, celebrating the sporting links between shooting and golf. The Ryder Cup, a biennial competition between the top golfers of Europe and America, has grown into one of the biggest events in world sport with a potential global television audience of one billion viewers. To mark its first ever staging in Wales this October, specialist gunmaker Holloway & Naughton was commissioned to create the bespoke 12-bore game gun.

The gun features intricate engravings from world-renowned Welsh engraver Phil Coggan. His images include a detailed portrait of Samuel Ryder, the seed merchant who created The Ryder Cup back in 1927. Depicted in gold are a Welsh dragon, national symbol of Wales and a bald eagle to represent the American visitors. The Ryder Cup itself is featured on the top lever in the finest detail. A striking European flag is blued onto the trigger guard accentuated by gold stars.

As well as its decorative appeal, the finished product is also a sporting shotgun of exceptional quality. "It's a work of art but also a fully functioning sporting gun hand-built to the very highest specifications," said Andrew Harvison, managing director of Holloway & Naughton. The gun represents more than 1,200 man-hours of effort in its production.

"There is a beautiful feel to the gun which has been enhanced by the wonderful, detailed artwork of Phil Coggan. It was a real honour to have been granted this commission and we are very proud of the end result." The gun will be put on display during the Ryder Cup tournament, which takes place from October 1-3 at Celtic Manor, the five-star resort in South Wales.

Simon Gibson OBE, Chief Executive of Wesley Clover, the holding company that owns the resort, said: "Celtic Manor's reputation as a world-class golfing venue will be cemented when it stages the Ryder Cup, but shooting is another popular outdoor pursuit we offer our leisure and corporate clients.

"Many people enjoy both sports and there are certainly similarities between the two. The importance of technique and maintaining your powers of concentration are key elements of shooting and golf."

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