



August 24, 2017

Dear Neil,

I am writing to notify you that you have been selected to represent the United States of America team in the Ponce De Leon International match against the United Kingdom from May 30-June 2, 2018 in London and Sandwich, England. If that last sentence does not give you goosebumps, please read no farther, as you have been mis-identified for the team.

This will be the third International match with the score even at one apiece (16<sup>th</sup> overall.) The Brits will be fielding a strong squad of 16, with most of their players members at one or both courses: Sunningdale Golf Club and Royal St. George's. Our goal is simple – to bring the Conquistador helmet back to U.S. soil from the U.K. for the first time. It will not be easy, but we will overcome our inexperience on these links with grit, determination and resilience.

The quality of golf at the 2018 Ponce will be second to none. Sunningdale Golf Club sports two 18-hole courses: New and Old. Royal St. George's has hosted the Open Championship ten times, most recently in 2011 and will be hosting again in 2020, in addition to the British Amateur last Summer.

As your Chairman, my challenge is also steep. The first international PDL in 2012 was simply the most fun I have ever had on a golf trip, and my charge is to attempt to at least match that experience.

As a minimum commitment, we are asking each player to take a Red-eye flight Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to arrive Wednesday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup> in London and depart Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I look forward to your reply soonest!

Sincerely,

Wes Battle  
2018 Co-Chairman with Dom Clive



## **THE PONCE**

**5 Rounds in 4 days (2 at Sunningdale, 2 at RSG & 1 at Princes Golf Club)**

**2 nights in London at the Royal Automobile Club**

**2 nights in Sandwich at the Princes Lodges Hotel**

Wednesday, May 30

AM - Arrive London

PM - Practice round at Sunningdale Golf club

Thursday, May 31

PM – Four Ball at Sunningdale

Opening Ceremony in London at the Royal Automobile Club

Friday, June 1

Coach to Sandwich (2 hours)

PM Four Ball at Princes Golf Club in Sandwich

Saturday, June 2

AM Foursomes at Royal St. George's

PM Singles at Royal St. George's

Champions Dinner at Royal St. George's

Sunday, June 3

Depart Sandwich for flights (NET Noon)