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Sawgrass comes to Yorkshire

World famous golf hole replicated at region's premier hotel and golf resort

Golfers at Rudding Park in Harrogate will soon be able to test themselves against one of the most infamous holes in World golf, the 17th at Sawgrass in Florida, which is to be replicated as part of a new six-hole short course currently under construction. With its island green surrounded by a lake, the high specification hole is renowned as being one of golf's greatest challenges.

The new six-hole par three course is designed to United States Golf Association (USGA) specifications and will provide golfers an opportunity to practice their play in varying conditions on the water, parkland and woodland holes. Visually the course will be striking with different grass seed sown between the rough and fairways to create a complete contrast and real definition.

The course is designed by renowned architect Martin Hawtree who was recently involved with course developments at Carnoustie and Royal Liverpool (this year's Open venue) golf clubs and created Rudding Park's original eighteen-hole championship course.

A large investment is being made into the golfing facilities at Rudding Park with an additional nine holes to be added to the current eighteen by 2010. Rudding Park will then be home to three nine-hole courses, each with different characteristics, an unrivalled new six-hole short course and a practice facility that will be the best in the North of England. The new six-hole course is situated yards from Repton Green, a new development of 14 two and three bedroom luxurious golf holiday lodges.

Peter Banks, director at Rudding Park said:

"By 2008 Rudding Park will be one of the finest golf resorts in the North of England. Many of the world's greatest golf professionals have put their skills to the test at the 17th at Sawgrass so we're delighted to be able to offer the same opportunity to players at



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Rudding Park. The hole will be nerve racking to play and provide fascination and enjoyment for spectators as they watch players pit their wits against one of golf's greatest challenges."

The new six-hole course construction will finish in September and be ready to play in April 2008.

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