

52nd Berton A. Coons Invitational Summary

A field of 51 teams, spread across six flights, survived three days that contained varying degrees of rain, heat, and humidity to complete another successful Invitational at the Catskill Golf Club. The condition of the golf course drew a slew of compliments from players who came from far and wide to participate in the event.

Championship Flight

Jim Lacy (Catskill GC) and David Shea (Watertown GC, CT) took command early with an opening round of 6 under par 66 and were never headed. A second round 74 put some hope back into the hearts of the rest of the flight, but a solid final round of 69 iced things for the victors. The McCann GC (Poughkeepsie, NY) tandem of Jim Hamburger and Steve Nosonowitz were second at 3 under par, four strokes back, while Seth Guterman (Atlanta Athletic Club) and Fred Guterman (Cliffs at Glassy, Greensboro, NC) and Andrew DeForest (Rondout GC) and Bill Dwyer (Concord CC, PA) shared third place at 2 under par. The standings:

Jim Lacy (Catskill GC) – David Shea (Watertown GC)	66-74-69 -- 209
Jim Hamburger (McCann GC) – Steve Nosonowitz (McCann GC)	72-71-70 -- 213
Seth Guterman (Atlanta AC) – Fred Guterman (Cliffs at Glassy)	76-70-68 -- 214
Andrew DeForest (Rondout GC) – Bill Dwyer (Concord CC, PA)	74-70-70 -- 214
Tony Vizzie, Jr. (TPC Sawgrass) – Rob Bogardus (Newman GC, IL)	71-74-71 -- 216
Tom Yannone (Catskill GC) – Dave Champagne (Catskill GC)	71-71-74 -- 216
Peter (Cottonwood GC, CA) & Jim Schumacher (Preston GC, CA)	73-81-68 -- 222
John Donovan (Pinehaven CC) – Moe Mroczkowski (Mechanicville GC)	75-76-75 -- 226

First Flight

Late entrants Rich Lopez and Ray Legge overcame a first round 79 to eke out a one shot victory over the host club's teams of Cal Lacy and Bill Oravsky and Rock Lacy and Tony Vizzie, Sr. The results:

Rich Lopez – Ray Legge	79-69-71 -- 219
Cal Lacy – Bill Oravsky	74-73-73 -- 220
Rock Lacy – Tony Vizzie, Sr.	73-75-72 -- 220
Jon Wilgus – Doug Dumont	75-77-73 -- 225
Jim Valentin – Carl Jump	77-77-73 -- 227
Jeff Oles – Jack Bohnsack	78-80-74 -- 232
Jim Garafalo – Dave Lewis	77-80-76 -- 233
Larry Dwyer – Kevin Dwyer	82-81-82 -- 245

Second Flight

Duane Esposita and Glenn Coons overcame a five shot deficit with a 2-under par 70 in the final round to defeat Jeff and Joe Pilatich by a single stroke.

Duane Esposita – Glenn Coons	77-76-70 -- 223
Jeff Pilatich – Joe Pilatich	74-74-76 -- 224
Bill McDonald – Doug Calkins	78-76-76 -- 230
Joe Knighton – Steve Odak	84-75-82 -- 241
Russell Carlsen – Bob Snyder, Sr.	80-87-76 -- 243
Rip Englert – Gordie Johnson	84-80-80 -- 244
Mike Snyder – Rory Clifford	78-75-91 -- 244
Jerry Diotte – Jim Passineau	83-82-86 -- 251

Third Flight

A final round 74 gave Joe Landi and Pete Verelas a one shot victory over Kent Haskin and Brian Merritt. Gary Hauck and Jim Quinn were two shots farther back in third place. Bob Snyder, Jr.'s ace at #6 highlighted the day's action.

Joe Landi – Pete Verelas	81-80-74 -- 235
Kent Haskin – Brian Merritt	80-80-76 -- 236
Gary Hauck – Jim Quinn	81-80-77 -- 238
Jim Mills – Doug Johnson	80-76-84 -- 240
Peter DiStefano – Bob Cargioli	84-79-78 -- 241
David Smith – Jim Riley	80-82-81 -- 243
Mark Rogers – Steve Nelson	78-84-88 -- 250
John Kane – Evan Meltzer	85-83-85 -- 253
Bob Snyder, Jr. – Dennis Schlenker	87-89-81 -- 257

Fourth Flight

Andy Bertich and Bob Cooperman emerged with a hard-fought one shot victory over Dick Churchill and Andy DeIeso. Tournament Chairman and honoree Bert Coons took third with Doug Coons.

Andy Bertich – Bob Cooperman	83-81-79 -- 243
Dick Churchill – Andy DeIeso	82-84-78 -- 244
Doug Coons – Bert Coons	81-80-88 -- 249
Jeff Sweet – David McBride	93-79-79 -- 251
Kevin Breen – Jim Tibbetts	85-84-82 -- 251
Ralph Cautela – Joe Bahnatka	83-82-86 -- 251
Anthony Mancino – Joe Granich	86-89-81 -- 256
John Van Wormer – Emil Lienau	93-88-79 -- 260
Ken Wisner – Jim Brown	89-91-86 -- 266

Fifth Flight

Larry and Ken Stewart ran away and hid, winning the flight by a whopping 16 strokes. Paul Moon and Wayne Kitchen shared second place with Nate Foote and David Johnson.

Larry Stewart – Ken Stewart	84-79-82 -- 245
Paul Moon – Wayne Kitchen	90-86-85 -- 261
Nate Foote – Dave Johnson	90-81-90 -- 261
Joel Bohnsack – Tom Gunther	91-89-82 -- 262
Michael Marsh – Vincent D’Antonio	95-80-87 -- 262
Greg Ursprung – Scott Ursprung	88-87-89 -- 265
Peter McBride – Liam Carlos	90-89-89 -- 268
Tim Feeley – Paul Fenton	90-88-90 -- 268
David Crawford – Bruce Bohnsack	97-87-96 -- 280