

54th Berton A. Coons Invitational Summary

Forty four teams across five flights provided plenty of action this past weekend as the latest iteration of Catskill Golf Club's signature event even took place amid great weather. Scores were low and enthusiasm was high throughout the weekend, and the star of the show was the superbly conditioned tournament venue and the Club itself which, under the direction of new Invitational Chairman Jeff Holliday, hosted high quality golf along with three days of fun.

Championship Flight

Defending champion Tony Vizzie Jr. returned with a new partner but produced a familiar outcome, teaming with another home-grown product, Seth Guterman, to post a 14 under par score of 202, good enough for a 3-shot victory over Jim Hamburger and Steve Stuetzle of Poughkeepsie. Locals Tom Yannone and Dave Champagne came home with a 5 under par back nine on the final day to lock up third place.

The complete results:

Tony Vizzie Jr. (Jacksonville, FL) – Seth Guterman (Atlanta, GA)	65-70-67 – 202
Jim Hamburger (Poughkeepsie) – Steve Stuetzle (Poughkeepsie)	67-67-71 – 205
Tom Yannone (Catskill) – Dave Champagne (Catskill)	67-72-70 – 209
Cal Lacy (Catskill) – Tony Vizzie Sr. (Catskill)	72-73-68 – 213
Chris Grady (Woodstock) – Brian Williams (Woodstock)	72-69-72 – 213
Rich Lopez (Bronx, NY) – Ray Legg (Windham)	70-74-74 – 218

First Flight

Steve Nickolich and Doc Silinovich put together three consistent days of golf and captured the First Flight by five shots over Rock and Dan Lacy. Second day leaders Carl Jump and Gary Hauck hung on to take third place by a single shot in a tightly contested flight.

Steve Nickolich – Doc Silinovich	74-71-74 – 219
Rock Lacy – Dan Lacy	75-75-74 – 224
Carl Jump – Gary Hauck	74-72-79 – 225
Bill Oravsky – Shane Oravsky	74-75-77 – 226
Jeff Oles – Jack Bohnsack	78-74-76 – 228
Pete Verelas – Joe Landi	72-80-76 – 228
Lou Fisher – Russell Carlsen	79-78-72 – 229
Gerry Diotte – Moe Mroczkowski	75-77-77 – 229
Bob Coons – Ross Fenn	81-81-85 – 247

Second Flight

Rip Englert and Gordian Johnson produced an even par final round to roll to a four shot victory over Joe Pilatich and Glenn Coons in the Second Flight. The impeccably and identically dressed team of brothers Ian and Chris Quinn rode a final round 73 to their third place finish.

Rip Englert – Gordie Johnson	73-76-72 – 221
Joe Pilatich – Glenn Coons	70-79-76 – 225
Ian Quinn – Chris Quinn	77-77-73 – 227
Dennis O’Grady – Andrew O’Grady	81-78-82 – 241
Dr. Korvath Enu – David Ginsberg	80-80-84 – 244
Jim Riley – Steve Riley	80-85-80 -- 245
Jeff Holliday – Peter DiStefano	81-81-83 – 245
Jim Garafalo – Ken Wisner	79-82-89 – 250
Bill McDonald – Doug Calkins	85-81-87 – 253

Third Flight

Ron Vincent came to the rescue when Mark Rogers’ original partner came up injured, and the newly assembled team put together three solid rounds to come away with a four shot win over Tom Zwoboda and Doug Johnson. The teams of Dick Churchill – Jim Quinn and Steve Odak - John Kane shared third place.

Ron Vincent – Mark Rogers	78-76-76 – 230
Tom Zwoboda – Doug Johnson	78-80-76 – 234
Dick Churchill – Jim Quinn	83-77-79 – 239
Steve Odak – John Kane	80-76-83 – 239
Gary Barkman – Dave Crawford	84-83-77 – 244
Bert Coons – Tim Feeley	79-81-86 – 246
Jeff Sweet – David McBride	83-85-81 – 249
Jim Brown – Joe Granich	83-87-84 – 254
Larry Farrell – Zach Hughes	88-85-90 – 263
Joe Bahnatka – Ralph Cautela	88-93-87 – 268

Fourth Flight

Larry and Ken Stewart put together three consistent rounds to capture Fourth Flight honors, edging Jim Tibbetts and Jim Mills by a slim two shot margin. John Van Wormer and Emil Lienau took third place.

Larry Stewart – Ken Stewart	77-81-77 – 235
Jim Tibbetts – Jim Mills	77-79-81 – 237
John Van Wormer – Emil Lienau	83-82-82 – 247
Mark Krasnow – Vince D’Antonio	78-90-81 – 249
Nate Foote – David Johnson	83-87-85 – 255
Wayne Kitchen – Paul Moon	83-87-87 – 257
Bob Meo – Mike Meo	88-88-84 – 260
Peter McBride – Liam Carlos	93-84-84 – 261
Scott Ursprung – Greg Ursprung	88-85-90 – 263
Joel Bohnsack – Tom Gunther	91-85-91 -- 267