

55th Berton A. Coons Invitational Summary

Forty teams across five flights provided plenty of action this past weekend as the latest iteration of Catskill Golf Club's signature event was conducted. The course was the winner this time around, with this year's wet weather resulting in conditions totally opposite the traditional hard and fast test. Tournament Chairman Jeff Holliday gratefully acknowledged the volunteer work of the entire tournament support team and anticipates this year's influx of new faces to result in additional expansion of the field in 2014.

Championship Flight

Defending champion Seth Guterman returned with a new partner but produced a familiar outcome, teaming with another home-grown product, Dave Shea, to post a 6 under par score of 210, edging Jack Wennstrom and Steve Jones by a single shot. Locals Tom Yannone and Dave Champagne rode Yannone's second round ace and a few late birdies to a third place finish.

The complete results:

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| Dave Shea (Watertown, CT) – Seth Guterman (Atlanta, GA) | 70-70-70 -- 210 |
| Jack Wennstrom (Westerlo) – Steve Jones (Catskill) | 67-73-71 – 211 |
| Tom Yannone (Catskill) – Dave Champagne (Catskill) | 73-68-73 – 214 |
| Tony Vizzie Jr. (Jacksonville, FL) – Rob Bogardus (Jacksonville, FL) | 74-72-73 – 219 |
| Jim Lacy (Catskill) – Mike Haggerty (Albany) | 73-80-71 – 224 |
| Ray Legg (Windham) – Dylan Legg (Windham) | NS -- DQ |

First Flight

Newcomers Scott Mason and Phil Eberhardt from Pennsylvania improved every day, posting a 4 over par 220 to capture First Flight honors by three shots. Cal Lacy and Bill Oravsky took second, while Ulster County invaders Mike Rogers and Doc Silinovich came away three more shots back in third place.

The results:

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| Scott Mason – Phil Eberhardt | 75-73-72 – 220 |
| Cal Lacy – Bill Oravsky | 75-73-75 – 223 |
| Mike Rogers – Doc Silinovich | 75-75-76 – 226 |
| Gerry Diotte - Moe Mroczkowski | 81-77-71 – 229 |
| Tony Vizzie Sr. – Rock Lacy | 73-80-79 – 232 |
| Jeff Pilatich – Joe Pilatich | 79-81-73 – 233 |
| Jim Valentin – Craig Cavert | 72-80-81 – 233 |
| Carl Jump – Dave Schermerhorn | 77-79-78 - 234 |
| Bill Hogan – Gary Crucetti | 74-79-81 -- 234 |

Second Flight

New faces Ken Tompkins and Ray Leonardo lapped the field in the final round, posting a fine 74 to come away with a 6 shot victory margin. Pete Varelas and Peter Distefano hung on for second, while Andy DeIeso's birdie brought a sudden death playoff to a quick conclusion, giving him and partner Scott Griffiths third place over the team of Ron Vincent and Mark Rogers.

The scores:

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| Ken Tompkins – Ray Leonardo | 81-76-74 – 231 |
| Pete Varelas – Peter Distefano | 79-78-80 – 237 |
| Scott Griffiths – Andy DeIeso | 78-75-85 – 238 * |
| Ron Vincent – Mark Rogers | 85-79-74 – 238 |
| Glenn Coons – Gary Grim | 80-79-80 – 239 |
| Ian Quinn – Chris Quinn | 79-82-79 – 240 |
| Bill McDonald – Doug Calkins | 82-83-83 – 248 |
| Gordon Johnson – Rip Englert | 77-83-89 – 249 |
| Jim Garafalo – Jeff Holliday | 85-88-78 -- 251 |

Third Flight

Perennial contenders Gary Barkman and Dave Crawford got the job done this year, jumping in front with an opening round 74 and hanging on for a one shot victory over Justin Misevis and Larry Farrell. Doug Johnson and Jim Tibbetts made a big final day move to garner third place by a single shot in a hotly contested flight.

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| Gary Barkman – Dave Crawford | 74-81-82 – 237 |
| Justin Misevis – Larry Farrell | 76-82-80 – 238 |
| Doug Johnson – Jim Tibbetts | 84-83-79 – 246 |
| Jeff Sweet – David McBride | 82-83-82 – 247 |
| Jim Passineau – Ed Passineau | 81-84-83 – 248 |
| Jim Maccaline – Bart Gottesman | 85-76-87 – 248 |
| Ken Stewart – Larry Stewart | 83-82-85 – 250 |
| Anthony Mancino – Joe Granich | 87-85-84 – 256 |

Fourth Flight

Floridians Mark Krasnow and Vince D'Antonio took the trophy south with them, posting a wire to wire win by a five shot margin over Tournament Honoree Bert Coons and Tim Feeley. Stone Dock's David Kruger and Emil Lienau from Red Hook took third by a shot..

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| Mark Krasnow – Vince D'Antonio | 84-81-83 – 248 |
| Bert Coons – Tim Feeley | 86-79-88 – 253 |
| David Kruger – Emil Lienau | 86-90-86 – 262 |
| Dave Johnson – Nate Foote | 92-87-84 – 263 |
| Bob Meo – Mike Meo | 87-87-91 – 265 |
| Ross Fenn – Lenny White | 89-92-86 – 267 |
| Paul Moon – Wayne Kitchen | 90-90-88 – 268 |
| Peter McBride – Liam Carlos | 92-92-86 – 270 |