

## **Forster Wins 2008 Haverford Trust Company Golf Classic**

This past September, Sunnybrook Golf Club in Plymouth Meeting, PA once again played host to Haverford Trust Company Golf Classic. The event is traditionally held in late May, but due to course construction the 2008 edition was played the Tuesday after Labor Day. As always, the field featured some of the top players in the Philadelphia Section, including past champions Dave Roberts and Dave Quinn as well as last year's Section Champion, Rich Steinmetz, all of who were vying for the top prize of \$37,500.

Another player looking to capture the 2008 Haverford crown was Radnor Valley CC Head Professional, George Forster. With an early morning tee time Forster was finished his round before the field had even finished teeing off. With a scorecard that seemed to go back and forth between birdies and bogies, Forster was able to birdie the Par 3 17<sup>th</sup> hole and post a -1 under 71. After his round Forster went back home and followed the tournament through the website's online scoring.

Throughout the day a number of players made charges to join Forster at the top of the leader board but it was not until the final few groups came in that anyone joined him. Chris Wisler (Wild Quail G & CC) was able to birdie both the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> hole to finish tied with Forster at -1 under par. Two groups behind Wisler; Travis Deibert (Commonwealth National GC) was -2 under going into the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. Unfortunately for Deibert he bogeyed the 17<sup>th</sup> hole and left a birdie putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> a half a roll from the bottom of the cup which put him in a three way tie with Forster and Wisler.

There were certain people excited about how the regulation tournament finished including Haverford Trust Company Founder, Mr. George Connell and the traditional crowd gathered on the veranda of Sunnybrook GC. They would all get to see a sudden death playoff played on the 18<sup>th</sup>, whose green sits just below the clubhouse.

Deibert, Forster, and Wisler all headed to the 18<sup>th</sup> tee for the first hole of the playoff. All three players managed to find the fairway with their tee shots and the green with their approach shots setting up birdie putts for all three. Both Wisler and Deibert rolled their putts just past the hole leaving it wide open for Forster and he did not miss his chance. Forster rolled in his twelve foot birdie giving him top spot and the \$37,500 check. The victory secured his spot atop the Senior Player of the Year Leaberboard and moved him within fifty points of the Haverford Trust Company Player of the Year top spot.

- Joe Monforto