

MID ATLANTIC REGAINS INDEPENDENCE CUP

This past Tuesday and Wednesday marked the end of the season for the Philadelphia Assistant's Organization (PAO). The annual Independence Cup is a Ryder Cup style event played between the PAO and the Assistant Professional Association (APA) of the Mid-Atlantic Section. After winning 3 of the last 4 years, Philadelphia was unable to retain the cup in Ocean City, MD.

The format on Tuesday morning was a two person scramble between the sides. At the conclusion of the scramble, both sides had won four of the eight matches heading into afternoon play. The afternoon would see the teams pair off into an alternate shot format. A rain delay and the shortened daylight left 6 of the 8 matches on the course for Wednesday morning. The two completed matches had been split with each side winning one of the matches. Unfortunately for the PAO, 5 of the 6 matches on the course were dormie in favor of the APA. In the end Philadelphia was only able to salvage half a point bringing the total heading into the last format to 10.5-5.5.



Heading into the Better Ball and Singles (concurrently) the team tried to rally behind the fact that they had come from behind in a larger deficit to win the 2015 cup but it was not meant to be. The APA continued to win matches in both formats in and in the end finished with 26.5 points to Philadelphia's 13.5.

The PAO would like to thank Ocean City Golf Club for hosting this year's event, Tom Kelly of Adidas and Richie Gibbons with American Needle for supplying this year's uniforms. Lastly, both teams would like to thank Captains Steve Frederick (PAO) and Brian Dix (APA) for all the hard work they put into running the event.

morning scramble

Result	Philadelphia	Score	Mid Atlantic	Result
	Grier / Melton	0 1	Lussier / Apple	5&4
4&3	Furey / Herb	1 0	Bennett / Gage	
	Pine / Ambrose	0 1	Dix / Falvey	1 up
3&2	Turner / Early	1 0	Martindale / Ritter	
3&2	Kabaso / Pierson	1 0	Larkin / Wilson	
	Nicholson / Sanders	0 1	Butler / Gogoel	2 up
	Frederick / Ottani	0 1	Abrams / Mireles	3&2
1 up	Stewart / Bensel	1 0	Mauk / Fellows	
Score	Philadelphia	4 4	Mid Atlantic	
Total	Philadelphia	4 4	Mid Atlantic	

afternoon Foursomes

Result	Philadelphia	Score	Mid Atlantic	Result
	Bensel / Early	0 1	Falvey / Lussier	4&2
5&4	Herb / Pine	1 0	Butler / Wilson	
	Stewart / Grier	0 1	Ritter / Apple	2&1
	Frederick / Ambrose	0 1	Dix / Gage	3&2
	Ottani / Pierson	0 1	Bennett / Larkin	1 up
	Kabaso / Sanders	0 1	Fellows / Mireles	2&1
	Turner / Furey	0 1	Mauk / Abrams	1 up
Half	Melton / Nicholson	1 1	Martindale / Gogoel	Half
Score	Philadelphia	1.5 6.5	Mid Atlantic	
Total	Philadelphia	5.5 11	Mid Atlantic	

Four Ball

Result	Philadelphia	Score		Mid Atlantic	Result
	Ambrose / Turner	0	1	Ritter / Apple	4&2
	Nicholson / Early	0	1	Fellows / Gogoel	3&2
2&1	Frederick / Pine	1	0	Butler / Martindale	
5&3	Furey / Grier	1	0	Dix / Mauk	
	Sanders / Pierson	0	1	Larkin / Wilson	4&2
1 up	Kabaso / Herb	1	0	Bennett / Gage	
	Bensel / Stewart	0	1	Falvey / Lussier	2&1
	Melton / Ottani	0	1	Abrams / Mireles	3&2
Score	Philadelphia	3	5	Mid Atlantic	
Total	Philadelphia	8.5	15.5	Mid Atlantic	

Singles

Result	Philadelphia	Score		Mid Atlantic	Result
	Sam Ambrose	0	1	Tim Ritter	3&2
	Andrew Turner	0	1	Josh Apple	4&2
	Kevin Nicholson	0	1	Ryan Fellows	1 up
	Kyle Early	0	1	Patrick Gogoel	1 up
	Steve Frederick	0	1	Butch Butler	3&2
Half	Ron Pine	0.5	0.5	Will Martindale	Half
3&2	Mike Furey	1	0	Brian Dix	
5&4	Ashley Grier	1	0	Mike Mauk	
	Brad Sanders	0	1	Mike Larkin	4&3
	Andrew Pierson	0	1	Andrea Wilson	4&3
Half	Vincent Kabaso	0.5	0.5	Jim Bennett	Half
	Jeff Herb	0	1	Tony Gage	2&1
	Trevor Bensel	0	1	Drew Falvey	5&4
5&4	Billy Stewart	1	0	Joe Lussier	
1 up	Brett Melton	1	0	Bryce Abrams	
	Greg Ottani	0	1	Eli Mireles	6&5
Score	Philadelphia	5	11	Mid Atlantic	
Total	Philadelphia	13.5	26.5	Mid Atlantic	