



PAO WINS INDEPENDENCE CUP FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR!!

Ocean View, DE. – Bear Trap Dunes played host to the 15th annual Independence Cup on November 1st and 2nd. The Independence Cup is a Ryder Cup style event that pits the top Philadelphia Section Assistant Professionals (PAO) against the top assistants from the Mid-Atlantic Section (APA). The teams played four separate formats over two days including Shamble (Better-Ball), Foursomes, Four-Ball, and Singles matches with 40 points total up for grabs.

The PAO arrived in Delaware as Defending Champions and would only need 20 points to retain the cup. In the morning, the Philadelphia team started out on the right foot winning the shamble session 6-2. The afternoon alternate shot session was also dominated by the PAO team as they won yet again 6-2. After the first day of play the PAO led 12-4. Even with a strong lead after the first day the PAO team couldn't let up as 24 points are available on the final day.

The final day consist of two formats including Four-Ball (Better Ball of Partners) along with Singles matches played within the foursome. The PAO team continued the winning theme taking the Four-Ball format 6-2 and the singles matches were one sided as the PAO got 11.5 to APA 4.5. The total points finished with PAO 29.5 to APA 10.5. This victory gives the PAO three consecutive victories and brings the overall record for the PAO and 6 for the APA. Thank you to host professional Neil Maurer and his staff for an excellent representation of the Philadelphia Section. The PAO would like to thank Kevin Rizzotte (Nike Golf), Richie Gibbons (Imperial), and Tom Kelly (Adidas) for their help in outfitting the team.

PAO Team

Steve Fredrick, Co-Chair/Captain
Sam Ambrose
Pat Butkus
Peter Clarke
Mike Furey
Ashley Grier
Jeffrey Herb
Kevin Kraft
Mike Little
Shawn Matthews
Kevin Nicholson
Ron Pine
Carson Solien
Billy Stewart
Michael Tobiason
Andrew Turner

APA Team

Brian Dix, Captain
Bryce Abrams
Brian Anderson
Josh Apple
Jim Bennett
Ryan Fellows
Mike Gertzberg
Patrick Gogoel
Mike Jerolamon
Will Martindale
Mike Mauk
Greg Ottani
Brett Robertson
Matt Summers
Matt Woolworth
Ryan Zylstra

Overall Record
PAO 9 – APA 6

