CGA Interclub News and Notables



(Complete match results, player scores and the Playoff Bracket can be accessed on; <u>www.carolinasgolf.org</u>. Select TOURNAMENTS, MEN, INTERCLUB. Click on the Regions & Divisions section under the 2014 INTERCLUB SEASON tab.)

• CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF MATCH HIGHLIGHTS •

Creek GC, Charlotte, NC (14) vs Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC (10)

The 17th annual CGA Interclub concluded this past week-end with the Championship finals played over two days at the Pine Needles/Mid Pines Inn and Golf Resort in Southern Pines, NC. Following regular season play (April thru August) involving 69 teams from both North and South Carolina, single elimination playoff competition began in September with 40 teams earning a playoff spot. **The Creek Golf Association** (*playing out of Highland CC in Charlotte, NC*) and **Willow Springs Country Club** (*Wilson, NC*) survived and advanced each round up to the final match. As the last two teams standing, both clubs met on Saturday on the Pine Needles course to compete for 8 points in Four-Ball matches. The finals involve 16 competing players for each team. While **the Creek** was experiencing their first crack at the finals, **Willow Springs** had been here before and was the runner-up in 2007.

The day began with a 90 minute frost delay but sunny skies prevailed and the temperature reached near 50 with light wind. The Creek's Ron Hooper Jr. and Jerry Broadway teamed up in the lead match against Troy Haynes and Greg Duffy from Willow Springs and played all 18 holes ending with a half point for each team. The round was highlighted with a hole-in-one by Mr. Duffy (his first) on the 13th hole. Willow Springs took the lead as Harry Helmer Jr. and Chance Cox followed with a 1 up win over Jamie Mooney and Mike Refsnider. Michael Bland and Bryon Abel tied the match with a 4 & 3 win over Bo Corn and Jim Boykin in the third pairing. The next two Creek pairings (Steve Cayea with Steven Hilley and Steve Cracovia with Jon Mooney) propelled their team with 2 more points following a 1up and 3&1 win over Danny Brite with Brent Landon and Jimmy Gurkin playing with Scott Hill respectively. Willow Springs countered with their own consecutive 2 point wins as teams Jerry Barnes/Billy Ballard and Randy Garris/Tyler Brantley defeated the Creek teams of Mike Richardson/Ryan Tripp and Justin Wolf/Josh Lyerly by 2&1 and 3&2 margins respectively. With the score tied at 3 ½ each, the final four-ball match saw Matt Beers birdie the 14th hole as he and teammate Chuck Bennett defeated Scott Chandler and Billy Clark (5&4) for a 1 point lead after day 1. Sunday's round consisted of 16 singles matches with each match again worth one point. The first team to reach twelve and a half (12 ½) points overall would claim the 2014 Carolinas Interclub Championship title. While overnight temps remained above freezing allowing the matches to begin on time at 8am, light rain showers were forecast by mid-morning with heavier rain in the afternoon. To give all singles matches an opportunity to complete all 18 holes (if necessary), the field was split with twosomes

The first singles match saw the Creek's Chuck Bennett (and team captain) jump out to a 7up lead with 8 to go. His opponent, Billy Clark, battled back to win five holes but lost the match 2&1. Teammate Josh Lyerly defeated Scott Chandler (4&3) in match #2 to give the Creek a 3 point overall lead (6 ½ to 3 ½). Tyler Brantley dispatched Bob Selby (5&4) to give Willow Springs their first singles match point and closed the gap to 2 points. The next two matches split with the Creek's Justin Wolf defeating Randy Garris (3&2) and Willow Springs Billy Ballard going the distance for a 1up win over Ryan Tripp. Richardson and Barnes halved the next match followed by Jon Mooney's 3&1 win over Scott Hill. Willow Spring's Brent Landon and Danny Brite brought their team within 1 point in the next two matches which was the closest Willow Springs would get. The Creek then pulled away with three consecutive wins by Steve Cayea (4&3), Bryon Abel (default due to injury) and Michael Bland (5&4) over Jim Boykin, Bo Corn and Butch O'Briant respectively which ensured them a tie. Needing only ½ point to win the championship, Mike Refsnider halved his match with Chance Cox as did Jamie Mooney over Harry Helmer Jr. to secure their first Interclub title. The final two pairings split (Greg Duffy 5&4 over Jerry Broadway and Ron Hooper Jr. 2&1 over Troy Haynes) for a final 14 to 10 score.

going off 1 and 10 simultaneously.

The Creek not only won their first Interclub Championship but they were the first Interclub team since the league began in 1997 to complete the season with a perfect record (11 - 0). Jim (OB) O'Brien, the non-competing and long- time captain for Willow Springs, congratulated Chuck Bennett and the Creek players and vowed they would be back. "My players will take a few days to rest up but I assure you they will start discussing the 2015 season next week", said OB. Congratulations to both teams for a successful season!

Interclub Season Summary -

The CGA and I thank each of you for your hard work, dedication and help in making this year's Interclub program another success. Beginning in April, 69 teams (19 more than last year) competed in 197 regular season matches. Besides the Creek, four other teams went undefeated during the regular season. New River CC (Sparta, NC) and Riverwood (Clayton, NC) posted 4 and 0 records while competing in separate three team pods. Raintree CC #2 (Charlotte, NC) and Verdict Ridge CC (Denver, NC) completed their regular seasons with records of 5-0-1 and 4-0-2 respectively.

Only 1 team (Oak Valley GC, Advance, NC) failed to win a match but need to be mentioned. Not for their 0 and 6 record, but for completing the season on schedule showing their commitment to the Interclub program as well as their membership. Well done Oak Valley and captain Stephen Griffis and co-captain Nick Vasquez!

Following the regular season, a record 40 teams earned a playoff spot based on performance. All teams with a .500 won/loss/tie record or better earned a playoff spot. Group "O" saw all three teams earn a playoff spot with 2 wins and 2 losses each in this three team group.

The tie-breaker rule was employed nine times to determine 1st, 2nd and /or 3rd place within eight groups and for playoff seeding. The team from Cabarrus CC #1 (Concord, NC) will be remembered for their three straight "sudden-death" playoff wins before falling to eventual winner The Creek in the South regional final.

The finals were played over 2 days at the Pine Needles/Mid Pines Inn and Golf Resort with four-ball matches competed on the Pine Needles course on Saturday followed by singles competition on Sunday on the newly renovated Mid Pines course. The finals involve 16 competing players with eight "Four-Ball" matches and sixteen "Singles" matches worth 1 point each. To win the championship, a team had to win 12.5 points.

The teams were introduced Friday night at a player reception hosted by the CGA. Players and captains were treated to some great food and beverage and each player received some gifts for their successful year.

Congratulations again to this year's champion The Creek GA, (playing out of Highland Creek CC) and to the runner-up team from Willow Springs CC (Wilson, NC). This was the Creek's first trip to the finals while Willow Springs was making their 2nd finals appearance having competed for the championship in 2007.

Results of the Championship Finals can be found on the CGA web-site via the following link:

http://www.carolinasgolf.org/championship/home/14interclub/year/2014.

We have already received several calls from new clubs about joining the Interclub in 2015. Information on sign-up dates and captains meetings will be emailed following year end. As customary, the staff and I will conduct an annual review of the program and, with your comments, inject changes where necessary that will make this competition bigger and better. If you would like to share some ideas and/or suggestions, please don't hesitate to submit them via email at: Interclub@carolinasgolf.org.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2015.

2014 Playoff Match Results and Schedule							
1st Round							
Visiting Club		Date	Host Club				
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Bentwinds G & CC, Fuquay - Varina, NC	8.5	9/20	Pine Hollow GC, Clayton, NC	9.5			
Mill Creek GC, <i>Mebane, NC</i>	8.0	10/5	Pine Hollow GC, Clayton, NC	10.0			
Falls Village GC, <i>Durham, NC</i>	9.5	9/21	Umstead Pines, Durham, NC	8.5			
Tanglewood GA, Clemmons, NC	7.0	9/28	Maple Chase CC, Winston Salem, NC	11.0			
Oakwoods CC, Wilkesboro, NC	11.5	9/21	Stoney Creek GC, Stoney Creek, NC	6.5			
New River CC (@ High Meadows) CC, Sparta, NC	11.0	9/28	Oakwoods CC, Wilkesboro, NC	7.0			
	North	East	-				
Anderson Creek CC, Spring Lake, NC	8.0	9/13	Wildwood Green GC, Raleigh, NC	10.0			
Highland CC, <i>Fayetteville, NC</i>	9.5	9/20	Wildwood Green GC, Raleigh, NC	8.5			
Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs, NC	12.5	9/27	Hope Valley CC, Durham, NC	5.5			
Hasentree Club, Wake Forest, NC	9.5	9/14	Coharie CC, Clinton, NC	8.5			
Gates Four CC, Fayetteville, NC	5.0	9/21	Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC	13.0			
Riverwood GC, Clayton, NC		10/5	Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC				
	Sou	th					
Rolling Hills CC, <i>Monroe, NC</i>	5.0	9/7	Emerald Lake GC, Matthews, NC	13.0			
Creek GC, Charlotte, NC	12.0	9/28	Emerald Lake GC, Matthews, NC	6.0			
River Run G &CC #1, Davidson, NC	5.0	9/28	Verdict Ridge, Denver, NC	13.0			
River Hills CC, <i>Lake Wylie,</i> SC	10.5	9/27	Fort Mill GC, Fort Mill, SC	7.5			
Monroe CC, <i>Monroe, NC</i>	9.0	9/20	Cabarrus CC #1, Concord, NC	9*			
Raintree CC #2, Charlotte, NC	9.0	9/27	Cabarrus CC #1, Concord, NC	9*			
	South	West					
Palisades CC #2, Charlotte, NC	6.5	9/7	Links at Stoney Point, Greenwood, SC	11.5			
Raintree CC #1, Charlotte, NC	11.0	9/28	Links at Stoney Point, Greenwood, SC	7.0			

River Run G & CC #2, Davidson, NC	6.5	9/28	Tega Cay GC, <i>Tega Cay,</i> SC	11.5
Members Club @ Woodcreek, Columbia, SC	11.0	9/14	Club @ Longview, Waxhaw, NC	7.0
Gaston CC, Gastonia, NC	6.5	9/27	Golf Club at Cedar Creek, Aiken, SC	11.5
Rock Hill CC, <i>Rock Hill,</i> SC	11.5	10/5	Golf Club at Cedar Creek, Aiken, SC	6.5

* won in a playoff

Sweet 16					
Visiting Club		Date	Host Club		
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Falls Village GC, <i>Durham, NC</i>	8.0	10/19	Pine Hollow GC, Clayton, NC	10.0	
New River CC (@ High Meadows) CC, Sparta, NC	7.5	10/19	Maple Chase CC, Winston Salem, NC	10.5	
	North	East	·	•	
Highland CC, <i>Fayetteville, NC</i>	15.0	10/12	Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs, NC	3.0	
Hasentree Club, Wake Forest, NC	6.0	10/12	Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC	12.0	
	Sou	th	· · · · ·	•	
Creek GC, Charlotte, NC	9.5	10/12	Verdict Ridge, Denver, NC	8.5	
River Hills CC, Lake Wylie, SC	9	10/18	Cabarrus CC #1, Concord, NC	9 *	
	South	West		•	
Links at Stoney Point, Greenwood, SC	2.5	10/12	Tega Cay GC, <i>Tega Cay,</i> SC	15.5	
Members Club @ Woodcreek, Columbia, SC	6.5	10/25	Rock Hill CC, Rock Hill, SC	11.5	

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Regional-Finals						
Visiting Club		<u>Date</u>	Host Club			
North						
Maple Chase CC, Winston Salem, NC	10.5	11/2	Pine Hollow GC, Clayton, NC	7.5		
North East						
Highland CC, Fayetteville, NC	7.5	10/26	Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC	10.5		

South					
Creek GC, Charlotte, NC	11.5	11/1	Cabarrus CC #1, Concord, NC	6.5	
South West					
Rock Hill CC, Rock Hill, SC	11.0	11/8	Tega Cay GC, <i>Tega Cay,</i> SC	7.0	

Semi-Finals				
Visiting Club		Date	Host Club	
North			North East	
Maple Chase CC, Winston Salem, NC	7.5	11/16	Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC	10.5
South			South West	
Creek GC, Charlotte, NC	10.0	11/15	Rock Hill CC, Rock Hill, SC	8.0

Championship Finals					
Visiting Club		Date	Host Club		
South			North East		
Creek GC, Charlotte, NC	14.0	11/23	Willow Springs CC, Wilson, NC	10.0	

2014 Carolinas Interclub Playoff Bracket

