



49th CHAMPIONS CUP INVITATIONAL

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Texans Lead First Round of Champions Cup Invitational

Trey Wilkinson and Eric Otness, both of Houston, Texas, teamed together to fire a sizzling seven under par 64 to claim first round leadership of the 49th annual Champions Cup Invitational, held annually at Champions Golf Club.

Carding five birdies and one eagle on the difficult 7,003-yard, par 71 Jackrabbit Course, was enough for the team to post a one shot lead over two other teams. The eagle came on the twelfth hole a 380-yard par-4, in which Wilkinson stuffed a 126-yard pitching wedge into a tricky hole location on the water framed green complex.

John Hunter and Brad Segreto, both of Houston, Texas, Jeff Calloway and Ben Dupont from Louisiana, and Matt Cordell and Bryant Lach of Tomball, Texas are tied for second with 65's.

56 two man teams, from 18 states and Japan are competing in the 2016 event. The competitors in various USGA national championships load the field with top amateur golfing talent that included over 200 appearances. The average handicaps of the 112 players are +2.1 strokes per round. Average team score for day one was 70.75, just slightly under par.

Jack Burke, owner of Champions and 1956 Masters and PGA Champions advised "the Jackrabbit course is an extremely difficult test of golf and is truly testing all the players to their golf course management skills. Once the wind kicks up and starts swirling around the golf course, the golfers are really going to have to be precise with their shots or face severe consequences>

This 49th annual event is being held Champions Jackrabbit Course, which has hosted multiple USGA, Sectional and Texas events over the years. Originally constructed in 1964 by George Fazio and completely renovated by Tom Fazio in 2002. The Jack Rabbit course has been consistently rated as one of the top courses in Houston and ranked among the best in Texas. The 7,003-yard, par 71 layout offers a true test of golf, demanding a variety of shots and ultimate precision.

Round Two is scheduled for Friday, and the tournament is scheduled to complete on Sunday afternoon.