



50th CHAMPIONS CUP INVITATIONAL

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Champions Golf Club

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Second Round of Champions Cup Invitational

Louisiana Team takes lead with strong second round at 50th Champions Cup Invitational

Derek Busby / John Talley, claiming home from St. Martinsville & Ruston, LA, carded a very clean and precise round of five under par 66, featured 13 pars and five birdies, allowing them to take a one-shot lead at the 36-hole midway point of the 50th Champions Cup Invitational. Their five birdies were sprinkled throughout their round during their steady second round play.

The Busby/Talley teams 36-hole total of 132, 10 under par leads fifty-five other USA and International teams, held on the extremely difficult 7,450-yard, par 71 Cypress Creek Course at Champions Golf Club.

The second round, which was played in blustery and swirling southeast winds swirling at 20-30 mph throughout the round, created havoc for the field, challenging all teams to rely on their short games and putting to survive the windy conditions.

Houston team of Bryant Lach and Matt Cordell matched the leaders second round scorecard, also shooting a very nifty second round score of five under par 66 for a 36-hole total of 133, nine-under par. Lach and Cordell, both members of the host Champions Golf Club, recorded five birdies and no bogies. Their birdies came in bunches with back to back birdies on par four eighth hole and the par five ninth hole, and three birdies in a row on the back nine on the par five 13th and the par four 14th and 15th hole.

Chasing the leaders at 134, 8 under par, is the New York team of Darin Goldstein and Trevor Randolph who posted a second-round score of four under par 67 featuring four birdies and no bogies.

Three strokes behind at 135, 7 under par, is the team of Kevin Herman (Powell, Tennessee) and Craig Junio (Las Vegas, NV.). Their four under par second round score of 67, featured four birdies and a zero bogies.

Fifty-Six two-man mid-am teams, from 18 states, Japan and Scotland are competing in the 2016 event. The field is loaded with top amateur golfing talent that included over 400 appearances by the competitors in various USGA national championships. Average handicaps of the 112 players is +2.9 strokes per round. Average team score for day two was 70.37, compared to day one average score of 70.75, just slightly under the par 71 for the course.

Jack Burke, owner of Champions and 1956 Masters and PGA Champions advised the Cypress Creek 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. And the large greens put a real premium on solid putting”.



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This 50th annual event is being held Champions Cypress Creek Course, which has hosted multiple USGA, Sectional and Texas events over the years. Included on that list include the Ryder Cup, US Open, Five Tour Championships, US Amateur, and will play host to the 2020 USGA Women's Open.

Round Three is scheduled for Saturday with tee times beginning at 8:30am. The tournament is scheduled to complete at Champions Golf Club on Sunday afternoon.