



HOUSTON, TX (April 7, 2018) - Craig Laurie and DeVaughn Robinson, from Houston, Texas carded a very clean, aggressive, and precise round of 5-under 66, featuring six birdies and one solo bogey, allowing them to take a one-shot lead at the 36-hole midway point of the 51st Champions Cup Invitational at the prestigious Champions Golf Club. Their six birdies were sprinkled throughout their round during their steady second round play.

The Laurie and Robinson team's 36-hole total of 132, 10-under-par leads fifty other USA and International teams, held on the extremely challenging and difficult 7,450-yard, par 71 Cypress Creek Course at Champions.

The second round, which was played in blustery and swirling northwest 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 Bart Worthing and Jason Coffin, the first-round leaders, shot their second consecutive sub-par round for a 36-hole total of 133, 9-under-par.

Chasing the leaders at 134, 8-under-par, is the Louisiana team of Dustin Harris and Felipe Del Solar who posted a solid second-round score of 2-under 69.

Three strokes behind at 135, 7-under-par, is the Houston team of Gary and Eric Durbin. Their 1=-under score of 70, keeps them in the hunt for the top of the leaderboard going into the third round on Saturday.

Fifty-one two-man mid-am teams, from 25 states, and Canada are competing in the 2018 event. The field is loaded with top amateur golfing talent that included over 800 appearances by the competitors in various USGA national championships. Average handicaps of the 102 players is +3.1 strokes per round while the average team score for day two was 69.45, compared to day one average score of 70, just slightly under the par 71 for the course.

Jack Burke, owner of Champions and 1956 Masters and 1956 PGA Championships, advised that the Cypress Creek course is an extremely difficult test of golf and is truly testing all the players with their golf course management skills.

Burke commented, "Once the wind kicks up and starts swirling around this golf course with our abundance of tall pine trees, the golfers are really going to have to be precise with their shots or face severe consequences. And the large greens, running 13 on the stimp meter, really put a premium on solid putting."

This 51st 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 Four 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.