



# CHAMPIONS' CHAMPIONS

Jack Burke Jr. and the members of Champions Golf Club congratulate **Bryant Lach & Matt Cordell** on winning the 50th Champions Cup Invitational

# Cordell, Lach Win Blustery Champions Cup

**HOUSTON, TEXAS** | It seemed fitting that a pair of Champions Golf Club members would win the prestigious Champions Cup Invitational on the 50th anniversary of the tournament founded by legends Jackie Burke and Jimmy Demaret.

They had to go an extra hole to get it done, but the team of Matt Cordell and Bryant Lach prevailed in their third attempt as partners in this event by posting a final-round 67 on Champions' Cypress Creek course and then winning a playoff against Derek Busby and John Talley. Both teams finished

at 18-under 266.

Cordell and Lach began the final round three shots behind Busby and Talley, who led or shared the lead after each of the first three rounds. However, things went sideways quickly for the third-round leaders, as they bogeyed the first two holes and let Cordell and Lach back in the game.

Busby and Talley trailed on the 72nd tee, but Busby's birdie on the last sent the duel into overtime. Cordell birdied the first playoff hole as Busby's magic ran out; he missed a 6-footer that would have extended the match.

Fifty-six two-man mid-amateur teams from 18 states, Japan and Scotland competed in this year's event amid swirling winds as high as 30 mph during the week. The field had more than 400 collective appearances in USGA national championships, and the average handicap for the 112 players was plus-2.9.

## **RESULTS**

### **CAREY CHALLENGE CUP TEAM NAMED**

The Metropolitan (New York) Golf Association named its team for the biennial Gov. Hugh L. Carey Challenge Cup last week. Six of the Met area's

top amateur competitors will square off May 16-18 at Galway Bay Resort in Oranmore, Ireland, against a team representing the Golfing Union of Ireland.

Though the GUI prevailed in the 2015 meeting at Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, N.J., the MGA will be eyeing its third victory in the past four matches, having won in 2011 and again in 2013, which marked the MGA's first victory on foreign soil. The Walker Cup-style competition features foursomes and four-ball matches on the first day of competition and concludes with singles matches on the second day.

This year's team includes: Tyler Cline, 23, of the Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park, N.Y.; Darin Goldstein, 35, of Noyac Golf Club in Sag Harbor, N.Y.; Stewart Hagestad, 26, of Deepdale Golf Club in Manhasset, N.Y.; Brian Komline, 43, of Black Oak Golf Club in Long Valley, N.J.; Ethan Ng, 17, of Fiddler's Elbow in Bedminster, N.J.; and Trevor Randolph, 44, of Arcola Country Club in Paramus, N.J.

All but Ng will also compete in the Irish Open Amateur at Royal County Down before the Carey Cup.

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