

1st Annual Sheridan-Deerwood Challenge

October 7, 2012 – The Sheridan Park Men’s Golf Club narrowly defeated the Deerwood Men’s Golf Club 16½ to 15½ in the first Sheridan-Deerwood Challenge played at Sheridan. This new annual event will rotate between courses and be played next year at Deerwood.

16 players from each Club were pitted against one another in a unique Match Play format. The 1st 6 holes were 2-Man Best Ball, the next 6 were Alternate Shot, and the final 6 holes were two individual Match Play contests – with a total of four points available in each match.

Glen Gast and Jeff Frey got Sheridan off to an early lead but Deerwood roared back to take a commanding 15½ to 12½ lead into the final match. In a dramatic finish, with all event participants and several other Sheridan Club members surrounding the 18th green, Sheridan’s Vince Puglia Jr and Dan Misko swept the final four points to give Sheridan a stunning, come from behind victory.



From left: Steve Santa Maria, Jay Robbins, Mike Zimmer, Vince Puglia Jr, Dan Misko, Glen Gast, Jeff Frey, Dave Morgante, Jim Duggan, Jim Schreckenberger, Doug Mack, Larry Noonan, Norm Nieminen, Joe Gugino, and Don Minderler. (Tom Wilson was absent from photo)

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Individual match results were as follows:

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GROUP	HOLES #1 - #6 BEST BALL	HOLES #7 - #12 ALTERNATE SHOT	HOLES #13 - #18 SINGLES	HOLES #13 - #18 SINGLES
9:04 AA	MATCH #1 1UP Gast & Frey VS. Czosek & Hawley	MATCH #2 3&1 Gast & Frey VS. Czosek & Hawley	MATCH #3 Gast VS. Czosek 2&1	MATCH #4 Frey VS. Hawley AS
9:12 A	MATCH #5 Gugino & Morgante VS. Lewis & Smith 2&1	MATCH #6 3&2 Gugino & Morgante VS. Lewis & Smith	MATCH #7 Morgante VS. Smith 1UP	MATCH #8 2&1 Gugino VS. Lewis
9:20 A	MATCH #9 2UP Robbins & Wilson VS. Lumley & Glichowski	MATCH #10 Robbins & Wilson VS. Lumley & Glichowski 1UP	MATCH #11 Robbins VS. Lumley 3&1	MATCH #12 Wilson VS. Glichowski AS
9:28 B	MATCH #13 Zimmer & Nieminen VS. Ryder & Billman 3&1	MATCH #14 2&1 Zimmer & Nieminen VS. Ryder & Billman	MATCH #15 2&1 Zimmer VS. Ryder	MATCH #16 Nieminen VS. Billman 1UP

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9:36 B	MATCH #17 Minderler & Duggan VS. Vickerd & Rexinger 3&2	MATCH #18 Minderler & Duggan VS. Vickerd & Rexinger 1UP	MATCH #19 2&1 Minderler VS. Vickerd	MATCH #20 Duggan VS. Rexinger AS
9:44 C	MATCH #21 Schreckenberger & Noonan VS. Marquis & Tuohy AS	MATCH #22 Schreckenberger & Noonan VS. Marquis & Tuohy 2UP	MATCH #23 Schreckenberger VS. Marquis 2UP	MATCH #24 1UP Noonan VS. Tuohy
9:52 C	MATCH #25 Santa Maria & Mack VS. Miranto & Castiglione AS	MATCH #26 Santa Maria & Mack VS. Miranto & Castiglione 2&1	MATCH #27 Santa Maria VS. Miranto 3&2	MATCH #28 3&1 Mack VS. Castiglione
10:00 AA	MATCH #29 2&1 Puglia & Misko VS. Lonczak & Sullivan	MATCH #30 3&2 Puglia & Misko VS. Lonczak & Sullivan	MATCH #31 1UP Misko VS. Sullivan	MATCH #32 3&2 Puglia VS. Lonczak

This new event resulted from a friendly challenge from the Deerwood Club early this year. Since neither Club had budgeted money for this event, we sought out sponsors which allowed us to hold this event without using any money from our Club's treasury.

We were very fortunate to get two sponsors for the event - Kronies Bar and Grill in Tonawanda (which is also a sponsor of our Club) and The Fairways Restaurant and Bar at Deerwood. These sponsors shared the cost of the trophy that is awarded to the winning club each year and stays in their clubhouse until next year's event. Once we have this year's results engraved on the trophy, it will be put into the Trophy Case in the Sheridan Clubhouse.

Sheridan's team consisted of a few individuals who organized the event, a few that were instrumental in getting the idea off the ground, and the rest were picked based on the order of finish in our key tournaments – most prominently those who went deep in the President's Cup. We pick Sheridan's team for the Director's Cup match against Brighton based on order of finish in our Club Championship, so we did this differently to allow more members the opportunity to participate in these late-season events.