

44th Annual Dekalb Cup

September 3rd & 4th, 2011

The final stroke of the 2011 Dekalb Cup was a slippery, downhill, sidehill, six-and-a-half foot birdie putt that slithered into the cup on the second hole of the blue-tee shootout. Chick Berry dashed the hopes of the other four, two-man teams that had made it to the second hole. Jim Carleson, Chick's perennial partner-in-crime, was overheard saying, "I'm gonna need a bigger wallet". Chick and Jim had just put the finishing touches on a weekend that would net each man well over four figures in winnings for three days of work.

Unfortunately, the "Berry-Carleson Show" overshadowed the stellar play of the 2011 Dekalb Cup Champions, Mike Lott and Frank Webster. Mike and Frank navigated the newly irrigated 6,700 yards of pristine bermuda at 6094 Shadow Rock Drive in an unbelievable 14-under par score of 130. Chick and Jim were one shot behind at 131, powered by an unofficial course record tying, 63, fired on Sunday by the aforementioned Mr. Berry. Chick wouldn't comment on his round afterward as he was trying to avoid the dozen or so I.R.S. agents that were stationed at the exits.

This year's edition of the annual Dekalb Cup was organized by the MVGA with the help of John Crumbley and his staff at Mystery Valley golf course. Buddy Stacy, Gary Brinker, Nazar Din, Jimmy Mann, Dick Gillespie, Doug Chambers and a host of volunteers came together to make this year's tournament a great success. The weather cooperated for the most part and the golf course was in

arguably the best condition of any of the former Cup tournaments. Chet Frazier and his maintenance staff did a fabulous job of preparing the golf course, which for the first time ever, set-up the 15th hole, 408 yard par-four as a 330 yard, driveable par-four. Kudos to all of the men and women who made this years event memorable.

The Cup, as always, begins on the Friday before Labor Day with an 18-hole Super Skins game. This year there were only two skins which were worth \$600 apiece. Chick, not surprisingly, eagled the first hole, while his partner, Jim, birdied the fourth hole, to win the only skins of the day. The Super Skins game was followed by the annual Rick Wigbels Long-Drive Contest. The 2011 winner was Greg Whatley, with a blast of titanium and surlyn covering 333 yards of the earth's surface. Greg edged out MVGA member Devon Walker who had a blast of 330 yards himself. The Friday evening putting contest was won by Michael Slocum Jr., and his Cup partner, Marc Desisto won the chipping contest.

This year's Cup was made up of five flights with two of the flights being contested by net-scores. The Marty Wade flight, played from the gold-tees, was won by Dick Gillespie and Ed Tomblin who turned in an impressive 36 hole total of 125. The Second Flight, also net scores but played from the white-tees, was won by Dave Rouzer and Rick Mayo. Dave and Rick needed only 128 strokes to complete their mission. The First Flight, white-tees and gross scores, was won by Allen House and his partner, Chuck Conrose. Their 36-hole gross score of 140 was enough to edge out MVGA members Sunnie Singh and Steve Niager who came in at 142.

The Championship-B flight, blue tees and gross scoring, wasn't

even close as Mike Lott and Frank Webster shot a Dekalb Cup Championship score of 130. This was the second year in a row that the Cup champions came out of the Championship-B flight. Mike and Frank won their flight by seven strokes and the championship by one. As was mentioned earlier, Chick Berry and Jim Carleson won the Championship-A flight by three strokes. The following is a list of the flight winners:

First place in each flight paid \$800 per team.

Second place paid \$600 per team.

Third place paid \$400 per team.

Low Round on Sunday paid \$100 per team.

Championship-A

Chick Berry and Jim Carleson...130, first place.

Darius Hodge and Donnie Ryland...134, tie, second.

Jimmy Stewart and Greg Whatley...134, tie, second.

Frank Remmes and Mark Sweeney...67, low round, Sunday.

Championship-B

Mike Lott and Frank Webster...130, first place.

Devon Walker and Cornilius Redo...137, second.

David Sweeting and John Minkley...138, third.

Dave Oster and Ryan Pearcy...66, low round, Sunday.

First Flight

Allen House and Chuck Conrose...140, first place.

Sunnie Singh and Steve Niager...142, second.

Stacy Cochran and Mike Slocum...143, third.

George Sigetti and Tom Cirigliano...72, low round, Sun., tie.

Wes Aikens and Tim Lester...72, low round, Sun., tie.

Second Flight

Dave Rouzer and Rick Mayo...128 net, first place.

Mike Hopper and Jimmy Mann...130 net, second.

Scott Ewerth and Dave Underwood...133 net, tie third.

Greg Cochran and Ivy Cromer...133 net, tie third.

Mark Harmon and Simeon Smith...69 net, low round Sun.

Marty Wade Flight, Gold-Tees.

Dick Gillespie and Ed Tomblin...125 net, first place.

Jack Spivey and Richard Haines...130 net, tie second.

Bill Hendry and Bob Manning...130 net, tie second.

Cesare Matrundola and Bill Potter...69 net, low round Sun.

Blue-Tee Shootout

Chick Berry and Jim Carleson, birdie on second hole.

White-Tee Shootout

Mike Slocum and Stacy Cochran, birdie on first hole.

Closest-to-the-pin.

#2 Saturday, Dave Martin, 2'8". Sunday, John Mendoza, 1'7".

#4 Sat., No winner. Sunday, carryover, Steve Niager, 5'3".

#11 Sat., Frank Webster, 13'2.5". Sun., Greg Whatley, 11'9.5".

#16 Sat., Barney Tucker, 3'5". Sun., Donnie Ryland, 3'6".

On behalf of the MVGA,

Richie Gillespie, Secretary, 2011.