

Team Championship

Oct 6 - Oct 7, 2007

Juniper Golf Club

TEAM BROADMOOR TAKES LEAD AT OGA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

With an Even par 216, the first round lead is held by the Broadmoor team. The team is lead by Jeff Gustafson of Portland, Ore. who shot a 3-under par 69 to take low individual honors among all competitors. He is joined on the team by Patrick O'Donnell of Portland, Ore. who was also under par for the day and John DeLong of Beaverton, Ore. who rounded out the team's qualifying scores with a 76.

Columbia Edgewater's #1 team is just three strokes off the pace, and Pumpkin Ridge's #1 team is another stroke back.

The Team Championship has been in existence since 1927. In the first 25 years of the event, from 1927 to 1953, Alderwood CC won the event an incredible 19 times. Alderwood ceased to exist when Portland's International Airport was built.

COLUMBIA EDGEWATER CAPTURES ANOTHER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Columbia Edgewater has long been recognized for having the best amateur golfers in the region with more than 100 single-digit handicap players. They have dominated this event since 1941, now winning the championship 28 times. The club selects and seeds its players based on performance points earned in OGA and club events.

On the first day of competition, the team from Broadmoor finished with a three stroke lead over Columbia Edgewater. A team meeting prior to the today's round set the strategy for the players to play conservatively so that their opponents would be forced to go for pins and score low.

Unfortunately, this approach proved a bit too conservative as Pat O'Donnell and Jeff Gustafson of Portland, Ore., the team's low scorers in the first round, added 8-strokes to their first round totals. This opened the door for the more consistent Columbia team who improved their first round score by 1-stroke. The 9-stroke difference was enough to propel Columbia Edgewater to a 2-stroke victory.

Columbia's team was comprised of Cody Upham of Vancouver, Wash., Bill Winter of Portland, Ore., Chris Holzgang of Tigard, Ore. and Randy Mahar of Portland, Ore. Both Winter and Holzgang were on last year's championship team.

The Team Championship is a 36-hole gross stroke play event where the team score is computed using the best three individual scores from each 4-player team each day.