

May 22, 2022 --- Haymarket, Virginia. Evergreen Country Club won the Northern Virginia Spring A-Team competition over the River Creek Club by the slimmest of margins with a final score of 9.5 to 8.5. The A-Team competition has been conducted since 1971 every year except for 1993 and 2020 which makes 2022 the 50th year of this event. A-Team matches are played in a 4-ball match play format from the championship tees at scratch using 12 man teams; half the team plays on the home course and the other half of the team plays at the opponent's course. The scoring is a Nassau format --- 1 point for the front nine, 1 point for the back nine, and 1 point for winning the entire 18 holes. There are 9 points possible at each course.

Results of the matches at Evergreen CC:



L-R: Mike Johnston and Chuck Moline (Evergreen) vs. Kraig Roberts and Mike Ganley (River Creek)

Match 1: Mike and Chuck (Evergreen) won #3 with par and #4 with Mike's birdie, lost the par 5 #6 to Kraig's birdie and tied the remaining holes on the first nine to win the front nine 1-up. After losing #10 to par, Kraig and Mike (River Creek) rallied to win #12 with par, #15 with Kraig's birdie, and #17 with par to win the back side 2-up and win the 18 1-up. Result EV 1 RC 2



L-R: Bobby Holupka and James Slowinski (Evergreen) vs. Scott McGuiney and Rock Cartwright (River Creek)

Match 2: River Creek took the lead on #2 with Rock's birdie, lost #5 to par but won #6 with birdies to regain the lead. After winning #8 with par to take a 2-up lead, Evergreen bounced back with birdies to win #9 and lose the front nine 1-down. Evergreen took control of the back nine winning #10 with par, #13 with James' birdie, lost #15 with par but rallied to win #17 with par to close out the back 2 and 1. Result: EV 2 RC 1



L-R: Todd Cowling and Charlie Niland (Evergreen) vs. Harold Dill and Scott Heon (River Creek)

Match 3: Evergreen won #1 with par but lost #2 to par; the match stayed even until Evergreen won #6 with Charlie's birdie and held on with ties on the last 3 holes resulting in Evergreen winning the front nine 1-up. Evergreen dominated the back nine winning #10 with par, #11 with Todd's birdie, #14 with Charlie's birdie, and #15 with Todd's birdie to go 3-under par on the back and close out the nine 4 & 3. Result: EV 3 RC 0

Score at Evergreen CC: EV 6 RC 3

Results of the matches at River Creek:



L-R: Justin Grossman (Pro) and Stosh Fry (River Creek) vs. Mark Vandegrift and Alex Morriss (Pro) (Evergreen)

Match 1: Evergreen won #1 and #7 with par to go 2-up but lost #8 to Stosh's birdie and #9 to par and fell back into a tie on the front nine. River Creek won #10 with Justin's birdie but Evergreen bounced back with Mark's birdies on #11 and #12 to put Evergreen 1-up on the back. Stosh birdied #15 to even up the back nine, and both River Creek players parred to win #16 and put River Creek 1-up on the back. With the last two hole tied, River Creek won the back nine and 18 1-up. Result: EV ½ RC 2 ½



L-R: Adam Farry (River Creek), Shannon Smith (Evergreen), Francesco Romano (Evergreen) and Dave Crew (River Creek)

Match 2: Evergreen jumped to a big lead winning #1 with par, #2 with Francesco's birdie and #4 with Francesco's eagle. They were 3-up through #6 but River Creek rallied with Dave's birdie on #7 and Adam's birdie on #8 to close the gap with Evergreen winning the front nine 1-up. On the back nine each side won two holes to end up in a tie. Result: EV 2 ½ RC ½

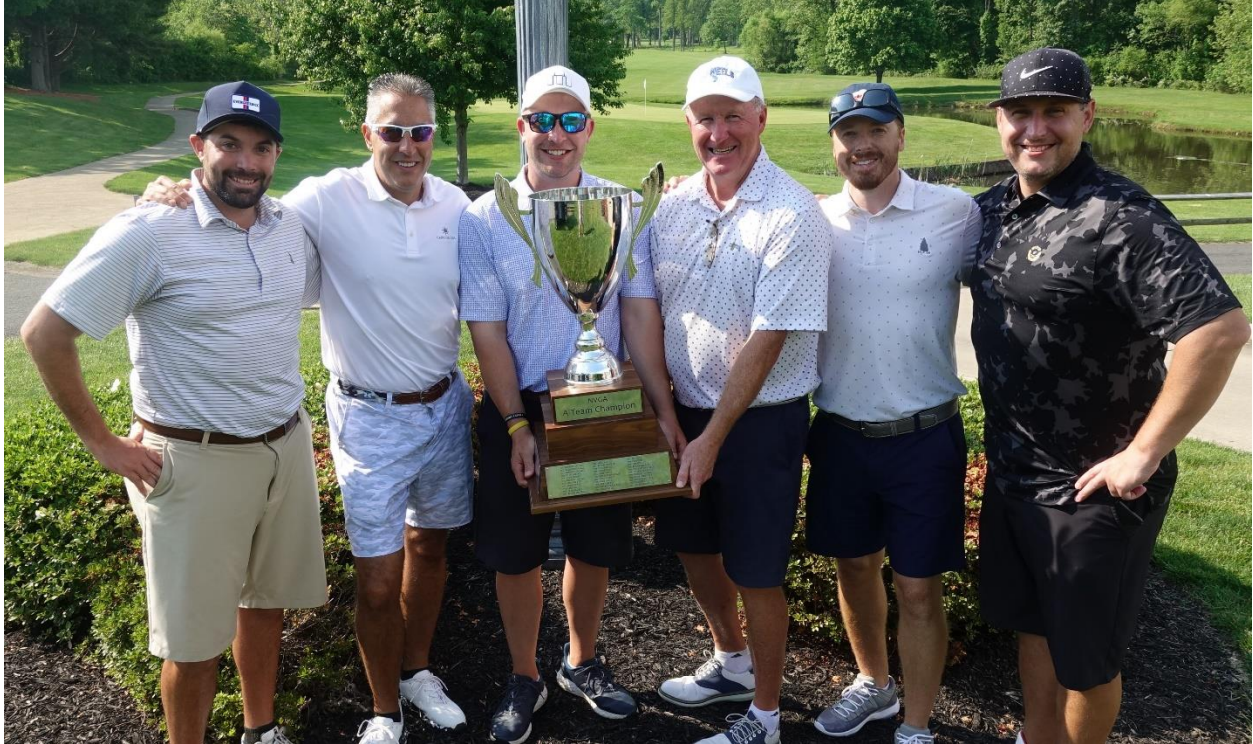


L-R: Dave Prokop and Jeff Long (Evergreen) vs. Nick Schrider and Jason Richards (River Creek)

Match 3: River Creek won #3 and #5 with Jason's birdies and #9 with Nick's birdie to win the front nine 3-up. The back nine was tight throughout with holes traded back and forth until all square through #14 and the remaining four holes also tied. Result: EV ½ RC 2 ½

Score at River Creek: EV 3 ½ RC 5 ½

Congratulations to Evergreen Country Club on their win of the 2022 Northern Virginia Spring A-Team competition! This is Evergreen's second victory in this tournament having previously won the A-Team title in 2010.



L-R: Todd Cowling, Chuck Moline, Charlie Niland, Mike Johnston, James Slowinski, and Bobby Holupka (Evergreen CC players at home with the NVGA A-Team Trophy)