

## 2022 Potomac Challenge Summary

At Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax, VA --- The Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland (FSSGAM) team scored a decisive 23-7 victory over the Northern Virginia Golf Association (NVGA) Seniors team in the annual Potomac Challenge team competition completed on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Fairfax, Virginia campus of Army Navy Country Club. The Maryland team had lost the previous year's match on their own soil at Fountain Head Country Club in Hagerstown, MD by a score of 11-19. Determined to win back the James E. Bradley Memorial Trophy the Maryland team assembled a very strong team of players that dominated all four formats over the two-day competition.

This was the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Potomac Challenge team competition which consists of 12-man teams (10 seniors age 55+ and 2 super-seniors age 70+) that play four nine-hole formats over two days. Day 1 includes six 9-hole 4-ball matches and six 9-hole modified foursome matches (select drive, then alternate shot). Day 2 includes six 9-hole select shot matches followed by twelve 9-hole singles matches.

### Day 1 Summary



Match #1 Tom Grem and Barry Flaer (MD) vs. Ron Cornelison and Lynn Wessman (VA)

Grem / Flaer win the 4-ball match and rally with a birdie on #18 to score a tie in the 4some match.

Result: MD 1 ½ VA ½



Match #2: Lee Flemister and Carter Steuart (MD) vs. Mike Howell and Ron Clatterbuck (VA)

Flemister / Steuart win the 4-ball match and tie the 4some match. Result: MD 1 ½ VA ½



Match #3: Pete DeTemple and Bill Jenner (MD) vs. David Price and Dave Sharpe (VA)

Price / Sharpe win the 4ball match and DeTemple and Jenner win the 4some match. Result: MD 1 VA 1



Match #4: Tom Winegardner and Chuck Winegardner (MD) vs. Dave Prokop and Richard Lion (VA)

Tom and Chuck Winegardner tie the 4ball match and win the 4some match. Result: MD 1 ½ VA ½



Match #5: Vance Welch and Michael Gardner (MD) vs. Mark Boedicker and Mark Rallas (VA)

Boedicker / Rallas win the 4ball match and Welch / Gardner win the 4some match. Result: MD 1 VA 1



Match #6: Craig Ostrom and Steve Block (MD) vs. Blair Semple and Mike Nicewarner (VA)

Ostrom and Block win both the 4ball and 4some matches. Result: MD 2 VA 0

Maryland wins the 4-ball matches  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and dominates in the 4some matches winning 5 to 1. After the first day of competition Maryland has a  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  point lead.

The Virginia team needs a big rally on the second day which fails to materialize. Maryland wins the select shot matches  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and completely dominates the singles matches 10 to 2.

The final score was Maryland 23 Virginia 7. Congratulations to the Maryland team for a great performance in the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Potomac Challenge!

We would like to give our thanks to Army Navy Country Club, its members, Director of Golf Brad Myer, PGA, Head Golf Professional (FFX) Tyler Tucker, PGA and their staff for their support and hospitality, and Michael Palamara Director of Fairfax Clubhouse Operations for the excellent lunches provided to the players.

Mark Boedicker (Captain) and Lynn Wessman (Co-Captain)

