

Jacob Peel and Suneil Peruvemba win 2023 Northern Virginia Fourball Championship

Congratulations to the team of Jacob Peel and Suneil Peruvemba for winning the 2023 Northern Virginia Fourball championship at The Piedmont Club, Haymarket, VA, June 12, 2023. They birdied the par 5 18th hole to break out of a 3-way tie and win the tournament by 1 shot with a score of 8-under par 64. The teams of Kevin Dillard and Chris Ironroad (Army Navy CC) and Dave Dustin and Matt Cocorikis (Ft. Belvoir) finished in a tie for second place with scores of 7-under par 65. This is the second runner-up finish in a row for Dillard and Ironroad after having lost in a playoff to Defending Champions, Payne Dudley and Larry Spielberg, in the previous tournament.

Several teams got off to a hot start on the front nine. The team of Trey Treadwell (Piedmont Club) and Travis Benson (Trump National) jumped out to an early lead with a 5-under par 31 on the front nine, which was matched by Peel and Peruvemba. Dustin and Cocorikis turned in 32, with Dillard and Ironroad and the team of Tyler and Justin Wingo at 34s, respectively.

Then the rains came; a steady, continuous, sometimes hard, shower throughout everyone's back nine.

Treadwell and Benson hit a rough stretch with bogeys on holes 13, 14 and 15 to fall back to 2-under par to finish in a tie for 6th place.

Peel and Peruvemba birdied the par 4 11th and par 4 15th to go to seven under. Dillard and Ironroad caught fire on the back nine, starting the side with four birdies in a row to get them to 6-under par through 15. Dustin and Cocorikis birdied 11 and 12, but bogeyed 14 to put them at five under after 15. The WIngos couldn't get anything going on the back nine, making bogey at 13 and birdie at 15 to keep them at -2 after 15.

So, the tournament became a three-horse race with three holes to play, with Peel and Peruvemba at -7, Dillard and Ironroad at -6, and Dustin and Cocorikis at -5.

All three teams parred the challenging par 3 16th.

Dustin and Cocorikis birdied the long and treacherous 17th to get to -6 with Dillard and Ironroad, after Dillard and Ironroad parred 17. Peel and Peruvemba also parred 17 to stay at -7.

Dillard was able to reach the par 5 18th hole in two shots from the far right rough and over some trees for a 2-putt birdie to get the team to 7-under par. Dustin and Cocorikis also birdied the reachable par 5 18th to put them in a three-way tie, at the time, at -7.

Knowing they needed a birdie on the 18th hole to win, Peruvemba reached the green in two shots with an iron from the right rough, about 190 yards away from the green. Peruvemba lagged his 40-footer to about 4 feet. After Peel missed his 20-foot birdie attempt, Peruvemba calmly sank his birdie putt to put the team at the winning score of 8-under par, avoiding a three-way playoff.

Dudley and Spielberg carded a 1-under par 71 in their valiant championship defense.

The Northern Virginia Golf Association wishes to thank Brian Logue, PGA, Head Golf Professional, and the entire staff of The Piedmont Club for their assistance in hosting the tournament. The golf course was in excellent condition having hosted its member-guest event the previous week.

We also wish to thank the teams that played in the event and look forward to the field growing in size in the future as we restarted the tournament after a 3-year hiatus.

Jon Zampedro (Chairman)

Richard Lion (Co-Chairman)



Suneil Peruvemba strokes in the winning putt on the 18th hole



Suneil Peruvemba, tournament Chairman Jon Zampedro, and Jacob Peel

