



The Golf Chronicles

The story of golf at Reading Country Club and in Berks County



It's handshakes all around as, from the left, Greg Galtere, Travis Peck, Chris Gallo and Matt Hadley share a moment at the conclusion of the three-hole playoff that decided the Findlay Cup. Tom Morgan, Reading Country Club Director of Golf, is at the far right.



Cece Findlay tees off in the first round of the Findlay Cup at Galen Hall Golf Club on May 16. She teamed with her husband, Rich. Coincidentally, the first round of the Findlay cup was played on Cece and Rich's 45 wedding anniversary.

Honoring the Father of American Golf

Fittingly, the first playing of the Findlay Cup was won at Reading Country Club on the third hole, described by Alexander Findlay as "...one of the nicest holes to play." That was surely the sentiment of Greg Galtere and Matt Hadley, who outlasted the duo of Chris Gallo and Travis Peck on the third playoff hole.

The Findlay Cup honors Mr. Findlay, considered the 'father of American golf.' The two-day competition was contested at Galen Hall Golf Club, Wernersville, Pa., and Reading Country Club, Reading, Pa., on May 16 and 17. These are among some 200 golf course Mr. Findlay designed and built in a career that began in the era of hickory shafts and carried on through steel shafted clubs.

After the first day at Galen Hall, the Galtere-Hadley team tied the Gallo-Peck team with a best-ball score of 71, one under par. The teams each shot 72, two over par, on Sunday at Reading.

The competitors included Rich Findlay, Alex Findlay's grandson, and his wife Cece. Rich Findlay maintains a web site dedicated to his grandfather's accomplishments, <http://alexanderfindlay.com/>

"The three-hole playoff provided an exciting conclusion to the Findlay Cup," said Tom Morgan, Director of Golf at RCC. "I am grateful to the players who participated in the event and would like to thank Rich and Cece for traveling from their Virginia home for the event. Having a Findlay in the tournament connects the storied history at both clubs to the game we love and honor."

Findlay Cup Leaderboard

Gross Division

Greg Galtere & Matt Hadley 71 + 72 = 143 (Winner of Playoff)

Chris Gallo & Travis Peck 71 + 72 = 143

Jeff Sauder & Jeff Schannauer 73 + 73 = 146*

Don Wenger & Bob Weitzel 71 + 75 = 146*

Rich Linkchorst & Graham Desmond 74 + 74 = 148*

Andrew Baker & Erik Goserud 73 + 75 = 148*

Net Division

Brian Vermeer & Bill Doganes 61 + 66 = 127

Brien Heisey & Jeff Heisey 68 + 60 = 128

Ben Burgess & Don Burhans 66 + 63 = 129*

Adam Zipko & Mark Stuckey 63 + 66 = 129*

Frank Falzone & Mike Walter 68 + 62 = 130

Jim Johnson & Steve Conrad 63 + 68 = 131

*Match of Cards

The Best of the Rest (Net)

Bryan Binkley & Bill Haas 66 + 66 = 132

Tom Walker & Bill Walker 69 + 64 = 133

Pete Peterson & Dave Stewart 65 + 68 = 133

Mike Koslosky & Butch Schannauer 69 + 72 = 141

Dave Bustard & Frank Heins 74 + 68 = 142

Richard & Cece Findlay 73 + 70 = 143

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Rich Findlay, right, chats with Greg Galtere, left, and Matt Hadley at the conclusion of the Findlay Cup on May 17, 2015, at Reading Country Club. The tournament honors Alex Findlay, Rich Findlay's grandfather, who is acclaimed as 'the father of America golf.' The Reading golf course is among more than 200 designed by Alex Findlay.

Rich presented Greg and Matt with a copy of the document to the right, which was given to his grandfather. The document, on Augusta National Golf Club letterhead, was signed by the competitors in the second Masters – known then as the Augusta National Invitational – played in 1935. The tournament became known as the Masters in 1939.

Joe Turnesa *Althea Jones* *Bob Jackson*

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Presented to Alexander H. Findlay by all the Players to the First Masters on his 70th Year