

2014 Hoffman Cup Matches

At beautifully prepared Knickerbocker Country Club, the four teams still standing in the 10th annual Red Hoffman Cup Matches squared off to determine which club in northern New Jersey fielded the strongest teams of 2014.

Black Oak Golf Club narrowly retained its grasp on the Red Hoffman Cup with a four-under par 209, holding off second place Manasquan River Golf Club by two shots. Paced by Patrick Bosworth and Todd Peluso's 67, Black Oak came out of the gate fast to hold onto the Hoffman Cup it first won in 2013. Spring Brook Country Club and Montclair Country Club rounded out the Finals.

David Glenz and partner John Olsen shot an excellent 68, making Black Oak the only club to post two under par scores. Manasquan River continues to improve its position in the Hoffman Cup every year. The team that won the most points over the event in match play came to win. Led by Brent Studer and Sean Farren's 67, the club almost captured the prize with a two-under 211. Captain Chris Housen's team will surely contend again next year.

Led by two teams at 71 (Tony Santillo / James Mongey III and Kevin Dunn / Mike Cherello), Spring Brook had a great showing in its first Finals in several years. Its total of 214 nipped fourth-place Montclair by three. A five-time Hoffman Cup Matches champion club, Montclair was paced by the duo of Mike Strlekar and Ty Zembrowski, who posted an excellent 67.

The Awards Reception included short remembrance by former New York Times sportswriter Dave Anderson, a Pulitzer Prize recipient and member of Knickerbocker. Dave regaled the players with some great stories about his long-time friend and colleague Red Hoffman.

Isabel Gonzales told the audience about the importance of The First Tee in her life. The high school junior credits The First Tee with providing her with many of the tools she uses to thrive, not only in golf, but in her young life. Hoffman Cup Matches Director Kevin Casey announced that the donations from the 2014 Hoffman Cup teams to the four First Tee Chapters in our region were still coming in, but had already reached \$20,000, far exceeding 2013's total of \$14,100.

2014's Hoffman Cup Matches featured 32 of the finest clubs in New Jersey, each competing to earn the title of "Champion." In sum, for the second year in a row, the refrain is "Hail to Black Oak!"

Recap of all 2014 HCM Results

The 2014 HCM Groups:

Group A: Black Oak GC, Ridgewood CC, Alpine CC, Bayonne GC

Group B: Montclair CC, The Ridge at Back Brook, Morris County CC, Roxiticus GC

Group C: Metedeconk National GC, Hackensack GC, Spring Brook CC, Navesink CC

Group D: Manasquan River GC, Trump National GC-Bedminster, Knickerbocker CC, Liberty National GC

Group E: Echo Lake CC, Mendham G&TC, Hamilton Farm GC, The Bedens Brook C

Group F: Fairmount CC, Plainfield CC, Canoe Brook CC, Rockaway River CC

Group G: Essex County CC, Essex Fells CC, Arcola CC, Upper Montclair CC

Group H: Baltusrol GC, Mountain Ridge CC, The Rock Spring C, Spring Lake GC

First Day of Matches, Saturday, April 26

Group	CLUB	PTS	vs	CLUB	PTS	CLUB	PTS	vs	CLUB	PTS
A	Black Oak	10	vs	Bayonne	2	Ridgewood	4.5	vs	Alpine	7.5
B	Montclair	6.5	vs	Roxiticus	5.5	Ridge at Back Brook	5	vs	Morris County	7
C	Metedeconk	4.5	vs	Navesink	7.5	Hackensack	4	vs	Spring Brook	8
D	Manasquan River	12	vs	Liberty National	0	Trump	3.5	vs	Knickerbocker	8.5
E	Echo Lake	5	vs	Bedens Brook	7	Mendham	7	vs	Hamilton Farm	5
F	Fairmount	7	vs	Rockaway River	5	Plainfield	8	vs	Canoe Brook	4
G	Essex County	4.5	vs	Upper Montclair	7.5	Essex Fells	3	vs	Arcola	9
H	Baltusrol	7	vs	Spring Lake	5	Mountain Ridge	8	vs	Rock Spring	4

Second Day of Matches, Sunday, April 27

Group	CLUB	PTS	vs	CLUB	PTS	CLUB	PTS	vs	CLUB	PTS
A	Black Oak	9	vs	Alpine	3	Ridgewood	2.5	vs	Bayonne	9.5
B	Montclair	10.5	vs	Morris County	1.5	Ridge at Back Brook	8	vs	Roxiticus	4
C	Metedeconk	4.5	vs	Spring Brook	7.5	Hackensack	4.5	vs	Navesink	7.5
D	Manasquan River	9.5	vs	Knickerbocker	2.5	Trump	8	vs	Liberty National	4
E	Echo Lake	7	vs	Hamilton Farm	5	Mendham	5	vs	Bedens Brook	7
F	Fairmount	7	vs	Canoe Brook	5	Plainfield	5	vs	Rockaway River	7
G	Essex County	6	vs	Arcola	6	Essex Fells	6.5	vs	Upper Montclair	5.5
H	Baltusrol	10	vs	Rock Spring	2	Mountain Ridge	5	vs	Spring Lake	7

Third Day of Matches, Saturday, May 3

Group	CLUB	PTS	vs	CLUB	PTS	CLUB	PTS	vs	CLUB	PTS
A	Black Oak	7	vs	Ridgewood	5	Alpine	1	vs	Bayonne	11
B	Montclair	9	vs	Ridge at Back Brook	3	Morris County	10	vs	Roxiticus	2
C	Metedeconk	7	vs	Hackensack	5	Spring Brook	10.5	vs	Navesink	1.5

D	Manasquan River	6	vs	Trump	6	Knickerbocker	9	vs	Liberty National	3
E	Echo Lake	6	vs	Mendham	6	Hamilton Farm	6.5	vs	Bedens Brook	5.5
F	Fairmount	4	vs	Plainfield	8	Canoe Brook	8.5	vs	Rockaway River	3.5
G	Essex County	7	vs	Essex Fells	5	Arcola	5.5	vs	Upper Montclair	6.5
H	Baltusrol	7	vs	Mountain Ridge	5	Rock Spring	3.5	vs	Spring Lake	8.5

Standings after Completion of Intragroup Play:

Group A: Black Oak-26; Bayonne-22.5; Ridgewood-12; Alpine-11.5;
Group B: Montclair-26; Morris County-18.5; Ridge at Back Brook-16; Roxiticus-11.5
Group C: Spring Brook-26; Navesink-16.5; Metedeconk-16; Hackensack-13.5
Group D: Manasquan River-27.5; Knickerbocker-20; Trump-17.5; Liberty National-7
Group E: Bedens Brook-19.5; Echo Lake-18; Mendham-18; ; Hamilton Farm-16.5
Group F: Plainfield-21; Fairmount-18; Canoe Brook-17.5; Rockaway River-15.5
Group G: Arcola-20.5; Upper Montclair-19.5; Essex County-17.5; Essex Fells-14.5
Group H: Baltusrol-24; Spring Lake-20.5; Mountain Ridge-18; Rock Spring-9.5

Semifinals, May 10:

Group A Winner: Black Oak GC (6)* **vs. Group H Winner:** Baltusrol GC (6)
Group B Winner: Montclair CC (7.5) **vs. Group G Winner:** Arcola CC (4.5)
Group C Winner: Spring Brook CC (8.5) **vs. Group F Winner:** Plainfield CC (3.5)
Group D Winner: Manasquan River GC (10) **vs. Group E Winner:** Bedens Brook C (2)

* = won match on tie breaker (most points won in intragroup play)

2014 Finalists -- Black Oak GC, Montclair CC, Spring Brook CC, Manasquan River GC

Finals Results -- May 17, 2014 at Knickerbocker CC

Knickerbocker CC: par 71, 6719 yards

Team Totals: 2014 Champion Club -- Black Oak Golf Club (209)
 2. Manasquan River Golf Club (211)
 3. Spring Brook Country Club (214)
 4. Montclair Country Club (217)

2014 Red Hoffman Cup Matches Finals

May 17, 2014

(Top 3 of club's 4 scores count)

Club	Players	Score
Black Oak #1	Todd Peluso / Patrick Bosworth	67*
Manasquan River #1	Brent Studer / Sean Farren	67*
Montclair #1	Mike Strlekar / Ty Zebrowski	67*
Black Oak #2	David Glenz / John Olsen	68*
Spring Brook #1	Tony Santillo / James Mongey III	71*
Spring Brook #2	Kevin Dunn / Mike Cherello	71*
Spring Brook #3	Steve Richter / Tom Collins	72*
Manasquan River #4	Ethan Wall / Chris Farren	72*
Manasquan River #2	Tom Hassel / Jim Noe	73*
Manasquan River #3	Bob Housen / Chris Housen	73
Black Oak #4	Justin Roscigno / John Driebe	74*
Black Oak #3	Mike Roscigno / Chris Markham	75
Montclair #3	Rob Scalzo / Noel Hodges	75*
Montclair #4	John Kovacs / Tim Berra	75*
Montclair #2	AJ Karanikolas / Paul Cifelli	79
Spring Brook #4	Dave Bush / Kevin Rawding	81

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