



[The story of the 2022 Red Hoffman Cup Matches follows, based heavily on the content presented during the event on www.hoffmancup.org. The article below covers the Finals, then jumps to a description of what happened in the 2022 Matches leading up to the Final.]



Arcola's Hoffman Cup Finals Squad: (l to r) Mike O'Connell, Grant Sturgeon, Will Celiberti, Hoffman Cup Director Kevin Casey, Brendan Jonland, Lucas Farmer, Chris DeJohn, Captain Brian Celiberti, and Jim Craffey

Arcola Flexes Its Muscle!

(June 4, 2022) **Arcola CC** became the first club to capture six Red Hoffman Cup titles this Saturday at **Hackensack GC** with a convincing seven-shot win over **Baltusrol GC**. Defending champion Arcola's 280 total was built on the strength of its consistency. They were the only team to keep all four of its scores at par or better, while every other finalist had to include a high score in its total.

The Finals were a five-club, 40-player, two-man sides, medal-play competition, with all scores counting. The 7000-yard, par-72, Charles Banks-designed Hackensack course proved to be a formidable test, despite nearly ideal weather and excellent course conditioning. Today's event came down to the last two Arcola / Baltusrol sides, with only one stroke separating the two squads.

The low round, a stunning 66, was turned in by Arcola's captain, Brian Celiberti and his long-hitting partner Chris DeJohn. The sides of Brendan Jonland / Mike O'Connell and Will Celiberti / Grant Sturgeon both cut par by one, turning in a 71, while the Lucas Farmer / Trevor Randolph side matched par 72.

Baltusrol fell just short in its bid for a fourth championship. The team captain -- in this case, Nick Desai -- again led from the front, as he and partner Ryan Fountaine managed a sterling 69, which was matched by the side Stephen Wentz / Jeff Werring. Ben Alcorn and Gregg Angelillo also kept it under par with a 71, while Eric Broms and Patrick Cooper turned in a 78.

Deal G&CC came in with the wind at its back after breezing through both the group and semifinals matches. Playing in its maiden finals, Deal came in third at three-over 291, but should feel a sense of accomplishment. Patrick Keenan and John Browndorf led the squad with an excellent 69, followed by the side of Anthony Campanile and Phil Ferraro at even-par 72.

In fourth place at 299 came **Knickerbocker CC**, led by the sides Bill Hook / Andrew Thomas and Andrew Shortal / Matt Panzella at 73. Knickerbocker is back in the finals after a four-year absence, but it is a relatively young team that can expect considerable success in the coming years.

Fifth place out of the 36 clubs in the Hoffman Cup Matches was earned by another finals rookie, the **Bedens Brook Club**. The squad shot a 308, led by captains Max Bischel / Greg Heisen, and by the side of Andrew Glander / Mark Eisenacher at 75. Another talented, young squad, we can expect Bedens Brook to wreak havoc in the years to come.

Host Hackensack GC could not have been more accommodating to our event. The course was immaculate thanks to the leadership of Golf Course Superintendent Richard Lane. Mike Dezik's pro shop helped us run the event as well as possible, and the post-round award reception was among the best we've ever had, thanks to the leadership of General Manager Norman Forsythe.

Our finalists were immersed for a day in a well-curated C.B. Macdonald / Seth Raynor / Charles Banks "National" school of architecture experience.

Hackensack's hospitality is in the generous spirit of tradition that our member clubs have shown us in the past, most recently by **Somerset Hills CC** in 2021, **Hamilton Farm GC** in 2020 and (this year's U.S. Amateur Finals host) **Ridgewood CC** in 2019.

Our thanks to the captains and professionals who have taken the initiative to field their teams and get these matches played.

The Red Hoffman Cup Matches were created in 2005 to foster interaction and friendly competition among New Jersey golf clubs. Named in honor of Arthur K. "Red" Hoffman, the legendary New Jersey golf writer, the Matches engage more than 500 leading New Jersey amateurs and professionals each spring in a no handicap, four-ball competition designed to effectively identify the strongest cohort of players in the region.

2022 Red Hoffman Cup Matches Finals Results Saturday, June 4 Hackensack Golf Club		
Club; Team #	Players	Score
Arcola #1	Lucas Farmer, Trevor Randolph	72
Deal #1	Patrick Keenan, John Browndorf	69
Baltusrol #1	Nick Desai,* Ryan Fountaine	69
Knickerbocker #1	Bill Hook, Andrew Thomas	73
Bedens Brook #1	Max Bischel,* Greg Heisen*	75
Arcola #2	Brian Celiberti,* Chris DeJohn	66
Deal #2	Derrick Scenna, Greg Campanile	76
Baltusrol #2	Stephen Wentz, Jeff Werring	69
Knickerbocker #2	Andrew Shortal, Matt Panzella	73
Bedens Brook #2	Fraser Graham, Will Young	78
Arcola #3	Brendan Jonland, Mike O'Connell	71

Deal #3	Anthony Campanile, Phil Ferraro	72
Baltusrol #3	Ben Alcorn, Gregg Angelillo	71
Knickerbocker #3	Michael Petrucelli, Matt Stratton	75
Bedens Brook #3	Mark Eisenacher, Andrew Glander	75
Arcola #4	Will Celiberti, Grant Sturgeon	71
Deal #4	Brian Hart, Rob Luethold	74
Baltusrol #4	Eric Broms, Patrick Cooper	78
Knickerbocker #4	Phil Fabrizio,* Jayden Ko	78
Bedens Brook #4	Augie Beers, Michael Mann	80
*Team Captains		

Totals

Arcola CC -- 280

Baltusrol GC -- 287

Deal G&TC -- 291

Knickerbocker CC -- 299

Bedens Brook C -- 308

***The 2022 Red Hoffman Cup Matches Champion Club is
Arcola Country Club***



2022 Red Hoffman Cup Matches Intragroup Play

The 2022 Hoffman Cup Groups

Group A	Group B	Group C
Arcola CC	Rumson CC	Hamilton Farm GC
Fairmount CC	Mendham G&TC	Baltusrol GC
Hackensack GC	Plainfield CC	Spring Lake GC
Maplewood CC	Trump Nat'l GC - Bedminster	Upper Montclair CC

Group D	Group E	Group F
Essex County CC	Liberty National GC	Deal G&CC
Knickerbocker CC	Canoe Brook CC	North Jersey CC
Rockaway River CC	Spring Brook CC	Bayonne GC
Navesink CC	Metedeconk National GC	Essex Fells CC

Group G	Group H	Group I
Black Oak GC	Montclair GC	Beden's Brook C
Manasquan River GC	Ridgewood CC	Morris County GC
Echo Lake CC	Somerset Hills CC	Fiddler's Elbow GC
Hollywood GC	Forest Hill Field Club	Mountain Ridge CC

Scheduled Matches, Saturday, April 30 / Results

	Matches
Group A	Arcola (12) vs Maplewood (0) Fairmount (5) vs Hackensack (7)
Group B	Rumson (9.5) vs Trump-Bedminster (2.5) Mendham (5) vs Plainfield (7)
Group C	Hamilton Farm (8.5) vs Upper Montclair (3.5) Baltusrol (6) vs Spring Lake (6)
Group D	Essex County (4) vs Navesink (8) Knickerbocker (7) vs Rockaway River (5)
Group E	Liberty National (6) vs Metedeconk National (6) Canoe Brook (5) vs Spring Brook (7)
Group F	Deal (10) vs Essex Fells (2) North Jersey (0) vs Bayonne (0)
Group G	Black Oak (8.5) vs Hollywood (3.5) Manasquan River (10) vs Echo Lake (2)
Group H	Montclair (10) vs Forest Hill (2) Ridgewood (5) vs Somerset Hills (7)
Group I	Bedens Brook (8.5) vs Mountain Ridge (3.5) Morris County (8.5) vs Fiddler's Elbow (3.5)

Scheduled Matches, Sunday, May 1 / Results

	Matches
Group A	<p style="text-align: center;">Arcola (11) vs Hackensack (1) Fairmont (11) vs Maplewood (1)</p>
Group B	<p style="text-align: center;">Rumson (8.5) vs Plainfield (3.5) Mendham (3.5) vs Trump-Bedminster (8.5)</p>
Group C	<p style="text-align: center;">Hamilton Farm (11) vs Spring Lake (1) Baltusrol (9.5) vs Upper Montclair (2.5)</p>
Group D	<p style="text-align: center;">Essex County (6.5) vs Rockaway River (5.5) Knickerbocker (9) vs Navesink (3)</p>
Group E	<p style="text-align: center;">Liberty National(5.5) vs Spring Brook (6.5) Canoe Brook (8.5) vs Metedeconk(3.5)</p>
Group F	<p style="text-align: center;">Deal (7) vs Bayonne (5) North Jersey (1.5) vs Essex Fells (10.5)</p>
Group G	<p style="text-align: center;">Black Oak (9.5) vs Echo Lake (2.5) Manasquan River (5) vs Hollywood (7)</p>
Group H	<p style="text-align: center;">Montclair (7) vs Somerset Hills (5) Ridgewood (7.5) vs Forest Hill (4.5)</p>
Group I	<p style="text-align: center;">Bedens Brook (7) vs Fiddler's Elbow (5) Morris County (8.5) vs Mountain Ridge (3.5)</p>

Scheduled Matches, Saturday, May 7 / Results

	Matches
Group A	<p style="text-align: center;">Arcola (9) vs Fairmont (3) Hackensack (4.5) vs Maplewood (1.5)</p>
Group B	<p style="text-align: center;">Rumson (7.5) vs Mendham (4.5) Plainfield (7.5) vs Trump National (4.5)</p>
Group C	<p style="text-align: center;">Hamilton Farm (4) vs Baltusrol (8) Spring Lake (0) vs Upper Montclair (0)</p>
Group D	<p style="text-align: center;">Essex County (4.5) vs Knickerbocker (7.5) Rockaway River (7) vs Navesink (5)</p>
Group E	<p style="text-align: center;">Liberty National (5.5) vs Canoe Brook (6.5) Spring Brook (4.5) vs Metedeconk National (7.5)</p>
Group F	<p style="text-align: center;">Deal (8.5) vs North Jersey (3.5) Bayonne (0) vs Essex Fells (0)</p>
Group G	<p style="text-align: center;">Black Oak (5.5) vs Manasquan River (6.5) Echo Lake (3) vs Hollywood (3)</p>
Group H	<p style="text-align: center;">Montclair (8) vs Ridgewood (4) Somerset Hills (8) vs Forest Hill (4)</p>
Group I	<p style="text-align: center;">Bedens Brook (7.5) vs Morris County (4.5) Fiddler's Elbow (0) vs Mountain Ridge (0)</p>

Hoffman Cup Matches

Final Standings

Group A: Arcola - 32; Fairmount - 19; Hackensack - 12.5; Maplewood - 2.5
Group B: Rumson - 23; Plainfield - 20.5; Trump-Bedminster - 15.5; Mendham - 13;
Group C: Baltusrol - 23.5*; Hamilton Farm - 23.5; Spring Lake - 7; Upper Montclair - 6
Group D: Knickerbocker - 23.5; Rockaway River - 17.5; Essex County - 15; Navesink - 16
Group E: Canoe Brook - 20; Spring Brook - 18; Liberty - 17; Metedeconk - 17
Group F: Deal - 25.5; Essex Fells - 12.5; Bayonne - 5; North Jersey - 5
Group G: Black Oak - 23.5; Manasquan River - 21.5; Hollywood - 13.5; Echo Lake - 7.5
Group H: Montclair - 25; Somerset Hills - 20; Ridgewood - 16.5; Forest Hill - 10.5
Group I: Bedens Brook - 23; Morris County - 21.5; Fiddler's Elbow - 8.5; Mountain Ridge - 7

* = won tie-breaker

Semifinals (Sat, May 21 and Sun, May 22):

Semifinal seeding is determined by total points earned in group play. The 2022 Bye Team, **Arcola CC**, earned the most points in intergroup play, and earned the right to skip the semifinals and go directly to the Finals at **Hackensack GC**.

The four semifinal matches were:

Rumson CC (2.5) **v Bedens Brook C (9.5)**

Baltusrol GC (8) v Montclair GC (4)

Knickerbocker CC (7.5) v Black Oak GC (4.5)

Canoe Brook CC (.5) **v Deal G&CC (11.5)**