

# 2004 Romain Buick Evansville Men's Senior City Golf Championship

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## 13<sup>th</sup> hole lucky for DeLong

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When golf tournaments end with one stroke of separation, it's tempting to look back and say Dave DeLong won his second consecutive Evansville Men's Senior City golf Championship on some particular hole or with one certain swing or putt.

It could've been the 10-footer that died on the lip of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole on Sunday for runner-up Bryan Compton at Helfrich Hills. Or it could've been the miraculous birdie roll DeLong made from off the green and above the hole on No. 6.

But the only real difference may have been something as simple as a break, the results from similar offline second shots on the par-5 13<sup>th</sup> that took two very divergent paths for DeLong and Compton.

Both attempts went right, DeLong's by design from a tight lie; Compton's wasn't by design. DeLong's hit a tree, Compton's the cart path. But DeLong's caromed back into the fairway while Compton's bounded through the green and into a lateral hazard.

"That's just golf," both would say later.

DeLong was able to make par and Compton could not. And what had once been a five-stroke lead for Compton – the first-round leader for the third year in a row – had become DeLong's advantage by one. It would be enough.

DeLong increased his lead to two strokes on No. 14 with a long par putt, and then saw it halved on No. 17 when Compton hit his second shot to within 3 feet and made the putt for birdie.

On No. 18, it appeared Compton might force a playoff when his second shot settled 10 feet below the hole and DeLong's lag putt was solid and he marked less than a foot away before finishing with a 1-under-par 142 total to win the Francis Fleming Flight.

"I still had a chance there at the last hole," said Compton, "but it's hard to release that putter head even when you have to make it. But, I thought I made it when I hit it."

Instead, it tickled the bottom lip and Compton was left to groan with the crowd.

"I just didn't make enough putts," said Compton. "The thing about Dave is you know he's going to be steady. He's all about fairway and greens. He just doesn't make mistakes."

DeLong hit the last three greens and two-putted them all to finish the round in 1-over 72. He hit 14 greens and needed only 33 putts.

"To be honest, I really didn't play that well," he said. "I hit it OK, but my hands felt like wood when I was holding the putter. But I was somehow able to nurse it around the course. I just don't try to do anything I can't do."

Tom Haines had the best round of the day at Helfrich with a 69 to finish in third at 144. Jim Atkins was fourth at 145.

Other flight winners were Joe Hahn at 144 in the 55-59 Billie Martin; Bob Van Briston at 151 in the 60-64 Bob Hamilton; Harold Vore at 152 in the 65-69 Richie Moore; and Don Partridge at 156 in the 70-up Ed Wolf. It was Partridge's third win in as many years.

The tournament's first round was held at McDonald Golf Course on Saturday.

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			<b>Rd #1 Sat</b>	<b>Rd #2 Sun</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>2004 Champion</u></b>					
	Dave	DeLong	70	72	142
<b>Francis Fleming Flight 50 to 54</b>					
1	Bryan	Compton	68	75	143
2	Tom	Haines	75	69	144
3	Jim	Atkins	71	74	145
4	Jerry	Knight	74	72	146
5	Bill	Lampkins	77	71	148
T6	Dave	Bates	76	73	149
	Tom	Crance	75	74	149
	Tony	Bradshaw	73	76	149
T9	Keith	Bagby	80	72	152
	Brad	Coole	75	77	152
	Chuck	Schimmell	74	78	152
	John	Baburnich	73	79	152
	Ed	Prusz	72	80	152
14	Pete	Weinert	74	80	154
15	Mike	Harding	80	80	160
T16	David	Chamberlin	81	80	161
	Jimmy	Guessfeld	79	82	161
18	Byron	Courtney	81	81	162
T19	Chuck	Wingert	88	75	163
	Bob	Torrence	83	80	163
T21	Tommy	Kerchief	84	80	164
	Douglas	Duggins	80	84	164
23	Jim	Cheaney	83	82	165
24	Ron	Romain	86	84	170
25	Phil	King	88	84	172
T26	James	Frederickson	91	82	173
	Mike	Rhoades	83	90	173
28	Randall	Bush	81	93	174
29	J.R.	Boyette	89	87	176
T30	Jerry	Yezbick	90	87	177
	Gregg	Hammer	86	91	177
	Jim	Cheaney	83	WD	

### Billie Martin Flight 55 to 59

1	Joe	Hahn	74	70	144
2	Tom	Alexander	75	70	145
T3	Norm	Leach	76	71	147
	Tony	Hill	70	77	147
T5	Alan	Hite	75	74	149
	Ken	Schreiber	74	75	149
T7	Stan	Logel	73	78	151
	Mike	Morris	72	79	151
9	Dan	Hewins	75	78	153
10	Jerry	White	75	79	154
11	Alan	Per	79	76	155
T13	Steve	Lutz	81	77	158
	Jack	Hrvatin	74	84	158
15	Terry	Babb	82	82	164
16	Walter	Farrell	85	81	166
T17	Bill	Hardy	85	83	168
	David	Trout	82	86	168
	John	Mazzotti	79	89	168
20	Dale	Mills	84	87	171
21	Maurice	Hildenbrant	89	87	176
22	Don	Brandenberg	87	90	177
23	Ron	Celesnik	92	89	181
	Dennis	Acton	76	WD	

### Bob Hamilton Flight 60 to 64

1	Bob	Van Britson	78	73	151
T2	Steve	Pritchett	75	78	153
	Don	Shull	72	81	153
4	Jerry	Cravens	76	83	159
T5	Tom	McNamara	77	85	162
	Terry	Ashby	82	80	162
7	Lewis	McCoy, Sr.	75	88	163
8	Larry	Gullett	82	83	165
9	Jerry	Weigand	82	84	166
10	Carl	Heldt	82	89	171
11	William	Graham	86	88	174
12	Robert	Nida	93	93	186
13	Wayne	Hettenbach	113	91	204
	Jerry	Fine			WD
	Richard	Elliott	85	WD	WD
	Jerry	Scott	76	WD	

### Richie Moore Flight 65 - 69

1	Harold	Vore	75	77	152
T2	Art	Hall	78	76	154
	Ken	Fisher	78	76	154
	Jerry	Schreiber	77	77	154
5	Tom	Mills	75	80	155
6	Steve	Helfrich	84	82	166
T7	Stan	Tillman	82	85	167
	Carl	Myers	80	87	167
9	Don	Dury	83	86	169
10	Joe	Bitter	82	91	173
11	Gene	Jarvis	84	93	177
12	Jim	Harmon	87	93	180
13	Tom	Swinford	88	93	181
14	John	Berg	89	96	185
T15	Jim	Flowers	98	96	194
	Bill	Hobbs, Sr.	92	102	194
	Dan	Johnson	91	NS	NS

### Ed Wolfe Flight 70 and Up

1	Don	Partridge	76	80	156
2	Herb	Dassel	83	80	163
3	Skip	Farr	85	84	169
4	Tex	Graham	85	87	172
5	Jim	Salmon	86	88	174
6	Bob	Turpin	84	93	177
7	Ken	Brown	88	94	182