

2007 Romain Buick Evansville Men's Senior City Golf Championship

To: All Senior City Championship Winners
From: Senior City Tournament Committee
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Thank you for taking part in our Sixth Annual Romain Buick Evansville Men's Senior City Golf Championship. We truly hope that you enjoyed playing in this year's tournament. Our championship could not be the success it is without the help of our city parks department, our city golf pros and greens superintendents and their staffs, our volunteers, and corporate sponsors, including Ron Romain. To all these individuals and companies, we say, "Thank you, we appreciate your support, and hope you will continue to play a major role in our tournament!"

Next year the 2008 Romain Buick Senior City will be played at Helfrich Hills and Fendrich golf courses. We hope to see you there!

DeLong's win delightful, three-time winner shoots 65

Courtesy Steve Ford and Evansville Courier-Press, June 4, 2007

Dave DeLong wasn't playing in the last group of the Romain Buick Senior City Golf Championship Sunday at Helfrich Hills when he got their attention on the 15th tee. First-round leader Dave Bates had just moved back into what he thought was the lead with a routine par on the 14th as Jim Crumbaker bogeyed.



Crumbaker had parred the first 12 holes Sunday to ease into the apparent lead before bogeying two straight. That gave Bates the chance to steady himself at 1-under after his first-round 6-under, 66 Saturday at McDonald.

He was starting to feel better when word arrived about DeLong. The former two-time winner shot 75 Saturday when he triple-bogeyed the final hole, but played Helfrich 10

strokes better eight groups ahead of the leaders. He was in the clubhouse at 3-under.

"How could he play that well without a sign?" said Bates with a laugh at 15. "Are you sure?"

Bates, who was referring to the leaderboards carried for the four lead groups, was suddenly behind by two strokes. He knew he needed birdies.

"I tried to drive the green at No. 15," he said, "but blocked it out a little. But I hit a decent approach and made the putt (for birdie). I knew I still had a chance."



It didn't last long, though. He missed the green at 16 and bogeyed and then failed to birdie 17. When his approach to the 18th green from the fairway didn't find the bottom of the cup, DeLong couldn't be caught. "That was such a shock when we heard about (DeLong's 65) on 15 tee," said Bates. "I was paying attention to all the signs and knew none of those guys were in it except our group (Crumbaker and Tony Hill, who would finish third and fourth, respectively). That was tough."

DeLong was surprised as anybody after his round Saturday. "Actually, I hit the ball about the same both days," said DeLong. "Without the triple bogey on the last hole (when he bladed a sand shot) I was right there. I just didn't make a putt."

So he called a friend, Rick Hankins, because he's a fine putter and DeLong respects his advice. They talked mechanics, a possible putter change.

When DeLong got to the golf course on Sunday, putting was still a mystery. First he tried a long putter with no results. Next out was a two-ball (putter), but that didn't work, either. "Five minutes before I was supposed to tee off, I got out the Ping I used Saturday and went with a new grip," said DeLong, holding up his hands in a bizarre tangle. "It's the claw. I never putted like that in my life. "I never did feel comfortable over the ball, but it felt better than anything else. I still didn't make a putt longer than 10 feet."

But he made five-footers for birdie at holes number 1 and 5 for a 33 on the front nine, and then he came home with birdies on holes 11, 14, 16 and 18 on the back nine for a score of 32. There were no bogeys.

The longest putt was a 10-footer on the par-5 11th. "I didn't do anything special," he said. "I just kept it in front of me and then, when I got on the green, I didn't move my head and I kept my eye on the ball until it went in the hole. I must've been moving my head on Saturday."

The only heads that moved on Sunday were those turning to watch DeLong vault himself over almost the entire field into his third Senior City title. His other wins were in 2003 and 2004. Joe Hahn, who won in 2005, and Paul Gentry had won the previous two years.

"It's a little frustrating," said Bates. "I hit it so pure Saturday and then today I just never had any timing. But there's one thing I'm definitely proud of, that red number (his 1-under 142 total)." DeLong's 3-under, 140 was a testament to his never-give-up mentality — even after starting the day nine shots behind the leader.

"My thought when I started was that if I could get it to even-par, I might have a chance," said DeLong. "When I clawed it to 3-under, I knew winning was a possibility."

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			Rd #1	Rd #2	Total
			Sat	Sun	
<u>2007 Champion</u>					
	Dave	DeLong	75	65	140
<u>Frances Fleming Flight 50-54</u>					
1	Jim	Crumbaker	70	74	144
2	Neal	Boughton	73	74	147
3	Ken	Mueller	71	77	148
4	Rick	Georgette	75	75	150
5	Britt	Reddington	76	74	150
6	Mike	Small	77	75	152
7	Steven	Vandiver	78	74	152
8	Tim	Heath	74	79	153
9	Tom	Haines	76	77	153
10	Ward	Peyronnin	77	76	153
11	Mike	Harding	74	80	154
12	Jimmy	Guessfield	75	80	155
13	Brad	Johann	79	78	157
14	Jay	Ritter	79	79	158
15	Steven	Hillock	77	82	159
16	Gary	Sparks	79	80	159
17	Mark	Adcock	80	80	160
18	Les	Grace	81	79	160
19	Steve	Wassmer	75	86	161
20	David	Osbourne	84	77	161
21	Gary	Rothgerber	81	82	163
22	Greg	Gibson	79	85	164
23	Bill	Sutton	83	82	165
24	Randy	Bush	86	83	169
25	Jim	Ingalls	86	87	173
26	J R	Boyette	88	85	173
27	Blake	Oeth	91	82	173
28	Rick	Wigginton	91	82	173
29	Ben	Preske	82	92	174
30	Harold	Miles	87	87	174
31	David	Stellmach	90	85	175
32	Jim	Frederickson	84	92	176
33	Jim	Mitchell	92	84	176
34	Burl	Bredenkamp	92	88	180

35	Tom	Deen	93	89	182
36	Doug	Claybourn	96	89	185
37	Darrell	Parker	92	97	189
38	Dan	Parker	97	97	194
39	Brian	Belwood	105	94	199
40	Mike	Wingo	102	98	200

Billie Martin Flight 55-59

1	Dave	Bates	66	76	142
2	Tony	Hill	70	75	145
3	Jim	Cheaney	72	79	151
4	Brad	Coole	76	77	153
5	Tony	Bradshaw	75	80	155
6	Roger	Evans	78	77	155
7	Norm	Leach	72	84	156
8	Jim	Atkins	73	83	156
9	Morris	Clark	80	76	156
10	Mike	Rhoades	76	81	157
11	Tom	Alexander	77	80	157
12	Stan	Logel	80	77	157
13	Jack	Hrvatin	80	80	160
14	Terry	Babb	82	80	162
15	Keith	Bagby	85	80	165
16	Tommy	Kerchief	87	78	165
17	Ron	Romain	86	81	167
18	Bob	Torrence	86	81	167
19	David	Trout	85	85	170
20	Butch	Racine	87	84	171
21	Byron	Courtney	86	86	172
22	Phil	Wolter	89	86	175
23	Ron	Fields	89	88	177
24	Douglas	Duggins	90	91	181
25	Charles	Farmer	90	93	183
26	Mel	Steele	96	90	186
27	Robert	Gough	88	103	191
28	Charles	King	93	98	191

Bob Hamilton Flight 60-64

1	Dan	Hewins	72	77	149
2	Ken	Schreiber	75	75	150
3	Paul	Keller	76	76	152
4	Steve	Pritchett	79	75	154
5	Mike	Hurt	78	76	154
6	Steve	Zehr	78	77	155
7	Dave	Ash	79	78	157
8	Jerry	White	79	78	157
9	Bob	Van Britson	80	77	157
10	Mike	Hayden	80	78	158
11	Paul	Berryman	84	74	158
12	Bill	Osbourne	79	81	160
13	Jerry	Scott	81	82	163
14	Maurice	Hildebrant	85	78	163
15	Ed	Nicholson	85	79	164
16	Walter	Farrell	86	79	165
17	Ron	Celesnik	85	85	170
18	James	Landmark	85	87	172
19	Dannie	Wells	86	87	173
20	Dale	Mills	91	85	176
21	Bob	Nida	90	89	179
22	Harvey	Head	96	98	194

Richie Moore Flight 65-69

1	Don	Shull	73	77	150
2	Bob	Lewis	78	74	152
3	Ken	Fisher	75	78	153
4	Art	Hall	77	76	153
5	George	Green	76	80	156
6	Jerry	Sanders	80	78	158
7	David	Garrett	82	77	159
8	Gorman	Brothers	75	85	160
9	Tom	McNamara	80	80	160
10	Steve	Sander	84	77	161
11	Gene	Ward	82	81	163
12	John	Charron	84	84	168
13	Jerry	Weigand	85	83	168
14	Larry	Gullett	82	88	170
15	Tom	Mills	85	85	170
16	Jerry	Cravens	83	89	172
17	Steve	Helfrich	87	85	172
18	Mike	Virden	87	92	179
19	Bert	Andersen	93	98	191
20	Wayne	Hettenbach	98	115	213

Ed Wolf Flight 70 +

1	Bob	Gerst	78	78	156
2	Gerald	Jeffries	78	85	163
3	Carroll	Schapker	83	80	163
4	Ray	Bowen	84	87	171
5	Skip	Farr	89	90	179
6	Tex	Graham	91	93	184
7	Ed	Brundick	92	93	185
8	Herbert	Wilhite	88	104	192