

## 2002 Romain Buick Evansville Men's Senior City Golf Championship

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### Oldie, but goodie - Coole wins first senior city title in playoff

By Tom Collins Evansville Courier & Press staff writer, June 2, 2002

Brad Coole didn't know when he had the lead Sunday in the inaugural Men's Senior City Golf Tournament. But he knew what to do once he got into a playoff for the championship at Helfrich Hills golf course.

The 50-year-old golf superintendent at Rolling Hills Country Club had to shoot his career-low score at Helfrich, a 3-under-par 68 to tie DeLong at 138 for the 36-hole event and force a playoff.

DeLong posted a 70 and then nearly knocked himself out of the playoff on the first hole when he duck-hooked his drive into the trees lining the fairway. He managed to extricate himself and matched Coole's par on the hole.

On the second extra hole Coole pulled his tee shot almost into the small lake on the left side. But he laced his approach to 22 feet above the pin. DeLong's drive wasn't as far to the left and his approach landed 18 feet from the pin.

Coole calmly surveyed his putt and then drilled it for a birdie. DeLong missed his putt to conclude the match. Since Coole was the overall winner, DeLong was honored as the 50-59 age group winner.

DeLong shot a first-round 68 and Coole had matched par 70 at Fendrich. Coole, playing one group ahead of DeLong, birdied four of his first seven holes Sunday. Yet DeLong birdied his first four holes to go six under. When they made the turn Coole still was four-under and DeLong was two-under.

When Coole bogeyed the 15<sup>th</sup>, he had both the 50-59 age group and the overall standings, with a 4-under par 66 at Fendrich. He will try to fend the field off when the seniors wind up play today at Helfrich Hills.

Accuracy was his game in the first round of the inaugural 26-hole tournament. He hit 17 of 18 greens. He missed the 18<sup>th</sup> green and settled for his only bogey of the round to go with five birdies.

"I felt like I've been hitting the ball good," Compton said, "But not today. I didn't feel like I hit it very well, but I was scoring. At 51, every swing is a new experience."

Compton assumed a two-stroke lead over Dave DeLong, who came in late in the day with a 68. Bill Osbourne, Jerry White and John Hamilton fashioned 69s as the only others in the field of 120 shooting under par.

Five more players matched par 70: Ken Schreiber, Steve Pritchett, Brad Coole, David Trout and Dave Bates. Another six were one stroke over par: Jim Atkins, Joe Hahn, Dan Hewins, Tony Hill, Frank Vincent and Bob Loewen.

DeLong cut his finger deeply a couple of months ago and said he just got the stitches removed, meaning his practice time had been limited. "Maybe that's why I played well today," he laughed. "I shanked my first iron and I had one three-putt on the front side and two on the back. I birdied No. 9 to get under par. Overall, I played well."

Jerry White received an early birthday present with his 69.

"My daughter gave me this shirt," he said, "and it helped. But what really helped me was watching Bryan (Compton) play."

Hamilton assumed the lead among the 60-69 group with his one-under score. "I played good," he said. "I had three birdies and two bogeys. I made one long putt of 40 feet for birdie on 11."

Hamilton enjoys a three-stroke lead over Art Hall and four over Ken Fisher.

The leader of the 70-over group is Dick Harper with a 75. Don Partridge is second with a 78.

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			Rd #1 Sat	Rd #2 Sun	Total
 <b><u>2002 Champion</u></b>					
	Brad	Coole	70	68	138
 <b>Senior Division Age 50 to 59</b>					
1	Dave	DeLong	68	70	138
2	Bryan	Compton	66	73	139
3	Jerry	White	69	73	142
T4	Frank	Vincent	71	74	145
	Bob	Loewen	71	74	145
	Ken	Schreiber	70	75	145
	Dave	Bates	70	75	145
	Steve	Pritchett	70	75	145
9	Jim	Cheaney	74	72	146
10	Jim	Atkins	71	76	147
T11	Tom	Crance	72	76	148
	Dan	Hewins	71	77	148
	Bill	Osbourne	69	79	148
T14	Tom	Alexander	76	73	149
	Ed	Nicholson	75	74	149
	Alan	Hitz	73	76	149
	Bob	Deutsch	74	75	149
	Joe	Hahn	71	78	149
T19	Jerry	Fine	76	74	150
	Bob	Van Britson	75	75	150
T21	Jerry	Scott	73	78	151
	Tony	Hill	71	80	151
T23	Neil	Saunders	75	78	153

	Steve	Lutz	72	81	153
T25	Norm	Leach	75	79	154
	Gregory	Carlisle	75	79	154
T27	Tom	Bradshaw	76	79	155
	Jack	Hrvatín	81	74	155
	Steve	Zehr	77	78	155
T30	Jerry	Yezbick	72	84	156
	Dave	Trout	70	86	156
T32	Don	Jordan	80	77	157
	Stan	Logel	78	79	157
	Keith	Bagby	77	80	157
T35	Hank	Zunk	78	80	158
	Dan	Johnson	74	84	158
T37	Tom	Hite	76	83	159
	Dan	Byrd	75	84	159
39	Tony	DeVoy	79	81	160
40	Mike	Morris	82	79	161
T41	Charles	Wingert	80	82	162
	Roger	Evans	78	84	162
	Mike	Rhoades	77	85	162
44	Steve	Kuehn	79	84	163
T45	Greg	Hammer	82	82	164
	Terry	Babb	80	84	164
	Bryon	Courtney	78	86	164
48	Steven	Wagner	77	88	165
T49	John	Mazzotti	77	89	166
	Paul	Berryman	76	90	166
T51	Walter	Farrell	81	86	167
	Michael	Eichoff	77	90	167
T53	Mike	Young	84	84	168
	Tom	Kerchief	83	85	168
	Jack	Linderberger	82	86	168
	Bob	Torrence	78	90	168
T57	Jack	Burgdorf	84	85	169
	Randy	Miller	80	89	169
	Wally	Russell	78	91	169
T60	Cy	Long	83	87	170
	Maurice	Hildebrandt	81	89	170
62	Gary	Kirkwood	82	90	172
63	Jack	Miller	84	90	174
64	Butch	Racine	86	89	175
65	Dan	Wilson	87	89	176
66	Tim	Hudson	84	94	178
67	Bob	Nida	86	95	181
68	Harvey	Head	95	95	190
69	Terry	McCollam	101	108	209
70	Leon	Cooper	WD		

### Super-Senior Division Age 60 to 69

1	John	Hamilton	69	71	140
2	Art	Hall	72	71	143
3	Jerry	Latham	75	74	149
4	Reid	Schnell	78	74	152
5	Ken	Fisher	73	80	153
T6	Harry	Rolley	77	78	155
	Sam	Gander	75	80	155
T8	Tom	McNamara	76	80	156
	Mike	Peters	75	81	156
T10	Jerry	Sanders	79	78	157
	Larry	Gullett	77	80	157
12	Leon	Freeman	80	78	158
13	Hub	Drone	78	82	160
T14	Jim	Lowe	81	81	162
	Tom	Mills	76	86	162
T16	William	Graham	76	88	164
	Dr.				
	Larry	Arp	76	88	164
T18	Joe	Bitter	84	81	165
	Ben	Fitzpatrick	84	81	165
T20	Richard	Heck	83	83	166
	Jim	Salmon	77	89	166
T22	Louis	McCoy	85	82	167
	Jerry	Cravins	82	85	167
24	Donnie	Moore	84	84	168
25	Darryl	Barron	83	88	171
26	Ken	Schueler	81	92	173
27	Jerry	Kaiser	81	93	174
28	Tom	Mulherin	83	95	178
29	Gene	Jarvis	89	92	181
30	David	Trice	92	95	187
31	John	Behme	88	103	191
32	Bill	Hobbs	98	96	194
33	Wayne	Hettenbach	97	102	199
34	Bobby	Housman	97	109	206
	Don	Neidig	91	109	
	Larry	Mullins	82	WD	
	Larry	Elliott	79	WD	
	Charles	Glaser	DQ	WD	
	Jerry	Schreiber	WD		

### Senior Legends Division Age 70 and Up

1	Don	Partridge	78	79	157
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2	Dick	Harper	75	87	162
3	Tex	Graham	84	83	167
4	Herb	Dassel	82	86	168
T5	Robert	Ewing	88	90	178
	Don	Wedeking	83	95	178
7	Louis	Bost	87	92	179
T8	Charles	Bassett	92	95	187
	Chuck	Zeller	95	92	187
10	Len	Kreuger	107	113	220