

# 2003 Romain Buick Evansville Men's Senior City Golf Championship

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## DeLong chip-and-rolls to title

### Compton finishes 4 back in Senior City Tournament

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Dave DeLong now knows just how fast hanging on to win can go to winning with flare. It's one shot, a simple pitch-and-run. DeLong who lost the Senior City title last year in a playoff to Brad Coole, sealed that championship Sunday by chipping in for birdie on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and a four-shot win over Bryan Compton at McDonald Golf Course.

DeLong who has shot under par in all four rounds he's played in the Senior City, was the only player under par for the tournament. He followed Saturday's 1-under 69 at Fendrich, with a 1-under 71 Sunday at McDonald. Besides the overall medal title he also won the Francis Fleming (50-59) Flight.

Compton, who opened with a 67 to share the first round lead with Jim Atkins, finished alone in second at 144 after shooting a 77 Sunday. "I hit it this bad yesterday," said Compton, "but think it finally caught up with me today. All those wild drives I hit had something to do with it." Compton was followed by four players in a tie for third: Jim Atkins, Dave Bates, Tony Hill and Joe Hahn.

DeLong admitted he hadn't thought about making the chip from just inches off the first cut on the 220-yard par 3 18<sup>th</sup>. "I was just trying to nurse it down by the hole," said DeLong, who lead by two strokes entering the hole. "I knew I had a two shot lead and Bryan had a tough putt for par. I was just trying to make no less than bogey." But the 40-foot chip was true. It landed just on the green and ran at the hole. It was dying at the cup when it made a little right turn to certain victory.

DeLong thinks his game translates well for the senior circuit. He said: "I'm not an overpowering player. I just don't make many mistakes. I think I lull people to death." Atkins had another view. "I think Dave just managed his game better than anyone else today," he said. "It got away from me early. But then I had a couple of chances to get back in it and just never did." Atkins bogeyed the first three holes Sunday and then had a chance with short birdie putts on Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13. But he played those four holes even par. Compton stayed around longer, but an errant drive on the par 5 14<sup>th</sup> resulted in a double bogey, while DeLong was making par.

"Everybody's got their own style," said DeLong, "but after Bryan's misfortune I was just thinking fairways and greens." Still, he needed a 20-foot putt for par on the 15<sup>th</sup>, before registering routine pars on 16 and 17. Compton stayed in the hunt with a 30-foot par putt on 16 and then drove near the green on 17 with DeLong in the right rough. "I was down in a little hole in the rough and just had to chop it out," said Compton. "I figured I needed birdie there." Instead, both the front runners two-putted for par to set the stage for DeLong's dramatic clincher on the 18<sup>th</sup>. "I was just trying to control my emotions and not make a stupid mistake," said DeLong. "When it's two shots anything can still happen. It feels good to win."

The Bob Hamilton (60-69) Flight was won by John Hamilton with a 145 after rounds of 70 and 75. Jerry Latham and Steve Pritchett tied at 151. Latham took second in a playoff. The Ed Wolf (70 and up) Flight was won by Don Partridge with a 156, which left him nine strokes better than runner-up Bob Gerst. The tournament, now in its second year, had a field of 96 players, down from a full field of 120 last year. But nobody, seemed to mind. Said Compton: "This is an awfully fun tournament for us old guys. I was just glad to be in it. Maybe next year."

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			<b>Rd #1 Sat</b>	<b>Rd #2 Sun</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>2003 Champion</u></b>					
	Dave	DeLong	69	71	140
<b>Francis Fleming Flight 50 to 59</b>					
1	Bryan	Compton	67	77	144
T2	Joe	Hahn	73	72	145
	Jim	Atkins	67	78	145
	Dave	Bates	70	75	145
	Tony	Hill	70	75	145
6	Tom	Alexander	71	77	148
T7	Mike	Harding	72	77	149
	Tony	Bradshaw	72	77	149
9	Dan	Hewins	72	78	150
T10	Pete	Weinert	73	78	151
	John	Baburnich	75	76	151
T12	Brad	Coole	76	76	152
	Ed	Nicholson	74	78	152
	Norm	Leach	72	80	152
T15	Jim	Cheney	77	76	153
	Jerry	White	72	81	153
17	Ken	Schreiber	76	78	154
T18	Jack	Hrvatin	80	75	155
	Tom	Crance	77	78	155
	Jerry	Knight	79	76	155
	Roger	Ford	76	79	155
T22	Keith	Bagby	80	76	156
	Dan	Johnson	74	82	156
24	Steve	Zehr	78	79	157
25	Terry	Babb	81	77	158
26	Dan	Byrd	77	82	159
T27	Bob	Loewen	80	80	160
	Butch	Racine	79	81	160
T29	William	Morgan	80	81	161
	Mike	Hayden	79	82	161
T31	Carl	Heldt	77	85	162
	Mike	Rhoades	75	87	162

33	Steve	Kuehn	77	86	163
34	Randy	Miller	80	84	164
35	Bob	Torrence	77	88	165
T36	Steve	Smith	83	83	166
	David	Trout	84	82	166
	Byron	Courtney	77	89	166
T39	Chuck	Weingert	84	86	170
	Cari	Hanni	80	90	170
T41	Tom	Kerchief	81	90	171
	Walter	Farrell	84	87	171
	John	Mazzotti	86	85	171
T44	Jack	Burgdorf	80	92	172
	Greg	Hammer	79	93	172
46	Jack	Linderberger	85	88	173
47	Jerry	Yezbick	80	96	176
48	Richard	Parker	88	91	179
49	Tim	Hudson	88	92	180
50	Ronald	Fields	91	92	183
51	Ken	Zizzo	95	96	191
	Tim	Atherton	92	WD	WD

### Bob Hamilton Flight 60 to 69

1	John	Hamilton	70	75	145
T2	Jerry	Latham	76	75	151
	Steve	Pritchett	73	78	151
T4	Art	Hall	77	75	152
	Ken	Fisher	74	78	152
6	Jerry	Scott	75	78	153
7	Jerry	Fine	72	84	156
T8	Bob	Van Britson	77	80	157
	Don	Carrell	79	78	157
	Tom	McNamara	79	78	157
11	Jerry	Sanders	73	85	158
12	Tom	Mills	83	77	160
13	Jerry	Cravens	79	83	162
14	Jim	Salmon	82	82	164
T15	<b>Don</b>	Shull	77	88	165
	Stan	Tillman	74	91	165
T17	Jim	Lowe	83	83	166
	Jerry	Weigand	79	87	166
19	Lewis	McCoy, Sr.	82	88	170
T20	Tack	Houchen	86	86	172
	Gene	Jarvis	82	90	172
22	Mike	Graham	88	88	176
23	Jim	Harmon	81	96	177

24	Steve	Helfrich	89	91	180
25	John	Berg, Jr.	93	89	182
26	Wayne	Hettenbach	93	95	188
27	Bill	Hobbs, Sr.	94	100	194
	Jerry	Schreiber			WD
	Don	Jordan			WD
	Mike	Peters			WD
	Jake	Oldham			WD
	Carl	Myers			WD

### **Ed Wolfe Flight 70 and Up**

1	Don	Partridge	79	77	156
2	Bob	Gerst	84	81	165
3	Herb	Dassel	86	86	172
4	Tex	Graham	86	93	179
5	Bill	Horton	89	97	186
6	Charles	Bassett	90	97	187
7	Bill	Kirtley, Sr.	89	101	190
8	Ben	Lance	95	105	200
9	Bill	Miller	95	110	205