

Mike Mysker (Glen Flora CC) - 2023 Winner: Champion of Champions Golf Tournament

On an overcast day with temperatures in the low 70's and a slight wind out of the North, Mike Mysker of Glen Flora Country Club fashioned a strategic one-over par round of 71 to earn a victory in the RICHARD E. PETERSON CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS golf tournament played at Park Ridge Country Club.

Mysker, with 6 threesomes playing behind him, was on the 15th tee 2 shots off the lead with several players to catch. He said to his caddie, "On these tough four finishing holes, if I can play one-under, I give myself a chance." He did just that with a spectacular birdie 3 on the 18th hole: a big drive, then a 185-yard 6-iron to within 2 feet of the cup for a tap in birdie! This put Mike in the clubhouse with a 71 as he watched over the next hour



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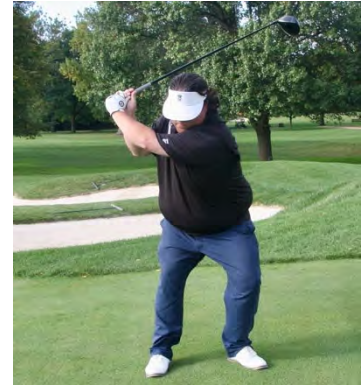
as several competitors fell off the pace on PRCC's "Last Mile," – the course's final four finishing holes, which once again proved a formidable challenge to master.

Finishing in second place with a 72 was Michael Reed (La Grange Country Club). He was standing on the 15th Tee at 1-over par, but a bogey on the hole left him a shot off the pace.

Marty Hynes (2015 Champion of Champions winner from Ridge Country Club) also found himself on the 15th tee at 1-over par. Unfortunately, bogeys on 15 and 16 took him out of contention.

Playing in the final group, defending champion Michael Chudacoff (Northmoor Country Club) was even-par on the 15th tee, but double bogeyed the 16th hole leaving him at 2-over par on the 18th tee. Knowing he had to make birdie to force a playoff, his aggressive second shot flew over the 18th green, leaving him with a very difficult chip to force the playoff. It didn't happen and Mysker was left standing as champ.

In an interview after the trophy presentation, Mysker, stated the round started slowly, with bogeys on holes 1 and 2 but “steadied the ship” with pars on the following two par 5’s and birdies on holes 5 and 10. Mike said he never looked at any of the on-course leaderboards until he reached the 16th tee.



Mike’s golfing career started with the Andrew High School golf team in Tinley Park followed by college golf at Saint Francis, located in Joliet, Illinois. Today at age 33 he won his first club championship at Glen Flora Country Club to qualify to play in the Champion of Champions tournament. His reaction, “Winning this tournament is the highlight of my golf experience!”

Mike mentioned that his father Gregg Mysker (Lincolnshire Country Club) played in the Champion of Champions tournament over 20 years ago, and when Mike won the Glen Flora championship his dad recommended he enter the Champion of Champions.



The Champion of Champions is a one-day, eighteen-hole, stroke play tournament held annually in the early fall and 2023 marks the 26th year Park Ridge Country Club has hosted the event. Chicagoland’s CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

invitational tournament was first played in 1933 under the auspices of the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) and was held annually at various clubs until 1984. Park Ridge Country Club reinstated the tournament in 1998 and has been its annual host ever since. Invitations are extended to private and public golf and country clubs in the Chicago District, winners of various CDGA competitions, and the 10 past winners of the Champion of Champions tournament. In 2017 the tournament was officially renamed as the RICHARD E. PETERSON CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS, honoring Park Ridge Country Club member Rich Peterson, who was one of the driving forces in reviving the event and bringing it to its now permanent Park Ridge Country Club home. The CDGA has remained a key supporter and so, too, has the Western Golf Association (WGA), who donated the traveling trophy for display at the winner’s home club.



L-R: Derek Sidley - GM,
Luke Hemelstrand –
Head Pro

Once again, Park Ridge Country Club's Ground's Crew and Clubhouse staff joined with the Golf staff and tournament committee to create a compelling venue for the competition. Moreover, many club member volunteers made their annual invaluable contribution to the event's ambience, welcoming players at their arrival, managing leaderboards, and accompanying each pairing with real-time scorers who also had access to on-course Rules Officials.



L-R: Luke Hemelstrand –
Head Pro, Joel Purpur –
Grounds Supt.



Tournament Committee, L-R: Mike Roberts, Rick Strotman, Rich Peterson, John Larson, Jim Stonebridge

Richard E. Peterson

Champion of Champions Golf Tournament

Park Ridge Country Club

September 28, 2023

Final Scores

6650yards
Par 70

2023

71	Mike	Mysker	Glen Flora Country Club	79	Alex	Bassetto	Cress Creek Country Club
72	Michael	Reed	LaGrange Country Club		Patrick	McGeean	Bull Valley Golf Club
73	Kevin	Ackford	Olympia Fields Country Club	80	Larry	Elbaum	Briarwood Country Club
	T, J.	Blakemore	Medinah Country Club		Terry	Gallaher	Midlothian Country Club
	John	Haffner	Old Wayne Golf Club		Ron	Waytula	McHenry Country Club
	Marty	Hynes	'15 C of C Champ [Ridge]	81	Chris	Carney	Wynstone Golf Club
	Ryan	Musgjerd	Conway Farms Golf Club		Kevin	Economos	Oak Park Country Club
	Dexter	Reese	Kemper Lakes Golf Club		George	Tudor	Elgin Country Club
	Ryan	Thomas	Briar Ridge Country Club	82	Nathan	Daugherty	The Club at Strawberry Creek
74	Michael	Chudacoff	'22 C of C Champ [Northmoor]	83	J.R.	Christensen	Glenview Park Golf Club
	Nicholas	Grubnich	Innsbrook Country Club		Charlie	Douglas	Barrington Hills Country Club
	Skyler	Levine	Wilmette Golf Club		Brian	Hogan	Long Beach Country Club
	Scott	Weber	Exmoor Country Club		Jim	Malik	Rolling Green Country Club
	Ryan	Wells	Lincolnshire Country Club		Michael	Neff	Bryn Mawr Country Club
75	Evan	Berna	Sanctuary Golf Course	84	Dan	Koob	Biltmore Country Club
	Ryan	Cuitino	'18 C of C Champ [Morris]	DNF	Eric	Glaser	Twin Orchard Country Club
	Kyle	Davis	Indian Oaks Golf Club				
	Grant	Goltz	Black Sheep Golf Club				
	Chris	Misiak	Itasca Country Club				
	Mike	Rice	Inverness Golf Club				
76	Brant	Booker	Ridgemoor Country Club				
	Robert	Dofflemyer	Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country C				
	Will	Hickey	ILL [Mid Am Champ]				
	Louis	Maiorano	The Grove Country Club				
	Joey	Maziar	Merit Club				
	Christian	Novay	Eagle Brook Country Club				
77	Sean	Cocat	Hawthorn Woods C.C.				
	Mike	Karney	Crystal Lake Country Club				
	Stino	Milito	Park Ridge Country Club				
	Mark	Small	Prestwick Country Club				
	Jeff	Stewart	Boulder Ridge Country Club				
78	Brian	Barrett	Royal Melbourne				
	Sean	Cooney	Ridge Country Club				
	Craig	Duncan	River Forest Country Club				
	Albert	Gehrke	Ivanhoe Club				
	Ralph	Houck	Deerfield Golf Club				
	Michael	Hurwitz	Sunset Ridge Country Club				
	Mike	Treitler	Ravinia Green Country Club				