



# Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge

Top of the Rock/Ridgedale, Missouri/April 21-23, 2017
Format/Champions Division: 9 holes modified alternate shot; 9 holes better-ball
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## **Final-Round Notes**

**Course Setup:** Par 54 (27-27)/ R2 scoring average 48.757; Cumulative 49.757 **Weather:** Sunny and pleasant with highs in the upper-60s. N wind 6-12 mph.

	Champions Division Final Results	To Par	Scores	Earnings
1.	Carlos Franco/Vijay Singh	-15	51-42 – 93	\$232,500 (ea.)
T2.	Paul Goydos/Kevin Sutherland	-14	49-45 – 94	\$104,166 (ea.)
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T5.	Olin Browne/Steve Pate	-12	49-47 – 96	\$34,500 (ea.)
T5.	Fred Couples/Jay Haas	-12	48-48 – 96	\$34,500 (ea.)
T5.	Tom Jenkins/Mark O'Meara	-12	49-47 – 96	\$34,500 (ea.)

#### **Quick Links:**

- <u>Leaderboard/Final Standings</u>
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### **Carlos Franco**

- Wins his second PGA TOUR Champions title in the last eight months. He won the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic last September. Posted rounds of 63-63 and his 14-under-par score of 126 on the weekend was the lowest final two rounds on Tour in 2016.
- Was a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, including two wins in New Orleans and two wins in Milwaukee.
- Member of two Presidents Cup teams in 1998 and 2000.
- Was the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year in 1999. Is one of two players to have won Rookie of the Year honors and claim a PGA TOUR Champions title, joining Woody Austin.

### Vijay Singh

- Claims his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions in his 13<sup>th</sup> start.
- His best previous finish was a T3 at the 2015 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach.

- Wins a PGA TOUR event for the first time since claiming the Deutsche Bank Championship in September, 2008, a span of 8 years, 7 months, 22 days.
- The World Golf Hall of Famer was a 34-time winner on PGA TOUR, including the 2000 Masters Tournament and the 2004 PGA Championship.
- The Fiji native was an eight-time member of the International Team in the Presidents Cup.
- With his victory, he earns a two-year exemption into the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- He becomes the sixth player to win his first Tour event in this tournament, joining Andy North (2008), Tom Lehman (2009), Mark O'Meara (2010), Billy Andrade (2015), Joe Durant (2015).

#### **Tournament Notes...**

- The winning score by Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh of 12-under-par 42 was the lowest 18-hole score in tournament history. Fred Funk and Jeff Sluman had broken the previous record of 9-under-par 45 by Billy Andrade and Joe Durant in 2015 a day earlier with a 10-under-par 44.
- Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh also set a new mark for the lowest front nine score with a 7-underpar 20 on the front nine, breaking the previous mark of 5-under-par 22 by four teams with Tom Watson and Andy North being the most recent on Saturday.
- Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh also had 12 birdies enroute to their 42. That was a new tournament record. Fred Funk and Jeff Sluman posted a record 10 birdies on Saturday.
- Kenny Perry and Scott Hoch fired a 6-under-par 21 on the back nine on Sunday, tying the best back nine score set in 2016 by Tom Jenkins and Jerry Smith. Hoch and Perry had birdies on five of their final six holes.
- First-round leaders Fred Funk and Jeff Sluman made a spirited run on the back nine, but fell one short. After finishing one-over-par on the front nine, the pair climbed within one shot of Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh with five consecutive birdies on Nos. 13-17, but were unable to convert birdie opportunities at No. 18, finishing tied for second.
- Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh shared honors for the most birdies in the event with Fred Funk and Jeff Sluman. Each team had 16.
- Miguel Angel Jimenez and partner Jose Maria Olazabal turned in a nice performance in their first appearance in the tournament. The pair finished T 8 helped by a final-round 8-under-par 46.
- Michael Allen, who won the 2016 Champions Division title with Woody Austin, finished T13. He
  and partner John Daly rebounded from a 2-under-par 52 on Saturday with an 8-under-par 46 on
  Sunday.
- Steve Stricker and Jerry Kelly will remain teammates for another week, competing in the Zurich Classic in New Orleans next week. The duo finished T8 in their first start in this event. Rocco Mediate will also compete at the Zurich Classic, teaming with Spencer Levin.
- Jack Nicklaus and Kid Rock won The Legends of Golf Skins Shootout.