



# 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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## **First-Round Notes**

Course Setup: Par 54 (27-27)/ R1 scoring average 50.757

**Weather:** Cloudy and cool with intermittent drizzle throughout the day with highs in the upper-40s. NE wind 8-15 mph.

|     | <b>Champions Division</b>        | To Par | Scores     |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1.  | Fred Funk/Jeff Sluman            | -10    | 22-22 – 44 |
| T2. | Davis Love III/Scott Verplank    | -6     | 26-22 – 48 |
| T2. | Fred Couples/Jay Haas            | -6     | 24-24 – 48 |
| Т3. | Tom Jenkins/Mark O'Meara         | -5     | 25-24 – 49 |
| Т3. | <b>Duffy Waldorf/Corey Pavin</b> | -5     | 27-22 – 49 |
| Т3. | Joe Durant/Billy Andrade         | -5     | 24-25 – 49 |
| Т3. | Steve Pate/Olin Browne           | -5     | 24-25 – 49 |
| Т3. | Jerry Pate/Ben Crenshaw          | -5     | 27-22 - 49 |
| Т3. | Paul Goydos/Kevin Sutherland     | -5     | 23-26 – 49 |

|    | <b>Legends Division Final Results</b> | Score      | Earnings      |
|----|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. | Allen Doyle/Hubert Green              | 5-under-22 | \$60,000 each |
| 2. | Butch Baird/Al Geiberger              | 4-under-23 | \$34,000 each |
| 3. | Jack Nicklaus/Gary Player             | 3-under-24 | \$22,500 each |
| 4. | John Bland/Graham Marsh               | 2-under-25 | \$15,500 each |
| 5. | Bruce Fleisher/Larry Nelson           | 1-under-26 | \$12,000 each |

#### **Quick Links:**

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

### Fred Funk/Jeff Sluman, 22-22 - 44 (-10)

- This is the third time they have teamed up together in this event. They won in 2014 and finished T15 a year ago.
- The pair set a new tournament 18-hole scoring record with a 10-under-par 44. It broke the record of 9-under-par 45 by Billy Andrade and Joe Durant in 2015.
- Funk and Sluman had 10 birdies which set a new tournament record as well. The previous mark was eight by six teams most recently by Jerry Smith and Tom Jenkins in 2016.
- Jeff Sluman also won this tournament in 2013 with Brad Faxon and was second on two occasions with Craig Stadler in 2008 and 2009. Fred Funk finished T2 in 2013 with Mike Goodes.

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

- It was a big day for holes-in-one as four players posted aces. Tom Jenkins led things off on No. 6 with a 9-iron from 119 yards. Duffy Waldorf followed minutes later on No. 11 with a sand wedge from 109 yards. Rocco Mediate made the third on No. 11 with a sand wedge from 109 yards and later in the day, Russ Cochran drained an 8-iron on No. 7 from 154 yards.
- The last time there were this many holes-in-one in the same round was at the 2004 U.S. Senior Open at Bellerive CC in St. Louis where three players made aces -- John Aubrey, Mike McCullough and Pat Tallent.
- The team of Allen Doyle and Hubert Green used three straight birdies to claim the weathershortened Legends Division with a 5-under-par 22. The team of Butch Baird and Al Geiberger finished one stroke back. The event was slated for 36 holes but with Friday's weather issues, the event was shortened to just nine holes.
- The team of Davis Love III and Scott Verplank overcame a pair of bogeys on the front nine with a run of four consecutive birdies to close their round to finish at 6-under-par 48. They will begin Sunday's final round T2, four strokes behind Fred Funk and Jeff Sluman. Also tied for second were Fred Couples and Jay Haas at 6-under-par.
- Since it became an official team event in 2008, only three teams leading or sharing the lead going into the final round have won. That includes last year's champions Michael Allen and Woody Austin, who held a one-stroke advantage after 36 holes. Others to win were Allen and David Frost in 2012 (they shared the lead) and Andy North and Tom Watson in 2008, who held a four-stroke advantage.
- The winners of Sunday's event will each receive \$232,500 as well as valuable money in the season-long Charles Schwab Cup race.
- Bruce Fleisher and Larry Nelson, the winner of the Legends Division the previous two years, finished fifth in defense of their title.
- The Legends of Golf Skins Shootout is slated for Sunday and will include Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino and five-time Grammy Award Nominee Kid Rock.