

## ***Americans Win Memorial Cup 2015 by the Closest of Margins in Its 13 Year History***

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From the Press Room of Kiva Dunes Golf Club

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Kent “Superman” Campbell secured victory for his American teammates with a clutch 3-putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Kiva Dunes this past Sunday afternoon. After stripping his tee shot 142 yards, Campbell had 82 left to the hole. He smashed a 5-wood up to the front edge of the green, played a safe chip approximately 40 below the hole and claimed the deciding point with his closing 3-putt. The Americans won the Memorial Cup by a final score of 31 ½ to 28 ½.

With 10 of the 12 singles matches having already been decided, the remaining matches of Campbell vs. Jennette and Rizzuto vs. Elam remained on the course. Both matches stood on the 18<sup>th</sup> tee box all square. Both of the Nationals players (Jennette and Elam) needed to win their match by winning the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to claim the Cup, while either of the Americans (Campbell and Rizzuto) could claim the Cup by halving their match. Campbell went a step further by winning his match outright 1-up, while Elam closed out Rizzuto on #18 to claim a 1-up victory. For the first time in the history of Memorial Cup, the deciding point occurred on the 18<sup>th</sup> green, by the last match on the golf course, with all of the participants standing in observation.

Campbell’s 18-hole battle vs. Matt Jennette (Nationals) was very symbolic of the entire tournament, starting with Round 1. Both teams battled hard and at no time during the tournament was the lead more than four points. The scoring summary for each round may be found on page three of this article.

Campbell also had an interesting moment on Saturday afternoon, as he successfully played a ball out of the water hazard on hole #11 at Cypress Bend. Following the round, we caught up with Campbell’s playing opponent, Blake Gilchrist of the Nationals, and asked him about the shot Campbell played from the water. Gilchrist said, “I just didn’t have the heart to call him on grounding his club inside the hazard and in the water. I’m mean, the dude scraped the water on the backswing of his practice swing. How obvious is that? But, he’s the nicest guy I’ve ever known, and it was such a great shot. And ultimately, it really didn’t matter because my partner and I dominated the match anyway. They had no chance to win the match from the beginning; it just took us awhile to get going.”

Other shining stars for the Americans include Sid Hodges (Larry Powell MVP Award winner), as well as Mike Clark, and Tom Gober. The Nationals also had a long list of players who performed well over the weekend, including Jeff Gilchrist, Erick Anderton, Christopher Lambert, Bradley Worrell, and Captain Josh Elam.

Here’s an overview from the player’s press conferences following the tournament:

Marc Robillard: "I had no chance in my Sunday singles match. My partner was not only 3 feet taller, but he's also a much better golfer. I'm not sure what the captains were thinking in pitting me against Jeff, but I hope that never happens again. He's too much golfer for me to handle."

CG Covey: "That's possibly the most pitiful golfing performance I've ever witnessed. Todd and I were both absolutely horrendous. We lost 15 balls between the two of us. The good news is that we were both really bad, so the match was close. We had a great time, and a close match. It was fun."

Commissioner Manry: "This was the most exciting Memorial Cup I've ever witnessed. I couldn't contain myself. These guys fought and battled all weekend. And the beverage cart service was REALLY nice."

Erick Anderton: "The presentation of the trophy on Thursday night was gold." (in reference to the Welcome Meeting, National Anthem, and the Commissioner's presentation of the Memorial Cup.)

Josh Elam: "My singles match was much closer than expected. I felt like I had it under control the entire time. Let's face it....I'm an athlete. And I knew if I kept fighting, I would pull out the victory in the end."

Memorial Cup 2015 was the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive match play championship to be hosted Step by Step Golf. Planning is currently underway for Memorial Cup 2016 at a site to be named later.

\*\*See next page for tournament scoring summary.

Memorial Cup 2015

13th Annual Match Play Championship

Step by Step Golf

60 Points Available (30.5 to Win)

Format	Match #	Tee Time	Americans	vs	Nationals	Result	Americans	Nationals
Round 1 Best Ball  Peninsula - Marsh to Cypress	1	1:00	Hollan & Robo Jr	vs	B Gilchrist & Anderton	4 & 2	1	
	2	1:08	Todd G & Jaeger	vs	Covey & Kyatt	3 & 2		1
	3	1:16	Kight & Eubanks	vs	Lambert & Worrell	4 & 2		1
	4	1:24	Tom G & Hodges	vs	Beez & Dobbins	5 & 4	1	
	5	1:32	Robo Sr & Clark	vs	Elam & J Gilchrist	2 up		1
	6	1:40	Rizzuto & Campbell	vs	Jennette & Kirk	2 & 1	1	
Each match in Round 1 worth 1 point						Score after Rd 1	3	3
Round 2 Mod Alt Shot  Craft Farms - Cotton Creek	1	7:44	Robo Sr & Eubanks	vs	Worrell & Elam	8 & 7		2
	2	7:52	Todd G & Tom G	vs	Anderton & Lambert	2 & 1		2
	3	8:00	Robo Jr & Kight	vs	Covey & Dobbins	7 & 5	2	
	4	8:08	Hollan & Jaeger	vs	B Gilchrist & Kyatt	3 & 2		2
	5	8:16	Hodges & Campbell	vs	Beez & Jennette	4 & 3	2	
	6	8:24	Rizzuto & Clark	vs	Kirk & J Gilchrist	3 & 2		2
Each match in Round 2 worth 2 points						Score after Rd 2	7	11
Round 2 Total Shamble  Craft Farms - Cypress Bend	1	1:30	Hollan & Hodges	vs	Anderton & Worrell	5 & 4	3	
	2	1:38	Robo Jr & Campbell	vs	B Gilchrist & J Gilchrist	4 & 2		3
	3	1:46	Todd G & Rizzuto	vs	Covey & Beez	2 & 1	3	
	4	1:54	Kight & Robo Sr	vs	Lambert & Elam	Halved	1.5	1.5
	5	2:02	Jaeger & Clark	vs	Kyatt & Kirk	3 & 2	3	
	6	2:10	Tom G & Eubanks	vs	Dobbins & Jennette	2 up		3
Each match in Round 3 worth 3 points						Score after Rd 3	17.5	18.5
Round 4 Singles  Kiva Dunes	1	8:00	Hollan	vs	B Gilchrist	1 up		2
	2	8:00	Rob Jr	vs	Anderton	2 up	2	
	3	8:08	Todd G	vs	Covey	1 up	2	
	4	8:08	Jaeger	vs	Kyatt	Halved	1	1
	5	8:16	Kight	vs	Lambert	7 & 5		2
	6	8:16	Tom G	vs	Dobbins	4 & 2	2	
	7	8:24	Hodges	vs	Worrell	7 & 5	2	
	8	8:24	Eubanks	vs	Beez	Halved	1	1
	9	8:32	Rizzuto	vs	Elam	1 up		2
	10	8:40	Robo Sr	vs	J Gilchrist	3 & 2		2
	11	8:32	Campbell	vs	Jennette	1 up	2	
	12	8:40	Clark	vs	Kirk	7 & 6	2	
Each match in Round 4 worth 2 points						Final Score	31.5	28.5