

CHICAGOLAND'S  
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Park Ridge Country Club  
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Terry Werner of Briar Ridge Country Club, Schererville, Indiana, shot an even par 70 for a one stroke victory in the *Champion of Champions* golf tournament hosted by Park Ridge Country Club. The individual champions of sixty-three private golf clubs in the Chicago metropolitan area competed in this one day, eighteen hole stroke play event. The tournament was played in beautiful early fall weather which, other than a brief and mild rain shower, featured sunny skies, warm temperatures and enough wind to make club selection a bit more chancy than usual.

Werner is now a three-time winner, with his previous victories coming in 2002 and 2003. This year, he played a very steady round with only one bogey and one birdie to go with sixteen pars. Through the first twelve holes, four other players managed to stay within one stroke of the ultimate winner but the final six holes took their toll on most. The leader in the clubhouse for most of the day was Michael Affeldt of Butler National Golf Club, playing in the seventh group out, who carded a one over par seventy-one. Werner, playing in the second to last group, was at even par throughout most of the back nine and needed to make par at the difficult eighteenth hole to insure his one stroke victory. His drive on eighteen was in the fairway but on the left side, thus adding to the pressure on him to hit a precise second shot to a treacherous, back right hole location. From 196 yards out and using a #4 hybrid club, he hit his ball some fifteen feet behind the hole, leaving a slippery downhill putt with a slight left to right break. Werner made a careful lag to within two feet of the cup, and then sank his second putt for the par and a hard fought victory over a field of outstanding competitors.

On Thursday, October 4, Park Ridge CC will be the venue for two *Challenge of Champions* matches. The first will feature the women's private club Champion of Champions, Liz Repking of Glen Oak Country Club, competing against the women's public club Champion of Champions, Mary Ellen Martin from Village Links of Glen Ellyn, in an eighteen-hole match play contest, while the second pairs the men's private club Champion of Champions, Terry Werner, in thirty-six holes of match play against the men's public club Champion of Champions, John Gollwitzer from Antioch Golf Club. Tee times commence at 8:00 A.M.

Chicagoland's *Champion of Champions* invitational golf tournament for men was first played in 1933, and was held annually at various clubs until 1984. Park Ridge Country Club revived the tournament in 1998 and has hosted it annually ever since. The traveling trophy to be displayed at the home club of the winner was donated by the Western Golf Association (WGA).

