

ONTARIO CAPTURES 14TH ANNUAL KELLY CUP IN USA

Team Ontario came storming back after trailing Team Michigan by 2 points on Day One, 5-3. The comeback victory kept the US side from winning the only three-peat in Kelly Cup history. Team Ontario rode a 10-6, Day 2 performance to a 13-11 win at Solitude Links near Port Huron, Michigan.

Team Ontario was led by the fine play of its captain, Dennis Babcock (Chatham, Ont), who won 3 ½ points out of 4. George Harris (London, Ont) was also impressive winning 3 points. Other top point-getters for Ontario were veterans Bob Richardson (Keswick, Ont) and Paul Kelly (Uxbridge, Ont) (2 ½ points each), and Grant Gulych (St. Thomas, Ont) 2 points. Other members of the winning side were Paul Duncan (Mount Albert, Ont), Michael Hunter (St Thomas, Ont), and Cesare Sisti (Maple, Ont).

Michigan was captained by Brett McBride (Pigeon, Mich). His top point-getter was Jack Black (Canton, Mich), who won all 4 of his matches. Chris Boka, also of Canton, Mich, won 3 of his 4 matches while Jack Deming (Hudsonville, Mich) won 2 ½ points. “We couldn’t ask for better weather.” Said McBride. “Team USA tried hard and gave it our all, but only a few matches decided the final outcome. Congrats to the Canadians. “

Day 1 matches are 9 holes of Four-ball or best-ball followed by 9 holes of Foursomes or alternate shot. Day 2 matches are 9 holes of individual Stableford followed by 9 holes of individual Match Play.

The other members of Team Michigan are: Tim Hallwood (Bad Axe, Mich), Charlie Henry (Caseville, Mich), Jeremie Lopez (Champions Gate, Fla), and Mike Terrill (Bad Axe, Mich)

The Kelly Cup matches have been played in honor of former tour member, Thomas Kelly, who died suddenly on the golf course "with the fellas" in 2003. Thomas was very active in teaching golf to underprivileged kids in metro Detroit and was a very proud of his USGTF membership.

In 2009, the tour awarded a \$1,400 scholarship to the Kelly grandchildren, Arianna Kelly and Edward Kelly, Jr. for their college education. Both grandchildren attended the team dinner. Arianna is a college freshman this fall, studying medicine and planning to become a Physician’s Assistant. Also in attendance was Thomas Kelly’s widow, Barbara Kelly, sons Thomas Kelly, Jr. and Edward Kelly.

At the team dinner, the Andrew G. Carrigan Order of Merit Awards recipients, Brent Davies and Brian Shoup could not attend.

The 2018 Kelly Cup matches will return to Ontario. Jack Deming will Captain the US side while George Harris & Cesare Sisti will Co-Captain the Ontario side.

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