

Davis/Land claim Louisiana Senior Fourball

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ABITA SPRINGS, LA (Sept. 25, 2011) -- With Bill Land already in the hole for birdie on the par-five 17th hole, teammate John Davis rolled in a snake for eagle three to give their team the cushion they needed to claim the 24th edition of the Louisiana Golf Association Senior 4-Ball Championship on Sunday at Money Hill G & CC. Land and Davis finished at 11-under par 133 (65/68) to end the day one shot up on 2005 Champion Robert Shelton and Ben Thibeaux of Lafayette (68/66-134). Land and Davis, also from Lafayette, entered the day three shots up on the field but struggled early on Sunday, making bogeys on the two par threes on the frontside to let the field back into the fray.

Playing in the same group with Davis and Land, Dennis Smith and Brad Mosing, yet another Lafayette team and winners of this event in 2008, vaulted into a tie for the lead after only eight holes, Mosing making a birdie two on #8 where the Davis/Land team made bogey. The Smith/Mosing team actually took the lead through 10 holes after a Smith birdie on #10 but a team bogey on #13 by Smith/Mosing created another tie. By this time, Thibeaux and Shelton, playing in the group just ahead of Davis/Land and Smith/Mosing, were quietly making their move. Birdies by Shelton on #14, #16, and #17 got them to nine-under par and just after Davis sank his eagle putt on #17, Thibeaux rolled in a 25-footer for birdie on #18, allowing them to finish at 10-under par, one shot back. Unable to make any more birdies coming in, the Smith/Mosing team had to settle for third place by themselves at nine-under par 135 (68/67).

Finishing in a tie for fourth place were the teams of Scott Haynie of Brusly and John Henchy of Baton Rouge (68/69-137), and Joel Childress of Covington and Danna Sutton of Metairie (72/65).

In addition to the Overall Championship, players also competed in Age Group Championships. In the 60-64 Age Group, David Harris and Eddie Fielding of Covington bested Sam Lavigne of Gonzales and Sid Harp of Donaldsonville in a sudden-death playoff, both teams finishing at four-under par 140. In the 65-69 Age Group, Russ Gaudin of Baton Rouge and Les O'Neal of Denham Springs won with a two day total of six-under par 138 (69/69), and in the 70 & Over Age Group, Corky Yates of Pineville and Curt McClure of Shreveport won with a two day total of even par 144 (75/69).

This year's Championship was held at Money Hill Golf & Country Club in Abita Springs. The course continued to draw rave reviews from this field of the best Senior players in the state. It played to a par of 72 at 6,750 yards on Sunday.