



14th Hole at Cobbs Creek GC

## 41st Philadelphia Better-Ball Championship Results

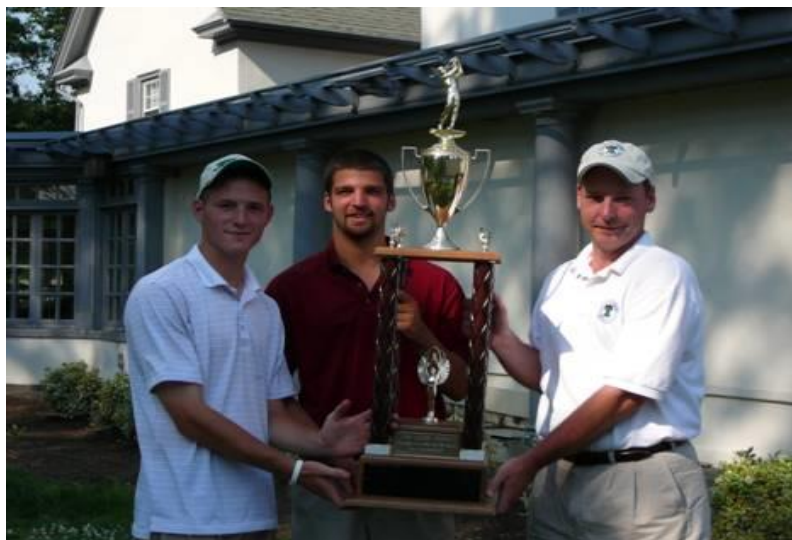
**Philadelphia, PA** - The only thing hotter than the 95 degree weather this weeked at Cobbs Creek GC was the winning pair of Travis Gahman and Luke Peters from Lederach GC. The winning duo finished the weekend of near flawless golf at eighteen under par, twelve shots clear of their closest pursuers.

Gahman and Peters started the tournament with a bogey free round of 68 which left them one shot behind two teams, 2006 champions Ken Gaskill and Mark Battista and 2006 runners-up Pat Sullivan and Matt Welsh. By the end of the second round there was little suspense left as to who would hoist the trophy as 2008 champions. Gahman began the record setting second round of 61 with a chip-in eagle at the par 5 first followed by a birdie at the second. After four consecutive pars Gahman posted another eagle on the par 5, 7th. After a par on the eighth the winning team combined to birdie five of the next seven holes to reach 10-under for the round. Pars at the last three holes cemented their record setting 61 and gave them a nine shot lead heading into the final round over defending champions Buck Jones and Jim Yenser.

With Gahman and Peters posting birdies on five of the first ten holes on Sunday and extending their lead to twelve shots, the tournament, for all intents and purposes, was over. Their three day total of 18-under par 195 tied the tournament record set by Mike and Joe Owsik in 1985. Gahman and Peters did not make a bogey until their 50th hole of the tournament on the 614 yard par 5 fourteenth.

The only question that remained was who would finish second? The teams of Anthony Spatichia and Jim Robertson and 1996 champions Mark Brennan and Bill Erskine both posted birdies on five of the first ten holes to reach 6-under and pull into a second place tie with Jones and Yenser. Spatichia and Robertson played the back nine in even par which was good enough to finish three shots clear of Brennan and Erskine and four ahead of fourth place finishers Jones and Yenser.

In all 49 teams competed including seven past champions over the par 71 Cobbs Creek layout.



2008 Philadelphia Better-Ball Champions, Luke Peters and Travis Gahman

## Championship Flight

1	Travis Gahman - Luke Peters, Lederach GC	68-61-66	195
2	Anthony Spatichia, Cobbs Creek GC - Jim Robertson, Llanerch GC	70-71-66	207
3	Mark Brennan, Cobbs Creek GC - Bill Erskine, Walnut Lane GC	70-71-69	210
4	Buck Jones, Linfield National - Jim Yenser Honeybrook GC	68-70-73	211
5	Stephen Walton, Downingtown GC - Bobby Blanken, Unaffiliated	74-66-72	212
5	Ken Gaskill, Ramblewood GC - Mark Battista, Unaffiliated	67-74-71	212
5	Mike Valentine, Spring Mill GC - Mike Curry, John F. Byrne GC	72-71-69	212
8	Bill Turner, Cobbs Creek GC - Dan Toomey, Rider University	69-72-72	213
9	Pat Sullivan, Meadowbrook GC - Matthew Welsh, St. David's GC	67-76-73	216
9	Keith Holmes - Kurt Holmes, John F. Byrne GC	70-74-72	216
11	Luis Diaz - Joe Tiberi, Rancocas GC	73-70-74	217
11	Bernie Flynn, Center Square GC - Eric Semisch, Unaffiliated	71-73-73	217
11	Paul Cornely - Greg Jarmas, Cobbs Creek GC	71-73-73	217
14	Adam Warner - Shawn Semon, Unaffiliated	75-69-74	218
15	Alan Hasher - Andrew Derbyshire, Rancocas GC	70-73-76	219
16	Dave Shields - Dan Osada, Walnut Lane GC	72-72-75	219

## First Flight

1	Anthony Saltarelli - Joseph Saltarelli, John F. Byrne GC	73-73-67	213
2	George Griffin, White Oaks CC - Keith Griffin, West Palm Beach CC	74-71-69	214
3	Jason Loehrs - Steve Loehrs, Cobbs Creek GC	73-73-72	218
3	Ansley Jessup - Lonnie Taylor, Rancocas GC	70-76-72	218
3	Jim Austin - Larry Wiacek, Five Ponds GC	74-74-70	218
3	James Shaffer - Mike Carr, Unaffiliated	75-75-68	218
7	Mike Owsik, Plymouth CC - Eddie Owsik, McCall Field GC	73-73-74	220
7	Jim Durante - Chris Anthony, Cobbs Creek GC	74-74-72	220
9	Keith Johnson - Ed Lewis, Rancocas GC	74-72-75	221
10	Mike Harms - Chuck Missimer, Cobbs Creek GC	77-73-72	222
11	Jerry Davidse, St. David's GC - Brian Degnan, Unaffiliated	75-74-74	223
12	Kevin Koch, Linfield National GC - Tom Coyne, FDR GC	73-75-76	224
12	Chic Palmer - George Bailey, Rancocas GC	76-74-74	224
14	Matt Nastala - Tom Faro, John F. Byrne GC	74-75-76	225
15	Ted Nunez - Jack Scholz, Cobbs Creek GC	74-76-78	228

	John Jester, Commonwealth National GC - Joe Makowski, Unaffiliated	77	DQ
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## Second Flight

1	Mike Dutill - Mike Haney, Horsham Valley GC	80-71-73	224
2	Craig Comerford - Rob Martin, Rancocas GC	76-76-75	227
3	Mike Massott, Jr. - Steve Barcoski, Bensalem CC	77-76-78	231
4	Rick Wineberg, Cobbs Creek GC - Chuck Diegel, Brookside CC	78-78-77	233
4	Matt Massott, Bensalem CC - Mike Massott, Sr., Centerton CC	79-83-71	233
6	Bob Zecca, Cobbs Creek GC - Skip Miller, Branch Brook GC	76-82-77	235
7	Andrew Repetto, Wyncote GC - Bruce Schaffer, Unaffiliated	73-83-83	239
7	Kris King - Chris Heckman, Cobbs Creek GC	78-82-79	239
7	Rick Wright, Cobbs Creek GC - Chuck Kim, Unaffiliated	78-82-79	239
7	Jim Welsh - Rob Lesnevich, Carnoustie Golf Links	82-78-79	239
11	Caesar Caramanico - Will DeGothseir, Cobbs Creek GC	81-79-80	240
11	Bob Manfre, Cobbs Creek GC - Pete Cardarelli, McCall Field GC	78-83-79	240
13	Damian Anzaldo, Kennett Square GC - Nick DiFabio, Cobbs Creek GC	85-79-79	243
14	Greg Owsik - Dave Owsik, M Golf	81-82-83	246
14	Bob Romano Sr., Shoregate GC - Bob Romano Jr., Unaffiliated	81-83-82	246
16	Jerry Haas - Brian Schwartz, Cobbs Creek GC	81-87-82	250
17	Michael Szkaradnik - Pat Walsh, Golftec	85-81-85	251