



# Schuler, White, and Westfall overtake a strong field in the Louisville Hemp Company Invitational

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***\*\*For the purpose of this article, all scores referenced are NET scores. Net scores are after the player's handicap has been***

The HBF Tour hosted their second stroke play event of the season, and it proved to be a thriller. With all three flights coming down to the wire, players battled to secure a portion of the \$3,650.00 purse. Fifty-two players started the day with big ambitions, but only three were left standing. These players each took home \$500.00 visa gift cards, and their first wins of the 2021 season.



Schuler (left) Westfall (Center) White (Right)

The HBF Tour is a Louisville based organization that affords golfers of all skill levels, "Kentucky's Premier Competitive Golf Experience." In 2021, the tour is hosting (11) stroke play and (2) match play tournaments. With five available flights, players of all skill levels can compete utilizing a universal USGA GHIN platform. By joining the tour, all players are issued a USGA GHIN account through the Kentucky Golf Association. The handicaps are closely monitored by our handicap chair Mr. Teddy Nigh and the board of directors. With players ranging from +2 to 24 GHIN indexes, HBF Tour has a diverse membership group and invites players of all talent levels to join today. Simply to go to **HBFTour.com** for more information and registration options.

The Louisville Hemp Invitational took place at Heritage Hill Golf Club on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The golf course was in amazing shape and the pin locations challenged the players on almost every hole. The flight recaps are listed below!

## **CAVEMAN FLIGHT (+2 to 8 GHIN Indexes)**

The bar was set early, as Shaun McConnell continued his exceptional play and posted an early 75. Jesse "the closer" Smith, continued his assault on the closing nine of golf tournaments, and posted a 71. His back nine 32 was highlighted by an eagle on Hole 14 and a birdie on Hole 17. This is where the excitement really started heating up. Gavin Murdoch finished the opening nine with a 34 to take a brief lead, but trouble on the difficult 11<sup>th</sup> hole proved too much to overcome down the stretch. Murdoch closed with a 76.

This left the flight with a three man battle to the finish. Nick Perdue was steady all day and took home fourth place alone, posting 74. White and Kulmer were the last two competitors to make a run at Smith's 71. White, who is known for his competitive brilliance, made three birdies on the back 9, to close with a 70. His round was highlighted by a gutsy finish on 18. His drive plugged in the bunker, and after laying up to around 65 yards, he hit a timely wedge to 3 feet. He stated after the round, "That shot had the Tour Sauce!". With Kulmer sitting at 1 under, after birdies on 16 and 17, his approach shot settled at about 50 ft on Hole 18. His bid for the tie ended up a few inches from the cup. This locked up the event for White and gave him his first win of the season.

### **CAMBRIDGE FLIGHT (8.1 to 16 GHIN Indexes)**

Paul Keene, playing in his first HBF Event, and Jason Shingleton set the bar early for this flight posting strong rounds of 75. Jason Bewley and Donnie Reddington gave chase down the stretch. Reddington birdied hole 10 to get to level par on the day, but two closing bogies left him at 74 and in third place. Bewley carried over the momentum from his match play win, to close at 73, and a second place finish. Bewley birdied hole 14 and eagled 15 to put the pressure on Schuler down the stretch.

Schuler, being the HBF veteran, was not to be turned away on this day. Schuler's triple bogey on 15 dwindled his lead to only a stroke over Bewley with three to play. With a confident birdie on 17 and eagle on 18, he closed in championship fashion. He posted a 69 and won the flight by four strokes.

### **BLUEGRASS FLIGHT (16.1 to 24 GHIN Indexes)**

Ben Davis was the early leader in the clubhouse. He birdied 10, 11 and 13 to take the early lead at 78. A few groups back, Christian Weaver was lurking and looking to make a move. After making a triple bogey on 11, he answered with an eagle on 12. His closing eagle completed his day at 74, and secured second place. Todd Brown birdied 18 to continue his great spring and finished at 75. DJ Zipp, a first time HBF member, showed his ability, and finished the day in fourth at 78. He will be a force to be reckoned with in 2021.

This left one player standing alone for the flight championship. Westfall came out in epic fashion, with birdies on 2 and 4 and an eagle on 3. A double eagle on hole 11 gave him the cushion he needed down the stretch. Even with a few hiccups, Westfall closed strong and sealed his win posting a 71!

## **FINAL RESULTS**

All Tie-Breakers for paid spots, determined by the USGA Policy

### **CAVEMAN FLIGHT**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>NET Score</u>	<u>Payout</u>
1st place	Danny White	70	\$500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Jesse Smith	71	\$225.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Anthony Kulmer	71	\$150.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Nick Perdue	74	\$100.00
5 <sup>th</sup> place	Derek Risk	75	\$50.00
6 <sup>th</sup> place	S. McConnell	75	
T7th	Jamey Fontes	76	
	Patrick Genardi	76	
	Gavin Murdoch	76	
10 <sup>th</sup> place	Bryan Chappell	78	
11 <sup>th</sup> place	A. Muschinski	80	
T12 <sup>th</sup> place	Brad Lipe	82	
	Teddy Nigh	82	
	Paul McGowan	82	
15 <sup>th</sup> place	Scott Dehart	86	
16 <sup>th</sup> place	Chad Kyser	87	
17 <sup>th</sup> place	Jeff Huang	89	
18 <sup>th</sup> place	Drew Harrington	96	

### **CAMBRIDGE FLIGHT**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>NET Score</u>	<u>Payout</u>
1st place	Steve Schuler	69	\$500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Jason Bewley	73	\$225.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Donnie Reddington	74	\$150.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Paul Keene	75	\$100.00
5 <sup>th</sup> place	Jason Shingleton	75	\$50.00
6 <sup>th</sup> place	Les Bilodeau	76	
7 <sup>th</sup> place	Adam Reas	78	
8 <sup>th</sup> place	Ed Elliott	79	
T9 <sup>th</sup> place	Andrew Lippay	80	
	Joel Cox	80	
	Chris Wessell	80	
12 <sup>th</sup> place	Teague Scott	81	
13 <sup>th</sup> place	Kevin Coke	82	
T14 <sup>th</sup> place	David Harrison	84	
	Dave Scull	84	
	Brandon Alphin	84	

## BLUEGRASS FLIGHT

Place	Player	NET Score	Payout
1st place	Matt Westfall	71	\$500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Christian Weaver	74	\$225.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Todd Brown	75	\$150.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place	DJ Zipp	78	\$100.00
5 <sup>th</sup> place	Ben Davis	78	\$50.00
6 <sup>th</sup> place	Jeff Long	79	
7 <sup>th</sup> place	Michael Swift	81	
8 <sup>th</sup> place	M. Rodgers	82	
9 <sup>th</sup> place	S. Mattingly	85	
10 <sup>th</sup> place	Ben Barker	86	
11 <sup>th</sup> place	B. Hardymon	88	
12 <sup>th</sup> place	Ryan McLean	90	
13 <sup>th</sup> place	Marty Sumler	91	
14 <sup>th</sup> place	Mike Nash	93	
15 <sup>th</sup> place	Eric Cooper	102	
16 <sup>th</sup> place	Michael Kaiser	117	
17 <sup>th</sup> place	Kevin Benham	DNF	



## Skins Game

### NET SKINS—Paid out \$125.00/skin

Ryan McLean	Net 1 on Hole #5
Steve Schuler	Net 2 on Hole #7
Matt Westfall	Net 1 on Hole #12
Andrew Lippay	Net 2 on Hole #13
Jesse Smith	Net 2 on Hole #14
Mike Nash	Net 3 on Hole #16

### GROSS SKINS—Paid out \$44.00/Skin

Shaun McConnell	4 on Hole #1	Jesse Smith	3 on #14
Danny White	3 on Hole #3	Jason Bewley	2 on #15
Danny White	3 on Hole #6	Danny White	4 on #16
Jamey Fontes	2 on Hole #11	Jesse Smith	3 on #17
Jamey Fontes	3 on Hole #12	J. Shingleton	3 on #18

## Contest Holes and Raffle Winners

**\*\*All Winners received a \$50.00 Gift Card to Golf Headquarters\*\***

### Caveman Flight

CTP on Hole #7	Nick Perdue
CTP on Hole #15	Jesse Smith
Longest Drive on Hole #9	Shaun McConnell

### Cambridge Flight

CTP on Hole #7	See Raffle Winners (No Green Hit)
CTP on Hole #15	Jason Bewley
Long Drive on Hole #9	Steve Schuler

### Bluegrass Flight

CTP on Hole #7	Matt Westfall
CTP on Hole #15	See Raffle Winners (No Green Hit)
Longest Drive on Hole #9	Ryan McLean

### Raffle Winners

Grand Prize:	Kevin Benham (\$100 Golf Headquarters GC)
	Patrick Genardi (\$50 Golf Headquarters GC)
	Donnie Reddington (\$50 Golf Headquarters GC)

Longest Putt on #18: ALL FLIGHTS Steve Schuler

Congrats to all players that competed, and I look forward to the strong play continuing at the next event.

### Spring Series Event #4

**Venue:** Weissinger Hill Golf Club –First Major of the season

**Time:** 11:00 to 1:00 Double Tee

**Format:** Individual Net 18 Holes

### Spring Series Event #5

**Venue:** South Park Country Club

**Time:** 10:30 AM Single Tee

**Format:** Individual Net 18 Holes