

## CHICAGOLAND'S Champion of Champions Golf Tournament Park Ridge Country Club

Mark Faulds of Olympia Fields Country Club defeated Vance Antoniou of Butler National Country Club in sudden death overtime to claim the 2005 Champion of Champions Tournament title. Owing to rain the day before, the field was allowed to lift, clean and place on the fairways, while the greens putted true but fast, thus adding stress to even short putts. Faulds was the leader in the clubhouse, while Antoniou finished four groups later.

The playoff was based on the best accumulated score after three holes (#'s 10, 17, and 18) and if the score was tied after the first three holes, going back to replay them in order, but from that point forward, sudden death with the first player to win a hole being declared the tournament winner. The competitors matched pars on each of the first three play off holes, thanks to outstanding chipping and putting from both Faulds and Antoniou. Then, in the first hole of sudden death, the par 5 tenth, both players were hole high after two, but neither was on the green. Antoniou hit a delicate, high pitch from some 20 yards left of the green to about 12 feet below the hole, while Faulds knocked his chip from the greenside rough to some 5 feet left of the hole. After having to back off on his birdie attempt because of the sudden shrill of fire engine sirens, Antoniou gathered himself and hit his first putt, but missed left. Faulds, after lining up his birdie putt from both sides, stepped up and sank it to win the hole and the tournament.

