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QUAIL RIDGE USES FAST START TO WIN GOLF ROAD CUP

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. -- Quail Ridge Country Club won the first five matches and cruised to a 16-8 victory over Delray Dunes Golf & Country Club in the 18th Golf Road Cup, an annual competition between these two top private country clubs situated one mile apart on Golf Road in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Leading 9 ½-2 ½ entering Sunday's singles, Quail Ridge won five matches and had three halves to clinch the victory. The two-day event was played in harsh weather conditions on Quail Ridge's North Course that included temperatures in the 40s and 25-mph winds. The victory gave Quail Ridge a 9-8-1 lead in this annual competition.

"What's nice about winning is it keeps things competitive and fresh," said Quail Ridge captain Kevin Hammer, a former top-ranked junior player who went 2-1 in the matches. "We dominated for a while and they have dominated lately. Both clubs have a long history of helping each other. There's a lot of camaraderie and similarities between the two clubs."

Delray Dunes played without longtime member Bob Murphy, who won a combined 16 times on the PGA Tour and PGA Tour Champions. The 73-year-old Murphy said he's been bothered by balance issues, but was on hand to watch.

Murphy's absence probably didn't matter, the way Quail Ridge dominated from the start.

"Quail Ridge played beautiful," said Delray Dunes member Jay Sigel, a two-time U.S. Amateur champion who won eight PGA Tour Champions titles. "I don't know if we played our best, if that would have been good enough."

Woody Greene and Mario Forget led Quail Ridge with three points -- two of those points earned together. Hugo Cloutier and Francois Duquette also earned three points for Quail Ridge -- again two of them together.

Located 20 minutes south of West Palm Beach and only minutes north of Boca Raton, Quail Ridge Country Club offers its members two Joe Lee designed championship golf courses, extensive practice facilities, a 16-court tennis center, 29 community pools and a free-standing health and fitness center. Quail Ridge Country Club is in the process of building a new \$22 million clubhouse which should be complete by the fall of 2017. For more information about Quail Ridge Country Club visit www.quailridgecc.com.

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