

Richardson wins Public Links

Tom Richardson of South Suburban Golf Course shot a 1-over par 73 Sunday at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster to win the Colorado Golf Association Public Links Championship. Richardson finished the tournament at 1 over par to finish three strokes ahead of runner-up **Jeff Fujimoto** of Indian Tree.

Richardson, 20, a Colorado State junior, led by two strokes heading into Sunday's third and final round and played steady golf over the difficult 7,251-yard Arthur Hills course.

Fujimoto, a teammate of Richardson's at CSU, mounted an early charge with birdies at Nos. 2, 3 and 9 which pulled him even with Richardson heading into the final nine.

Fujimoto's bid for the lead ended, however, after a double bogey on the 552-yard 11th hole. Richardson played Nos. 10, 11 and 12 in 2 under par while Fujimoto played the same stretch of holes in 2 over.

That sudden turn of events gave Richardson a four-stroke cushion and allowed him to coast in with an easy win.

"It's really a privilege to win this tournament," Richardson said after his first CGA victory. "This is the first year I've been able to play in this tournament, and to win it is really special."

"I'm really proud of the way I hung in there all three days. This golf course is very difficult and you have to be patient."

The state's best amateurs were put to the test throughout the tournament by Legacy Ridge's narrow driving areas and deep native grasses.

The lowest round of the tournament was a 2-under 70 by Rob Odom of Indian Peaks Golf Course on Saturday.

Odom's round was one of only three sub-par rounds over the three days of the tournament.

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CGA PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP At Legacy Ridge Golf Course Final round — par 72

Tom Richardson	72-72-73—217
Jeff Fujimoto	73-74-73—220
Matthew Bryant	74-72-75—221
Mark Crabtree	74-73-75—222
Rick DeWitt	72-75-76—223
Grant Wittenwyler	75-74-77—226
Chad Buckridge	77-73-76—226
J.D. Manning	76-77-75—228
Robert Odom	80-79-70—229
Cam Osler	78-77-74—229
Harry Johnson	77-74-78—229
Scott Steven	74-75-80—229
Brad Neher	76-79-76—231
Kurt Walsh	75-79-77—231
Mark Hirsch	75-78-78—231
Patrick Mullin	72-77-82—231
Eric Meller	78-78-76—232
John Luoma	79-76-77—232
Jason Brandt	82-71-80—233
Jason Sederberg	78-74-81—233
Dave Brown	75-77-81—233
Mark Franz	80-80-74—234
Brad Dinkel	76-80-78—234
Ben Portie	81-72-81—234
Steven Tourville	75-78-81—234
Patrick Mooney	73-79-82—234
Patrick Almdale	80-78-78—236
Tim Burns	76-79-81—236
Danny Luirette	81-80-76—237
Eri Crum	82-74-81—237
Todd Novak	75-81-82—238
Matt McCoy	77-76-85—238
Dan Kothenbeutel	81-76-82—239
Bob Campiglia	82-82-76—240
Kim Taylor	82-79-79—240
Joe Miller	78-80-82—240
Michael Kline	81-78-82—241
Brian Thomas	78-79-84—241
Pat Fry	79-74-88—241
Tom Stacy	81-82-79—242
Chuck Melvin	83-77-82—242
Patrick Bowe	80-76-86—242
Stephen Boswell	82-78-83—243
Rick Uhrir	83-82-78—243
Mark Achziger	80-77-86—243
Bob Heiny	79-80-85—244
Brian Hazen	78-77-89—244