

Christie '85 places 5th at Chrysler Club Championship National Finals

Chuck Christie '85 recently finished 5th in the Chrysler Club Championship National Finals at the Ritz Carlton's Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, FL, Dec. 5-9, 2007. This national amateur golf event was played at the same time as Greg Norman's annual Merrill Lynch Shootout, which boasted some of golf's great professionals -- John Daly, Fred Couples, 2007 Master Champ Zach Johnson, Mark O'Meara and of course Greg Norman.

Chuck was one of 32 finalists who qualified for the national finals. The Chrysler Club Championship is the largest amateur golf tournament in the world with over 115,000 players who compete for a chance to make the nationals finals with the grand prize of playing in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in Palm Springs, CA in January of 2008.

Jack Christie '10, Chuck's son, had the opportunity to caddy for his dad and said "it was the best week I've ever experienced in my lifetime". Jack got plenty of autographs and several pictures of himself with some of the tour pros, and even made a new friend, Gregory Norman, Greg's eldest son who was also caddying that week for his dad.

The tournament was a two day event in which after the opening round Chuck was tied for 2nd place. During the final round, Chuck took the tournament lead after making birdie on the 2nd hole. His lead would grow to 2 shots when he birdied the ninth. Unfortunately, the back nine would cost him his lead and would ultimately lead to his 5th place finish. That evening on the Golf Channel's Golf Central, Chuck was seen teeing off on one of the holes. It was a very rewarding way to spend a few days in December.