



2026 Tour Championship & Final Foursome

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Stillwater Country Club
Stillwater, MN

Final Results

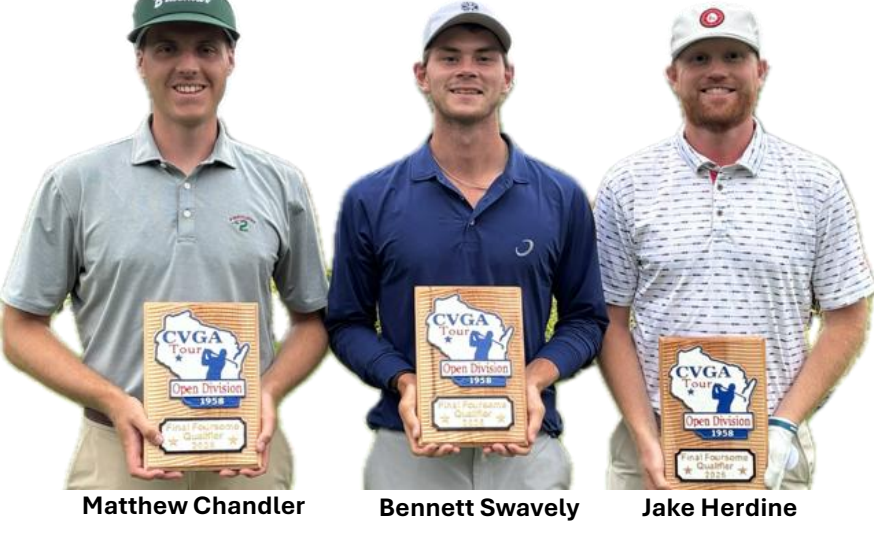
Congratulations to Joel Johnson who captured the 2026 CVGA Tour Championship At Stillwater Country Club by a single shot over Bennett Swavely and Nate Adams. Two birdies and an Eagle sent him out in 32, with two additional birdies coming home for an inward 34. The total added up to a wonderful bogey free round of 66. Joel is an area golfing legend that has won many CVGA Open Division events in the past. He is also headed to Baltimore Country Club later this month to compete in the USGA's 2026 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. What a great round to beat a strong field!

Joel also captured the first ever CVGA Final Foursome Title after the four-hole aggregate playoff format on holes 1, 7, 8, and 9. Joel, Bennett Swavely, Jake Herdine, and Matthew Chandler all represented their respective groups and went out for the extra session.

Jake and Bennett birdied the opening hole while Joel had a solid par, and Matthew made an early bogie after an errant drive. Next, birdies were made by Bennett, Matthew, and Joel on the 7th hole, while Jake only managed a par after a pitch shot from short of the green.

With Bennett now leading at -2, the par 3 eighth hole proved pivotal. After pars by the remaining players, a three-putt by Bennett leveled the field with Jake, Joel, and Bennett going into the final hole -1, with Matthew at level par.

On the final hole, an errant drive by Joel left him around 200 yards from the green near the large oak in the left ruff. The remaining players all hit good drives with Jake finding the left rough but much closer to the green. Joel hit a wonderful hybrid to the front of the green, with Bennett and Matthew each finding the putting surface as well. Jake came up a bit short of the green, but pitched to a few feet after a great touch, while Joel's putt came up about 8 feet short of the cup. With a birdie putt to win, Bennett's put just missed after a great effort. Matthew, needing a birdie to stay alive, gave it a great roll as well. After tap in's for par by Bennett and Matthew, this set the stage for Jake and Joel to make, or the title would go to Bennett. Joel was first to save his chances with a clutch 8-footer that was center cut. Jake followed, which set the stage for the final tie breaker. With Matthew eliminated in 4th place, Joel, Jake, and Bennett headed back out to 125 yards for a final closest to the pin tiebreaker to settle first, second, and third. With darkness setting in, Joel delivered an opening strike to about 8 feet that was not matched my Bennett (2nd) or Jake (3rd). What a finish in the fading twilight for our first ever Final Foursome!



2026 Final Foursome Scorecard				
Hole	1	7	8	9
Joel Johnson	4	3	3	4
Bennett Swavely	3	3	4	4
Jake Herdine	3	4	3	4
Matthew Chandler	5	3	3	4

Stepping back to the Tour Championship, finishing runner up were PGA Tour Americas member Bennett Swavely, and former NDSU Bison Nate Adams. Excellent rounds of 67 were not quite enough for Bennett to capture his fourth CVGA Open title, or Nate his first. I am sure both will happen soon!

Our 2026 Runner Up Player of the Year, Ralph Baxley finished alone in fourth (68), while another former Golden Gopher, Jack Wetzel of Edina, MN was fifth (69). UWEC Bluegold Ryan Jamieson was sixth with a -2 under par 70.

2026 High School Player of the Year AJ Diller, Brian Hills, Brock Winter, Jake Herdine, Matthew Chandler Thomas Huettl, and Yarri Bryn rounded out the top ten with -1 under par 71.

The season long Player of the Year "Trifecta" was claimed by 10-time CVGA Champion JT Johnson. JT was solid all year and claimed the Pheasant Hills Open in June. At age 67, JT managed to claim Player of the Year, Senior Player of the Year, and Amateur of the Year. What a season, and what a battle it came down to at the end. Stay tuned for more to come in the 2026 season recap.

Skins were won by Joel Johnson, Nate Adams, and Joey Murphy with eagles on holes 5, 11, and 18, respectively.

A special thanks to David and the staff at Stillwater Country Club for hosting us on a wonderful day, and over a wonderful course. It was a real treat to play, and the course was set up perfectly by the team at Stillwater and Jeff Galowitz, who is a CVGA regular that was instrumental in making this event happen.

Golf shop credit will be available at the Stillwater pro shop later this week, and I will handle cash payments for the professionals and skins via Venmo.

Thanks for a great 2026 Points season and we will see you all at Eau Claire Country Club in September for the 66th Annual Tournament of Champions.



Joel Johnson
Tour Champion
Final Foursome Champion



JT Johnson
Bill Rolland Player of the Year
Senior Player of the Year
Amateur of the Year



AJ Diller
High School
Player of the Year

Place	Player	Score	Par	Points	Payout
1	Joel Johnson	66	-6	24	\$505 Cr
2	Bennett Swavely	67	-5	18	\$210 Ca
2	Nate Adams	67	-5	18	\$210 Ca
4	Ralph Baxley	68	-4	15	\$155 Cr
5	Jack Wetzel	69	-3	12	\$108 Ca
6	Ryan Jamieson	70	-2	11	\$126 Cr
7	Adam(AJ) Diller	71	-1	10	\$72 Cr
7	Brian Hills	71	-1	10	\$55 Ca
7	Brock Winter	71	-1	10	\$55 Ca
7	Jake Herdine	71	-1	10	\$72 Cr
7	Matthew Chandler	71	-1	10	\$72 Cr
7	Thomas Huettl	71	-1	10	\$72 Cr
7	Yarri Bryn	71	-1	10	\$72 Cr
14	Dave Gunderson	72	E	9	
14	Dom Haskins	72	E	9	
14	Joey Murphy	72	E	9	
17	JT Johnson	73	+1	8	
17	Kellen Marsh	73	+1	8	
19	August Lang	74	+2	7	
19	Reid Wilson	74	+2	7	
21	Jim Theis	75	+3	6	
21	Jonathan Hanner	75	+3	6	
21	Kole Hallmark	75	+3	6	
21	Travis Meyer	75	+3	6	
21	Tyler Beeck	75	+3	6	
26	Andrew Bauer	76	+4	5	
26	Brad Johnson	76	+4	5	
26	Jarod Leslie	76	+4	5	
26	Justus Christianson	76	+4	5	
26	Robb Volkenant	76	+4	5	
26	Matt Kamish	76	+4	5	
32	Brandon Sperling	77	+5	4	
32	Ethan Oricchio	77	+5	4	
32	Jake Brookshaw	77	+5	4	
32	Josh Junker	77	+5	4	
32	Nate Buyze	77	+5	4	
32	Nico Maurelli	77	+5	4	
32	Ryan Vivoda	77	+5	4	
39	Jeff Meyers	78	+6	3	
39	Matthew Selz	78	+6	3	
39	Rocky Nelson	78	+6	3	
39	Sam McDowell	78	+6	3	
39	Topher Baron	78	+6	3	
44	Jon Westmeyer	79	+7	2	
44	Randy Antonich	79	+7	2	
46	Jake Warneke	80	+8	1	
46	Jeff Galowitz	80	+8	1	
46	Nolan Larson	80	+8	1	
46	Rick Davis	80	+8	1	
46	Thomas Stevens	80	+8	1	
46	Tyler Anderson	80	+8	1	
Skins					
Player	Score		Hole	Payout	
Joel Johnson	Eagle		5	\$190	
Nate Adams	Eagle		11	\$190	
Joey Murphy	Eagle		18	\$190	