Walsh, Willcox take North/South Invitational

P. Chet Walsh and Cole Willcox proved unstoppable on Saturday, carding a second-round 10-under-par 60 en route to the 17th Annual North/South Invitational at Philmont Country Club.

The better-ball event started on Friday on the North Course before concluding on Saturday on the South Course.

Walsh and Willcox, members of Philadelphia Country Club, opened with a 2-under 68 on the North Course (par 70) and in tie a for second place, one stroke back leaders Tedd Meyer of Philmont CC and Colin Read of Shoal Creek Golf Club.

Wayne Bartolacci of Jericho National GC and Dan Pinciotti of Huntingdon Valley CC, the 2007 champions, worked their way into the final pairing after a first-round 68 and finished in a tie for second at 136.

None of the contenders, however, stood a chance on day two as Walsh and Willcox blitzed the field, finishing eight strokes ahead of the runners-up with a two-day total of 128.

The Senior Division of the North/South was captured by partners Mike Rose of Philmont and Don Donatoni of White Manor CC.

Rose and Donatoni shot rounds of 67-68 to capture the title by five strokes over John Emmel of Links GC and Tom DiCinti of Little Mill CC.

All of the competitors in the field were in agreement that Philmont's Superintendent Joe Owsik had both golf courses in exceptional condition and provided a fair but challenging test for the field of players.

Open Division

1st Chet Walsh Philadelphia Country Club Cole Willcox Philadelphia Country Club 68 – 60 – 128

t-2nd Wayne Bartolacci Jericho National Golf Club Dan Pinciotti Huntingdon Valley Country Club 68 – 68 – 136

t-2nd Brian Rothaus Philmont Country Club Jim Kieserman Talamore Country Club 71 – 65 – 136

t-2nd Bob Arthur Tavistock Country Club Mike Tash Tavistock Country Club 70 – 66 – 136

5th Marc Mandel White Manor Country Club Adam Cohan The ACE Club 68 – 69 – 137

Senior Division

1st Mike Rose Philmont Country Club Don Donatoni White Manor Country Club 67 – 68 – 135

2nd John Emmel The Links Golf Club Tom DiCinit Little Mill Country Club 66 – 74 - 140