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Wolverine Mutual's Bob Gottlieb and PBI's Gary Tipton Team Up to Win First and Only Harbor Shores Hard Hat Open

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. – When the new \$430 million, a Jack Nicklaus Signature Design now under development in Southwestern Michigan, opens in 2009 it will be one of the Midwest's premier golf destinations. But in the summer of 2008, the fairways and greens were gravel and dirt, and that presented a unique challenge to 40 golfers who played four holes in the first and only Harbor Shores Hard Hat Open fundraiser on May 30. Bob Gottlieb, CFO, [Wolverine Mutual Insurance Company](#) (Dowagiac, Mich.), a client of Perry Ballard Incorporated (PBI), pulled together the winning team for the event that raised \$20,000 for Harbor Habitat for Humanity and Harbor Shores Community Benefits Plan.

Joining Gottlieb's foursome were Gary Tipton, president of PBI; Joshua Schmidke, owner, [Schmidke Construction](#) (St. Joseph); and Doug Smith, vice president, [Acquest Realty Advisors, Inc.](#) (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.). The team assured themselves of the win when they birdied on the 10th hole with a chip-in from Gottlieb.

As winners, the foursome will be the first team to tee off when the course opens next year. Each winner also will receive a photograph of the foursome autographed by "The Golden Bear" Jack Nicklaus and an enlargement of the autographed photo will be displayed permanently in the clubhouse.

Gottlieb and Tipton also played the Harbor Shores course again in the WSJV Fox 28 (South Bend, Ind.) Golf Challenge. The Wolverine/PBI team got another birdie, leaving Fox 28 sports anchors [Allison Hayes](#) and [Dean Huppert](#) in the dust.

Asked what led to the team's duo success on the undeveloped course, Tipton said, "You just swing as hard as you can and close your eyes."

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