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the "bunkers" o' the comin' year

# World of Hickory – 2021

A summary of world hickory golf events.

## Europe and Australia

We are grateful to the various scribes of the British Golf Collectors Society and other European and Australian hickory organizers whose reports on several championships were the basis for the following brief summaries. The year 2020 saw a large number of cancellations and reduced attendance for those events that did go forth.

### MAY

#### 28 – Scottish Hickory Championship

Played at the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Golf Club, the championship was played on an overcast day with dark, low cloud and a nippy breeze. The sun eventually shone on the 24 competitors.

Neil Gascoigne shot a 79 to win the scratch prize. Ian Hislop, co-organiser of the event with Hamish Ewan, took the championship title with an impressive 85-14=71, two strokes ahead of runner-up Jamie White. Our Captain, Carolyn Kirk, awarded both winners commemorative medals supplied generously by former Captain David Kirkwood, who was among the competitors.



IAN HISLOP, 2021 Scottish Hickory champion, with Carolyn Kirk, Captain of the British Golf Collectors Society.

#### Open Danish Hickory Championship

Cancelled for 2021.

### JUNE

#### 5 – Polish Hickory Open, First Warsaw Golf

The event was planned as “a tribute to Old Tom.” The event week included a practice round on June 4 and a Poland vs Rest of the World on June 6. The champion was Adam Jędrzej. In second was Krzysztof Witold Kurkowski and in third place, Dariusz Bobiński. Gertraud Hofer was the ladies champion.



POLISH CHAMPIONS, Adam Jędrzej, right, and Gertraud Hofer, center, with host Sofia Lelakowska.

### JULY

#### 24 – French Hickory Championship, Golf Club Lys Chantilly

Monsieur Gee won the Open Division with 34 points. Monsieur Gorczyca won the Net Division with 38 points.

### AUGUST

#### 4-5 – Spanish Hickory Open, Real Nuevo Club de Golf SS Basozabal

Gonzalo Retana Ardanaz reports: This third San Sebastian Hickory Golf Open has been a charity event for the benefit of the NGO of the College of Engineers of Gipuzkoa, with the proceeds going to the Nyabunyunyi school, located in the Kimomo village on the island of Idjwi in the Congo. A ProAm was held on Wednesday the 4th and the individual championship on Thursday the 5th.



SPANISH PLAYERS, above, for the 2021 tournament.

More than 40 players were from the Basozabal club, including noted professional Jose Maria Olazabal, who was the overall winner of the championship. He was followed by Guillermo Retana, one stroke behind, and Miguel Carrasco third. The amateur scratch for Guillermo Retana. Men's handicap Gonzalo Retana, followed by Anronio Orbe Retana and Manu Ubarrechena. The winner of the women's handicap was Cecilia Retana followed by Marta Gil De Gomez and Cecilia Bronte.

#### 7-8 – Swedish Hickory Championship

Linköpings Golfklubb hosted the 22nd Swedish Hickory Championship with 64 players entered in three categories: Ladies (36 holes), gentlemen (36 holes) and seniors (18 holes). This year's champions are: Ladies: Eva Adenmark, gentlemen: Johan Moberg, seniors Martin Mueller.



2021 SWEDISH HICKORY CHAMPIONS. From left: Johan Nyhammar, winner of the overall championship; Martin Mueller, winner of Senior Trophy; Johan Moberg, winner of Gentlemen Trophy; Eva Adenmark, winner of the Ladies Trophy.

#### 8 – Central England Hickory Championship

Played at Luffenham Heath GC, the event also includes the Seniors Championship and John Hanna Tankard. A small but select field teed off in this event which had to be cancelled in 2020.

The winner of the Tony Thorpe trophy was Geoff Bleasby with an excellent score of 35 stableford points. Geoff was also the winner in 2017.

The Seniors Championship was won by Chris Walker with 32 points and the John Hanna Tankard, which is now for members aged 70 and over, was won by Tony Hunt with 31 points. The winner of the scratch prize was Christian McMillan with a gross 81.



GEOFF BLEASBY, 2021 Central England Hickory champion, with Carolyn Kirk, Captain of the British Golf Collectors Society.

#### 13-15 – German Hickory Championship

Petra Hellmann reports: Forty-two participants from seven European countries and various German cities competed in the 13th German Open Hickory Championship. Under the motto “Germany against the rest of the world,” 28 players engaged in a fourball best ball match play on Friday with golfers from Austria, England, France, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden, and Switzerland. The rest of the world team won 5:2.

The first round of the German Open Hickory Championship was a stroke play event over 36 holes. Professionals played for a prize money of 5,000 €. Englishman Brian Gee won with a 154 total. Germany's golf legend and former European Tour player Heinz-Peter Thül from Cologne was runner-up with 159 strokes. Vechta's golf pro Glyn Morris came in third.

In the amateur gross ranking, 14-year-old Louis Dudzus from Berlin-Wannsee won the “Tanfani di Montalto Cup” with 174 strokes ahead of Dr. Hendrik Hilgert from Hamburg (176 strokes). In the women's gross, Angela Moser from Augsburg needed 178 strokes to win the “Lilien-Pokal”. Helmut Betz from Ingolstadt won the men's net with 133 strokes. Erika Frey from Switzerland won the women's net with 159 strokes.



2021 LADIES GERMAN HICKORY CHAMPION ANGELA MOSER (AUGSBURG) center, with Olaf Dudzus (Berlin-Wannsee, Hon. Sec. German Hickory Golf Society), left; and Christoph Meister (Hamburg, Captain German Hickory Golf Society).



2021 GERMAN HICKORY OPEN CHAMPION Brian Gee and runner-up Heinz-Peter Thül surrounded by golfers from the “Hickory Society Cologne.”



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## 26-28 – Swiss Hickory Championship

Rick Adams reports: Carmen Sagarra, playing from the Hittsau Golf & Country Club in eastern Switzerland, won the women's division, and PGA teaching professional Paolo Quirici from Golf Club Lugano in the southern Ticino region won the men's open division at the Swiss Hickory Open at Golf Club Limpachtal in Buchegg.

Thirty-seven hickory golfers, representing 17 different golf clubs, participated in multiple categories.

Leveraging a long, Daly-esque backswing, Sagarra posted a two-day total of 192, seven strokes in front of runner-up Susanna Weber. Susanne Lauber earned the women's net title with 67 points.

Described as Switzerland's most successful professional golfer, Quirici played on the European PGA Tours from 1989 to 2001, then won the U.S. Professional Hickory Championships (Temple Terrace, Fla.) in 2013 and 2014 and the World Hickory Championship in Scotland in 2013. Quirici's two-day total of 144 matched par (70-74). He won by 12 strokes over young Andri Hausamman (best amateur), who had taken Quirici to the final hole in last year's Swiss Hickory Match Play on the same course.

The men's best net in the open division was Joe Lauber, founder of JBL Hickory Golf clubs. Nick Hofer led the Stableford men's competition with 35 points, four ahead of Maurus Lauber and Helmut Betz. Betz was best net Stableford.



SWISS HICKORY CHAMPIONS, Paolo Quirici, top, and Carmen Sagarra.

## SEPTEMBER

### 3 – Scotland v England Hickory Championship

Played at Dunbar, 24 members met for the 27th Scotland v England hickory match. Despite benign, overcast conditions, the course remained challenging, with well-defined fairways and fast, curvy greens. Match results fluctuated in favour of both teams before settling to a companionable tie at three points apiece, Scotland retaining the trophy they won last year at Goswick.



COMPETITORS IN THE 2021 CZECH HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

### 18 – Czech Hickory Championship, Golf Club Kynzvalt

More than two dozen competitors turned out for the 2021 championship played on the Golf Club Kynzvalt in Lázně Kynzvalt. Host Dalibor Prochazka won the tournament with an 82. For the ladies, it was Blanka Bekova who won with a 101 score.

### Australian Hickory Shaft Championship

Postponed to 2022

### International Dutch Hickory Open

Cancelled for 2021.

## OCTOBER

### 8 – English Hickory Championship – Rye GC

Nigel Notely reports: The 2021 English Hickory Championship was played in respect of the Scratch Championship, after three years of domination by the Rye pro, Matthew Holland, the new winner is Ralph Evans from Flempton in Suffolk. He shot gross 76 with a 2-shot penalty for not wearing a



RALPH EVANS, 2021 English Hickory champion, with Carolyn Kirk.

jacket, taking him to 78. Louie Highfield (Rye assistant pro) was 2nd on 80. The English Hickory Champion (winner of the Founders Salver, stableford off handicap) with 38 points was Britte Nolle the first lady to win. Jenny Hunt was 2nd on 37.

### 26-29 – BGCS Hickory Grail

Played over the Old, New, and Jubilee courses in St Andrews. This is the biennial match between European and American members of the BGCS, last played at Trinity Forest, Dallas, Texas. The European Team retained the Hickory Grail trophy with a 15 matches to 13 victory over the American team.

## North America

Please note that full accounts and photo galleries for many of the following events are available on the "Tournament Results" pages of the Society of Hickory Golfers website, at [www.hickorygolfers.com](http://www.hickorygolfers.com); and from the websites of the various regional groups hosting these events.

## JANUARY

### 23 – Winter Park Hickory Classic – Winter Park GC, Winter Park, Fla.

Although a bit soggy, the Winter Park Hickory Classic started off the year for the Florida Hickory Golfers. The winner of the gross trophy was Will Peterson with a score of 71. The net trophy was secured by Tom McCray in a scorecard playoff with David Webster. On the Ladies side, Marci Likens took the gross honors and Natalie Wells the net award, with Beth Chambers in second place reserve.

## FEBRUARY

### 20-22 – U.S. Professional & Amateur Hickory Championships

Played at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club in Temple Terrace, Fla. Mike Stevens reports: For the third consecutive year, Boca Raton professional Jeremy Moe captured the John Shippen Cup to become the U.S. Professional Hickory Golfer of the Year. Seventeen professionals and 18 amateurs entered the 2021 contest held Monday, Feb. 22 at the historic Temple Terrace Golf Course, near Tampa, Fla. Moe's 73 bested former champion Dylan Malafronte by 4 shots.

On the amateur side, Will Peterson's 78 beat Bill Geisler by two strokes to take the Oscar Bunn Trophy. Scott Bowles recorded a net 63 to earn the Heritage title.

### 27-28 – The Arizona Desert Hickory Classic

Played on the Grandview & Pebblebrook Golf Courses. The tournament supported a field for Championship, Senior, New-To-Hickory, Super Senior and Ladies.

In the Championship Division, Bill "Ernie" Ernst of Sun City West, Ariz. was overall Tournament Champion, shooting a two-day 75 / 80. Jason Reynolds of Griswold, Iowa, took second, posting 77 / 80.

Senior division winner was Kevin Cawley from Omaha, Neb., shooting 81 on the first day and 80 on day two. Ed Horvat of Sun City West, came in second in Seniors with an 83 on the second day.

The New-To-Hickory Division winner was Keith "Woody" Woods, from El Mirage, Ariz., with 96 / 87. Runner Up was Mike Pedersen of Phoenix, Ariz., with 94 / 93. The Super Senior Division was won by Tom Tracy of Star, Idaho, with 79 / 78, Runner Up was Chuck McCollum of Rocklin, Calif., shooting 85 / 80 winning in a scorecard playoff.

The Ladies Division winner was Rylee Stovall of Litchfield Park, Ariz., shooting 79/89. The Runner Up was Susan Tracy of Star, Idaho, with 88 / 84.

## MARCH

### 25-27 – Onion Creek/Swift Trophy

Played over the Onion Creek Golf Course in Austin, Texas. Pete League reports: Several First Tee teams from Texas turned out for an inaugural national First Tee Hickory Tournament. The Dallas team of Jacob Lewallen, Jacob Castro, Zach Lewallen, and Eric Ramos turned in a total team score of 140 for the day's honors.

Veteran golf broadcaster Verne Lundquist joined the event for the awards ceremony and was pleased to honor tournament supporter Virgil Swift with an honorary Vardon Jacket, which is annually awarded to the tournament champion.

Ken Jackson took first place in the Senior Division; John Hutton in the Statesman Division; and Jeremy Wright continued his winning ways at Onion Creek with another victory, just nipping 2019 USHO Champion Rick Woekener by two.

In the scramble division, Rives McBee with Scott Pilgrim, Gary Krupkin, and Michael Sloan took the title.

The Tad Moore Award for a younger player with respect for the traditions of the game was given to Danny Holcomb. The Johnny Henry Award for the low net award by a member of the Golf Heritage Society went to Hardy Moore. And the Russ Fisher Award for an outstanding tournament volunteer was given to Donna Smith.

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Finally, some \$3,000 was raised for the tournament's official charity, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, which works to eliminate homelessness.

## APRIL

### 15-17 – Southern 4-Ball Hickory Championship

Of the 34 teams, 10 were in the Open Division, and 24 in the newly created Stableford division. The Open Division winners were Rick Woeckener and Joe Holterbach with a two-day gross total of 130. Host Tad Moore shot a 78 on his own card on the second day (he is 80) and with his partner, Barb Kopec, took the Stableford Division honors with a two-day total of 178.

### 17 – Sunflower Hickory Match Play

Mike Needleman reports: The Kansas City Area Hickory Golfers are pleased to announce the success of its inaugural event, as 30 golfers gathered to contest their skills in the two-person team, match-play event. Play was held at the Jay Morrish-designed Falcon Lakes Golf Course in Baschor, Kan. Players came from five sites including Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas helping to define this group's regional base. In addition to three mixed-couple teams, and some known hickory players from throughout the region, there were a dozen players from nearby towns who will add strength as this group continues to grow its local base.

## MAY

### 14 – Alexander Findlay/Massachusetts Hickory Open

Played at the Country Club of Greenfield in Greenfield, Mass.  
Bill Conant reports: It was a near record turnout of 32 players who enjoyed beautiful weather and a fun day at a club celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.  
Tournament Results:  
Alexander Findlay Trophy.....Gross Champion-Zac Belanger.....77  
Alexander Findlay Trophy.....Net Champion-Jack Crosby.....66  
Gross Stableford Champion plaque....Dave Dickman.....28 points  
Gross Stableford Runner up plaque....Lloyd Cole.....24 points  
Net Stableford Champion plaque.....Jacob Orcutt  
Net Stableford Champion plaque.....Irene Dionne

### 15-16 – Wisconsin Hickory Kohler Challenge

A two-day event played on the Irish and Straits Course at Whistling Straits, Haven, Wisc. Event host Ernie Ernst reports that 44 players attended the 2021 Challenge, playing the Irish course Friday and the Straits course on Saturday.

Friday's perfect warm weather led to low rounds, the best produced by Tanner Taft with a 75. Lake Michigan is not known for its predictable weather, however, and the skies were cloudy, the air chilly and breezy on Saturday. After Friday's round, the group was invited by the Kohler Golf staff to preview the New Par 3 golf course called The Baths, which features 10 challenging Par 3 holes, a two-acre practice putting green and three swimming ponds on the property for those special closest-to-the-pin bets.

2021 Wisconsin Hickory Kohler Challenge Results  
Women's Open – Jeanne Swenson; Gross champion – Anna Bengtson  
Open – First - Peter Flory, 2nd - Tanner Taft, 3rd - Rick Woeckener  
Open Net – First - Jeff Guerard, 2nd - Dan Hoffmann, 3rd - Giles Guenet  
Senior – First- Ernie Ernst, 2nd - Dan Moore, 3rd - Dave Brown  
Senior Net – First - Chip Cianciola, 2nd - Jim McGraw, 3rd - Ken Holtz  
Legends (Super Senior) – First - Galen Peterson, 2nd - David Boyd, 3rd - Greg Smith  
Legends Net – First - Dana Niehaus, 2nd - Dan Norstedt, 3rd - Cal Whitman

### 22-23 – Mid American Hickory Open

Played at the Soangetaha Country Club in Galesburg, Ill.. Denny Olson reports: Although our number of traditional participants was down to 19, we had an additional turnout of 17 local members, including eight ladies. That group participated in an 18-hole scramble on day two, playing with hickories. Gary Youngberg won the Open Division with Bill Ernst winning the Reserve title. In the Seniors Division, George Burgland was the winner with Joe Deets taking the Reserve title. In the Statesman Division, Greg Smith was the winner with Dennis Olson winning the Reserve. The scramble winners were John Kessler, Joe Radosevich, Dave Wood, and Mike Wood with a score of 60. The winning ladies group was Janet Whitman, Cheri Hosteng, Jody Rinker and Barbara Ball with a score of 73 and yes, that Janet Whitman is Cal's wife who is also our group's talented photographer.

### 24-25 – Florida State Hickory Open

Played at Sara Bay Country Club, Sarasota, Fla. Mike Stevens reports:  
We thank the Florida State Golf Association for conducting a fantastic inaugu-

ral tournament and for their support of hickory golf. Will Peterson was the Open champion, while the Orlando duo of Rich Grula and Natalie Wells took top honors in the men and lady amateur net divisions. Bailey Wiegandt of Louisville, Ky., won the Women's Open division.

On the professional side, first-time hickory player James Leadbetter lead the way while FHG fellows Jeremy Moe and Tom McCrary finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. FHG's Alice Brown was the top female pro.

### 28 – 10th annual Nickel & Dime of the Metropolitan Hickory Society

Played at Once again Ridgewood CC. Bill Martin reports: We thank RCC members Mike P, Mike H, and Espo for sharing this wonderful experience of golf at its highest level. Not to mention the fantastic Tilly layout with more hidden puzzles than a Rubik's cube. Hickory golf at its absolute finest. The Open Division was taken by Jon Byron of New York City with a sub-80 round. Hollywood GC's Rob Wolf also played well as a close runner up. The Reserve Division winner was Bill Martin of Spring Lake GC, followed by Kevin Mendik from Brae Burn CC in Massachusetts.

## JUNE

### 11-12 – 24th National Hickory Championship

Played on the Mound Golf Course in Miamisburg, Ohio, and remotely. Pete Georgiady reports: Guttery ball competition local player Jason Kronenberger won the Open Division. John Lavendoski was runner up. Twenty-one-year-old Drew White, Arlington, Va., and product of the Washington DC First Tee Chapter won the Reserve Division (net) playing in his sixth NHC. Twenty-four players competed at the Mound Golf Course in Miamisburg, Ohio, with another 26 playing in the remote competition, including 11 in Australia.

The 2021 NHC included a Feathery Challenge was also modified slightly because the international contingent from Ontario couldn't cross the U.S.–Canadian border to participate. The 9-hole competition using authentically made feather balls attracted 13 players participated. John Lavendoski of Bainbridge Island, Wash., won on the third playoff hole over Russ Ravert of Columbia, Mo.

### 10-12 – 14th Belvedere Hickory Open

Played on the Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, Mich. MacDuff reports:  
From the warm hospitality of host professional Marty Joy and both the Belvedere and Chicago Club members, to the tasteful banquet and drinks on the deck of the Belvedere Casino overlooking Lake Charlevoix, here are three delightful days of enjoyment in good company amid three rounds on a historic 1925 course that has hosted the game's greatest players.

46 players competed in the 14th annual tournament. Joe Hollerbach bested Peter Flory in a very tough competition that included former USHO champion Rick Woeckener. In the Senior Flight, Ernie Ernst of Neenah, Wisc., prevailed with a two-day 150. In the Super Senior Division, John Cova of Novi, Mich., took honors with a 164 total. Donna Kuhn was the Ladies champion with a two-day 184.

### 18-19 – Carolinas Hickory Open

Played on the Donald Ross-designed 9-hole Tryon Country Club course in Tryon, N.C. Founded in 1916, TCC and its clubhouse are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Twenty-eight contestants played in this inaugural event.

In the Open Division Gordon Preddy was the overall champion and low gross at 156 in a playoff over Mark Hollingsworth, also at 156. Graham Stevens nipped Peter Bliudzius by 2 to take low net honors with 145 (+1).

In the Senior Division Deal Hudson won with a 79 on day two to capture low gross honors with 164. Richard Schmidt beat Russell Eaves on the first playoff hole to take runner up honors. David Kubly captured low net honors with 138 (-6), while the Charles Mitchell took second with 141 (-3).

### 18-20 – 7th Pacific Northwest Hickory Championship

Played at at Longview Country Club (est. 1923) in Longview, Wash., on June 18-20. Martin Pool reports:

Fifty-six players were a new record for this event. John Quickstad kicked off the tournament with a ceremonial tee shot using his grandfather's mashie. His grandfather, Reynolds 'Herb' Hoover, was a member at Longview Country Club during the 1920s and 30s and reportedly held the course record at one time.

When the final scores were tallied, Matt Stovall's two rounds of 75-73 captured the Open Division title from our three-time champion Jeff Olsen. Matt's daughter, Rylee, shot 87-86 to take the Women's Open title. John Henry Williams claimed the Senior title with a 78-78, and Dennis Scott captured the Statesmen title with a score of 82-83.

On the net side, Brad Harvey was the Open Net Champion, Floyd Lockie the Senior Net Champion, Steve 'Dog' Franich the Statesmen Net Champion, and Ellie Lathrop, Longview member and first-time hickory player, was the Women's Net Champion.

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## 26 – Inaugural Smith-Collett Hickory Open

Played at the Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton, Conn. Jacob Orcutt reports: Tim Ball of Marston Mills, Mass., and William ‘Wardy’ Wardwell of Turners Falls, Mass., both tied at 75. Both great scores, but only one could be declared the champ, so after a scorecard matchup, the victory went to Tim. Wardy, however, claimed the net Stableford title, with 41 points on the modified Stableford scoring system. Matt Hardisty of Chaplin, Conn., finished second with 38 points, with Jacob Orcutt of Coventry, Conn., finishing third with 35 points (matching cards with Tim Ball, who also scored 35 points).

The senior and womens division champions were Jeffrey Blomstedt of Gill, Mass., and Irene Dionne of Hampton, Conn., respectively.

Special thanks to Jack and Gayle Crosby for the donation of a permanent trophy featuring a silver dish from the 1930 club championship at Shennecossett Golf Course.

## JULY

### 8 – Inaugural Lake Sunapee CC Hickory Classic

Played on the Donald Ross-designed Lake Sunapee CC in New London, N.H. David Webster reports: Five foursomes hailing from eight different states played in rainy conditions on this beautifully restored Donald Ross course and the longtime home and club of The Squire, Gene Sarazen. Bill Geisler and David Webster shared low gross just breaking 80, followed by Bill Wardwell and young Sam Webster. Bern Bernacki took low net followed by Irene Dionne who also won the Ladies. Prizes were local Sunapee Dartmouth region maple syrup.

### 10 – 4th White Mountain Hickory Open

Held at the Omni Mt Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, N.H. Jim Pucci reports: The weather broke the night before and we were treated to spectacular weather so all could enjoy the beauty of the White Mountains. The format was a modified Stableford Point system. SoHG board member Bill ‘Wardy’ Wardwell was the Gross winner with 32 points. Jack Crosby was low Net at +3 and John Foster finished second Net at +2.

### 25 – Nebraska State Hickory Championship

Twenty-six participated at the Field Club of Omaha for the championship. Jason Reynolds is the 2021 State Open Division Champion, with a low round of 67. Dave Brown shot 75 to win the Senior Division and Susan Marchese shot 81 to win the Ladies Division. Many THANKS to the Field Club of Omaha for hosting a great event and to all the players for taking part in such a great day.

### 25 – Virginia Hickory Open

The 2021 version of the Virginia Hickory Open was played at the Meadowcreek Golf Course in Charlottesville, Va. Skip Platt (143) was a repeat champion (2017) with Andrew Simmons coming in second (155). Jim Clawson won the Super Senior gross division at 159 followed by Bud Nelson at 173.

### 31-Aug. 1 – Oregon Hickory Open

The 2021 event hosted 29 players. On Saturday the event was played on the Oregon Golf Association Golf Course in Woodburn, Ore. On Sunday the players moved to the Salem Golf Club. Mark Keating, the pro at the OGA course, was on his game and took the Open Division honors with a two-day 148 total. The Open Net winner was Brent Hudgins. Seniors winner was John Henry Williams, with Martin Pool taking Senior net honors. The Statesmen Division champ was Steve Malmquist, with Stephen Franich Jr. the net winner. For the Ladies, Roberta Robbins was the Open champion with Pam Rowland the net victor.

## AUGUST

### 11-13 – 22nd Canadian Open Hickory Championship

Played on The Legends Golf and Country Club in Edmonton, Alberta. CC - August 11/12/13, 2021

With the ongoing world wide pandemic we were fortunate to be able to still run a modified Canadian Open Hickory Championship. A total of 82 (up from 68 last year) participants came for the three-day event with 70 teeing it up for the Friday Championship.

High winds marked the popular 4-person scramble this year which had 14 teams. Ron St. John's team turned in a sparkling 63 to take the first place prize.

Ron St. John, Gord Eikeland, John Filipan, Kim Filipan, Don Dzewenko – 63  
Steve Boysen, Curtis Kucey, Gino Narduzi, Lori Ehnes – 64

Terry Bader, Kenn Looten, David McCall, Fran Zinger – 64  
Ben Plaunt, Bruce McGillvray, Taren Plaunt, Doug Keith – 64  
Andrew Ram, Craig Hosford, Johnny Bago, Bernie Tetreau – 64

Dennis MacIntyre, Gerald Onciul, Edwin Chan, Ryan Galloway – 65

The annual Ryder Cup competition between Canada and the U.S. for the Casey Cup on the Thursday format was not possible so by popular demand we repeated the two-person scramble with a team minimum handicap total of 22. With 31 teams, seven were rewarded for their good play – the rest just had a great time! Top scores included: Rob Taylor/Dave Taylor 66; Ben Plaunt/Taren Plaunt 67; Craig Spicer/Steven Wong 68; Terry Bader/Russ Horton 69; Chris Ream/Johnny Bago 69; Curtis Kucey/Ross McLean 69; and Jon Collins/Vern Kyler 69.

Championship Friday dawned with sunny skies and little wind. 70 players vied for the top spots with crossover tee times on the Old Hickory and Champions 9s.

The Open Division was won by Ben Plaunt for the seventh time with a 72 followed by Terry Bader 78, Marcel Valade 78, Craig Spicer 79, Gino Narduzi 80, and Gord Eikeland 80.

The highly competitive Senior Division featured a close competition with the low score coming from last year's champion Andrew Ram with a one under par 71.

Others in that division: Rob Taylor 73, Ron St. John 74, Ken Looten 76, Chris Ream 77, Willie Ducher 78 and Ron Maksymic 79.

The Ladies Division was won by repeat winner Fran Looten.

### 13-14 – Foxburg Hickory Championship

Played on the historic Foxburg Country Club, est. 1887. The course played at 2,400 yards, with three ball types being played – Park, Braid, and Ouimet from the McIntyre-Brown line. The event is 36 holes, with Open and Senior Divisions for the Park and Braid users. The 2021 Champion Golfer is Jason Kronenberger (Dayton, Ohio) over previous champion Rick Woeckner (Garrettsville, Ohio) in second, and Bill Geisler (Winter Springs, Fla.) in third.

In the Harvey Division, playing the Park ball, Greg Smith (DeForest Wisc.) held on to nip Wally Koss (Packerand, Wisc.) by three shots.

The Braid Division Open Champion is James Kaiser (Louisville Ky.), followed by Dr. Bern Bernacki and Dan Norstedt (Eau Claire, Wisc.).

The Harvey Division, using the Braid Ball, was topped by Mr. Bob White (St. Augustine, Fla.), Runner-up was local entry John Brosnahan Jr. (Emlenton, Pa.), with Jim Clawson (Charlottesville, Va.) grabbing the Second Runner-up honors.

### 14-15 – The Vermont Hickory Open

Played at the Golf Club at Equinox, Manchester, Vt. Peter Knowlan reports:

Congratulations to Bill Conant of Greenfield, Mass., the 2021 Open Division champion; and to Matt Dodds of Williston, Vt., who took honors as the Open Division reserve winner. Bill Wardwell of Turner Falls, Mass., is the champion of the Senior Division and David Beamer of Dartmouth, Mass., is the 2021 Senior reserve champion. John Willbanks of Colleyville, Texas, won the Statesman Division, and Tom Wawrzeniak of Hyde Park, Vt. is the Statesman reserve champion. Irene Dionne of Hampton, Conn., is the champion of the Women's Division.

### 22 – 9th Michiana Hickory Open

Played on the South Bend County Club, South Bend, Ind. Jim Jeselnick reports: A strong field of 39 participants from seven different states came for the event. New participant, Joey Piatek, from Munster, Ind., became the new Open champion. His 79 narrowly bested Bert Coghill, a five-time Michiana champion, who shot an 80.

Low net scores for the Open division were Mike Callahan, 73; Scott Staudacher, 75; and Bert Coghill, 75. Scott won with matched score cards. In the Senior division, low net scores were Tommy Presperin, 74; Bill Tucholski, 74. Tommy won with matched score cards. Jim Hannen, 86. In the Statesman division, Mike Needleman, 70; Mike Pishlo; 72; and Roger Hill, 73. All low net participants received medals.

In the Scramble division the team of Spike Abernethy, Tom Irving, Kyle Kosand, and George Kreigbaum carded a 5 under par 67 to claim first place followed in second by Andy Irving, Carrie Irving, Robert Clements, and Irene Clements who posted 71. The third place team, with 72, was Jim McCormick, Ed Ronco, Barry Herbert, and Jim Jeselnick.

The First Tee of Indiana-Michiana fielded a Scramble team, headed by their director, Jenny Zimmerman. They were presented with a check for \$250 for their program.

Special thanks go to Ed Ronco, former president of the SoHG and a former regional director of the GHS for loaning several sets of golf clubs and to Brad Harvey, a GHS regional director who cut down a set of clubs for use by the youngsters.

### 26-28 – 10th Wisconsin Hickory Open

Played on The Links course at Lawsonia in Green Lake, Wisc. Bill ‘Ernie’ Ernst reports: Congratulations to champion, Aaron Marks, who shot two rounds of 78 and 79 to squeak by Ernie Ernst, our runner up, by two shots and Dan Hoffmann by three. Parker Elrod, another first time participant, won low net with a 72 and 67 score. In the Senior Division, repeat winner George Burgland withstood the charge of Dan Moore who was our Runner up. George Galligan took the Net Division. Nick Hackstock of Colorado, posted a two-day score of 77 and 79 to win the Legends Division over David Boyd who was our runner up. Cal Whitman, won the Net Division.

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## SEPTEMBER

### 12-14 – *The 14th U.S. Hickory Open, Gearhart Golf Links, Gearhart, Ore.*

(See the SoHG website for a full report and photos).

Andrew von Lossow, 33, of Spokane, Wash., posted a two-day 146 (74-72), two over par which was five clear of new-to-hickory player Joe Johnson of Bend, Ore.; and eight ahead of third place finisher Jeff Olsen of Shoreline, Wash. Indeed, six of the top 10 came from the Pacific Northwest. Von Lossow also won the Johnny Fischer Low Amateur Trophy.

In the Senior Division, Mark Keating of Sherwood, Ore., won convincingly by 10 strokes (71-77) over Jim von Lossow in second with 80-78. Ernie Ernst of Neenah, Wisc., was third with 85-78.

For the Super Seniors, John Willbanks of Colleyville, Texas (73-75), claimed first over runner-up Wedgy Winchester of Portland, Ore. (83-78). Galen Peterson of Sun City West, Ariz., nailed third place with 87-81.

It was a close contest in the Ladies Division with Chelsea Guenette of North Bend, Wash., finishing first with 86-89, just edging by one stroke Marci Likens of Winter Springs, Fla. (88-88), and Sue Tracy of Star, Idaho (86-90), who tied for second.

### 24-25 – *10th McNabb Cup*

Played on the White Lake Golf Course, a 1916 Tom Bendelow design. MacDuff reports: The tournament is conducted to a modified Stableford scoring. Tim Strohshine repeated his 2014 victory with a 42, Joe Bodnar in third with 38, and Todd Riker with 37. Twenty-two-year-old Collin Laundrie, posted the day's lowest gross score, an 82; followed by Todd Riker (the 2012 champion) with 83, and Scott Staudacher with 85. (The report on the SoHG website is worth reading.)

### 25 – *Maine Hickory Stick Open*

Organizer Forrest Dillon and club professional Ryne Varney report that the 2021 edition of the fledgling Maine Hickory Stick Open at Cape Neddick CC, held Sept. 25, 2021, was a most satisfying event for all. The results are: Douglas Pendleton-79, Bill Conant-87, Forrest Dillon-88, Robert Young-89, Richard Waldren-92, Jacob Orcutt-95, Jack Crosby-96, Thomas Wawrzyniak-102, Christian Williams-104.

### 23 – *Golf Heritage Society Annual Championship*

Played on the Latrobe CC in Latrobe, Pa.

#### Hickory Division Open

1 – Steve Carney, 82 2 – Steve Morgan, 89 3 – Bobby Grace, 91

#### Hickory Division Gross

1 – Eddie Woolwine, 89 2 – Geoffrey Hoopes, 91 3 – Michael Callahan, 91

#### Hickory Division Net

1 – Ed Ronco, 75

2 – Kirk Thoma, 79 3 – Jim Jeselnick, 80

#### Hickory Scramble

1 – Bob Gettis, Michael Gettis, Greg Hill, Janet Hill, 68

2 – Mike Kracker, Dave Viola, Bill Reed, Wayne Xing, 70

3 – Tom Irving, Spike Abernethy, Randy Condit, Bryant Murphy, 70

4 – Bruce Markwardt, Brad Baird, Linda Baird, Joe DeWulf, 76

#### Classic Clubs

Gross: 1 – Bern Bernacki, 98 2 – Bob White, 103 3 – Bob Muir, 105

Net: 1 – Karl Florence 2 – Tony Bernacki 3 – George Petro

#### Modern Era Clubs

Gross: 1 – Robert Curtis, 76 2 – David Moore, 87 3 – Robert Fletcher, 89

Net: 1 – Sam Cianchetti, 77 2 – John Jones, 79 3 – Jim Boyd, 80

## OCTOBER

### 2 – *Virginia Gutty Gopher*

Played at the Meadowcreek Golf Course in Charlottesville. Dennis Meadows from Virginia Beach was the medalist while Rob Gilbert from Lynchburg took net honors. Generally, a good time was had by all. Clubs were exchanged, promised, renovated, and only a couple of balls lost. Rob Gilbert was “best dressed” for the day.

### 2-3 – *Spokane Hickory Open*

Played on Indian Canyon GC. This year's tournament attracted 19 players from the surrounding Northwest. The fall weather was beautiful, a perfect complement to the beautifully manicured and sloped greens of Indian Canyon GC. The opening day scores saw a 74 posted in the Open Division by Jim von Lossow, followed by our new hickory professional, Charlie Thurston with a 77. Charlie is the teaching professional at Fircrest Golf Club near Tacoma, Wash. The Senior Division Gross was led on Day 1 by Peter Yagi, of Seattle, with an 81, closely followed by John Quickstad (82) and Martin Pool (83). Net First round leaders were John Quickstad (68), Floyd Lockie (70), Peter Yagi (70), and Martin Pool (70). Statesman Division Gross on Day 1 leaders were, Tom Driscoll (80), Paul Murphy (86), Net Division Tom Driscoll (70), Paul Murphy (73), John Wise (74). Ladies Division consisted of our stalwart players Sandy Bucher and Roberta Robbins, both medal winners.

### 8-10 – *The Indiana Hickory Open*

Played at Cambridge Golf Course in Evansville. Twenty-four players from six different states competed during the three-day event. The first day was a shamble format with scoring done on the Stableford scoring system. The winners this year were the team of David Cotton, Gary Oldham and David Lipa with 80 points.

Champion of the 2021 Indiana Hickory Open is David Cotton with a two-day total of 153 for a five-shot victory over defending champion Tim Heath. The Senior division was won by Mike Harding followed by Orey Crisman III. Max Hollon was the winner of the Statesman division with a two-round total of 162 followed by Ed Ronco with a 172.

## NOVEMBER

### 5-7 – *18th Mid Pines Hickory Open*

Gross Division winners:

Open – Peter Flory – 80-77 – 157

Senior – Tim Heath – 79-81 – 160

Super Senior – Larry Woods – 75-72 – 147

Ladies – Barb Kopec – 99-104 – 203

Net Champions in each division:

Open – Gary Pomichter – 76-70 – 146

Senior – Eric Becker – 72-83 – 155

Super Senior – Jerry Wells – 75-82 – 157

Ladies – Anne Pomichter – 68-77 – 145

## DECEMBER

### 11-12 – *Florida Hickory Golfers Season Finale*

The Florida Hickory Golfers concluded another successful season with our annual championships at Mount Dora Country Club. Players were seeded based on their performance throughout the year and as expected, Will Peterson the top seed coasted to a victory and retains the Stevens Trophy for another year. As to the Heritage Trophy, Natalie Wells and Mike Stevens tied at plus 12 and in a chivalrous gesture, your FHG leader bequeaths the trophy to Natalie for safe keeping for the year. A special thanks goes to the Florida State Golf Association for their support of hickory golf.