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WORLD HICKORY



A SUMMARY OF WORLD HICKORY GOLF EVENTS

We are grateful to the various scribes of the British Golf Collectors Society and other European and Australian/Asian hickory organizers whose reports on several championships were the basis for the following brief summaries. This is our 20th year of reporting on global hickory golf events. All tournament directors across the world are invited to send us their reports for inclusion in this summary. The report is not meant to be exhaustive. We cannot possibly include every hickory golf outing that occurs; rather, we hope to offer a precis of such national contests and hickory opens that have a large regional influence. Our apologies in advance for any omissions or errors in reporting. We have done our best to work with regional tournament directors to compile the following report.

Europe and Australia

APRIL

8-10 – Welsh Weekend

Liz MacDonald reports: Nearly 40 players turned out at Borth and Aberdovey, including 14 Swedes who are always very welcome. Friday, 8th April, was a sunny day with a stiff breeze for the 3-ball team event at Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club. The scores were close, with Bob Chadwick (acting BGCS Captain for the day), Bob Gill (Borth Captain) and Erik Brandstrom winning with 73 points on the back 9. Claes Arma's gross 83 won him the scratch prize and Ben Burrows had the best nett score with 34 points.

It was again sunny, and slightly less breezy, for the foursomes hickory match against Aberdovey members on Saturday. The result, under Sunningdale rules, was a draw – 9 holes up on each side. A cheerful dinner for 60 players and guests was rounded off with excellent speeches from both Captains, Adrian Powell and Carolyn Kirk (Aberdovey retained the Darwin Trophy following their win last November).

The Welsh Hickory Championship was played at Aberdovey on a bright, frosty morning with very little wind. Both Neil Gascoigne and Claes Arma carded 75 gross (a record). The Scratch Rose Bowl went to Neil on the last nine. The Peter Burles Trophy for the Welsh Hickory Championship was won by Bjorn Petersson with 42 points – another record.

22 – Japan Hickory Open

Played at the Kobe Golf Club. Alex Bruce reports: The Kobe Golf Club is Japan's first golf course, built on Mt. Rokko (3,054 ft) in 1903 by the English expatriate Arthur Hasketh Groom. It was originally built as a 9-hole course in 1903 and extended to an 18-hole layout the following year. The Kobe Golf Club Members provided us access to the original 4090 yards layout and Par 71 scorecards, so we could all play the course the way it was designed. We were pleased to have sponsorship from Jaguar Land Rover and Moët Hennessy Private. A few of our previous Japan Hickory Open Amateur Champions were in attendance; Yuji Asakawa-San (2019 Gross Score 74) Brad Wakamatsu (2020 Gross Score 81),



WELSH SCRATCH CHAMPION Neil Gascoigne and BGCS Captain Carolyn Kirk.



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and joint champions Katsuyuki Fukumoto and Yoshimasa Takahashi (2021 Gross 35 – 9 holes only due to fog. Kenji Kikuchi (2018 Gross 75) was not able to attend.

All players gathered in the historic clubhouse for post-events, dinner and drinks, and the prize award

ceremony. The event winners were as follows.

2022 Japan Hickory Open Champion; Yuji Yasuda - Gross 75
Professional Champion; B. K. Sobahani - Gross 74
Ladies Champion; Hiromi Aratani – Gross 81
Senior Champion (over 65) Hisashi Aratani – Gross 91
Super Senior Champion (over 70) Yuki Asakawa – Gross 84

The overall winners were everyone who attended to enjoy hickory golf with friends. We have three major annual events in Japan to recognise our Champions. The Japan Hickory Open, The Japan Hickory Masters, and The Japan Hickory Players, and we welcome global hickory players to join our events.

* Hisashi Kunie, did score a hole-in-one at our 2020 event on the 167-yard Par3 10th hole. He pulled out a mashie he had received from a friend and hit it for the first time. A beautiful strike, flight and two bounces later, it dropped into the hole. He now has the mashie proudly on display in his home, with the Kobe Golf Club pin flag signed by all players. He only hit that mashie once.

MAY

14 – Open Danish Hickory Championship

Christian Juel reports: A group of 23 players participated in the 2022 Open Danish Hickory Championship – this year played at Elsinore Golf Club. We had a lovely day at the old and challenging Elsinore golf course. The course set up was really difficult and all players struggled with the long course, fast greens and hard wind. On the plus side, it was a lovely spring day with plenty of sunshine. Gross winner was Olle Dahlgren from Falsterbo Golf Club with 84 gross. Runner up Jonas Fack, from Fya Golf Club, posted an 86 gross. The net results: First – Stefan Kjell from Rya Golf Club 78 net
Second – Mikael Lindman from Helsingborg Golf Club 79 net (best on back 9)
Third – Johan Persson from Helsingborg Golf Club 79



2022 DANISH WINNERS. From left: Michael Lindmann, second net; Johan Persson, third net; Stefan Kjell, first net; Jonas Fack, Gross runner up; and Olle Dahlgren, Gross winner.

18-20 – Scottish Hickory Championship

Played on Gullane No. 3, Kilsplindie and Dunbar. Beautiful weather greeted the 45 golfers at Gullane 3 on 18th May. Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, England and Scotland all represented. There was a strong 20mph breeze from the southwest with a nice temperature of 18 degrees. The scratch prize was keenly contested with local member Jamie White returning a 74. A count back was required to split the first two with Iain Forrester being one shot better on the back 9 than Jorgen Isberg, both on 71.



2022 JAPAN HICKORY OPEN CHAMPIONS. From left: Yuji Yasuda, the overall champion; Hiromi Aratani, ladies champion; and Hisashi Aratani, Senior Champion.

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The Stableford competition for the George Colville Memorial Trophy was even more closely contested. When a count back failed to produce the winner., it came down to a toss of the coin, with Richard Newcombe calling correctly to beat Jeff Butcher, both with 42 points.



2022 SCOTTISH HICKORY CHAMPION *Bengt Gustafson (on right at photo on left), with Captain Bob Chadwick. Middle, Richard Neville, the Colville Trophy winner. Scottish Scratch winner Neil Gascoigne, far right.*

Another sunny and windy day at Kilspindie on the 19th for that Club's annual Hickory Open. 66 entrants with 21 non-BGCS golfers also playing. Scratch Stableford winner was Jorgen Isberg with 34 points beating Neil Gascoigne on BIH. Ulf Jagaeus won the handicap Stableford with 42 points.

On Friday was the visit to magnificent Dunbar for the 38th Scottish Hickory Championship. There was less wind but rain affecting the late starters on the last 4 holes. Scratch winner was defending champion Neil Gascoigne who returned an excellent 77. The Scottish Champion for 2022 was Bengt Gustafson whose net 67 beat Ulf Jagaeus on 68 and Mikael Lindman on 69. Almost a complete sweep of the prizes for the Swedes.

JUNE

5 – Polish Hickory Open

Played at First Warsaw Golf. Congratulations to all the players. The Open amateur champion for 2022 is Eric Czerwiowski. The Open professional champion is Marcin Lemański. The Ladies Champion is Sofia Lelakowska. Event hosts wish to thank sponsors and co-organizers: Golf SPA Szczytna, Golfers Club of Klodzkie County in Szczytna; Hickory World Polish Hickory Golf Society, Zdrojowy Theater in Polanica-Zdroj, Golf&Roll, Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw, Starostwo Pow yacht club in Klodzko - Klodzko County, and Polish Golf Association and TopGolf Madial Patron.



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JULY

CENTRAL ENGLAND HICKORY CHAMPION *Jason Dolman with Bob Chadwick, BGCS Captain, and Helen Stainforth, Luffenham Heath Ladies Captain.*



31 – Central England Hickory Championship

Played at Luffenham Heath GC, this event also included the Seniors Championship and John Hanna Tankard. A modest but select field teed off in weather that improved throughout the day. The winner of the Tony Thorpe trophy for the championship was Jason Dolman 38 stableford points. The Seniors Championship was won by Ben Burrows with 36 points and the John Hanna Tankard, which is now for members aged 70 and over, was won by Liz Macdonald with 34 points. The winner of the scratch prize was Christian McMillan with a gross 79. In the five years that this event has been played at Luffenham Heath, Christian is the first to break 80 gross.

AUGUST

6-7 – Swedish Hickory Championship

The 19th Swedish Hickory Championship was played on the Hans Jagenburg Hickory Course which was in excellent condition with undulating, fast and true greens. Due to an error, the South Course was set up at a rather lengthy yardage, but

the players persevered and the true hickory spirit was in abundance. The Seniors Championship was played over 18 holes on Saturday and Bengt Larsson, Herrljunga GK, won this year's title. Six ladies and 60 gentlemen made it to Sunday's final. Frida Rydberg (Upsala GK), won the Ladies Championship and Magnus Sunesson defended his Gentlemen Championship title from last year. Congratulations to all!



2022 SWEDISH HICKORY CHAMPIONS *From left: Magnus Sunesson, Frida Rydberg, and Bengt Larsson.*

12-14 – German Hickory Open Championship

The 2022 championship was held at Golfanlage Patting bei Rosenheim

Wurde. After two days of very competitive golf from three dozen players resulted in very fine scores. The German Hickory Champion 2022 is Brian Gee (England) 67+66=133.

The German Amateur Hickory Champion 2022 is Dr. Hendrik Hilgert (Oberursel) 73+71=144. And the German Ladies Hickory Champion 2022 is Tatjana Thoss (Idstein) 84+81=165.



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29-30 – Swiss Hickory Championship

Rick Adams reports: The 10th Swiss Hickory Open lured participants from throughout the Alpine nation, as well as hickory aficionados from neighboring countries Germany and France. Heinz



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Peter Thül, a PGA professional who played on the European Tour for several years, finished runner-up in the pro competition and had the longest drive for men. Others who made the trip were Peter Willems, who took home the men's strokeplay best net and honorable "strokes minus age" prizes. Also making the trip from Germany were Andreas Biste and Mark Bailey.

Representing the French Hickory Golf Association was Joel Travers, who travelled up from the Côte d'Azur, about 500 km.

This was the first time the SHO had been played in the Suisse Romande (French-speaking) section of Switzerland and, appropriately, the men's Stableford winner was Laurent Fesselet of the host Golf Club Montreux.

Eleonora Cairo of Lugano (Italian-speaking section), Andreas Ahlm from Zurich in the German-speaking section (representing Gallivare GK in Malberget, Sweden), and Paolo Quirici of Lugano won the women's stroke amateur, men's stroke amateur, and professional divisions, respectively.

Other winners:

Women's strokeplay net – Brigitte Lauber (Schloss Langenstein)

Women's Stableford – Susanne Lauber (Lägern)

29-30 – Spanish Hickory Open, Real Nuevo Club de Golf SS Basozabal

Gonzalo Retana Ardanaz reports:

This IV 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 Monday 29 and the individual championship on Tuesday 30. Both days were very exciting because of the novelty of playing and watching golf in its purest form.

The team that won the scramble prize



OVERALL CHAMPION of the 2022 San Sebastián Hickory Golf Open, Rafael Ortiz de Urbina.

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(Mexican) played on the 29th was formed by: Guillermo and Cecilia Retana, Paul Tamayo and Jon Garcia.

On Tuesday 30th the singles were played: The absolute winner of the tournament was the professional of Basozabal, Rafael Ortiz de Urbina followed by Guillermo Retana, and third Jose Antonio Balcones (pro of Madrid). The amateur scratch for Guillermo Retana. Men's handicap winner Gonzalo Retana, and women's handicap winner Cecilia Retana.

SEPTEMBER

2 – Scotland v England Hickory Championship

The annual England v Scotland hickory match was played at Furness Golf Club in Barrow, Cumbria. The club were celebrating their 150th anniversary having been founded by Scottish workers from Dundee in 1872. It was a glorious sunny day as the five 4-ball better ball matches teed off. The match went to the last green of the last match before England triumphed 3-2. The Archie Baird Trophy was therefore presented to the victorious England captain John Pearson.

11-13 – Australian Hickory Shaft Championship

Organized by The Australian Golf Heritage Society and hosted by The Hickory Golfers Queensland, the 2022 championship was held over three top Brisbane golf courses

– Nudgee, Royal Queensland and Brisbane. Forty two players participated. The weather, as is typical of east coast Queensland, was beautiful one day and perfect the next.

Day one was the foursomes at the recently reconstructed Nudgee Golf Club. The winners were Kaleb Hamilton and Jason Noris with 76, a shot ahead of Craig Bernhart/Darron Watt. Scott Hendry and Chris Webber won the handicap section with 68.8.

The second day saw the first round of the individual championship at Royal Queensland. Ilija Soldan led the field with 75 followed by Alex Sutherland and Darron Watt on 78. Best net was Alan Grieve (the 2011 U.S. Hickory Open champion) with 70.

The second round was at Brisbane GC, founded in 1896. The course proved to be a real test with only one player breaking 80, local member Ilija Soldan, whose 77 brought him the overall Championship with 152. Runner up was Darron Watt on 158. Bruce Collins won the day's Net and overall Nett with 140, which was no surprise as he is one of a hardy band at Brisbane who play with hickories in all club competitions.

Hickory golf is on the rise in Australia with hickory groups in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart. If you are interested in playing in any of the regular events visit The Australian Golf Heritage Society (AGHS) website or contact lesnkate@bigpond.net.au

17 – International Dutch Hickory Open

After two years absence, the 11th International Dutch Hickory Open was played Sept. 17 on the Ullerberg Golf Course. The course manager, Lily Waller, each year goes over the special rules and regulations of the old and ancient Heide Golf Baan. The dark skies eventually opened up with some serious rain, which did not relent until most had completed their 18 holes. Everybody huddled in the Golhuisje and enjoyed a hot cup of soup and a copiously filled chunks of Turkish bread.

For the ladies, Ria Frenken claims the title with an impressive 86 strokes; two strokes less than Lily Waller in second and 11 strokes better than Marja de Kom in third.

Brian Gee and Iain Forrester were tied with 83 strokes, which forced a playoff on Hole No. 1. Under ominously looming clouds, the two parred the hole twice before a thrilling finish on the third



THE 2022 AUSTRALIAN HICKORY SHAFT CHAMPIONSHIP



CHAMPION ILIJA SOLDAN is presented with the trophy by Hickory Golfers of Queensland president Robert King-Scott.



2022 IDHO WINNERS, Iain Forrester, left, and Ria Frenken.

playoff round of the hole. The third time Iain laid his ball some 5-6 yards from the pin. Brian landed closer but in the bunker. Iain putted to within 18 inches and Brian chipped to about a yard and half.

Brian's putt barely failed to go in and Iain finished for the 2022 IDHO title.

This was a very spectacular ending of the first of a new series of IDHO's we hope to organize in the coming years. Our 2023 date is Saturday 16 September. This special year marks the 100th anniversary of the Heide Golf Baan, so expect an even more unique event.

18 – Czech Hickory Championship, Park Golf Club Ostrava, Silberovice

Dalibor Prochazka reports: This year's championship was played at the Park Golf Club Ostrava, Šilheřovice, a unique course laid out in a Rothschild castle park among hundred-year-old trees. Despite unexpectedly small participation, it was successful in all aspects. Ideal weather, pitch in perfect condition (quite possibly the best I ever remember), amazing scenery of the castle park, great atmosphere of reciprocity and beautiful performances and uncompromising duels. Just everything about hickory golf. In addition to established champs, there were several hickory newcomers participating this year; we hope they become a permanent part of our community.

In the women's category, thanks to two birdies(!) title defender Blanka Beková won the first place. But the second Kateřina Táturova completely dominated the common net category before Libor Jirásk and Jan Zoufík.

In the main Open category it was extra tight right up to the last hole. The third Mark Kunc was betrayed by an aggressive pass at the back position of the hole, when he ended up behind the green, from where there was no rescue. The second Jiří Vozko was betrayed by his biggest gun at the last moment – until then a flawless short game. And so Dalibor Procházka defended the title with a final sprint (par-birdie-par-par).



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OCTOBER

6-7 – English Hickory Championship – Rye GC

Nigel Notley reports: The 2022 English Hickory Championship at Rye was played on a day of muted sun with a very strong breeze (three to four club). The links were in fine order. It was a 1,2,3 for the Pro's in the scratch (Tony Hawkins Scratch Championship) as Matthew Holland won for the fourth time in five years with an exceptional 75 gross on a brutally long course. Louie Highfield and Perry Somers both finished on 79.

For the Founders Salver, the unlikely winner was Jorgen Isberg (who is more accustomed to winning the scratch) with 36 points on a countback from another unlikely participant in this category, Grail captain (and the most successful overseas player in hickory golf in the U.K.) Jonas Fack. Third was Lorne Smith on 35 points.

The EHC was the first event to use the new WHS style software and I would personally like to thank Neil McGarva for persevering with it and creating 245 hickory handicaps. Many of these have not met the requisite minimum number of scores to get a formal hickory handicap, but 22 in the field at Rye, including the first three in the EHC, had more than 12 counting scores. Even though both Jorgen and Jonas had hickory handicaps somewhat higher than their steel handicaps, they did "only" get 36 points, which suggests that the methodology is sound.

On the Thursday, a record of 44 turned out on the Jubilee course for 11 foursome matches. It is euphemistically called GB & I vs. the World, but this year the numbers fell perfectly for England vs. The World and the match appropriately was tied 5 1/2 each. The formal dinner was a great success, once again held at the Mermaid.

9-13 – World Hickory Open

Rick Adams reports: There were 120 players from 14 countries playing WHO 22. The weather was windy, rainy, cold, and generally nasty.

The professional event was won again, as in 2019 (the previous pre-Covid gathering), by Olle Widegren of Sweden. This was the third victory in succession by Swedes with Johan Moberg winning the 2018 edition. Heinz Petr Thul of Germany was runner-up, nine shots back.

The first day was the Archie Baird team event held at the world's 15th oldest golf course (1793), Fortrose and Rosemarkie in the Scottish Highlands. The team from Japan won with 78 pts – Itoshi Asanuma, Kazatuka Tokufuji, Katsuyuki Fukumoto & Suguru Nakase. Teams from Sweden took the second and third place trophies.



NIGEL NOTLEY, left, presents the Tony Hawkins Scratch Trophy to Matthew Holland.

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The WHO then moved to a three-course rotation of Nairn, Castle Stuart, and Royal Dornoch, all within about an hour's drive of Inverness, where the Kingsmill hotel served as headquarters. Each of the courses was laid out at more than 6,000 yards, on the long side for hickories, and the scoring was on the high side with only 7 scores in the 70s all week, the lowest a 76 by Nicklas Lindstrom at Nairn.

The men's amateur scratch champion is 28-year-old Guillermo Retana from San Sebastian, Spain, currently living in Austria. As a teenager, Retana was a chief rival of former world No. 1 Jon Rahm, and won the Spanish state championship. He played college golf in the States at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and has won the Liechtenstein Open.

The women's amateur scratch champion is Susan Tracy (Star, Idaho) who has been playing about 30 years and has achieved a single-digit handicap with modern golf clubs.

Winners in other categories:

Ladies – Bridgette Lauber, Germany

Men's – Gonzalo Retana, Spain

Over 70 – Larry Woods, U.S.

Over 50 – John Henry Williams, U.S.

The 2023 World Hickory Open festivities will shift to the west coast of Scotland: Dundonald Links for the Archie Baird Team. Prestwick, Western Gables and Kilmarnock Barassie for the individual event.



OLLE WIDEGREN is the 2022 World Hickory Champion. Second was Heinz Petr Thul from Germany. Switzerland's Roberto Francioni was third.



SUSAN TRACY, left, USA, and **Tatjana Thos**, Germany – winner and runner-up, respectively, in the Women's scratch division of the 2022 World Hickory Open.

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; and from the websites of the various regional groups hosting these events.

JANUARY

22 – Winter Park Hickory Classic – Winter Park GC, Winter Park, Fla.

It was a chilly, rainy Florida that greeted this year's Winter Park Hickory Classic participants. For all that, 46 men and eight women donned jackets, hats and sweaters on Jan. 22 to take on the lovely Winter Park golf course for the third annual Winter Park Hickory Classic hosted by Bill Geisler and the Florida Hickory Golfers. A couple of dozen of them stayed for a second round on Sunday and the Marci Maximus, a four-club walk around the nine-hole course.

Will Peterson took the men's honors and Bailey Weingandt, who works at Steurer & Jacoby, was the ladies champion.

FEBRUARY

19-21 – U.S. Professional & Amateur Hickory Championships

Played at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club in Temple Terrace, Fla. Mike Stevens reports: It was a competitive field for the 2022 U.S. Professional Hickory Golf Championship on Monday, Feb. 21. Daytona professional Thomas Garnier carded a 73 to have his name affixed to the John Shippen Cup dedicated to America's first golf pro. The Oscar Bunn trophy goes to Eddie Peckels of Winter Springs who also recorded a 73. Oscar Bunn was a Shinnecock Indian who played in the first U.S. Open along with Shippen in 1895. Jim Antos won the Heritage Trophy with a net score of 67. This was the 12th edition of the championships.

26-27 – 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.

On Feb. 26-27, 98 players from across the USA and Canada, and a few international contestants, joined with Arizona hickory golfers from Sun City West, Tatum

Ranch, Buckeye, Pebblecreek, El Mirage, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Surprise, Payson, Sedona and Goodyear to compete. The weather was outstanding and complimented the excellent course conditions.

In the Championship Division; Mark Timms of Scottsdale, Ariz., won with a two total of 149. The Senior division winner was Bill "Ernie" Ernst from Sun City West, Ariz., who turned in a 157. The New-To-Hickory Division winner was Jack Fandl, from Sun City West, with 161. The Super Senior Division was won by Ken Holtz of Sun City West, with 153, in a score card playoff against 2021 Winner, Tom Tracey of Star, Idaho. In the Ladies Division Rylee Stovall of Litchfield Park, Ariz., scored 155 to take the title.

MARCH

24-26 – Onion Creek/Swift Trophy

Played over the Onion Creek Golf Course in Austin, Texas. Pete League reports: Seven of the nine First Tee teams from Texas turned out for the second Texas First Tee Hickory Championship. The Dallas team of Jacob Lewallen, Brooks Freitas, Zach Lewallen, and Erik Ramos turned in a total team score of 136 for the day's honors.

Lori Wallace was the 2022 Ladies titleist; Danny Holcomb took first place in the Senior Division; Doug Shackelford in the Statesman Division; and Cole Houghton captured the 2022 title with a 157.

In the scramble division, Dana Niehaus, Michael Sloan, Scott Bellamy and Scott Pilgrim were the champs.

The Swift Trophy Matches were contested by teams from Texas vs USA. The Texas team won by 12 to 6, with Bob Barnett as the Texas MVP and Chris Hardy as the MVP from Team USA.

The Tad Moore Award for a younger player with respect for the traditions of the game was given to Cole Houghton. The Johnny Henry Award for the low net award by a member of the Golf Heritage Society went to Gary Krupkin. And the Russ Fisher Award for an outstanding tournament volunteer was given to Barb Woolley.

Finally, a handsome sum was raised for the tournament's official charity, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, which works to eliminate homelessness.

APRIL

9-10 – Sacramento Hickory Open

Played on the Arcade Creek and the MacKenzie golf courses. Twenty-six hickory players played in this inaugural event, coming from the Pacific Northwest and Arizona as well as north and south California.

Tournament results: Open: 1st-Bill Houghton: 75/77. Tim Bell posted 86/89 for second place. The Open net went to Riley Wong: 77/74, and the second net place went to Tyler Cannon who shot 85/82 at his first hickory tournament.

The Senior division was won by John Henry Williams with an 81/76. The second place Senior was Ed Horvat from Arizona, with a score of 82/81. The net winners were: Don Jackson 70/71 (new-to-hickory), and Kris Sorano in second with 72/78,

15-17 – Southern 4-Ball Hickory Championship

The teams this year enjoyed great weather, warm and lots of sunshine. This year's event was played in two formats: best ball scratch for low handicap players and a Team Total Stableford for the rest of the field. Highland Park Golf Course was in great shape. Greens were tough to read as usual and also running around 12. It seemed like the greens were definitely part of the winning equation.

In the Open Division, Peter Flory and Ted Kopec took the honors. Barb Kopec and her partner, event host Tad Moore, were the Team Stableford champs.

23 – Sunflower Hickory Match Play

Mike Needleman reports: Playing in strong prevailing winds gusting to 35 miles per hour, the Kansas City Area Hickory Golfers hosted its 2nd annual Sunflower Hickory Match-Play at the Falcon Lakes Golf Course in Basehor, Kan. Winners were recognized and awarded their gold medals at the dinner which featured excellent Kansas City style BBQ. Awards this year also recognized the low gross team of Kirk Watson and Dave Hanson, who carded a 73. The team of Chris Conklin, Alex Denton and Bill Reed, a threesome, recorded a net 57.

MAY

13 – Alexander Findlay/Massachusetts Hickory Open

Played at the Country Club of Greenfield in Greenfield, Mass.

The event, the sixth annual, was organized and handled beautifully by our PGA professional Kevin Piecuch and his assistant Josh Cook. Lunch was offered at our award winning Terrazza Restaurant and the course was in tip-top shape thanks to our greens keeper Chris Reed and his staff.

Results:

Overall Gross: Bill Wardwell.....75

Overall Net: Jacob Orcutt.....65

Stableford: Bill Conant.....24 (MOC) Louis Falcon.....24

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Stableford Net: Allen Johnson.....6. Rich Clark.....5

One bit of news – event host Bill Conant is stepping down and handing the reigns to Wardwell who is already at work organizing the 2023 outing.

12-15 – 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 participants were offered a warm up round on the Straits Course on Thursday for fun. Many took advantage of the opportunity to play the Ryder Cup track and were treated to some outstanding weather.

Day One of the event this year was held at the Irish Course. Peter Flory posted the only sub-80 round of the day, a five-stroke lead over the nearest challengers with the very challenging Meadows course to come on Day Two.

Before that, we had the opportunity to go play the Par 3 “Baths Course” at Blackwolf run after golf on Friday. It was a wonderful venue to relax and have some putting contests on the Par 3 putting course.

Saturday on the Meadows Course greeted everyone with a beautiful day of temperatures in the 80s. Scoring was better and a few players used the calmer day to make some moves. Award winners by Division were as follows:

Women:

Champion – Jeanne Swenson; Net Champion – Chelsea Guenetee
Champions Division

Champion – Peter Flory; Jeff Guerard, 2nd; Mike Brown, 3rd
Net Champion – Rob Kress; Jared Beggs, 2nd; Dan Dugan, 3rd

Senior Division:

Champion – Ernie Ernst; George Burgland, 2nd; Bert Coghill, 3rd
Net Champion – Angus Rollo; Todd Stevenson, 2nd; Jim “Doc” Eike, 3rd

Legends Division:

Champion – Werner Kolln

20-22 – Mid American Hickory Open

Played at the Soangetaha Country Club in Galesburg, Ill.. Denny Olson reports:

We had 43 participants from six states and Scotsman, Angus Rollo, who now hails from Hvalsoe, Denmark. We began in the rain Saturday morning but finished in sunshine. The course was great, and the staff treats us like honored guests.

In our two-day, stroke play event the results were...

Open Division Champion – Gary Youngberg of Ames, Iowa (a return winner), with a score of 158. Open Reserve, net champion – Jim Eike of Neenah, Wisc.

Senior Division Champion – Kirk Watson of Ames, Iowa, with a score of 164. Senior Reserve, net champion – Jim McGraw of Oneida, Ill.

Statesman Division (70 years+) – Mike Needleman of Kansas City, Kan., with a score of 169. Statesman Reserve, net champion – James Griffin of Neenah, Wisc.

We also had a Sunday Hickory Scramble competition, with five foursomes. This group was largely composed of Soangetaha members all new to hickory golf. It's our second year for the scramble which is a great event to include for new players.

24 – Florida State Hickory Open

Played at Bradenton Country Club, Bradenton, Fla. Mike Stevens reports:

The second annual Florida Hickory Open sponsored by the Florida State Golf Association was held on the 1924 Bradenton Country Club. The course was in fantastic shape playing hard and fast like a Scottish links. Will Peterson held off a challenge from Bradley Turner to defend his title. Jeff Shafer, a member of the Florida Hickory Golfers (FHG), topped the leaderboard in the Men's Stableford division nipping a hard charging Peter Herrington. Rich Grula, last year's champion, finished in third.

In the women's Open division Bailey Wiegandt of Louisville, Ky., defended her title while FHG's Marci Likens won the Women's Stableford competition.

JUNE

2-4 – National Hickory Championship

Some 34 players from around the U.S. and Canada (and another six playing remotely) turned out for the 25th annual NHC at the historic Foxburg Country Club. Seth Lomison held off a strong come-from-behind challenge from 2021 champ Jason Kronenberger whose second day total of 78 was the Championship's low round.

That effort fell short of Seth's two-day total of 161 by two strokes. Coming up in a strong third place was Drew White, the Reserve Division winner a year ago, with a 166. Both Lomison and White started their NHC careers as First Tee Interns from the North Carolina Triad and Washington D.C. chapters respectively. White's first visit was as caddie for his grandfather, Bob. With three championships under his belt, Seth joins a very select company of multi-championship winners Randy Jensen (8), Bobby Sly (3) and Mike Stevens (3).

Reserve Division (net) championship was taken by Bern Bernacki, his second division win, followed by Timo White, Drew's younger brother, and Bob West.

On Thursday the second International Feathery Challenge saw Russ Ravert take first place for the second time. In 2021 he lost a three-hole playoff. In the Mike and Elmore Foursomes Billy Wardwell and Deal Hudson won the Open Match Play flight while Bill Geisler and Bob West won the stroke play flight. Brothers Drew and Timo White won the prized Clan Match event.

3-5 – Wyandotte Hickory Classic

A three-day event played on Wyandotte Shores Golf Course. This year's event was played in honor and memory of Ed Ronco, a former president of the SoHG and co-founder of the Wyandotte Hickory Organization. Mr. Ronco passed away in February 2022. Donations raised during the event benefitted the Wyandotte Scholarship Foundation and the Wyandotte Animal Shelter.

Friday's “Shambles” outing at the West Shore Golf & Country Club (1908, George Ferry, designer) on Grosse Ile, was played in delightful weather with 20 players participating. Winners were the team of Bruce Markwardt, Kris Ellington, Mike Pishlo, and John Cova.

Saturday's two-person scramble also enjoyed pleasant weather. Mr. Ronco's wife, Ann, was a happy sight at the registration table, her customary place these many years of the tournament. She is always cheerful and a reminder of what a close-knit family the WHO have become. The Scramble was won by Bill Ellington/Tony Santavicca, with a 5-under score. The day was underscored by Bill Tucholski's hole-in-one on his second pass (Wyandotte Shores is a 9-hole layout) at Hole No. 5, a 110-yard par three over a pond.

Thirty-two participants competed in Sunday's Open championship, the third leg of the Wyandotte Classic. The results:

Open Division

1st– Dave Cotton, 73; 2nd– Jim Neville, 75; 3rd– Mike Callahan

Net – 1st– Larry Noel, 63; 2nd– John Horner, 67; 3rd– Dave Lipa, 67

Senior Division

1st– Hugh Cameron, 77; 2nd– Bill Tucholski, 84; 3rd– Gary Oldham, 88

Net– 1st– Keith Pinchback, 73; 2nd– Scott Petersen, 86

Statesman Division

1st– John Cova, 75; 2nd– Max Hollon, 82; 3rd– Rich McCallister, 84

Net – 1st– Tim Stroshine, 67; 2nd– Jim Davis, 69; 3rd– Larry Pinchback, 70

Ladies Division

1st– Kris Ellington, 95

5-6 – Pacific Northwest Hickory Championship

Played at Skagit Golf & Country Club (est. 1919) in Burlington, Wash. Martin Pool reports: It rained all night. It rained all day as yet another atmospheric river coursed over the Pacific Northwest in 2022. Forty-one intrepid players teed off on Day 1 for the ninth rendition of this tournament. As puddles formed on the greens and fairways, and as rumblings were heard in the distance, it was touch and go whether the tournament could actually go on.

At the end of the day, 36 players completed a very rainy round, while five more preferred dry places after nine holes. At the tournament dinner later in the evening, organizer Martin Pool toasted Jack Wilson for whom the Wilson Trophy is named. In 2017 we received news of Jack's passing as we concluded first day's play of this very tournament. Jack was a true gentleman and a lover of all things hickory.

Rain turned to sunshine on Day 2, and hickory players returned to a much different golf course. Puddles had disappeared and, except for the inexplicable few, scores plummeted. As for the event's winners: Day one leader Jeff Olsen did 10 shots better with a sterling round of 71. Kit Ledbetter improved by five to shoot 76 in the Senior Division. Tom Tracy was four better than his Day 1, posting an 82 in the Statesmen Division and Sue Tracy was 10 better with a 90 in the Women's Division.

16-18 – Belvedere Hickory Open

Played on the Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, Mich. Marty Joy reports: Blue skies, sunny weather and lovely temperatures greeted the field for the annual event. Rick Woeckener, who won the U.S. Hickory Open on this course in 2019, finds the 1925 William Watson-designed course suits his game to a tee. He took the Open Division title with a 152 gross score over the two-day tournament, five clear of Jeff Hunt at 157. In the Senior Division, it was Wisconsin's “Big Hickory,” Ernie Ernst, whose 158 was seven clear of Belvedere member Jerry Esselman's 168. In the Super Senior contest, Michigan's John Cova was spot on with 162, besting Tom Gallagher who posted 166. As for the Ladies, Donna Kuhn's 196 topped Mary Jean Esselman's 208 for the victory.

23-24 – CHGA Open Championship

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. Rich Schmidt, Captain of the Carolina Hickory Golf Association, reports on the second annual CHGA Open Championship.

In the Senior division, playing on his home ground, Doug Gelbert held off past champion Deal Hudson, Russell Eaves, and Andy Moye. Deal came in two shots

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back for second place. In the Net competition, Bob Georgiade bested his handicap both days – by 4 on day 1 and 8 on day 2 to run away with low net. Andy Moye was second with a combined 4 under par. In the Open division, defending champion Gordon Preddy survived a very tough challenge from pro Gil Feagin to repeat and retain the claret jug. The Net division was tight as well, with Lee Burton's 151 nipping three others at 152.

25 – *Smith-Collett Hickory Open*

Played at the Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton, Conn. Jacob Orcutt reports: Twenty-nine hickory golfers (and two non-hickory golfers) who came out June 25 to compete in the second annual Smith-Collett Classic. The Donald Ross track presented a tough challenge for the entire field, with high temperatures and dry conditions making the course a true test of hickory golf. Golfers competed using a Modified Stableford scoring system, with 1 point being awarded for bogeys, 2 points for pars, 3 points for birdies, and 4 points for eagles.

Our gross champion was Joe Mentz of Vernon, Conn., with 31 Stableford points. Bill "Wardy" Wardwell of Turners Falls, Mass., finished in a close second with 30 points, and Connor Palazzo of Farmington, Conn., finished third with 27 points.

Our net champion was Wardy Wardwell with 39 points. Second place with 39 points (determined by matching cards) was David Beamer of North Dartmouth, Mass. Marty Lauter of Northport, N.Y., and Jacob Orcutt from Coventry, Conn., tied for third place with 37 points.

In the senior division, Wardy Wardwell once again took home the win. Jeffrey Blomstedt of Gill, Mass., finished in second place with 25 points, and Frank Flood of Collinsville, Conn., finished in third with 23 points.

Special recognition to hickory newcomer Ernie Mintel of East Hartford, Conn., who won the "Moneysworth" prize for his score of 115, and to Jared Paletti of Pelham Manor, N.Y., who had the shot of the day. Jared holed out from the fairway to score an eagle on the par five 5th hole. This also landed him an elusive net albatross for the hole (a whopping 8 Stableford points!).

JULY

8-10 – *Heart of America*

Played on the Bright Grandview GC in Des Moines, Iowa. Duane Baylor reports: The 45th playing of the Heart of America drew players from around the Midwest and beyond. The chief host is the Hickory Golf Association with friends and assistance from both the Golf Heritage Society and the Society of Hickory Golfers.

Larry Krebsbach was the Open winner with a two-day 163, followed oh-so-close by Gary Swenson at 164. The Senior victor was Kirk Watson with 153 (73 on Day Two), followed by Paul Jensen at 167.

For the Statesmen, 70 and older, the champ was John Hutton with 163 and David Rasey in second with 171. The Ladies title was claimed by Jeanne Swenson with 177. Two teams in the Scramble division tied at 140: Duane Baylor, Ron Luster, John McKinsey and Tim Heddon formed one team; on the other were members of the Denton family.

14 – *Lake Sunapee CC Hickory Classic*

Played on the Donald Ross-designed Lake Sunapee CC in New London, N.H. David Webster reports: Twenty-three golfers participated, hailing from Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and other New England states. The course was in buff, beautiful shape. Jeff Blomstedt of Massachusetts and Sam Webster of Annapolis, Md., won with 28 Stableford points. They were followed by David Webster and newcomer Chris Kit Wilson, a retired professor from Middlebury College in Vermont. Irene Dionne of Connecticut won the Women's division and Allen Johnson of Vermont was low Net, followed by Bernie Alessandrini of Florida and Tom Wawrzoniak of Vermont.

14-16 – *Keeper of the Spirit Gully Challenge*

Played at the Eagle Springs Golf Resort in Eagle Springs, Wisc. MacDuff reports: Eagle Springs dates to 1893 and has been in continuous use and owned by the same family since its beginnings. There are several unique holes, but the Volcano, a par 3 miniature Mt. Vesuvius of but 134 yards is the memory you will be sure to take away. Greg Smith, a former president of the Society of Hickory Golfers, hosts this event in memory of the late Mike Just, former owner of Louisville Golf, who passed away in 2016. The first day was marked by heavy rains which mitigated somewhat on the second day. Playing divisions were renamed to honor past hickory dignitaries.

The Mike Just Open division

The Frank Boumphrey Senior Division (an early light of the SoHG).

The Ed Ronco Statesman Division (from Michigan, Ed was a former SoHG president and co-founder of the Wyandotte Hickory Organization)

The Vicki Gibboney Ladies Division (an early leader and organizer for the SoHG) And the Old Tom Morris Reserve (net) Division.

The 2022 Keeper of the Spirit Gully Champions are:

Ernie Ernst – Mike Just division

Tom Johnson- Frank Boumphrey division

Greg Smith- Ed Ronco division

Erin Hallbauer- Vicki Gibboney division

Dave Long – Old Tom Morris division

Wally Koss presented the event's annual Mike Just Keeper of the Spirit award to Smith for his contributions to hickory golf, which are many.

16 – *White Mountain Hickory Open*

Held at the Omni Mt Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, N.H. Jim Pucci reports: We had a gorgeous day in Bretton Woods, N.H. this past July at the Omni Mt Washington resort for the 5th annual White Mountains Hickory Open. It is a spectacular spot with a lot of history. Jack Crosby of Concord, Mass., and Bill 'Wardy' Wardwell of Turners Falls, Mass., were tied at the top with 28 Stableford points. Following a shot back were Sam Webster of Maryland, Jeff Blomstedt of Mass., and David Webster of Winter Park, Fla. Tom Wawrzoniak of Vermont won low Net. Prizes were resort wine glasses and maple syrup.

18-20 – *Gearhart Hickory Classic*

Played on the Gearhart Golf Links in Gearhart, Ore. Rob Ahlschwede reports: This year's field was 49 players from seven states. Lyle Rowland's ace on No. 15 was the tournament highlight, an accomplishment that earns him admission to our hickory Dodo Club for such feats.

The 2022 Gearhart Champion golfer is "new to hickory" Blake Snyder. Second in the Open division was previous champ Jim von Lossow; another former champion Gabe Tonan was third. Net winner was Marshall Huston followed by Sawn Baker and Jeff Lefferts. The Ladies were led by Paula Anderson followed by Pam Rowland. Roberta Robbins was the Net winner. Senior Champ was John Henry Williams followed by Kit Ledbetter and Ed Horvat. Net winner was Ken Coleman, 2nd Net was Martin Pool and David McDonald was 3rd Net. The Super Seniors/Statesmen Champion was Galen Peterson. In second was John Willbanks and third was Lyle Rowland. Net leader was Tuna Williams, second Tom Driscoll and third was Steve Franich.

21 – *11th annual Nickel & Dime of the Metropolitan Hickory Society*

Played at the Ridgewood CC, New Jersey. Jared Paletti reports:

"Proving that old dogs still know how to hunt, two of the Founding Fathers of the Metropolitan Hickory Society took honors at our 11th annual Nickel and Dime. Out of the field of 16 competitors, Brian Schuman, a co-founder of the Metropolitan Hickory Society, took low gross followed by "Old" Tom Morris. The Reserve division was captured by Tim Alpaugh and the stylish Jared Paletti as runner up.

Ridgewood Country Club, an A.W. Tillinghast masterpiece, is being prepped for the 2022 U.S. Amateur Championship. Our Ridgewood Country Club host, and another co-founder of the Metropolitan Hickory Society, Mike Policano, organized this year's event.

29 – *Nebraska State Hickory Championship*

The championship was held at the Riverside CC in Grand Island. The low gross winner was Randy Jensen. Low gross lady champion was Jane Pohlman. The Low net men's winner was Dale Hallock and the low net ladies champion was Barb Fulbright.

AUGUST

10-12 – *23rd Canadian Open Hickory Championship*

Played on The Legends Golf and Country Club in Edmonton, Alberta. Some 88 players from several states below the border and throughout Canada traveled to experience the fun and competition, and the legendary hospitality of hosts Ron Lyons and Eddie Chan. None were disappointed. The Open Division was won for the first time by Ken Plaunt who wrestled the trophy from multiple winner Ben Plaunt by one stroke. Another stroke back was Vern Kyler. The highly competitive Senior Division featured a sparkling 69 (shooting his age!) by Kit Ledbetter from Washington state, followed by Rob Taylor at 74, Willie Ducherer at 77 and Bob Bjerke at 77. Hugh Cameron at 79 rounded out the top five. The Ladies Division was won by repeat winner Fran Zinger. The First Nations award went to Saskatchewan's Dave Racette. Dave's name along with past First Nations winners will be featured on a plaque with a stunning head dress encased in a glass cabinet featured in the Legends room of the clubhouse.

12-13 – *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. There were 40 participants and 20 guests for the 14th annual Foxburg Hickory Championship. Weather conditions, golf course and the play were

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wonderful. As well, nearly \$3500 was raised for the historic club's operating fund.

Division Champions for 2022:

Braid: Mike Campailla, Dave Long, Ron Taylor

J. H. Taylor: Rob Geiger, Ron Miller, Steve Alger

Park: Jason Kronenberger, Bill Geisler, James Kaiser

13-14 – The Vermont Hickory Open

Played at the Brattleboro Country Club, Brattleboro, Vt. Peter Nowlan reports:

The 15th annual Vermont Hickory Open was contested over a challenging mix of the 1914 original design by Tom McNamara, a three-time U.S. Open runner up, which was redesigned by Wayne Stiles in 1930 and expanded, with some re-routing, by Steve Durkee in 2000. Susan Plante, a newcomer to hickory golf and a member of Brattleboro Country Club, was victorious in the Ladies division. The Statesman Division was taken by a pair of Montague Golf Club members from Randolph, Vt.: Allen Johnson shot the low net and Peter Nowlan the low gross. Michael O'Donnell, of Newtown, Pa., shot the low net in the Senior division, and Bill "Wardy" Wardwell, of Turner Falls, Mass., was the division winner. Matt Dodds, playing out of Vermont National Golf Club in South Burlington, Vt., was the net winner in the Open division while Jeffrey Blomstedt, of Gill, Mass., and a member of the Greenfield Country Club, was the Open division winner.

21 – Michiana Hickory Open

Played on the South Bend Country Club, South Bend, Ind. Jim Jeselnick reports: The 10th annual Michiana Hickory Open hosted a record field of 42 golfers. The overall champion and first-time participant, Rick Grassel, shot 76 to edge past champion Ernie Ernst by two strokes. Placing third was Society of Hickory Golfers President Scott Staudacher with a 79.

The top finishers in the Open division Low Net area were Bill Ellington – 71, Michael Callahan – 71, and David Lipa – 72. In the Senior division Tommy Presperin – 74; Jim Hannen – 75; and Bill Tucholski – 81. In the Statesman division, Jim Davis had an 87 for 1st; Roger Hill 2nd; and Lyle Graham 3rd.

In the Scramble division the team of Micah Bosman, Herbie Klinenberg, Bryant Murphy, and Joe Trefleik claimed the top prize. Placing second one shot behind was the First Tee team from Valparaiso, headed by coach Jim Jeselnick, coach Max Abel, and first-time hickory players Abram Jones and Raecenia Gomez.

26-27 – Wisconsin Hickory Open

Played on The Links course at Lawsonia in Green Lake, Wisc. Bill "Ernie" Ernst reports: Ernie Ernst reports: Peter Flory edged Ohio's Rick Woeckener in a score card playoff for the 2022 title. In the Senior Division, Dan Moore overcame strong golf by Steve Simer to claim that division. In the Legends (often called the Super Seniors) Division, Jim Griffen finished in first with Ken Holtz in second. This year's Women's Division Champion was Lisa Bengston.

After golf, as is a tradition in Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Hickory Open, we all sat down for the traditional Friday night all-you-can-eat fish fry, a warming fire and live music, compliments of our own Jared Beggs.

SEPTEMBER

12-14 – 15th U.S. Hickory Open, Mission Inn Resort, Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

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

James Ciganek of Reston, Va., turned in a two-day 157, seven shots clear of his nearest competitor, Joey Piatek of Munster, Ind., to take the Open Division honors. As low amateur, Ciganek also won the John Fischer Jr. Low Amateur Award. Ciganek and Piatek were followed by Peter Flory with 167 and SoHG President Scott Staudacher with 170. Staudacher took first place net honors in the Open Division with 144, followed by Joe Hollerbach, the current SoHG VP, with 145 net. A good showing for our two Board leaders.

It was expected to be a close contest, but Rylee Stovall of Litchfield Park, Ariz., was on her game and ran off with the Women's title, blistering the already toasty Florida golf course with 155. Her nearest challenger, Bailey Weigandt of Louisville, Ky., turned in 168 for second place. Net honors went to 2014 USHO Women's champion Barb Kopec with 131, followed by BJ Hayden with 140. Young Miss Stovall's net score was also 131, but SoHG rules stipulate that one may win in one category only.

In the Senior Division, it was Steve Simer of Madison, Wisc., whose 165 bested Ted Kopec of Niceville, Fla., by two. Net honors in this division went to Carlos Debarros of Lake Worth, Fla., with a net 131. Doug Gilbert of Henderson, N.C., took second net in the Senior Division with 146.

For the elder statesmen, the Super Seniors, it was Larry Woods' 149 that won the top spot; nine better than second place finisher Gary Krupkin of Richardson, Texas. The net victor for the Super Seniors was Cal Whitman of Rio, Ill., with 133. He was

followed by Joe Bradshaw of Cave Creek, Ariz., with 138.

16-17 – The McNabb Cup

Played on the White Lake Golf Course, a 1916 Tom Bendelow design. MacDuff reports: Competitors from throughout the U.S. strove for the 2022 title, the 11th playing for The Cup, this year won by outgoing Capt. of The Cup, Scott Staudacher, whose Stableford score of 41 bested Bruce Markwardt by one shot. Staudacher, fresh from a U.S. Hickory Open net title, survived a rocky back nine to claim his victory, long in the making. The low score of 76 was also shot by Mr. Staudacher, two better than his close competitor from Wisconsin, Colin Landrie. Following golf, the field repaired to a local clubhouse overlooking sparkling White Lake, for festivities and awards. Author Stephen Proctor joined the competition this year and brought autographed copies of his latest book, *The Long Golden Afternoon*, for everyone in the field. (The full report on the SoHG website is, ah, different.)

16-17 – Washington State Hickory Championship

Played at the Wenatchee Golf & Country Club for the first day and at Leavenworth Golf Club on the second. The overall champion for 2022 is Jim Von Lossow after a two-hole playoff with Gabe Tonan. Here are all the other winners:

Open Division Net: 1st – Jimmy Bucher – 143; 2nd – Rob Birman – 162

Senior Division Gross: 1st – John Henry Williams – 164; 2nd – Martin Pool – 169

Senior Division Net: 1st – Eddie Johnson – 144; 2nd – John Quickstad – 159

Statesman Division Gross: 1st – Dennis Scott – 170; 2nd – Rob Ahlschwede – 178

Statesman Division Net – 1st – Lyle Rowland – 153 (better net on Day 2); 2nd

Steve Dog Franich – 153

Women's Division Gross – 1st – Roberta Robbins – 213

Women's Division Net – 1st – Pam Rowland – 158

20 – MHS Steam Shovel

Played at the Hackensack Golf Club in Emerson, N.J., was no exception. Bill Martin reports: What can we say about Hackensack GC that we haven't experienced before? They continue to outdo themselves each and every year and our hosts Sean, Old Tom, and David served up another winner. The course was in mint condition and the new renovations to the uphill 9th held to the outstanding architectural tradition at HGC. Newcomers Andrew Byron followed by Michael Brandell led the Open Division with Old Tom Morris finishing third. The Reserve Division was taken by Jared Paletti with Sean Cunningham and Bill Martin tied for second. It is great to see that MHS has attracted many new players and we hope to see the momentum continue to grow.

22 – Golf Heritage Society Annual Championship

Played on the Country Club of Indianapolis in Illinois.

Classic Division Gross

1 – Bob Muir, 94; 2 – Bern Bernacki, 98

Net

1 – Bob Muir, 71; 2 – Bern Bernacki, 77

Hickory Division

Gross

*1 – Kirk Watson, 83; 2 – Bill Kriescher, 87

*David Hanson also shot 83, but his score was somehow lost and not processed by the pro shop.

Net

1 – Patrick Milkovich, 89 2 – Bob Mirt, 110

Scramble

*1 – Jim Davis, Bob Gettis, Bill Reed – 70

2 – Brad Baird, Linda Baird, Randy Condit, Richard Dragan – 72 *Bill Robertson, Tom Irving, and Spike Abernethy shot a 69, but their score was not turned in until well into the proceedings. The results above are official, but we wanted to recognize their good play.

Modern Division

Gross

1 – Robert Curtis, 84; 2 – James Boyd and Glenn Hauelsen (tie), 86

Net

1 – Glenn Hauelsen (scorecard playoff), 73 2 – Mike Beckerich, 73

Ladies Division

1 – Priscilla Curtis, 106

OCTOBER

1-2 – Inaugural GHSC Fall Hickory Classic

Played over the Whirlpool Golf Course and the Sawmill Golf Course. The Golf Historical Society of Canada's Fall Hickory Classic was an inaugural event and successor to the C.B. McDonald tournaments run by Paul Dietz and others at the historical Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Course, in prior years. George Supol, GHSC board member and tournament statistician, reports:

A modified Stableford points scoring system was used to award prizes for indi-

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vidual and randomly-selected partners in pairs team play.

On the first day, at Whirlpool GC, 32 registered players attended and played 18 holes of hickory golf at Whirlpool GC. Forward yellow tees were used, so Whirlpool played at about 5,200 yards, lush and soft, with speedy greens.

At Sawmill GC on the second day, 34 registered players attended and played 18 holes, also at almost 5,200 yards. Both before and after the Sawmill round, a dozen or so collectors' show tables were provided which certainly added to the fun of the two-day event.

The Gold Medalist and Individual Open Trophy Winner was Tom Johnson, of Tallmadge, Ohio, with 55 Stableford points. Tom also was awarded the Low Score – Hickory Classic Tourney Trophy. The Individual Open Silver Medalist was Bill Wardwell (53 pts) of Turners Falls, Mass. Patrick Potter (49 pts), of London, Ont., was awarded the Individual Open Bronze Medal.

In the Masters Division (70+), the Champion, Gold Medalist and Individual Masters Trophy Winner was Jim Palk, of London, Ont., with 22 Stableford points. The Masters Silver Medalist was Dennis Wilkinson of Brantford, Ont., with 21 Stableford points. John Duffy (16 pts) of Toronto, Ont., was awarded the Masters Bronze Medal.

Amanda Sly (17 pts), of Kingston, Ont., was the Ladies Champion, Gold Medalist and Ladies Individual Trophy Winner.

DAY 1

Team Pair Play Champions and Gold Medalists

Tom Johnson, Tallmadge, Ohio, and Ian Clarke, Stoney Creek, Ont. (46 pts).

Team Pair Play Runners-up and Silver Medalists

Dave Brownlee, Bracebridge, Ont., and Paul Ready, Guelph, Ont. (45 pts).

DAY 2

Team Pair Play Champions and Gold Medalists

Pat Potter, London, Ont., and Bill Wardwell, Turners Falls, Mass. (47 pts).

Team Pair Play Runners-up and Silver Medalists

John Medeiros, Mitchell, Ont., and Bob West, Kingston, Ont. (45 pts).

2 – Virginia Gutter Gopher

Played at the Meadowcreek Golf Course in Charlottesville. A hardy core of four gutty enthusiasts met to contest the trophy. The four came from Virginia Beach in the east, Arlington in the north, Lynchburg to the south and Charlottesville in the center. The weather was beautiful, perfect, and the course in good “rough around the edges” hickory shape. Dennis Meadows from Virginia Beach was our 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.

22 – NWHP Gutty Invitational

Played on the Meadowmeer Golf Club on Bainbridge Island, Wash. John Lavendoski reports: Eleven players competed with late 19th century equipment and gutty golf balls in the Park Gutty Division. Four players competed with early 20th century clubs and gutty golf balls in the Vardon Division, and four players competed with early 20th century equipment and reduced-distance McIntyre “Braid Golf Balls” in the Braid Division. Robert Birman posted an impressive round of 39-42 = 81 in the

Park Championship Division to capture the Men's Pacific Northwest Gutty title. Runner-up Medal went to John Quickstad with 39-45 = 84. The Men's Park Division net competition was won by Martin Pool 74. In second was Steve Simmons after a scorecard playoff with John Lavendoski, both of whom posted net scores of 76.

The 2022 Ladies' Pacific Northwest Gutty title was won by Paula Anderson, with second place going to Sandy Bucher.

In the Vardon Division, the gross score winner was David Myrtakis. Jimmy Bucher took low net honors. The Braid Division was won by Peter Yagi, with 43-40 = 83. Net honors went to Stephen Lavendoski who turned 10 years old just two weeks before the tournament.

NOVEMBER

4-5 – Mid Pines Hickory Open

Played at the Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C.

The overall winner in the Open Division with a gross score of 148 was Will Peterson from Tampa, Fla., followed by Brock Elder at a close 149. Open Division net honors were awarded to Tug Passen of Mt. Dora, Fla. In the Senior Division, Eric Becker from Pinehurst, N.C., won the gross award with 153, followed by Bill Geisler and Ken Chester at 161. Net honors were awarded to Rich Gula of Winter Park, Fla. The Super Senior gross award went to Otey Crisman III from Selma, Ala., with a score of 159; second place was Deal Hudson at 164. Bill Martin won the net award. The Grand Master award went to Tad Moore, also from Selma, Ala. The Ladies Division gross winner was Barbara Kopec of Niceville, Fla., with 185. Lou Anne Brossman from Aiken, S.C., won the net award.

5-6 – C.O.W. Cup

Played at the Centennial Golf Club in Medford, Ore.

After a two-year hiatus due to covid, players from California, Oregon, and Washington renewed their rivalry for the fifth time. Chapman was the format of play the first day. A Chapman golf tournament is a team event with two players hitting a drive, then switching drives, and then choosing the best ball to play into the hole from there. With nine players a side, the California-Oregon team took an early 3-2 lead, with two matches being halved.

Day 2 format was singles matches with concurrent four ball matches. The matches on Day 2 were decidedly unbalanced with teams winning by wide margins of 5 and 4, 6 and 5, and 7 and 6, and two defaulted matches. One exception was the Glenn Thatcher vs. Jeff Lefferts match which came down to the last hole with Lefferts prevailing 1 up against a fine player.

Plaudits to Albert Bruno and Eddie Johnson for garnering all three points for their respective teams. They were handsomely rewarded for their accomplishment.

Final score: California-Oregon: 9 points. Washington: 8 points.

DECEMBER

10-11 – Florida Hickory Golfers Season Finale

The Florida Hickory Golfers concluded another season with annual championships at Mount Dora Country Club. Players were seeded based on their performance throughout the year. Top seed Will Peterson repeated as champion to retain the Stevens Trophy for another year. As to the Heritage Trophy, Cody Johnson prevailed with 21 points. A special thanks goes to the Florida State Golf Association for their support of hickory golf.

MUSKEGON COUNTRY CLUB, 1908, MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN. The par 3 7th hole on the Donald Ross-designed course seen from near the apron on the 6th green. The course is often enjoyed as an optional round during the annual McNabb Cup, each year played in September.

