

Wide World of Hickory – 2018

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 hickory organizers whose reports on several European hickory championships were the basis for the following brief summaries of these events. For more on these events, please visit the BGCS website at www.golfcollectors.co.uk

MARCH

5 – Hickory Golf on the PGA Legends Tour – Australia

Peter Stickey and Tony Rule report:

The PGA Ladbrokes Legends Tour ventured to Eagle Ridge Golf Club on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula for the annual Peter Stickey Vendor Advocacy Legends Pro Am. Peter, a keen hickory player himself, put together a field of six hickory players for the inaugural Australasian 12 hole Hickory Cup. Not surprisingly few of the professionals entered the event – why should they with money on the line?

However, one pro who did get the antiques out was the Australian Golf Heritage Society's Tim Sayers who flew down from Sydney specifically for the event. Tim is a devotee of the hickory game and plays at least once a week with equipment that is now over 90 years old.

Played over 12 holes to replicate the original Open Championship at Prestwick in 1860, Tim won convincingly with a scratch score of 19 Stableford points (pro-am format) defeating his closest rival, Golf Society of Australia member Tony Rule by 5 points.

The event attracted a field of six at the top end of the tournament, only two fewer than the number who played in the 1860 Open Championship. Rodger Davis, one of the true legends of Australian golf, playing with Tim, was amazed at the distance Tim was getting off the tee – some drives finishing within metres of his own. Rodger shot a fine 71 so it wasn't as if he was having an off day!

The "Cup" will soon embark on a series of regional events comprising teams of three leading to another Legends Pro Am.

Australia has two golf heritage societies, The Australian Golf Heritage Society based in Sydney and the Golf Society of Australia based in Melbourne. For details please refer to their respective websites, www.australiangolfheritage.org.au and www.golfsocietyaust.com.

APRIL

13-15 – Welsh Weekend

Day One – Borth & Ynyslas GC

Almost 40 members from the UK and Europe joined home club captains on a misty day with reduced visibility that resulted in a wide range of individual and team scores. The course was full with both the Society event and a practice round for the Central Wales Boys Championship.

Individual results:

Best individual net: 1. Claes Kvist 39 pts, 2.

Lorne Smith 35, 3. Jorgen Isberg 35

Best individual gross: 1. Shamus Martin 74, 2.

Jorgen Isberg 76

Ladies' prize: Claire Johnson 34 pts

Team results: Stableford, best two scores of three to count at each hole:

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| 1. | Claire Johnson, Claes Kvist, John Pearson | 77 points |
| 2. | Colin Appleby, Claes Arma, Jenny Hunt | 74 points |
| 3. | Shamus Martin, Erik Brandstrom, Les Jones | 73 points (on last 9) |
| 4. | Norah Aitchison, Tony Hunt, Jorgen Isberg | 73 points (on last 9) |
| 5. | Ulf Jagaeus, David Goodban, John Linehan | 73 points |



TIM SAYERS, winner of Australia's first Australasian Hickory Cup.

Day 2 – Match with Aberdovey GC for the Darwin Trophy

Match result: Aberdovey GC lost to BGCS by five holes up to nine.

The match began on a beautiful spring morning, following a misty day at Borth & Ynyslas and a winter of floods, gales and hard frosts in Aberdovey. Fifteen matches were played in ideal conditions. The Society were able to provide four players to supplement the Aberdovey team, the four pairings contributing three holes to the Aberdovey total of five. The handicapping allowances and Sunningdale system which has evolved over time ensured that all matches were close, the largest margin being two holes. The dinner was attended by over 70 players and partners, the new chef providing an excellent meal. All were entertained by speeches from the respective Captains, Lindsay Parry and Chris Walker, the match history and result being summarised in customary inimitable style by Philip Truett.

Day 3 – The Eighteenth Welsh Hickory Championship

A strong easterly wind greeted the 40 players arriving for the Championship, a significant change from the benign conditions of the previous day. The difficulty was reflected in the scores, especially over the back nine holes played largely into the teeth of the wind. Following a substantial buffet lunch in the Clubhouse, the prizes were presented by Peggy Burles. Peggy is a long standing BGCS and Aberdovey member whose late husband Peter was instrumental, with Philip Truett, in initiating the match with the Club.

Prizewinners – Stableford, for the Peter Burles Trophy

1st	Ingar Ritzén	32
2nd	Lorne Smith	31 (on back 9)
3rd	Mikael Martinsson	31 (on back 9)

Scratch Medal

1st	Jonas Fack	83 (on back 9)
2nd	Claes Arma	83
3rd	Mikael Martinsson	84

MAY



1-5 – Lionel Freedman Trophy Matches

Played over the Castelconturbia Golf Club in Agrate, Castelconturbia, Italy

Ben Hollerbach reports: After weeklong matches and ceremonies, the European team embraced the North American team in an outward spirit of friendliness, yet remained ruthless on the course. For the third day in a row the stellar play from the European professionals was the story with every pro winning his match handily and

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the European team winning the Singles session 9.5 to 6.5. The first flight of North American players did their part to rally a comeback, winning four of the first eight matches and halving three others, to cut the overall lead to 15-9. But it was a gallant last gasp that ran out of steam, with the last half of the singles matches going solely to the Europeans. The contest ended with a decisive European victory 23-9.

While in defeat, one of the shining moments of the singles matches came in Joe Hollerbach's valliant run at Costantino Rocca. Four down after the 10th, Joe won the 11th, 13th, and 14th with birdies to bring the match back to only 1 down with 4 to go. Costantino eventually defeated Joe on the 16th green. After the round Constantino pointed out that when he played Tiger Woods in singles at the 1997 Ryder Cup he beat Tiger 4 and 2, but he was only able to beat Joe 3 and 2.

Regardless of the score, nearly every match was competitive as the North American team pushed their European opponents to put up their very best scores. Absolutely good play was required to win any hole.

For the second time in three playings, the Freedman Trophy ended in an overwhelming victory. With their victory this year the Europeans look energized to make the trek across the Atlantic in 2020 in defese of their newly acquired hardware.

24-26 – Scottish Hickory Championship

The Scottish Experience began with 20 BGCS members entering the second Kilsplindie Hickory Open. It was sunny though cool with an unusual North breeze. Fairways were hard and the greens were unusually slow.

The prize winners were all BGCS members with Claes Kvist winning with a net 64. Lowest scratch was a 74 from Jonas Fack. First lady was Jenny Hunt with a net 66. They received their prizes from new BGCS member and Kilsplindie captain John Anderson. The day was rounded off with a hearty meal in the clubhouse where new BGCS captain Tony Norcott welcomed guests Archie and Sheila Baird.

On Day Two, 30 members played in the 34th Scottish Championship held on firm links at Dunbar GC. Greens were again on the slow



ANDREW HOLBROOK, 2018 Scottish Hickory Champion, with Ian Hislop, left, and BGCS Captain Tony Norcott.



IAN HISLOP, left, won the George Colville Memorial Trophy, presented by BGCS Captain Tony Norcott.



JONAS FACK, center, won the scratch prize at the George Colville Memorial Trophy.

side with a steady NE breeze. Winner of the scratch prize with an excellent score of 76 was Ingvar Ritzen. 2nd scratch with 79 was Jonas Fack.

Scottish Championship for 2018 was Andrew Holbrook with a very good net 5 under par 66. 2nd was Bengt Gustafson with a net 70 and 3rd was organiser and local member Ian Hislop with a net 71. First Lady was Jenny Hunt with a net 71.

Thirty-six members including Archie and Sheila, and new BGCS life members Hamish Ewan and David Kirkwood with LGU president Gillian Kirkwood, enjoyed a fine three-course meal in the clubhouse.



PEGGY BURLES presents the Peter Burles Trophy to Ingvar Ritzen, Welsh Hickory Champion 2018.



INGVAR RITZEN, far right, won the scratch prize at the Scottish Hickory Championship.

The final day was on the other side of Dunbar at Winterfield GC for the George Colville Memorial Trophy. Very similar conditions to the first two days with a sea haar hanging about. Most members found the hard fairways and narrow entrances to firm greens problematic. 2018 winner was organiser and local member Ian Hislop with a bih 40 points from Jenny Hunt. 3rd was Bob Kirk with 39 pts.

Scratch winner was Jonas Fack with a 75.

27 – Open Danish Hickory Championship

Played at the Royal Copenhagen Golf Club in Copenhagen, Denmark. Christian Juel reports that more than 20 contestants entered for the title of 2018 Danish Hickory Champion. The day's weather was a little overcast and damp, but spirits were anything but damp. The honor was won by Dennis Willadsen, or the Ikast Golf Club in Denmark. Willadsen was also a member of the European Freedman Trophy team that was victorious in its matches over the North American team earlier in May 2018. See more on the event's Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/the2018danishopen/>



CELEBRATING GOOD TIMES at the Danish Hickory Open

JUNE

3 – Central England and Seniors Hickory Championships

A modest but select field of 23 players contested the Central England and Seniors Championships and the John Hanna Tankard, held for the second year at Luffenham Heath GC. Entrants included Mark Wehring from the USA, Mikael Martinsson and Jonas Fack from Sweden and Tony Norcott, recently elected BGCS Captain.

There was plenty of fine golf played in super weather on a testing course with fast, true greens but penal rough for those straying from the fairway. All three trophy events were closely contested and decided on count back with four players scoring an admirable 34 points.

The winner of the Central England Championship was Mark Wehring who won on second nine count back from Lorne Smith, Stewart Gibbs and 2017 holder Geoff Bleasby.

The Seniors Championship for players 60+ and John Hanna Tankard for players 65+ were both won by Lorne Smith on count back from Stewart Gibbs.

The Scratch prize was won by Mikael Martinsson with a gross 80 from Mark Wehring on 81. Other prize winners were guest, Chris Eagle, with 26 points and local member and LHGC Ladies Captain, Christine McLaren, who won the modern clubs prize with 32 points.



MARK WEHRING, winner of the 2018 Central England Hickory Championship pitches to the 7th green at Luffenham Heath GC, watched by Chris Walker.

8-10 – Polish Hickory Championship

Reported by Sofia Lelakowska. Played on the Kraków Valley Golf & Country Club. The winner of International Polish Hickory Golf Championship 2018 and the title of "International Hickory Golf Champion 2018" goes to Martin Panosch. This year, we championship was a tribute to Joyce Wethered.



POLISH HICKORY CHAMPIONS. Martin Panosch, left, Sopia Lelakowska, and Adam Jędrzej.

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The other top results were: the "First Lady 2018" – Sofia Lelakowska, Sobienie Królewskie Golf &CC. The best putting golfer of 2018 – Adam Jędrzej, Krakow Valley Golf &CC. Please check out the Facebook page for hickoryworld.org to see more on the championship.

THE 2019 POLISH HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP was played as a tribute to Joyce Wethered, the great lady player from the United Kingdom. At right, event host *Sopia Lelakowska* poses with a large poster cut-out of Wethered.



23 – Walton Heath Triangular Match

The Walton Heath Triangular Match, pitting the BGCS vs. the R&A vs. Walton Heath Golf Club, saw a total of 72 players (ie. 24 per side), all playing with hickory shafted clubs. Thanks are due to the three team organisers: Bill Seldon (with Captain Tony Norcott) for the BGCS; Charlie Pepper (with Stuart Lloyd, Match Captain) for the R&A; and Captain David Williams (with Philip Truett as overall event organiser) for Walton Heath.

Thanks are also due to: Victoria Truett for supervising the scorer's table, ensuring all players were qualified to participate and arming them with a copy of the Rules of the Day; and Ken Macpherson, former Walton Heath club professional, who acted once again as the Honorary Starter.

Some 28 Walton Heath members (including the club's fourth Head Golf Professional, Lady Captain Michele Spink and the Club's American secret agent, Mark Wehring) were scattered across the three teams and enthusiastically joined in the fun. The number of hickory sets Tony Hunt is required to provide for this event seems to be shrinking, which only confirms the growth of interest in hickory golf.

The Truett Scoring System was used. This involves: handicap adjustments, "Sunningdale rules" and playing for a quarter point on 'the Bye'. The matches were completed in a series of three-ball six-somes.

The result was unexpected in that the home club, for once, did not win. The R&A triumphed with 15 1/4 points; the BGCS followed with 12 1/4 points; and Walton Heath brought up the rear with 11 1/4 points.

The Triangular will next be played on Saturday, June 22, 2019. And long may it continue.

23 – Czech Hickory Championship



THE FIELD for the 2018 Czech Hickory Championship.

Reported by Dalibor Prochazka. Played on the Lisnice Golf Club, about 30 minutes from Prague. Lisnice GC was celebrating its 90th year. This was also the reason for choosing the place of the championship. Players enjoyed an informal visit in the clubhouse after golf on Friday, plus a delightful lunch and informal socializing after the championship on Saturday. Players arrived on Friday and tested the pitch during a friendly round in a beautiful sunny weather. Twenty-five gentlemen and five ladies contested for the title. Overall champion was Dalibor Prochazka with 72. The ladies champion was Vlasta Sotolova with 106.

JULY

13-15 – Austrian Hickory Championship

Played on the Reiters Golf & Country Club in Bad Tatzmannsdorf in Burgenland, 120km south of Vienna, about 15km west of the Hungarian border.

Christoph Meister reports: This year the Austrian Hickory Championship was



THE FIELD for the 2018 Austrian Hickory Championship.

played in marvelous summer weather. Thirty-nine players from five countries participated in this tournament.

While the hosts gained a narrow victory in the Fourball Bestball Opening round (Austria against Foreigners), Klaus Sasse from Berlin, foundation member of the German Hickory Golf Society in 2013, won the title of the Austrian Hickory Champion 2018 on Saturday. The ladies 'gross title' was won by Susanne Artner, who was awarded the special challenge trophy donated by the German Hickory Golf Society some years ago. The Heimo Hrovat Wanderpreis (challenge trophy for net prize male), donated by the Hickory Golf Club Austria, was won by Olaf Dudus (Berlin-Wannsee). The ladies net title was won by Andrea Stolz (GC Radstadt, Austria), whereas the pro challenge was won by Johannes Jandresits, local teaching professional at Reiters Golf & Country Club.



THE SEMMERLING CHALLENGE. Played on the historic Semmerling Golf Course, the oldest course still existing in Austria. Below, a post card from the opening of the course in 1927.



On Sunday, the Semmerling Challenge was played over the oldest still existing golf course in Austria, which was officially opened on Aug. 1, 1927. The winners were local Austrian Andreas Karácsonyi (Attersee, 1st gross male) and the German player Petra Dudzus (Berlin-Wannsee, 1st gross ladies). Martin Panosch from Salzburg, Austria, won the first net male, whereas Sofia Lelakowska from Warsaw, Poland, won the first net ladies trophy.

The organizers of Hickory Golf Burgenland spared no effort to offer the participants an unforgettable weekend. Thus, Honorary Secretary Gertraud Hofer invited the participants to a wine tasting event, presenting the top tournament wines from Weingut Dorner from the vineyards of Eisenberg, while President Giunto G. Schalkenberg invited everyone to the Players Party (theme "The Great Gatsby") on the eve of the tournament to his lovely estate.

For the first time since its inception the Austrian Hickory Championship, usually organized by the Hickory Golf Club Austria in Bad Ischl, some 30km east of Salzburg, was played in Eastern Austria and organized by Hickory Golf Burgenland. Everybody who participated agreed it was a good choice made and we are all looking forward to the 2019 Austrian Hickory Championship.

18 – BGCS Open Championship Meeting

Seventeen golfers, 13 playing with hickories and four with steels, teed off in our Open meeting held at Arbroath GC in Angus. Apart from the U.K. players, we had three players each from Australia and Germany plus one Swede.

Most of our party had not played the links course before, which is just a few miles north of Carnoustie. Fairways were hard and firm as expected. Conditions were tricky with numerous holes having a narrow entrance to a fast undulating green. The burn, which crosses six fairways, also claimed victims. The sun was shining with a south-west breeze adding to the difficulty.

Non-playing members Philip Truett and David Hamilton joined us for the meal with David carrying out starting duties before popping up at various points on the course.

Nearest the pin winner at the 16th hole was Neil Millar. First guest was Paula

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Gompertz with 37 points using steels and scratch prize went to hickory Ingvar Ritzen with an 84. Third overall was John Still on 32 points with Brian Matheson in second place on 34 points. The winner with an excellent 38 points was Hamish Ewan who received the Ray Gossage Trophy. Prizes were presented by David Hamilton after Philip Truett had given us an interesting presentation on the history of Arbroath Artisans.



HAMISH EWAN, left, receives the Ray Gossage Trophy from David Hamilton.

AUGUST

4-5 – Swedish Hickory Championship



PLAYING DOWN THE 18TH at Båstad Golfklubb, Old Course, and its famous trademark, an old windmill.

The 21st Swedish Hickory Championship was staged at Båstad Golfklubb with 141 contestants in the Championship Divisions and additional 15 players in the Handicap Division, in total 156 participants, all playing with old hickory clubs.

The Old Course at Båstad Golfklubb is one of Sweden's foremost classics: a parkland course designed by Hawtree & Taylor and opened in 1930 as only the second 18-hole course in Sweden.

All three Championship Divisions were closely contested with two of them requiring sudden-death playoffs.

RESULTS

Gentlemen's Division, 36 hole strokeplay, scratch (94 players)

1. Johan Wahlqvist – 148
2. Johan Moberg – 149
3. Adam Mednick – 152

Ladies' Division, 36 hole strokeplay, scratch (15 players)

1. Christina Elmér Flommens GK 162 gross score (winner on 3rd playoff hole)
2. Andrea Lindal Flommens GK 162
3. Sofie Karsberg Båstad GK 170

Seniors' (65+) Division, 18 hole strokeplay, scratch (32 players)

1. Bengt Gustafson Isaberg GK 80 gross score (winner on 3rd playoff hole)
2. Gunnar Bagge Göteborgs GK 80
3. Johan Lindeberg Ljunghusens GK 82

The Swedish Hickory Jug, 18 hole strokeplay with handicap (51 players)



TOP-3 IN THE GENTLEMEN'S DIVISION: Johan Moberg (silver), Johan Wahlqvist (gold) and Adam Mednick (bronze).



ANTTI PAATOLA of Finland, left, was winner of the Swedish Hickory Jug. ANDREA LINDAL, 14, right, finished second in the Ladies Division, after losing in a tight playoff. It was her debut in the Swedish Hickory Championship.

1. Antti Paatola Keimola Golf, Finland 69 net score
2. Krister Trulsson Båstad GK 72
3. Sara Gunnarsson Kalmar GK 73



FROM LEFT: LEIF EINARSSON was playing in his 17th Swedish Hickory Championship.

SEPTEMBER

7 – England v. Scotland Hickory Matches

Chris Walker reports: Newbiggin Golf Club was the venue for the 2018 England vs Scotland Hickory match. The teams, captained respectively by John Pearson and Ian Hislop, each consisted of six fourball pairs. Early rain quickly gave way to excellent, sunny conditions which made for a most enjoyable day over a testing links course. The course was originally laid out in 1884 jointly by Mungo Park (Alnmouth) and Willie Thomson (Tyneside). Playing on the Scottish side was Mungo Park, the great grandson of Willie Park Senior and great-great nephew of the above mentioned Mungo Park. Also in the Scottish side was Willie Dunn, the great-grandson of Willie Dunn Junior. I believe I am right in saying that Messrs Park and Dunn were debutants in this particular match along with John Anderson and Cameron Coles and, for England, Michael Arkle and Carol Walmsley. Several matches were very close and the overall result was a 3-3 tie. This meant that Scotland retained the trophy that they had won so emphatically at Dunbar in 2017.



AT NEWBIGGIN – Willie Dunn, left, and Mungo Park.

7-9 – German Hickory Championship

Played on the Oldenburgischer GC in Residenzort Rastede. We were unable to get a report on the 2018 German Hickory Championship in time for publication, but will add a report later, should it become available. Meanwhile, all the best to our German hickory golf friends. If the contest was as in previous years, then it was a splendid competition among good friends and players.

11 – Australian Hickory Shaft Championship



THE FIELD for the 2018 Australian Hickory Shaft Championship

Ross Howard, Australian Golf Heritage Society Captain, reports:

Sixty players gathered on the West Course of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club for the 24th Australian Hickory Shaft Championship. It was 18 holes of stroke play with a handicap section in conjunction. The Mens event drew a field of 57 with 16 of the players off a handicap of 5 or less and more than 50 percent of the total field off 10 or less – certainly the strongest field the Championship has seen in its 24 years.

A sunny day with a maximum of 23 degrees and a northerly breeze that blew at speeds between 35-60 kilometres for the afternoon created a set of playing conditions that were testing to say the least. Only two players shot under 85. The course had been set up for hickory play to approximate 1931 card and players were presented with a copy of the original "bogey" 1931 card as a memento of the occasion.

The winner was Alex Sutherland from Eastlake (NSW) who shot 81 (40/41) with three birdies in his round. Peter Shaw from Royal Hobart was the runner up on 84 (40/44) with two birdies. In the Handicap division, Scott Hendry from Queensland was the winner with a fine net score of 77. For the first time in some years, the Ladies

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trophy was contested and the scratch winner was Paula Gompertz with a fine score of 111, with Kim Hastie only 3 shots astern. Congratulations Paula.

In the senior divisions, Peter Shaw won the over 55s; and Kevin Tuckwell won the over 70s.

Thanks to all the competitors who travelled from all points of the compass to the event, the AGHS sincerely thanks you for your support and participation. It was great to meet you all and hopefully we can meet again in 2019 for the 25th event.

(Look to the Australian Golf Heritage Society website for more match results.)

22 – International Dutch Hickory Open

<http://www.ullerberg.nl/IDHO>

Iain Forrester reports: Eighteen guests gathered in the Grote Huis on Friday, Sept. 22 for the reception and dinner of the IDHO. Among them several new faces such as Hans and Betty van den Bosch, Gustavo Barrios and John de Bruin. Dominant topic of the conversation was The Links Valley, the new 9-hole golf course on the estate, which was played that day by several participants, an experience that was much appreciated by all.

After a reading of the menu by their host everyone enjoyed an exceptionally 'gezellig' meal accompanied by a fine selection of excellent German wines. It must be mentioned that the host had to admit that some of them came from areas of Germany nowadays occupied by Italy and Spain.

With 27 players, the 9th IDHO again carried more players than the year before. Menno Beelen knew a flying start and rattled the equanimity of Brian Gee by playing under par for a while. With the ladies, behind the absolute favorites Lily Waller and Britta Nord, a fierce fight for third place developed between Petra Manders and Yvonne van Mulken. In the end, Lily Waller proved no match for Britta Nord who became the first player to win the IDHO three times in a row.

Menno was unable to maintain his initial brio and Brian Gee was the 2018 men's champion. He dedicated his prize to Helga Scholz who, with charming geese-talk, distracted him from the pressure put on him by Perry, Menno and Iain.

André Dubbeldam scored the most stableford points this year, followed closely by John de Bruin and Peter Scholz.

Best-Dressed of the men went to John de Bruin for his daring combination of traditional patterns and pink candy colors. For the ladies, despite enormous competition, the prize went to our Miss Hickory Wilma van Rijn for her spirit, style and irresistible class.

This concluded a rather memorable, if somewhat wet, edition of the International Dutch Hickory Open and everybody retired early to prepare for Nunspeet Hickory Championship that was to be played the next day.

Next year, the IDHO will see its 10th edition. It will in principle be held in September on the first weekend after the KLM-Open. There are some ambitious plans to organise this event in combination with not only Nunspeet, but also The Links Valley, spanning two or three days. We look forward to seeing you there and will keep you posted about the developments.



WELL PLAYED! *Andre Dubbeldam and John de Bruin celebrate their stableford competition finishes at the International Dutch Hickory Open.*

OCTOBER

4-5 – English Hickory Championship, also GB v. The World

Played at Rye GC. Nigel Notley reports:

England v The World – Jubilee Course

In perfect sunny weather with a gentle breeze, 11 foursomes matches took to the Jubilee Course. Our objective is to divide the field as evenly as possible and the natural split this year was to have a home team comprised of those players who are based at English Clubs. This meant that four players from Wales and Scotland found their way into the World team where they were joined by 14 Swedes, two Germans, an Australian, and an American. Hopefully next year the numbers will fall in a way that enables the United Kingdom to be united!

England started strongly with early wins in the front three matches. The World however came back strongly winning five of the next seven matches. With the match poised 5-5 as we waited for the final foursome. Against the odds, England in the capable hands of past President Philip Truett, partnered by the very consistent Chris Walker, immediate past Captain of the BGCS, overhauled the immensely strong combination of Ingvar Ritzen (Swe) partnered by Alistair Adam making his first appearance at Rye. And so England prevailed by 6 matches to 5.

The English Hickory Championship – played over the Old Course

The weather was total perfection. The greens were pure and true and very fat.

Play was off the white tees which are very exacting with hickory tee shots carrying around 20% less than modern drivers.

This was arguably the strongest field ever assembled for the English Championship with collectively 28 hickory scratch majors between the 49 contestants. The numbers who are keen to play greatly exceed the available spaces and it was with some regret that some late entries from Sweden, France and the U.S. had to be declined. Every effort will be made to see if a solution can be found in subsequent years.

Winner of the Tony Hawkins Scratch Championship was local professional Matthew Holland with the incredible score of 73 gross. This just beats last year's winning score of 74 by Claes Arma and falls just one shot behind the all time record of 72 set by Deal professional Andrew Reynolds.

The Founders Salver and the title of English Hickory Champion is awarded for the best stableford score. This was won convincingly by Henrik Peyron with 34 points against the par of 68. We should also mention Iain Forrester who shot 79, the third best gross score of the day and Ingvar Ritzen whose 30 stableford points secured second prize in the Salver.

The two-day hickory extravaganza was concluded with a splendid dinner at Webbe's Fish Café, where we ate Romney Marsh lamb for the 10th consecutive year.

BGCS Captain Tony Norcott presented the Murdoch Medal to Royal Worlington member Mike Morrison for his new history of the Club, *The Origins of the Sacred Nine*. Royal Worlington President and new BGCS member David Robson, was on hand to witness the occasion.

The dates for next year are Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3-4.

15-17 – World Hickory Open

Played on Kilsplindie Golf Club in East Lothian, Scotland. After the final putt dropped, Sweden's Johan Moberg was crowned the 2018 World Open Champion with a two-day 144 (73-71).

Moberg bested players from 13 countries for the title in a close contest that saw the top players separated by only a few strokes. He was one of 12 professionals competing for £6000 in prize money. Andrew Marshall of England (145), Perry Somers of Australia (146), and Rick Valentine of Scotland (148) rounded out the top four gross scores for the pros. Last year's champion, Mann, finished eighth with 153. It was a close contest with just 10 strokes separating the top ten pros.

Moberg was one of more than 20 competitors from Switzerland, a country that counts some serious hickory golf experts. In fact, Britta Nord, also of Sweden, was the lone woman player this year and recorded a gross 178 for her ladies title.

After Sweden, the next largest team was from the USA, led by Mike Stevens, of Tampa, Fla. The Pacific Northwest's Jim von Lossow finished in a tie for sixth overall with a 151 total. His son, Andrew, was a stroke behind at 152, tied with John Henry Williams, also of the U.S. SoHG President Bill Geisler held 10th place alone with 155. Long-time hickory veteran and notable U.S. champion Mike Stevens placed in a tie for 17th at 164.

Click here to go to the World Hickory Open website. Look toward the bottom of the home page to see links to the overall scores. <http://www.worldhickoryopen.com>



HENRIK PEYRON, *right*, 2018 English Hickory Champion, receives the trophy from BGCS Captain Tony Norcott.



MIKE MORRISON, *right*, was awarded the 2018 Murdoch Medal, presented by BGCS Captain Tony Norcott.



JOHAN MOBERG of Sweden won the championship title at the 2018 World Hickory Open on the Kilsplindie Golf Club in East Lothian, Scotland.

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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.

FEBRUARY

25 – U.S. Professional & Amateur Hickory Championships

Played at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club in Temple Terrace, Fla. Ocala, Fla. pro Dylan Malafronte scored an even par 72 to earn the John Shippen Cup, a two-stroke margin over Mark Harman of Ridgeland, S.C. The 2018 Ladies Championship was Jennifer Cully of Apollo Beach Golf Club with an excellent round of 86. U.S. Hickory Open champion Jeremy Moe (2015-17) was also in the field and shot, tying for third with 77 along with Joe Mentz.

As for the amateurs, Virginia's Deal Hudson turned in an 81 to win the Oscar Bunn trophy that is on permanent display in the Temple Terrace clubhouse. Paul Schulman of Tampa, Fla. and Lawrenceville, N.Y. came in second with 85

In the Heritage division, Schulman took the honors over Bob Boss in a score card match. Both shot a net 75. It was the second year in a row that Boss fell to a scorecard playoff.

24-25 – The Arizona Desert Hickory

Played on the Pebblebrook Golf Course in Sun City West, Ariz. John Kienle of Rio Rancho, N.M. was the overall Tournament Champion, with a two-day performance of 75 / 77. Bill "Ernie" Ernst of Sun City West was the runner-up after a scorecard playoff with his long-time friend and rival Steve Simer of Cave Creek, Ariz. Both posted a two-day 157.

The Senior division was won by event host Ken "Hickory" Holtz of Sun City West, who put together his best ever two-day performance, shooting 147. Jeff Simonson of Sun City West was the runner-up carding 153. The New-To-Hickory Division winner was Andrew Robertson of Phoenix, with 147, followed by runner-up Stormy Narrowmore of Phoenix with 159.

The Super Senior Division was won by Matt Nelson of La Quinta, Calif. with 154 followed by runner-up John Mabry of Phoenix with 155. In the Ladies Division, the winner was Sharon Paumen of Cave Creek, Ariz. who turned in 167. Runner-up was Bonnie Klettke of Sun City West with 181.

Eleven-year-old Ryeec Stoval, of Buckeye, Ariz., carded a first day score of 85 in the Ladies Division and earned a First place Ladies net with 116. Howard Lindsay of Cave Creek, playing in his first ever hickory golf event, made a hole in one on the 94-yard No. 8 par 3, with his Tom Morris niblick.

This year, Holtz and event organizers were proud to recognize their inaugural "Willie Noble" Hickory Humanitarian Award Honoree - Tad Moore of Selma, Ala. Nobel, who passed away late in 2017, was a long-time fixture at the Arizona hickory events and a good friend to many.

MARCH

22-24 – Onion Creek/Swift Trophy

Held at the Onion Creek Club in Austin, Texas. Pete League reports: We had participants from The First Tee of Austin for the first time. Two three-person teams played in a special Scramble format. Kings Cross Knickers provided full knicker outfits for all six juniors. Eighty-five persons registered and seven withdrew for various reasons of illness, injury, or work obligations. Scott Wimmer of Swansea, Ill. won the title with two 75s. In the Swift Trophy Matches, the American Team beat the Canadian team by a strong 20.5 to 15.5 margin. Hal Coward of Texas was the MVP for the American Team and Gino Narduzzi was the MVP for the Canadian Team, each now the owner of a Michael Roche (sculptor) miniature version of the Keeper-of-the-Green sculpture. Virgil Swift, long-time supporter of hickory golf at Onion Creek Club, was presented with a special version of our poster signed by each of the participants.

APRIL

19-21 – Southern 4-Ball Hickory Championships

Played on the Highland Park GC in Birmingham, Ala. Fifty-six players turned out for the round. There was sunshine, cool temperatures and a little wind. The 2018 winning team was new to the event – Taylor Jones and Andrew von Lossow.

MAY

18-19 – All American Hickory Open

This was a new site for the tournament. From the participation of 34 players (including 7 members of the club and new to hickory golf) and feedback from the

group, it was an excellent choice and substitution. Not only did the history of the club fit the bill, but the course itself (a Tom Bendelow design) was completely welcoming to both pre- and post-1900 play.

In the pre-1900 (Gutty) Divisions:

Park Division – Gross Champion was Bill "Ernie" Ernst (154); Net Champion – Chris Palar (136)

Senior – Gross Champ was Chris Hardy (153); Net Champ – Jeff Browning (121)

Statesman – Gross Champ was Dan Norstedt (157); Net Champ – Frank Rosenweig (138)

Pre-1935 Divisions:

Open – Gross Champ was JC Wise (167); Net Champ – Randy Renaud (166)

Senior: Gross Champ was George Burgland (161); Net Champ – John McKenzie (146)

Statesman – Gross Champ was John Piffer (166); Net Champ – Bill Reed (152)

18 – Alexander Findlay Hickory Open / Massachusetts Hickory Open

Held on the Country Club of Greenfield, and sponsored by the Hickory Golfers of Massachusetts. Thirty seven hickory golfers from nine states and four countries gathered for the third annual Massachusetts Hickory Open Championship under perfect spring playing conditions. Jeff Blomstedt and Bill Wardwell from the host club, share the Findlay Trophy, tied for low gross with 75s. Bill Conant, also from the host club, and Jack Crosby, from Concord, Ma., shared the Trophy with net 69s. Eight additional handsome wood carved wall plaque Trophies were passed out to Stableford gross and net winners.

JUNE

2-3 – Pacific Northwest Hickory Championship

Played at the historic Wing Point Golf and Country Club on beautiful Bainbridge Island, Wash. Day one greeted the players with brilliant sunshine and gentle, marine breezes on this island course where golf was first played in 1903. Despite perfect playing conditions, the course played difficult. Not all was lost, however, for the spirits of the players were lifted by the music of the roaring twenties emanating from the clubhouse. The salmon dinner was fabulous and the band divine, and the spirits (this time of a different sort) were lifted once again.

Defending his title in the Open Division was Jeff Olsen. Runner-up was Steve Henneuse. In the Senior Division, Tom Tracy won by a shot over John Henry Williams. In the Statesmen Division, Tom Driscoll hung on by a single shot over Lyle Rowland. In the Ladies Division, Sue Tracy prevailed over member Alina Dean of Wing Point G&CC.

In the Net Divisions, Open net winner was Jimmy Bucher, runner-up John Lavendoski. Senior net winner was Steve Franich and runner-up was Dale Hallock in a tie-breaker. Statesmen net winner was Ray Tokareff and runner-up was Jerry Olson. Ladies net winner was Roberta Robbins and runner-up was Pam Rowland.

7-9 – National Hickory Championship

Played on the Mound Golf Course in Miamisburg, Ohio. Seth Lomison finished regulation play tied with 2017 Champion Bill Geisler. Lomison won the sudden death playoff on the third hole, the 5-par ninth, with thrilling birdie putt.

The Mound Golf Course is a nine-hole muni, laid out as a WPA project by an old Scot, Alex "Nipper" Campbell. The course is named for the adjacent 80 foot high prehistoric ceremonial Indian mound.

A tie for third between Steve Simer and Billy Wardwell saw Simer earn a fourth 3rd place NHC finish. Another junior, 16-year-old Drew White representing the First Tee of Washington DC, finished in 5th place alone, only four strokes off the winning score. Tom Johnson rounded out the top 6 in the Open Division.

In the Reserve Division (net) James Kaiser, Louisville, KY, had a great outing including a one under par 73 (gross) on his second day total. Gillian Alexander was Women's Champion. In the Mike and Elmore Foursomes Competition Seth Lomison and Mike Stevens scorched the field, which included five former NHC Champions.

14-16 – Belvedere Hickory Open

Played on the Belvedere Golf Course in Charlevoix, Mich.

The Belvedere Leo Diegel Scramble Net Champions were Paul Fiedorek and Dick Weller. Leo Diegel Scramble Gross Champions were a tie with Dan Howell / Fred Muller and Hugh Cameron / Chris Deinlein.

In the Ladies Net Division, Mary Jean Esselman placed first, Sue Hays, second and Susan Cova third. Tampa, Fla. In the Ladies Gross division, Kate Tomkinson was the first and the Alexa Sterling Champion; second and runner-up was Donna Kuhn.

In the Super Senior Net Division Jeffrey Porter was first, Bill Lawson second and Ken Whitley third. In the Super Senior Gross, Howard Vogel was first, Chuck McMullin second, and Dr. Jim Gels third.

In the Senior Net Division Joe Cerrewas first, Bill Tucholski second, and Todd Stevenson third. In the Senior Gross Division Ross Hays was first, Jerry Esselman second, and Hugh Cameron third.

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In the Open Net Division Ernie Ernst was first, Ray DeRoche second, and Bruce Beaudoin third. In the Open Gross Division, Peter Flory was first and the 2018 Champian, Fred Muller second, and Dennis Martin Joy II third.

20-22 – Gearhart Hickory Classic

Played on the Gearhart Golf Links (1892). This was the 5th annual event on the Oregon coast at the 126-year-old classic course. The group was pleased to welcome players from seven states, including Tad Moore from Alabama and Bill Geisler from Florida. One new twist for the tournament was playing the practice round as a four-ball with teams matched by handicap. Many players enjoyed the format as everyone got to play all the shots and most of the matches were pushed right to the final few holes. Jim von Lossow returned to the Open division to regain the title of Gearhart Hickory Classic Champion with a two stroke victory over fellow PGA professional Gabe Tonan. Californian Kris Surano won the Senior division over Tom Tracy after a one-hole playoff; Tom Driscoll was the Super Senior champ and Sandy Bucher earned the Woman's winning medal.

Winners in the net divisions were Bill Geisler–Open Net; Peter Yagi–Senior Net; Pam Rowland–Women's Net; and Ray Tokareff–Super Senior Net.

JULY

13-15 – Heart of America

Played at the Bright-Grandview GC in Des Moines, Iowa. This marked the 41st playing of the tournament begun by Warren "Ole" Olson. The Open Division was won by Jeremy Wright, followed by Kirk Watson and Larry Krebsbach. The Senior Division was won by Mike Harding, followed by Mike Needleman and Jim Fisher. In the Statesman Division, John Hutton took the honors followed by Max Hollon and Peter Herrington. The Ladies medal was won by Jeanne Swenson. Winners for the Reserve (Net) and for the Men's and Mixed Scramble divisions can be found on the websites of the SoHG and the Hickory Golf Association.

19-21 – Wisconsin Gutty Challenge

Played on the Eagle Springs golf course, c. 1893. Organizers at the Wisconsin Gutty Challenge have a great time, but they also remember a keen friend of hickory golf – the late Mike Just, owner of Louisville Golf. Each year, tournament organizers present three first-place traveling trophies that are exact replicas of the Keeper of the Spirit trophy presented to Just in 2016. Special thanks to our host Greg Smith for putting on a fun event on a very unique golf course. Of course the grilling done by Doc Eike was outstanding. You come for the golf but stay for Doc's cooking. Congratulations to our winners Jim Clawson from Virginia in Super Senior, Dan Norstedt in Senior, and Ernie Ernst in Open. Great time and we look forward to next year.

AUGUST

13-17 – Canadian Open Hickory Championship

Played at the Legends G.C. Sherwood Park, Alberta. The hickory event included a two-day road trip on Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday Scramble, Thursday USA/Canada match (Ryder Cup format) and Friday Championship tournament.

This year's Thursday Casey Cup competition featured a record number of 22 players from the U.S. It included a lunch after the first nine and then following 27 holes of friendly U.S./Canada competition in Ryder Cup format all met at the Golf Car Museum for a meal and tour of the museum. Oh, and yes, the Canadian team emerged victorious.

On Championship Friday, the champions division was won by Ben Plaunt with a sterling 4 under par over 18 holes. The Senior Division was won by Jim von Lossow of Washington, followed closely by locals Rob Taylor, and Chris Ream. The Ladies Division featured a repeat win by Kim Filipan. The Chinese hickory champion was Kenn Looten and Rick Boudreau won the First Nations Division. This year's Junior Champion was 12-year-old Ethan Ream, who shot an impressive 112 in his first 18-hole round with the hickories.

This year's honoree for the 'Legends of Alberta Golf' award is Jackie Little who was inducted into the British Columbia Golf Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2017.

10-11 – 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 weather forecast was iffy at best, but poor weather did not arrive. The course was in great shape, and as usual, was the star of the show. Each

contestant was provided a sand tee mold to help utilize the original cut stone sand and water boxes this 130-year-old venue provides.

Jeremy Wright won the Open Division, followed by Steve Simer in second and J.W. McMath in third.

Two divisions at Foxburg, the Senior and Super-Senior, use the Braid or Vardon style ball offered by Brown-McIntyre. Ray Raccuglia and James Kaiser tied for first in the Braid or Senior division. Raccuglia won the playoff and the Braid Division with a 4 on the difficult seventh hole, to Kaiser's 5. Kaiser was the Senior Division Champion, followed by Mike Campailla, and Scott Petersen.

In the Super Senior competition Ron Taylor was first in a scorecard playoff over James Clawson. James Koss finished third. Bob Mirt was Champion of the post-1900 Fox Division which uses the Ou

Five young golfers joined us from the First Tee of Pittsburgh golf program. The use of hickory equipment reinforces their learning and understanding of golf history, which is a key component of the First Tee's personal development program.

Among them, Jonathan Raccuglia, 11, shot an 89 for the low score in this group. He was followed closely by Dylan Matthews with 91, Patrick Bush with 97.

The Foxburg Hickory Championship was recently provided a generous donation from which we sent \$500 donation to Foxburg Country Club.

28 – Michiana Hickory Open

Played on the Warren Golf Course on the campus of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind. There were a record number of 31 entries from eight different states to challenge the course that will host the 2019 U.S. Senior Open.

Newcomer Ernie Ernst captured the Open division with a scintillating even par score of 72. Last year's winner, Jeremy Wright, captured the Low Net Gold medal with newcomers Jim "Doc" Eike second and Dave Wells third.

In the Senior division, Bill Tucholski captured the Gold medal with Ed Ronco the silver, and Jim Hannen the bronze. In the Scramble division, Spike Abernathy, Tom Irving, Joel Schott, and Kyle Cosand placed first with a 67 while last year's winning scramble team of Jeff Warkenthein, Herbie Klinenberg, Brad Baird, and Bill Reed shot a 69 to get the silver medal. In third place was a great team from the First Tee of Indiana – Michiana chapter. Their new director, Jennie Zimmerman, brought a coach, Madison Chesnut, and two 11-year-old players, Marley Garland and Kyle Hennings.

SEPTEMBER

7-8 – The McNabb Cup

Played on the Donald Ross-designed Muskegon CC. This legendary hickory golf outing proved to be as memorable a hickory golf event as has ever been played. Players from around Michigan, the Midwest, and even Scotland, entered the 2019 field, to a man eager for the fame and glory this victory provides. Thanks to Mr. Willie Tanner from Dumferline, Scotland, the event was an international one. The field enjoyed a practice round at MCC followed by a sumptuous gourmet meal in the clubhouse. The Cup was played on Saturday under Stableford rules. Gary Trapani emerged the victor, followed by Ed Ronco, and new hickory player and rising McNabb star James Schmidt. Of interest, and to universal approval, Kris Ellington was the first female player in the event's storied history. Following golf, players and guests gathered at the McNabb Cottage overlooking Lake Michigan for steak, drink, and laughter as the the sunset painted a palette of gorgeous hues over Lake Michigan. Lloyd Slingend was named as the 2019 Captain of The Cup.

The results:

Gary Trapani 46 First place

* James Schmidt 42 Second Place

Max Hollon 41 Third Place

* Ed Ronco 43 First low score with a gross 81

Scott Staudacher 37 Second low score with a gross 82

Bill Tucholski 33 Third low score with a gross 83

*In this event, you could win one title/medal, but not both.

7-8 – Iowa Hickory Classic

Played on the Hyperion Field Club in Johnston, Iowa, a 1910 Tom Bendelow design. It was a beautiful day, but drenching rain. The course was wet. Everyone played on the soggiest conditions event host Bill Reed said he had observed at Hyperion in his the 60 years of experience at the course. Sixty-one registered hickory players from a multitude of time zones did enjoy the Friday evening Scottish Dinner, Reception and Trade Show even though the Friday Preview round of hickory golf had been washed out. Three scramble teams managed to finish the designated 18 holes. Two teams finished nine holes and one team reached the clubhouse first after declaring that was enough.

The Winning Scramble team was Duane Baylor and Barry Glanzer with the father/son duo of John McKenzie and T.J. McKenzie. John Piffer, Chuck Collins, John Overton, and Ray Walton claimed the Silver. Brad Baird and Linda Baird joined with Russ Fisher and Spike Abernethy to claim the Bronze. Retired Hyperion Superinten-

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dent John Ausen joined in that effort.

In the Open Division Jeremy Wright claimed the Gold with a 79. Chris Palar was second with an 80, and Ted Brodzik took home the Bronze with an 83.

Open Division Reserve winners were Larry Krebsbach, gold; Gary Swenson, silver; and Kelly Scott Gay with Bronze.

The Senior Open Division medal winners were Jim Fisher, gold; Kevin Cawley, silver; and Scott Cawley, bronze.

The Senior Reserve Division was won by Walter Johnson, followed by Chris Hardy in second, and Gary Hull in third.

The Statesman Division (70 and older) was no less competitive than the younger divisions and was fun to observe in tough playing conditions. Bob Nowaczyk took the honors, followed by John Hutton in second, and Hyperion's own Bobby Jones in third.

The Statesman Reserve Division was won by David Rasey, followed by Kelly Kirk Gay for the silver, and Ray Gustafson for the bronze.

30 – Johnny Goodman River City Hickory Championship

Played on the Omaha Country Club, Omaha, Neb. Kevin Cawley reports: Omaha's best hickory golfers met for the 2018 Johnny Goodman River City Hickory Championship. The battle for the Open Division came down to Trevor Kula defending Pete Hanley in a playoff. Pete Hanley took the honors of the Open Reserve Division, while Kevin Cawley was the winner of the Senior Division. Larry Krebsbach was the Senior Reserve Champion. This year's 2018 Hall of Fame inductees were Warren Ole Olson and Bill Reed.

28-29 – The North Texas Hickory Open

Played on the No. 2 Course at Sherrill Park GC in Richardson, Texas. Scott Pilgrim reports:

The Thursday evening Trade Show and putting tournament proved to be a BLAST!...with Matt Stovall edging Joe Hollerbach by a stroke, to win the matted/framed print of Gene Sarazen – signed by Gene himself. Although we had to call Friday's round after eight holes, round two on Saturday proved to be a wonderful day. We certainly ended on a high note, with some fun golf, fabulous BBQ, raffle items, Bill Reed (speaker), trophies, awards...and of course the best laughs/stories/fellowship around. When scores were all in, the Scramble winners were Rives McBee, Gary Krupkin, Doug Shackelford, and Genero Lopez. Eleven-year-old Rylee Stovall (from Arizona) is the Ladies Champion with a fine round of 90; Phil Farr won the Statesman Division with 87...one stroke better than Pete League's 88. The tough Senior division saw Ed Horvat shoot a very fine 74 to take a two-stroke victory over last year's Senior winner, Ken Jackson. In the OPEN division, and our 2018 Tournament Champion, Nick Flaim – a recent Texas "transplant" from Michigan, fired an outstanding 75, edging Arizona's Matt Stovall by a single stroke. Nick was proudly awarded the Champion's Trophy, along with a beautiful signed Printer's Proof print of Bobby Jones – matted and framed.

OCTOBER

12-13 – The Indiana Hickory Open

Played on the Eagle Valley golf course in Evansville. Max Hollon reports:

Cold and rainy weather forced a shortened tournament. Friday's practice round consisted of a shamble using the modified Stableford system of scoring. Joe and Carol Fallen hosted a dinner Friday evening with great food and lots of good fellowship.

Saturday was the first round for individual play with coffee, hot cocoa, and a "wee nip" helping to warm the players a bit. After a grinding day at the course, a great meal was enjoyed at The Log Inn in Warrenton. Sunday morning brought colder temperatures and a rainy forecast, so it was decided to cancel Sunday's play and use only Saturday's scores to decide the winners.

Friday's Shamble winners were (using a scorecard playoff): Bill Tucholski; John Horner; David Lipa; and Louie.

Jeremy Wright's 76 carried the championship title. He was followed by Chris Hollon, Charlie Adams, and John Horner. In the Reserve Division, Ted Brodzik was first, followed by Bill Ellington, and Joe Bodnar. The Senior winner was Mike Harding, followed by Joe Fallen, and Bill Tucholski. The Senior Reserve winner was Gary Oldham, followed by Gary Trapani, and Tim Strohshine. The Statesmen Division winner was Mike Pishlo followed by Max Hollon. The Statesmen Reserve champion was Lloyd Slinglend, followed by Bob Zizza.

29-31 – The U.S. Hickory Open

Played on the Sedgfield CC in Greensboro, N.C. Originally scheduled for mid-September, the tournament was postponed to late October by the devastating hurricane Florence. Of the 96 original participants, only 83 were able to reschedule and attend. But they were treated to a wonderful and historic layout, a course albeit already under the superintendent's scheduled winter maintenance

program. Thus, the rough was a bit long and the fairways a bit thick, but the greens compensated with 10.5 to 11 speeds and all the guile that Donald Ross bequeathed them.

In the end, Taylor Jones, director of golf at Point Mallard Golf Club, Decatur, Ala., nipped fellow competitor Craig Stroup of Thomasville, N.C. by one stroke on the fourth playoff hole. Both tied in regulation, two rounds, with 158. (A short video of Jones' winning putt can be viewed on the SoHG's Facebook page.) Stroup won the John Fischer Low Amateur Award.

In the Senior Division, Kim Mansfield won the Open and Bill Geisler the Reserve titles. In the Super Senior Division, titles were won by Larry Woods in the Open, and Charles Mitchell in the Reserve.

For the Ladies, Andrea Hodel won the Open title, and Kaye Pierson the Reserve.

See the SoHG website for complete results.

NOVEMBER

1-3 – Interstate Hickory Championship

Played on the Old Kinderhook GC in Camdenton, Mo. Peter Herrington reports:

Despite the best efforts of the weather (rained on Thursday and Friday; Saturday dry and very pleasant), we had 44 players, including four brave ladies – Cindy Skola, Barb Morris, Sherry Smeltzer, and Linda Baird.

The Pilgrims from Texas – Scott and his son, Jonathan – were comfortable winners with 92 Stableford points. Mike Auffenberg and Scott Wimmer won second for Illinois with 85 points; and Paul Jensen and Larry Krebsbach third for Nebraska with 84 points.

Cindy and Barb won the Ladies scramble event, with Sherry and Linda second. The 9-hole Couples Event on Thursday was won by Jan and Cindy, with Jay McCubbin and Barb Morris second (all from Missouri).

Fred and Sherry Smeltzer were our usual splendid hosts on Thursday evening, and fortified the players with an array of single malts and delicious food, assisted by sous chefs John Overton; Patty Pittinger, and Linda Baird. As always, our grateful thanks to Fred and Sherry, without whose generosity our camaraderie would be sadly diminished.

The previous twosome format on Saturday was replaced with a scramble. I look forward to receiving your views on the topic!

The wet conditions necessitated all players using the Ladies tees, and lift and place within one club length.

2-4 – Mid Pines Hickory Open

Played on the Mid Pines Golf Course in Southern Pines, N.C. From the Mid Pines golf shop, who kindly sent us a score sheet, we are able to report and congratulate the following:

Andrea Hodel, the Open Division Ladies Champion
Barbara Kopec, the Ladies Division Net Champion
Andrew von Lossow, the Open Division Champion
Ted Kopec, the Open Net Champion
Jim von Lossow, the Senior Division Champion
JJ Jackson, the Senior Division Net Champion
Michael Shiff, the Super Senior Division Champion
Chris Deinlein, the Super Senior Division Net Champion
See the SoHG website for a link to complete results.

13 – Golf Heritage Society Annual Championship

Played on the Squire & Slammer Course, World Golf Village, St. Augustine, Fla. Bill Kreischer was the 2018 Open division winner with a 78 on a Squire and Slammer golf course that played long and with grainy, but rather fast, greens. Bobby Grace was second with an 80, followed by Jack Crosby in third with 84. Scott Staudacher took the Open net title with 75 (scorecard playoff), followed by Ross Snellings with 75, and Gary Wiren with a net 88. Jim Jeselnick was the Statesman division winner with a 92. Steve Carney took the Senior division title with a 78. In the Scramble division, it was Ron Lyons, Chris Ream, Rives McBee, and John Ausen in first place with a 69 (scorecard playoff) over Russ Fisher, Joe DeWulf, and Bill Reed. Dick McDonough took honors in the steel division and Gillian Alexander won the ladies title.

