

# Wide World of Hickory – 2019

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](http://www.golfcollectors.co.uk)

### MARCH

#### 15 – BGCS, Match v. Royal Worlington & Newmarket GC

Nigel Notley reports: It is always a pleasure to start the season at Worlington. It is a renowned winter course based in the Suffolk Brecks sand belt. The weather was dry, and the course was by general agreement in very good shape. The greens were very true and fine and the new teeing grounds very level and tight with fine fescue. Fairways were dry but still suffering from last year's drought. The turnout was excellent with the maximum of 12 a side for this foursomes match over Worlington's Sacred Nine. For the BGCS we were delighted to welcome back Tony Norcott in his official capacity as Captain of the society together with debut's for Alan Walmsley, Andrew Holbrook and Willie Dunn, whose relative Tom Dunn, designed the original 1893 lay out. That the original holes are largely unaltered is testament to Tom Dunn's vision in using the natural contours and Tom Hood who did the construction in the early 90's and again in 1920-23. The match was very close but won by the Worlington team.

### APRIL

#### 12-14 – Welsh Weekend

##### Day One – Borth & Ynyslas GC

The weekend began with a warm welcome at Borth & Ynyslas GC. Thirty-seven Society golfers were joined by five Borth members including both Captains, Vice Captain and President. The cool, sunny weather and a fresh breeze combined with a dry, fast running course provided excellent conditions for hickory golf. Indeed, for some Society stalwarts it was their first experience of sunshine south of the Dyfi estuary! Liz MacDonald stepped in to complete the final team of three, an inspired substitution which led in no small way to the team's victory in the event. Team member Ulf Jagaeus took the scratch prize, guest Ben Shelford completing the line up. In the individual nett competition, Borth & Ynyslas Captain Athole Marshall, playing with hickory clubs for the first time, took first place. The gross scores were notable too, with four scores of 80 and below in testing conditions.



CLAES ARMA, scratch champion of the 2019 Welsh Hickory Championship, with BGCS Captain Tony Norcott.

##### Results:

Teams of 3, two scores to count on each hole.

1st: Liz MacDonald, Ulf Jagaeus, Ben Shelford	82 points.
2nd: Robert Kirk, Jenny Hunt, John Tinsley	80 points
3rd: David Tomkinson, Brian Middleton	77 points (back 9)
4th: Bill Seldon, Ros Weston, Stuart Lloyd	77 points

Individual net: 1. Athole Marshall 40 pts, 2. Ulf Jagaeus 39, 3. Stefan Kjell 38

Individual Gross: 1. Ulf Jagaeus, 76, 2. Stefan Kjell 77, 3. Jonas Fack 79

##### Day 2 – Match with Aberdovey GC for the Darwin Trophy

Match result: Aberdovey GC lost to BGCS by 18 holes up to two.

Weather conditions very similar to the previous day south of the estuary and a record field of 16 matches. Five Society members supplemented the Club team.

Although eight of the matches were halved, four substantial victories for the Society contributed to the final result of eighteen holes up to two holes up in favour of the Society. As has become customary, Gwyn James, past Captain and recently President of the Club, sang a number of songs associated with Aberdovey in both Welsh and English, much to the delight of the seventy five golfers and guests at dinner.

##### Day 3 – The 19th Welsh Hickory Championship

Sunday, 14th April dawned cloudy and cold with a brisk east wind blowing the players out for the first nine and making the back nine very difficult. After a dry period the fairways were running well and greens very slick, which would normally be perfect for hickory play, except that controlling the ball was quite a challenge. No rain, though, which was a real bonus!

Congratulations to Jenny Hunt, the first lady winner of the 'Welsh', and to Claes Arma on winning the Scratch trophy for the first time after coming close in previous years. Peggy Burles presented the Peter Burles Trophy to Jenny and our Captain, Tony Norcott, returning to Aberdovey after an absence of 20 years, was on hand to congratulate all the participants.

##### Prizewinners

Stableford, for the Peter Burles Trophy

1st Jenny Hunt 32, 2. Ian Lawlor 31, 3. Ian Hislop 30

Scratch Medal

1st Claes Arma 86, 2. Jonas Fack 87, 3. Stephen Oswald 88

### MAY

#### 18 – BGCS Hickory Match vs Royal Liverpool Golf Club, 150th Celebration

Bob Chadwick reports:

The dates for President's Day and the Match were fixed so that they followed shortly after the actual 150th anniversary of the founding meeting of the Liverpool Golf Club which was held on 15th May 1869 in the Royal Hotel, Hoylake. Part of that building (across the road from what is now the 17th green and 18th tee) became the clubhouse for the first 26 years of the golf club's life until the present clubhouse was opened in 1895.

Royal Liverpool entertained us to a match of 24 per side, each including four ladies, followed by aperitifs and an excellent lunch – gratis for the participants which is a very tangible demonstration of the esteem in which the BGCS is held at RLGC.

Tony Hunt supplied sets of hickories to the home club players and some were seen keenly practicing with them while we were playing our President's Day round on Friday 17th. The home club players all dressed suitably for the occasion, in particular the ladies who hired Victorian outfits with long skirts and boater hats. Some of the club Juniors acted as caddies and were also dressed for the part in theatrical hire costumes. The Match resulted in a 6 all tie – including the two Ladies matches being shared one apiece.

Jim Jeselnick made a presentation to RLGC on behalf of the Golf Heritage Society (USA) and also gave a personal gift to Tudor Williams of a hickory club stamped by Jack Youds, the local professional in the early 20th century.



DRESSED IN VICTORIAN BEST, a lady player prepares to play off during Royal Liverpool's 150th celebratory hickory match with the BGCS.



THE PLAYERS at the 2019 Open Danish Hickory Championship.

#### 18 – Open Danish Hickory Championship

On Saturday, May 18 the 8th Open Danish Hickory Championship was con-

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tested at the Asserbo Golf Club, northwest of Copenhagen. Sweden's Henrik Peyron (Helsingborg Golf Club) took the championship trophy with a very fine 78. Second was Dennis Willadsen (Ikast Tullamore Golf Club) of Denmark who was only two strokes off Henrik's pace. The men's net winner was Stefan Kjell (Helsingborg Golf Club) of Sweden followed by Claus Maeland (Kongsvinger Golf Club) of Norway.

The ladies net champion was Birgitte Lauber of Germany, followed by Gabriele David, also of Germany and both from the Schloss Langenstein Golf Club.

Asserbo golf course is one of the few courses made during World War II. The first holes opened 1944. The course was later extended to nine holes in 1946 and finally to 18 in 1985.

## 30-April 1- Scottish Hickory Championship

The 35th Scottish Hickory Championship Tour kicked off on Thursday 30th May with a 36-a-side match at Nairn against a Hamish Ewan Steel Select team. Conditions were not good as the rain increased steadily towards the end of the round. Preferred lies were the order of the day. The result was a 10-7 win to the home side. £100 was donated to Nairn's junior section.

Friday 31st took us East along the Moray coast to Moray New for the Scottish Hickory Championship. The forecast was not good and rain commenced shortly before the first players started at 12.30. However, it was not as heavy as forecast. There was plenty of gorse to test the 45 competitors and preferred lies were again in operation. Henrik Peyron won the scratch prize with a 75 with Jorgen Isberg 2nd on 78 (better inward half) and Ingvar Ritzén 3rd on 78.

Scottish Hickory Champion for 2019 was Englishman David Hall with an excellent net 64 given the wet conditions. 2nd was Olle Dahlgren with a net 66 and 3rd was Chris Kempton on 67.

It was back west along the coast to Hopeman GC for the George Colville Trophy and a dry day at last. Fairways were again bare but no preferred lies. Format was Stableford handicap and stroke-play scratch.

Jorgen Isberg won the scratch with a 77. Second was Henrik Peyron 78 and third Ulf Jagaeus 79. Tony Hunt won the Colville Trophy with 38 points. Secnd was Olle Dahlgren with 34 points (better inward half) and Third Nigel Notley 34 points.

## JUNE

### 7-8 - Czech Hickory Championship

Reported by Dalibor Prochazka. Played on the Ypsilon Golf Liberec. Following a practice round on June 7 and a party that evening at the Golf Museum Ypsilon, the Championship was played June 8 over 18 holes. The winners are listed below:

Open: First - Dalibor Procházka; 2nd - Marek Kunc; 3rd - Martin Sima

Net: First - Venko Ivanov; 2nd - Antnin Matys; 3rd - Jan Jirasek

Ladies: First - Silke Tyschler-Scholz; 2nd - Hana Skabova; 3rd - Hana Psenickova

### 9 - Central England and Seniors Hickory Championships

The BGCS Central England Championship for the Tony Thorp Trophy, Seniors Championship for ages 60+, and John Hanna Tankard for ages 65+ were played at Luffenham Heath GC. Twenty-two BCGS members were joined by guests Dermot



MARK WHERING plays a shot during the Central England and Senior Hickory Championships.



DAVID HALL, right in photo at left, 2019 Scottish Hickory Champion with BGCS Captain Tony Norcott. HENRIK PEYRON, right in the photo at right, is the 2019 Scottish Hickory Scratch winner



TONY HUNT, far left, is the 2019 Scottish Hickory George Colville winner.



CLAIRE JOHNSON, Central England and Seniors Champion and winner of the John Hanna Tankard.



CLAIRE JOHNSON, left, presented with the Tony Thorp Trophy by Dermot O'Neill and Fiona Sharman.

O'Neill (LHGC Men's Captain), Fiona Sharman (LHGC Ladies Captain) and Nick Cunnington (LHGC Assistant Professional). The weather was good and the course in fine condition although a stiff test with hickories as evidenced by the modest scoring.

Claire Johnson mastered the course with an outstanding round and remarkably won both Championships and the John Hanna Tankard with a score of 35 points. Many congratulations to Claire on this unprecedented treble. Best scores behind Claire were Ben Burrows and Mark Wehring with 32 points, John Pearson and Bill Druce with 31 points and Alan Walmsley and Nigel Notley with 30 points. With Claire winning all three trophies the policy of one prize per player had to be rigorously applied. Mark Wehring won the scratch prize with a gross 84.

John Pearson gave a moving tribute to John Hanna who sadly died last December, describing his love of golf and the many contributions he had made to the BGCS over several decades. His obituary can be read in full in the March 2019 issue of *Through the Green*.

## JULY

### 30 - BGCS Captain's Day

Played at Little Aston Golf Club. As the BGCS Open Championship event was postponed until 2020, the Ray Gossage Trophy, normally played for at the Open Meeting, was this year given as a prize at Tony Norcott's Captain's Day, which attracted 33 players. Little Aston was laid out by Harry Vardon in 1908 but, soon afterwards, Harry Colt was brought in to make design changes with particular reference to the bunkering. The course has always featured very highly in the Top 100 in the U.K. and has held and continues to hold prestigious tournaments both amateur and professional. It also has a reputation for its fine and traditional hospitality.

The course is built on sand and gravel which turned out to be a blessing as on the day the occasional light rainfall was interrupted, a number of times, by heavy rainfall. It is a credit to the course that it absorbed the water and greater credit to all the BGCS members that did likewise. As it transpired, the conditions added to the camaraderie of the event.

Despite the conditions, some excellent scores were recorded with Gavin Bottrell emerging as overall winner of the Captain's prize and the Ray Gossage Trophy with



GAVIN BOTTRELL, right, receives the Ray Gossage Trophy from Tony Norcott.



PLAYERS at the 2019 Czech Hickory Championship



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38 points. The winning hickory score was a "fine" 37 points from Lorne Smith (no "Fine Golf" pun intended).

## AUGUST

### 3-4 – Swedish Hickory Championship

The 22st Swedish Hickory Championship was staged at Falkenbergs Golfklubb. RESULTS

Gentlemen's Division, 36-hole strokeplay, scratch (77 players)  
1 Johan Moberg, Norrköping Söderköping Golfklubb, PGA, 152  
2 Johan Wahlqvist, Lunds Akademiska Golfklubb, PGA, 153  
3 Emil Norelius, Wattholma Golfklubb, Amateur, 154

Ladies' Division, 36-hole strokeplay, scratch (15 players)  
1 Christina Elmér, Flommens Golfklubb, Amateur, 172  
2 Andrea Lindal, Flommens Golfklubb, Amateur, 180  
3 Julia Roth, Helsingborgs Golfklubb, Amateur, 183

Seniors' (65+) Division, 18-hole strokeplay, scratch (20 players)  
1 Lars Rosén, Falkenbergs Golfklubb, Amateur, 168  
T2 Martin Mueller, Helsingborgs Golfklubb, Amateur, 173, S18  
T2 Börje Gustafsson, Växjö Golfklubb, Amateur, 173

The Swedish Hickory Jug, 18 hole strokeplay with handicap (51 players)  
1. Antti Paatola Keimola Golf, Finland 69 net score  
2. Krister Trulsson Båstad GK 72  
3. Sara Gunnarsson Kalmar GK 73

The Swedish Hickory Championship is organized under the patronage of The Swedish Society of Golf Historians and is open to players from all over the world with pre-1935 hickory shafted clubs (modern replicas not permitted).



THE FIELD for the 2019 Swiss Hickory Golf Open Championship.

### 22 – Swiss Hickory Golf Championship

Rick Adams reports:

The fourth Swiss Hickory Golf Open Championship attracted about three dozen aficionados to the idyllic Alpine mountain village of Davos, Switzerland (site of the famous World Economic Forum each January). At 1,500 meters altitude and with narrow fairways nestled between the mountains and the rail line, accuracy and strategic placement was required.

The 5,469-meter, 130-slope Davos Golf Club was in superb shape, despite heavy rains two days before, though the 16th hole required a temporary green because a landslide of rocks buried the regular putting surface the month previous. During tournament play, a helicopter was performing clean up.

The individual low gross "damen" was Silvia Hefti from Alvaneu Bad, and the low gross "herren" was Felix Meier from Hittnau-Zürich.

Team honors were won by Swiss PGA member Paolo Quirici and Michele Clerici. In the net competition, Nick Hofer and Bernhard Haussener, both of Limpachtal, took the prize. Maurus Lauber, organizer of the event, was low net for the men, and Michèle Lauber took women's net honors.

The 2020 Swiss Hickory championship will be contested across two days next August at Golf Club Lugano, close to the Italian border and Lake Como.

## SEPTEMBER

### 6 – Scotland v. England Hickory Matches

Hamish Ewan reports: Kilspindie Golf Club was the venue for the 2019 Scotland v. England Hickory match. White horses in the Firth, seals basking on the sand banks, blue skies with white puffy clouds and a light breeze... well, three out of four isn't bad. Kilspindie was the venue for the annual hickory match between the auld enemies, always fiercely contested and none more so than this year. Despite a stiff

breeze into the players on the first three/ four holes, there was some good scoring and delicate shots required downwind on fast running greens. The course was in excellent condition and the hospitality first class. New and old friends met and we were pleased to see Archie and Sheila Baird at lunch time. In the evening we were joined by David and Gillian Kirkwood and Gillian very kindly presented the trophy to the winning team, just about her last duty as outgoing President of the LGU.



GILLIAN KIRKWOOD presents the Archie Baird Trophy to Hamish Ewan, right, captain of the victorious Scottish side in the annual Scotland v England match. BGCS Captain Tony Norcott is at left.

The winning team on this occasion, by 3.5 matches to 2.5, was Scotland.

The Kilspindie Hickory Open the day before was won by Willie Tanner with a net 66, runner up was Michael Arkle and the best scratch was won by Neil Gascoigne.



THE FIELD for the 2019 Polish Hickory Open.

### 6-8 – Polish Hickory Open

Reported by Sofia Lelakowska. The first Polish Hickory Open and traditional tournament Retro Cup took place Sept. 6-8, at Palace Brzezno in Poland. From Friday till Sunday, Retro Festival participants could participate in many attractions in the atmosphere of the 20-30 years of the last century. The hickory tournament was attended, among others, by Christoph Meister, secretary of the European Association of Golf Historians & Collectors. On Saturday, individual tournaments took place and team tournaments were played on Sunday. Over 50 players have played in those four tournaments. Pawel Jaroch is the first winner of Polish Hickory Open, Anthony Kerr won Retro Cup. In the pairs tournament the winners are Janusz Cymanek and Jan Dworzanski – Polish Hickory Open; and Ewa Nosal/Falk Rohmberger in the Retro Cup.



THE FIELD for the 2019 German Hickory Championship.

### 7-9 – German Hickory Championship

Played on the Gera GC in Harth-Pöllnitz. Christoph Meister reports:

Fifty-seven players from 10 nations accepted the invitation of the Fürstlicher Hickory Golf Club Reuss and the German Hickory Golf Society to take part in a special championship weekend. The tournament was kicked off with the traditional fourball bestball match Germany vs. Rest of the world. The visitors had their revenge for last year's defeat taking home a clear 6:3 victory over the German side. In the



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evening, the participants had the pleasure to follow the invitation of Prince Heinrich XIII Reuss at his hunting lodge, Waidmannsheil, near Saalburg where champagne and food was being served and we all had the opportunity to welcome old and new friends in a true 1920s style.

On the next morning the official tournament was opened by his Highness Prince Heinrich XIII Reuss, honorary chairman of the Fürstlicher Hickory Golf Club Reuss, firing the cannon "Feodora." The third Reuss Hickory Golf Open played on Saturday also counted as first round of the German Open Hickory Championship 2019.

The Silverspoon, a 19th century

Longnose-Spoon, for the winner of the 3rd Reuss Hickory Golf Open was won by BGCS member Alexander Huchel from Munich, who played the relatively short (5,097 meters) but tricky course with 78 strokes using original hickory shafted clubs as replicas were not allowed. In the ladies net category the first prize went to Maria Vrijmood-de Vries from the Netherlands. Vitězslav Hoffmann from Golf Club Ypsilon in the Czech Republic played the golf of his lifetime with only 60 net strokes – a score he will probably remember for a long time.

On day two, Sunday, the players, still inspired and impressed by the events of the days before, found very good playing conditions and the leaderboard immediately got in motion. At the end, Brian Gee, an English Golf professional based in the Netherlands, prevailed with 146 strokes (75, 71) against German professional Rolf Kinkel from Berlin, who was playing well on day two, adding a 73 to his 79 from the previous day. German-based British professional Glyn Morris defended his third place against the four-time German Hickory Champion and 2010 World Hickory Champion Perry Somers from Australia.

A curious and rare event even in hickory golf took place when Gustavo Barrios Rivas, a Mexican-born golf professional from Amsterdam finished his second round with only three intact clubs. Give these circumstances his 74 on Sunday and a total 5th place are most respectable. There was a total prize money of 5,000 euros for the professionals, gratefully received by them and surely a reminiscence to the prize money of 5,000 gold marks played out during the first German Open of 1911 at Baden-Baden.

At the same time, 32 men played out the German Open Hickory Amateur Champion title. Winner was Alexander Huchel with 161 strokes (78, 83) which got him the "Tanfani di Montalto Cup," a rediscovered amateur cup played out during the 1912 German Open at Baden-Baden. In 1912 the Italian baron had given the trophy to a young British officer named Hugh Gardner Worgan Bradley as an honorary prize.

After 36 holes Huchel was eight strokes ahead of Libor Jirásek, our Czech hickory friend from Karlsbad, followed another five strokes behind by Markus Kümmerle, the two-time German Amateur Hickory Champion, from Schloss Langenstein near Lake Constance. Vitězslav Hoffmann (Czech Republic) took home men's net classification with a net result of 123 for 36 holes (60 and 63 strokes) though winning a 1931 Ger-



**PRINCE HEINRICH XIII REUSS** firing the cannon, "Feodora," to mark the start of the 2019 German Hickory Championship.



**GOOD FRIENDS** at the 2019 German Hickory Championship. From left: Gustavo Barrios, Christoph Meister, and Svante Hanson.



**STYLISH COMPETITORS** at the 2019 German Hickory Championship. From left: Andrea Hofmannova and Sofia Lelakowska.

man Open plate which will now reside for 12 months at Vita's Czech Golf Museum in Liberec. At the same time Tatjana Thoss from Wiesbaden took home the ladies net title with 152 strokes.

The 12th German Open Hickory Championship will be played from 14 to 16 August 2020 at Kallin golf course on the outskirts of Berlin. We will again hope to see many international guests.

## 22-23 – Australian Hickory Shaft Championship

Ross Howard, Australian Golf Heritage Society Captain, reports:

For the first time a national Foursomes event was held in conjunction with the Singles Championship and the weather was kind for the two days at these wonderful and historic Sydney courses. Both Clubs have indicated they were delighted with the events and would welcome a return event in the future.

The Foursomes event was played on Elanora GC on Sept. 22 over 18 holes stroke play. A field of 34 contested the event. Victorian visitors, Richard Macafee and Justin Ryan were the winners on the 1st Foursomes Championship with a scratch score of 83, leading Rick Baldwin and Tim Sayers (9 & +1) home by a margin of 3 shots.

In the handicap section, winners Peter Monks and Bradley Tatnell (14 & 13) had a fine net 76.5 (gross of 90).

The Championship was played Sept. 23 on Concord GC over 18 holes stroke play. A field of 40 contested the event on the layout recently redesigned by Tom Doak. In the Ladies event, to the delight of the gathering, Kathy Every-Burns (the Concord Lady Captain) was the winner of the Trophy. A first-time winner and the Australian Hickory Shaft Champion for 2019 emerged from the field with Padraic Skehan from Port Kembla shooting a fine scratch score of 82 to win by 2 shots from Richard Macafee and Alex Sutherland (2018 winner).

In the Handicap section, a past winner 13 years ago in Barry Leithhead added to his 2006 victory with a net score of 75 of 27.

Hopefully, we can all meet again in 2020 for the 2nd & 26th events respectively that we plan to conduct at the Royal Queensland and Brisbane Golf Clubs.

(Look to the Australian Golf Heritage Society website for more match results and photos. <http://www.australiangolfheritage.org.au/hickoryresults.html#2019aushickchamp>)



**PADRAIC SKEHAN**, 2019 Australian Hickory Shaft Champion, with AGHS Captain Ross Howard.



**KATHY EVERY-BURNS**, 2019 Australian Hickory Shaft Ladies Champion.



**PARTICIPANTS** in the 2019 International Dutch Hickory Open enjoy an evening together during the event.

## 20-21 – International Dutch Hickory Open

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

The 10th IDHO was played in the Grote Huis. A reception and dinner were held. Iain Forrester, at right, won the men's division with 74. Lilly Waller won the ladies title.



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## OCTOBER

### 3-4 – English Hickory Championship, also GB v. The World

Played at Rye GC.

#### England v The World – Jubilee Course

Nine foursomes matches were played. The majority of the Rest of the World team came from Sweden but with the addition of Perry Summers from Germany, Iain Forrester from The Netherlands and Tony Mountstephens all the way from Australia. The result is subject to confirmation by our organiser Nigel Notley but it is believed that Great Britain triumphed by 7 matches to 2.



JONNY FIRTH, 2019 English Hickory champion, right, with event organizer Nigel Notley.

#### The English Hickory Championship – the Old Course

With the exception of a few heavy showers, the weather was very acceptable and the course was in excellent condition. Winner of the Tony Hawkins Scratch Championship for the second year running was local professional Matthew Holland with the remarkable score of 71 gross. This was two shots better than Matthew's winning score in 2018 and beats the all time record of 72 set by Deal professional Andrew Reynolds.



CAROLYN KIRK, in the photo at left, is the 2019 English Hickory runner up. MATTHEW HOLLAND, at right in the photo at right, is the 2019 English Hickory scratch champion.

The Founders Salver and the title of English Hickory Champion is awarded for the best Stableford score. This was won by Jonny Firth from Walton Heath with 39 points against the par of 74 off a handicap of either 8 or 9. On 37 points were the BGCS Vice Captain, Carolyn Kirk and Matthew Holland.

Also of note was the hole-in-one scored by Andrew Buchan on the 14th hole which is believed to be the first such achievement at a U.K.-based hickory championship.

### 4-6 – Hickory Golf Open in Austria

Played on the golf courses of Kitzbuhel-Schwarzsee and the Golf & County Club Rasmushof.

Tatjana Thoß of Germany and Giunto G. Schalkenberg of Austria report:

Thirty golfers from Germany, Austria, Suisse, France, and Poland celebrated the first Hickory Golf Open Kitzbühel, in Kitzbühel, Austria. On Sunday the players were challenged on the par 3, 9-hole course in the finish area of the most famous ski downhill race, "Der Streif." In the evenings the Kitzbuheler Country Club definitely delivered stylish ambience and a wonderful award ceremony and party. Thanks to sponsors Johnny Walker and Reiters Reserve. Handmade Kitz trophies, wine from our own production and several valuable proper awards were handed to the winners.

Brutto (gross) winners were: Men: 1. Rüdiger Hillert , 2. Giunto G.Schalkenberg, 3. Goran Tomasec and women 1. Tatjana Thoß, 2. Gabriele David, 3. Christa Allitsch. Netto (net) winners were: Men: 1.Gregor Lauber 2. Goran Tomasec, 3. Ueli Lamm and women 1.Christa Allitsch, 2. Gabriele David, 3. Erika Frey

### 22-24 – 15th World Hickory Open



OLLE WIDEGREN, Sweden, is the 2019 WHO champion.

Kilspindie and Gullane No. 2, East Lothian, Scotland

Swede Olle Widegren paved the way on day one after the first round at Kilspindie Golf Club on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Widegren was on top of the leaderboard, at 2 under par, followed by former champion (2017) Fraser Mann, from Scotland, and fellow Brit (and 2015 champion) Andrew Marshall who were both tied with Miguel Carrasco from Spain at 3 over par.

Wednesday's Round Two was at Gullane No. 2, where Widegren maintained his lead by four shots, ahead of Marshall. Defending Champion Johan Moberg was gathering pace and had a stunning second round which put him in third position by the end of the day. Widegren finished the final day with a score of 72 to take the title. His scores of 67, 68 and 72, for a total of 207, are impressive scores. In second place was Marshall followed by defending champion Moberg in third place.

As in past years, the field reflected many of the world's best hickory golfers. Organizers were delighted with entrants from more than a dozen countries. Out of the 130-plus competitors, more than 20 arrived from Switzerland, a country that counts some serious hickory golf experts.

The next largest team was from the USA, led by Mike Stevens, former champ and U.S. hickory champion. In addition, England, led by Andrew Marshall from Norfolk, has been well represented again this year. Other nations entered included both Austria, Denmark, and another half-dozen countries, emphasizing the rapid growth of the game in Europe.

Team Japan won the Archie Baird International Trophy challenge, a team competition sponsored by Swiss Healthcare Performance Group, on Monday at Dunbar Golf Club.

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Champion: Olle Widegren 67 68 72 = 207

2nd: Andrew Marshall 72 67 73 = 212

3rd: Johan Moberg 75 67 71 = 213

#### 2019 Amateur Champion

1st: Mats Gylldorf 74 82 = 156

2nd: Euan Bottomley 76 81 = 157

3rd: Jamie White 76 81 = 157

On the World Hickory Open website – [www.worldhickoryopen.com](http://www.worldhickoryopen.com) – look toward the bottom of the home page to see links for overall scores.



HICKORY GRAIL TEAMS for 2019 at Trinity Forest GC, Dallas, Texas.

### 22-23 – Hickory Grail

Played at the Trinity Forest Golf Club, Dallas, Texas

This is the Binennial Match between European and American members of the BGCS. The European Team consisted of 8 Swedes, 7 English men and women (Carolyn Kirk and Jenny Hunt) and one Scot. The American team was made up of 15 players. Team captains were Nigel Notley and Mark Whering.

All of the matches were off scratch and both the men and ladies played off the special Grail tees, way in front of the back tees which, for the Byron Nelson Classic, take the Trinity Forest course to just under 7500 yards.

Both the Foursomes and Fourballs on the first day were shared 3 – 3.

In the Foursomes there were sizable European wins for Stefan Kjell / Jorgen Isberg by 4 & 3, for Henrik Peyron/ Mikael Martinsson by 5 & 4 and notably for Jonas Fack / Jenny Hunt also by 5 & 4.

The Fourballs saw Curt Sampson / Dave Brown win by 6 & 5 over Jorgen Isberg / Willie Tanner with Curt reportedly playing the first nine holes in 34 shots. Nigel Notley/Stefan Kjell scored a memorable victory over the very strong American pair of Bill Farmer and Mark Wehring and Jenny Hunt and her father Tony ran out winners by 2 & 1 over Chuck McMullin and Breck Speed.

So, with the score at 6 – 6, it was all on the singles on the second day. The European team put early points on the board but 4 matches were halved. Of these, Chris Walker came back from 5 down with 7 to play against John Crow Miller and 2 other Europeans were 4 down at some stage. Jeremy Moe and Henrik Peyron's half must have been some match. Willie Tanner posted the winning point vs. Rick Wolffe before the very strong American "tail" of Curt Sampson and Mark Wehring "wagged" to make the final score 13 – 11 in favour of Europe.

For the Americans, Curt Sampson and Chris Deinlein both scored a maximum 3 points (but then Curt does caddy at Trinity Forest when not writing best selling golf books). On the European side, Jenny and Tony Hunt both scored 2 points out of 2 and Henrik Peyron 2.5 out of 3.

Winfield Padgett, Honorary Starter, was awarded this year's Livingston Medal for his contribution to international friendship through historical golf competitions; and to Trinity Forest Golf Club for their golf course and hospitality.



## North America

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

### FEBRUARY

#### 24 – U.S. Professional & Amateur Hickory Championships

Played at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club in Temple Terrace, Fla. Four-time U.S. Hickory Open Champion Jeremy Moe, of Boca Raton, Fla., won the 2019 U.S. Professional Hickory Golf Championship sponsored by the United States Golf Teachers Federation. His 77 was three clear of runner-up Thomas Garnier and the same score shot by Willie Smith in the first round at Myopia Hunt Club in the 1908 U.S. Open. As for the amateur component of the Monday tournament, James Chambers turned in 28 Stableford points, enough to earn his name on the Oscar Bunn trophy. In the Heritage division (net scores) Bob Boss finally broke through after losing in scorecard playoffs the two previous years. Coming out on top for the Mike Stevens Challenge was the squad of James and Beth Chambers, Mike Tracy, and Earl Hines who bested the field by three points. The tournament raised nearly \$2000 to support returning military veterans in need of financial assistance.

#### 3-24 – The Arizona Desert Hickory

Played on the Pebblebrook Golf Course in Sun City West, Ariz. John Kienle of Rio Rancho, N.M. Seventy-five players participated in the 2019 Arizona Desert Hickory Tournament. Sunshine, cool mornings, and pristine afternoons on Saturday and Sunday provided perfect playing conditions.

Steve Simer, of Cave Creek, Ariz., was our overall Tournament Champion. John Kienle, of Rio Rancho, N.M. was second.

The Senior division finished in a three-way tie between Vernon Goodwin of Phoenix, Ariz.; Chris Reems of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Can.; and Ken Holtz of Sun City West. Determined by a scorecard playoff, Vernon was our ultimate winner, with Reems second, and Holtz in third.

Kim Braly of Scottsdale, Ariz. was the New-To-Hickory winner, followed closely by David Thomas of Sun City West. Matt Nelson of La Quinta, Calif., took the our Super Senior Division. In second was John Mabry of Phoenix. Ladies Division winner was Susan Tracy of Star, Idaho, followed by last year's champion, Sharon Pausen of Cave Creek, Ariz. Steve Simon was honored with the 2019 "Willie Noble" Hickory Humanitarian Award.

### MARCH

#### 21-23 – Onion Creek/Swift Trophy

Held at the Onion Creek Club in Austin, Texas. The Swift Trophy matches were won by the USA by 13 to 8 over the Canadian team.

Bill Geisler won the Senior Division with 153. Bob Bjerke won the Senior Net Division with 136. John Berggren won the Statesman Division with 149 Brian Gay won the Statesman Net Division with 140. Natalie Wells won the Ladies Division with 192. Jeremy Wright won the Championship Division with 166. Robert Gula won the Championship Net Division with 137 Russel Beach, Rives McBee, Michael Sloan, and Gary Krupkin won the Scramble Division with 126. Ryan Galloway, Ron Lyons, Dennis MacIntyre, and Russ Fisher won the Scramble Net Division with 112. Mike Ream, of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada, was honored with the Tad Moore Award, which is given to a younger player who demonstrates playing ability and respect for the game. Bill Geisler, of Winter Springs, Fla., was honored with the Johnny Henry Award, which is given to a 60+-year-old member of the Golf Heritage with the lowest net score. Ben and Julie Campbell were honored with the Russ Fisher Award as the outstanding volunteers.

### MAY

#### 2-4 – Southern 4-Ball Hickory Championship

Played on the Highland Park GC in Birmingham, Ala. Tad Moore reports that 64 players and 32 teams entered the event. Everyone enjoyed a welcome party and trade show after the practice round on Thursday, a hearty lunch on Friday, and the traditional cookout and awards on Saturday in the Highland Park clubhouse.

Ted Kopec and Peter Flory won the 2019 title. Paul Garner and Bain Hanning took second place gross in the Open division. Jeffery Dean and John Lavendoski took second place net in the Open division. Blair Philip and Gary Krupkin took second place net in the Senior division. Bill Wardwell and Jeffrey Blomstedt took second place gross in the Senior division. Calvin Whitman and Jim McGraw took first place net in the Senior division. Rick Rechter and Bill Geisler took first place gross in the Senior division. Tom McCrary and Bo Turocy took first place net in the Open division.

#### 10-11 – Whistling Straits Challenge

Played on the Straits Course and the Irish Course at Kohler Resorts. Ernie Ernst reports: The 2019 Whistling Straits Champion is Peter Flory whose total score of 150 for the weekend (76 on the Straits and 74 on the Irish). Runner-up in the Open Division was Campbell Ross of Austin, Texas. First Place Net – Open Division – Ernie Ernst. Senior Champion – Dr. Dave Brown (87-92); runner-up – Bert Coghill. First Place Net – Dan Norstedt (in a score card playoff with Scott Rosheim). Super Senior Champion – David Boyd (93-84). First Place Net – Jim "Wally" Koss. Ladies Champion – Jeanne Swenson (107-102)

#### 18-19 – Mid American Hickory Open

Played on the Soangetaha Country Club in Galesburg, Ill. Thirty-four players had a very wet, rain delayed first day. In spite of the weather we had some memorable play by Bill "Ernie" Ernst winner of the Open division, George Burgland winner of the Senior, and Dan Nordstedt who won the Statesman division. The Scramble Team event was won by veteran hickory players from Des Moines, Iowa – Russ Fisher, Bill Reed, John Ausen, and John Piffer.

We welcomed eight new players to the hickory game, including two ladies. A good time was had by all, thanks to the welcoming efforts of the head pro, Kirk Hosteng, the catering staff and, of course, the bartenders. Thanks also to George Burgland, our "member" host whose contribution was essential.

#### 17 – Alexander Findlay Hickory Open / Massachusetts Hickory Open

Held on the Country Club of Greenfield, and sponsored by the Hickory Golfers of Massachusetts. Bill Conant reports: Thirty-two players from six countries and eight states participated. Gary Melanson from New Brunswick, Canada, spent three nights in his motor coach under the pines at the club, but emerged to shoot a blistering 72 to set the tournament record and take first low gross. Bill Wardwell shot 75 to take 1st low net. Both will have their names engraved on the prestigious Findlay Trophy.

Stableford winners are as follows:

1st low Gross: Steve Wilcox, Westfield, N.J.; 2nd low Gross: Francis Flood, Avon, Conn.; 3rd low Gross: Bill Conant, Greenfield, Mass. 1st low net: Dave Beamer, N. Dartmouth, Mass.; 2nd low net: Chris Gilgun, Uxbridge, Mass.; 3rd low net: Peter Nowlan, Randolph, Vt.

### JUNE

#### 1-2 – Pacific Northwest Hickory Championship

Martin Pool reports: Thirty-nine players teed it up on a challenging course with diabolical greens. Club host, and two-time defending champion Jeff Olsen won the Open division with a wondrous score of 76-76 – 152. Daniel Nelson, a newcomer to hickory golf, turned in a fine 160 for the runner-up award. John Lavendoski won low net honors with a 138. Carl LeBoa, another newcomer, was second at 145.

In the Senior division, John Henry Williams came in with an equally impressive 77-80 – 157 to win the title. Jim von Lossow was runner-up at 163. John Quickstad won low net with a 142. Steve Malmquist was second low net with a 145.

In the Statesmen division, Tom Driscoll defended his title with an 84-92 – 176 score. Chuck McCollum, from California, was two strokes behind at 178. John Wise won the net side with a score of 140. Ray Tokareff, from Oregon, was the net runner-up with a 142. In the Ladies division, Sue Tracy, from Idaho, also defended her title with a spectacular 89-85 – 174 score. Roberta Robbins came in with a 225 for second place. Paula Anderson won low net honors with a 140 score. Sandy Bucher was second net with a 186.

#### 6-8 – National Hickory Championship

Played on the Mound Golf Course in Miamisburg, Ohio. Seth Lomison won the title for the second year in a row, finishing with a 159, four shots clear of Bill Wardwell of Massachusetts. Perennial challenger Tom Johnson finished third.

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.

In the Reserve Division (net) Matt Lomison of Pfafftown, Seth's father, finished first with 123. James Kaiser, Louisville, KY, came in second with 130, and Bern Bernacki of Pittsburgh, finished third. 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 Bobby Sly were first. Bern Bernacki won the Lynah Sherrill Award; Bob White took the Dundee Prize. A 20-Year Award was presented to John Crow Miller, a faithful competitor in the NHC since its beginning days.

#### 20-22 – The 12th U.S. Hickory Open

Played on the Belvedere Golf Course in Charlevoix, Mich. As the Belvedere GC hosted the USHO this year, the normal playing of the Belvedere Hickory Open will return in 2020. Dodging a rain-soaked spring, the 2020 USHO enjoyed a lovely weekend of social gatherings and stellar play on the beautiful Belvedere Golf Club. Be sure to check the SoHG website for a complete story on the event. Listed here are

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the division winners:

Open Division:

1st – Rick Woeckener, 2nd – Peter Flory, 3rd – Taylor Jones  
Net 1st – Ray DeRoche, 2nd tie – Jeff Hunt and Glen Turk

Senior Division:

1st – Ernie Ernst, 2nd – Bill Geisler, 3rd – Hugh Cameron  
Net 1st – A. Gary Trapani, 2nd tie – Todd Stevenson and Doug Kuhn

Super Senior Division:

1st – Michael Shiff, 2nd – Larry Woods 3rd tie – John Cova and Howard Vogel  
Net 1st – James Hollon, 2nd – Hamp Munsey, 3rd – Galen Peterson

Ladies Division:

1st – Kate Tomkinson, 2nd – Donna Kuhn, 3rd – Kris Ellington  
Net 1st – Mary Jean Esselman, 2nd – Sue Hays, 3rd – Sally Shiff

## 19-21 – Gearhart Hickory Classic

Played on the Gearhart Golf Links (1892). This was the 6th annual event on the Oregon coast at the 127-year-old classic course. Forty-five players in four divisions were greeted with clear weather with temps in the 60s creeping into the low 70s.

First day saw Bill Geisler of Winter Park Fla., and former SoHG president, set an 18-hole scoring record for the Gearhart Hickory Classic, a one-under par 71 which he followed with an 80 on day two. In the Open Division was Jeff Olsen of Seattle who won the first place honors with some fine scoring of his own, a 79-76. Jeff is also the 2019 Pacific Northwest Hickory Champion. In the other divisions, Pam Rowland was crowned the Ladies Champion and Galen Peterson garnered a win in the Super Senior Division.

## JULY

### 12-14 – Heart of America

Played at the Bright-Grandview GC in Des Moines, Iowa. This marked the 42nd playing of the tournament begun by Warren “Ole” Olson. The Open Medal Champion was a three-peat for Jeremy Wright of Louisville, Ky. who bested Gary Youngberg of Ames, Iowa in a five-hole playoff. Gary Swenson of Kelly, Iowa, finished third.

In the Open reserve were Kirk Watson of Ames, Iowa, who won the Gold, followed by Jeremy Lyons and Bill Fallon in a tie. A scorecard playoff awarded Jeremy the Silver and Bill the Bronze. In the Senior Open Medal Division Scott Rosheim of Bondurant, Iowa, was first, followed by David Dunigan of Lincoln, Neb., and Werner Kolin of Indianola, Iowa. For the Senior Reserve Chris Hardy of Port Byron, Ill., took the gold; Dennis Olson, Quad Cities, Iowa, the Silver; and Walter Johnson of Hinton, Iowa, the Bronze.

John Berggren of the Houston, Texas-area, was the Statesman Division winner; followed by Jim Fisher of Boone, Iowa, Silver; and Peter Herrington of Camdenton, Mo., Bronze. Chuck Collins of Indianola, Iowa, claimed the Statesman Reserve Gold Medal. The Ladies Medal Division winner was Jeanne Swenson of Kelly, Iowa.

The Men’s Team Gold was claimed by Rives McBee, Gary Proctor, Clayton Coppel and Derek Hannah. The Mixed Team Gold was claimed by John Hutton, Patti Pittenger, Jerry Miller, and Chris Palar.

### 18-21 – Wisconsin Gutty Challenge

Played on the Eagle Springs Golf Resort in Eagle, Wisc., c. 1893. Greg Smith reports: The course was in great shape and the staff treated us very well. The winners for 2019 are listed here.

Open Division Champion – Tom Johnson.  
Senior Park Division Champion – Steve Simer  
Senior Braid Division Champion – James Kaiser  
Super Senior Park Division Champion – Dan Norstadt  
Super Senior Braid Division Champion – James Clawson

Mike Just, former owner of Louisville Golf, was a great friend of hickory golf and visited our tournament in 2015, a year before he passed away (October 2016). We have created a trophy in his honor, the Keeper of the Spirit of Golf, that is presented to the winners of the Wisconsin Gutty Challenge. This year, the first annual Mike Just “Keeper of the Spirit” award was presented to Tom Johnson. The award is to an individual who carries on the spirit of golf in the way Mike did. The trophy is actually a large staff, almost like a shepherd’s crook, that Mike carved.

## AUGUST

### 9-10 – 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.

In the Open Division Rick Woeckener finished with an excellent 79 to earn the

Open Division title. J.W. McMath earned runner-up honors in the Open Division, with Lee Burton capturing third place.

Ernie Ernst held off Tom Johnson to win the Senior Open honors, with John Crow Miller (Dallas, Texas) earning third place honors.

Barry Markowitz won the Fox Division Championship followed by Ron Miller in second and Bob Mirt in third.

James Kaiser coasted to a 14-shot victory in the Braid Division with a great score of 76 the second day. Jim Clawson earned runner-up honors with Mike Campailla rounding out the top three.

Bern Bernacki won the Super Senior Braid award with Ron Taylor finished as runner-up and John Brosnahan in third place.

We also hosted four members of the First Tee of Pittsburgh on Saturday. Patrick Bush was the low score of the four with an 85. He was joined by Dylan Matthews, Harrison Salvi, and Hayden List. Their families were in attendance, and meeting them and seeing the pride in their faces was a treat.

### 10 – Michiana Hickory Open

Played on the South Bend CC in South Bend, Ind. Bert Coghill from Lemont, Ill., a member of the Golf Heritage Society, continued his dominance of the Michiana Hickory Open by winning for the sixth time in seven years with fine score of 78.

Thirty six golfers vied for medals and prizes. In the Open division, Matt Buckman scored First Low Net with a 68; Ken Fry, an SBCC member, shot a 70; and Ben Jones garnered the Bronze medal with a 71. In the Senior division, Jim Hannen shot a 98 for Low Gross while Joe Treflek, another GHS member, took Low Net with a 79 and Cal Whitman took the Silver with an 85. In the Statesman division, Ed Ronco, the president of The Society of Hickory Golfers, garnered the Low Gross with a 92 while Dennis Kerckhove captured the Silver.

There were five Scramble teams, including two from the host club, seven of whom were new to hickory golf. The resident golf professional, John Fisher, invited four young high school golfers from the Lifestyle Junior tour in Michiana to join the scramble. They shot 66, six shots under par. The member team from SBCC, headed by the Michiana Hickory Open co-chair, Spike Abernathy, shot 67, narrowly edging the other SBCC team’s 68. In addition, Jenny Zimmerman, the director of The First Tee Indiana – Michiana invited Jessica Layman, a coach, and two young golfers to participate and all four had a great time.

### 12-16 – 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 Wednesday scramble team with a -13 score featured Ken Plaunt, John Collins, Gary Proctor, Fuzz Bazinet and Darcy Riopka. Ken’s 3-year-old son, Blake, tagged along to read the putts. After the round, players and other invitees visited a local home for a burger and chicken BBQ, a drink (or two!), lots of tales told and a viewing of a golf memorabilia collection.

Thursday’s Casey Cup competition, with Canadian captain Gino Narduzzi and U.S. Captain Robb Howard, featured a record number of 56 players. It included 27 holes of friendly U.S./Canada competition in a modified Ryder Cup format with nine holes of two-person scramble, nine holes of better ball and nine holes of singles match play. All met after the golf at the Golf Car Museum for a meal and tour of the golf car museum. Guests from the U.S. included Bill Reed, John Ausen, Robb Howard, Peter Herrington, Mike Sloan, Rob Alschwede, Rives McBee, Gary Proctor, John MacKenzie and Jeff Lefferts. The Canadian team did eke out a victory.

Championship Friday dawned with a strong northwest wind gusting to 45 miles per hour. While it impacted the scores it couldn’t dampen the enthusiasm and camaraderie of the 68 players. The Champions division was won by Ross Kenny, with Ben Plaunt finishing second. The Senior Division was won by local player Chris Ream, followed closely by locals Kenn Looten and Gerald Oncuil. The Ladies Division was won by Elizabeth Ream and the Senior ladies title went to Fran Looten. The Chinese hickory champion was Edwin Chan. Dave Racette won the First Nations Division. This year featured a scramble division with eight teams vying for the title. The winners, at 12 under par, were Rob Taylor, Bill Taylor, Dave Taylor and Bob Maksymic.

## SEPTEMBER

### 5-7 – The Wisconsin Hickory Open

Played on The Links course at Lawsonia in Green Lake, Wisc. A field of 32 players entered for 2019. A wet summer produced such thick rough that fairway shots were more than justly rewarded. Friday brought 15-25 mph winds and clouds, and temperatures in the mid 60s for the practice round. Saturday was a sunny, calmer day and the golfers took advantage. Peter Flory took the Open title followed by Steve Simer. In the Senior Division, what seemed like an unbeatable 7-shot lead with nine holes to go, almost did not hold up for Ken Holtz. George Burgland posted a dazzling 37 on the back to eventually tie Holtz only to lose in a playoff.

Jim Griven was the Legends Division champion following a three-hole playoff with David Boyd. Anna Bengston was our 2019 Ladies Champion.

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## 6-8 – *The McNabb Cup*

Played on the Donald Ross-designed Muskegon CC and the Tom Bendelow-designed White Lake GC. This legendary hickory golf outing continues to build upon both fact and fiction as some reports of the event are hardly to be believed. Best to visit the account provided by that most worthy golf scribe, MacDuff, who was on hand (and largely sober) to witness and verify the events as they unfolded. In brief, near two dozen players girded themselves for this challenge which included 18 holes on Muskegon CC, followed by 18 the following day at White Lake GC, the latter played under Stableford scoring rules. It was a stirring contest in which only one might win the coveted McNabb Cup. This was done, for the first time a repeat McNabb champion, by Bill Ellington. He was followed by Xander Dobreff and Dan Riley. The Cup also rewards those whose medal play is beyond the superlative. Here were Bill Tucholski in first with 79 (scorecard playoff), Scott Staudacher in second, also a 79, and Todd Riker in third with 81.

## 13-14 – *Iowa Hickory Classic*

Played on the Hyperion Field Club in Johnston, Iowa, a 1910 Tom Bendelow design. The winning scramble team was Copple, Smeltzer, Hannah, and Hart who turned in a 68. In the Open Division Gary Youngberg won with a 78, followed by Randy Jensen and J. Lyons tied for second with 80. The Senior medalist was Kevin Cawley with 79, followed by W. Kolln in second and L. Krebsbach in third. D. Rasey won the Statesman Division with 90, followed by B. Nowaczyk in second, and Peter Herrington in third. J. Swenson was the ladies medalist.

## 30 – *Johnny Goodman River City Hickory Championship*

Played on the Omaha Country Club, Omaha, Neb. Kevin Cawley reports: Played on the Happy Hollow Club at Omaha, Neb. The 2019 field battled the weather and wet conditions and were able to complete nine holes for the 2019 championship. Dale Hallock won the Super Senior Flight, Kevin Cawley won the Senior Division, and Tyler Guthrie was the first reserve in the Senior Division. Craig Christensen took the title in the Open Division. Hap Pocras finished first reserve in the Open Division with John Nowaczyk in second. This year's Hall of Fame inductees were Tad Moore, Rob Ahlschwede, and Roger Hill.

## OCTOBER

### 5-6 – *The C.O.W. Cup*

Played on the Lake Shastina Golf Resort at the foot of Mount Shasta near Weed, California. Martin Pool reports: Hickory players from Washington, Northern Oregon, and a mercenary from Idaho (that raconteur Tracy) contested the southern force from California and Southern Oregon in the 4th annual C.O.W. (California, Oregon, Washington) Cup. With seven teams a side and playing a Chapman format, the day ended in a rout for the Washington-Oregon side as it forged ahead 6½ points to a meager ½ point for the California-Oregon side. Early the next day, the two sides lined up for the singles and concurrent fourball matches with 21 points at stake. In a remarkable show of courage, the southern forces were ahead on the second day by a score of 5½ to 3½. However, following afternoon matches, the North once again re-asserted itself, winning 13 to 8. The final total for the two days was 19½ to 8½ on the side of the northern horde. "Sgioba Buadhach," ("Victorious Team") read the inscription on the backs of the medals awarded to the Washington-Oregon-Idaho team. The two sides are now tied 2-2.

### 10-12 – *The North Texas Hickory Open*

Played on the No. 2 Course at Sherrill Park GC in Richardson, Texas. Scott Pilgrim reports: For the second year in a row, we were greeted in the opening round with cold windy weather and some spitting rain. But also for the second year in a row, day two was fabulous. Almost 20 players were there for the Thursday evening putting contest, won by Jonathan Pilgrim with a 4 under score of 32.

In the Scramble division, the team of Gary Krupkin, Michael Sloan, Rives McBee, and Corey Miller (Rives' grandson) edged out Bob Gardenhire, Bill Cowell, Bill Reed, and Kelly Reed Griffith (Bill's daughter) in a scorecard playoff. In the 70+ year old Statesman division, Phil Farr edged Peter Herrington for the victory. In the Senior Division, Ken Jackson defeated David Cook, the latter playing his first hickory tournament. With gusts to 30 mph on Friday, only three players in the field were able to card scores in the 80s....Ken, David, and eventual Tournament Champion in the 59 & under OPEN division - Jonathan Pilgrim.

### 10 – *The Jersey Shore*

Played on the Spring Lake GC in Spring Lake Heights, N.J. Bill Martin reports: A bit of attrition limited our rain date field at "The Jersey Shore" held on a typically Irish day at Spring Lake GC. Play began in a heavy mist and built into a dense two-club sea level Atlantic breeze. Scoring remained remarkably excellent considering the weather and recently aerated greens. Ray Raccuglia from nearby Jackson posted a fine

gross 79. Hi son, Jonathan, a seventh grader, was runner-up with an 84. An 85, 86, and 87 were also posted on this damp and wild fall day. Young Jonathan displayed an astute game and we expect great things in the near future. Bill Martin from the home club won the Reserve division with a net 67. Jon Byron from New York City followed with a 71. Thanks to all for a great season of golf with the Metropolitan Hickory Society.

### 11-13 – *The Indiana Hickory Open*

Played on the Cambridge GC in Evansville. Max Hollon reports: Twenty-three players from eight different states played the links-style golf course. Winners of Friday's shamble were Bill Ellington, Mike Pishlo, and Cal Whitman. Friday's weather was windy and damp, but most of the players persevered and finished despite a few downpours. Weather for Saturday and Sunday was a bit windy. After some exciting golf and a tough playoff, Tim Heath emerged the winner over Rick Woeckener. The Senior division was won by Mike Harding, with Bill Tucholski in second. The Statesmen division was won by Max Hollon with Ed Ronco in second.

### 11-13 – *Monterey Hickory Classic*

Played on the Del Monte GC in Monterey, Calif. Steve Henneuse reports: The entire field is lumped together into one division. Our events consist of a single winner. This year's field of three ladies, which included our 12-year-old champion, and several 70+ year old hickory veterans, knew they'd have to best the entire field if they wanted to take home the hardware. The fall months, after the summer fog and tourists have packed it up and left, are referred to as our Indian Summer and historically the warmest time of the year for the Monterey peninsula with temps reaching the high 70s. It was a glorious afternoon on the point. Our 2019 Final Results

CHAMPION - RYLEE STOVALL - 195; 2nd - MIKE KOSICH - 199; 3rd - STEVE HENNEUSE - 201; 4th - ED HORVAT - 202

Rylee has said Pacific Grove is one of her favorite places to play golf. She's certainly a favorite to us.

### 31- Nov. 2 – *Interstate Hickory Championship*

Played on the Old Kinderhook GC in Camdenton, Mo. Peter Herrington reports: "Three days with sun and no rain!" Fifteen teams competed for the Mens Division, playing two-man better ball on Friday, and modified alternate shot on Saturday, with stroke play scoring. The winning team of Dave Gamet and Gene Keiter, from Missouri, posted an unbeatable 59/67. Barb Morris and Cindy Skola (Missouri) beat two other Ladies teams, playing an 18-hole scramble both days, with 65/55. Fred and Sherry Smeltzer (Missouri) won the Couples Thursday 9-hole scramble with a 38. This is the first time Missouri Teams have swept the board! As usual, our hosts, Fred and Sherry put on a sumptuous reception at their home on Thursday evening, with delicious food and over 100 distinctive single malts to sample. John Overton provided a wonderful pork loin in addition. The Smeltzers also provided prizes for the event – replica 1900-era putters from Fred's workshop and embroidered hats and towels from Sherry's sewing room. Kinderhook also provided flags inscribed by Gene Keiter and signed by all participants for the winning teams.

We welcomed first-time players; Angela Wilson; Gene Keiter; Chris Hardy; Aaron Touchstone; Kirk Watson, and Kevin Johnson, and four non-playing ladies who attended the reception and both dinners.

## NOVEMBER

### 2-4 – *Mid Pines Hickory Open*

Played on the Mid Pines Golf Course in Southern Pines, N.C. There is no report, only a list of winners.

Barbara Kopec, the Open Division Ladies Champion  
Barbara Kopec, the Ladies Division Net Champion  
Peter Flory, the Open Division Champion  
Ted Kopec, the Open Net Champion  
Gary Melanson, the Senior Division Champion  
Gary Melanson, the Senior Division Net Champion  
David Boyd, the Super Senior Division Champion  
Richard Payne, the Super Senior Division Net Champion

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

Played on the Sleepy Hollow GC in Cleveland, Ohio, a Stanley Thompson design. Under lovely conditions, the players of the GHS found ample encouragement to produce their best. The 2019 U.S. Hickory Open Champion Rick Woeckener took first place in the Open Division, closely followed by Matt Boumphrey in second and Colin Criss in third. In the Open Net, it was Bob Crosby, Ben Ellis, and Scott Staudacher in that order. For the Seniors, Bill Geisler won the Open title, followed by Jimmy Hill, and Walter Johnson. For the Seniors Net, it was Pat Milkovich, then Jim Davis, and Mike Marquat. In the Statesman Division, Dan Norstedt was first, then John Hutton, and Bob Georgiade. The Statesman Net winner was Bill Reed followed by Wayne Aaron, and Ed Ronco. The Scramble Division winners were Dan Sifferlin, Sam Sifferlin, Steve Stefanik, and Michael West.