2017 U.S. HICKORY OPEN™
DEL MONTE GOLF COURSE
July 10-12, 2017
Welcome!

The hickory golf associations of the West Coast welcome you to beautiful Monterey, Calif. and the 2017 U.S. Hickory Open, the 10th in the series. We are very excited to host this event at the Del Monte Golf Course, the oldest course at Pebble Beach Resort. I think you will find the course to be an enjoyable challenge of your golfing skills and a fair test for competition at all levels. We hope you enjoy both the golf and the surrounding area of the Monterey peninsula. The committee is here to help you so please ask and we’ll be happy to answer any questions or provide you with any information.

The Hyatt Regency, our host hotel, will be the central location for our Welcome Reception on Monday evening and the tournament dinner on Tuesday evening. The awards ceremony will be in the Pavilion adjacent to the 18th green on the course.

The Del Monte Golf Course is a classic turn-of-the-20th century course that owes its existence largely to early Del Monte resident and golf pioneer Charles E. Maud. The site of many early championships, the course continues to host the Monterey Open and the Monterey City Amateur. It was also a previous host of the Pebble Beach Invitational and First Tee Open.

We hope you enjoy the course and the camaraderie of the competition. Please let us know if there is anything the organizing committee can do to make your stay more enjoyable. The Monterey Peninsula, with its scenic coastline, 17-Mile Drive, beautiful villages, shops, and restaurants provide plenty to do in the area should you choose to explore. As you know, Monterey also offers several other championship and historic golf courses to try, should opportunity and time permit.

On behalf of myself, the Society of Hickory Golfers, and the 2017 USHO Committee, thank you for coming to share in the beauty of this iconic region.

Rob Ahlschwede
Chairman, 2017 USHO Committee
Co-Founder, Northwest Hickory Players
Dear 2017 Hickory Competitors and Guests:

On behalf of Del Monte Golf Course, I would like to offer all of the participants and their guests a warm welcome to the 2017 United States Hickory Open.

We are thrilled to have The Society of Hickory Golfers bring the U.S. Hickory Open to the West Coast and conduct it at Del Monte Golf Course. It is exciting to see this level of competition in its purest form.

Del Monte Golf Course, built in 1897, is no stranger to bringing golf to the Far West. In addition to hosting the first California Amateur in 1912 and the first California Open in 1919, Del Monte Golf Course enticed the Chicago-based Western Golf Association to cross the Continental Divide for the first time, contesting the 1916 Western Amateur in California and bringing America’s attention to golf out west more than 100 years ago.

U.S. Hickory Open contestants this year will be challenged by many of the same features that those participants faced long ago. Our small sloped poaannua greens are subtle, yet true. The back-to-front pitch of most of the greens complexes will place a premium on placing the ball below the hole.

I encourage you to explore all that the Monterey Peninsula has to offer and if my staff or I can offer any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

We admire the enthusiasm that hickory golfers bring to the game and thank you for making your Open part of our history.

Sincerely,

Neil Allen, Head Golf Professional
Del Monte Golf Course
Pebble Beach Resorts

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**Schedule**

**Monday, July 10**

All Day – Check-in at the Pavilion next to the Practice Green. Equipment check and player packets handed out.

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. – Practice Rounds – Schedule with Pro Shop at Del Monte GC – 831-373-2700

5-7:30 p.m. – Welcome reception and Club Swap/Trade Show * Hors d’oeuvres / Cash bar. (Continued player check-in.)

**Tuesday, July 11**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. – First Round 2017 U.S. Hickory Open, Del Monte GC

6 p.m. – Tournament dinner and raffle drawing. *

**Wednesday, July 12**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. – Final Round of 2017 U.S. Hickory Open, Del Monte GC

2 p.m. or so – Results and prize presentations

Del Monte GC Pavilion adjacent to 18th green. Food and beverage available in Del Monte Grill next door.

* Pebble Beach Ballroom/Monterey Terrace at Hyatt Regency Monterey

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Neil Allen
Head Golf Professional

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While there is no definitive record that Maud designed the course, he is generally acknowledged as its architect. The original nine hole course, like so many of the early California courses, started out with sand greens, but was soon replaced by grass.

The Del Monte links, in its early years, was the venue of choice for major tournaments in California. In addition to the annual Del Monte Cup, started in 1899 (and won by Maud), the first North/South tournament between Northern and Southern California was contested that same year. Led by Maud, the South won the inaugural event 14-4.

Today, only two of California's earliest golf courses remain in operation: Del Monte Golf Course and the course at the Presidio in San Francisco, built in 1896.

Del Monte also hosted the 1916 Western Amateur Championship, the first time that event was ever played west of the Continental Divide.

Del Monte continues to annually host championship golf, including the Monterey Open and the Monterey City Amateur, the latter of which began at Del Monte in 1972. The course has regularly tested PGA, LPGA and Champions Tour players as a previous host of the Pebble Beach Invitational and First Tee Open.

Maud was an accomplished golfer as well as an excellent polo player, and would often make trips to Del Monte to participate in polo matches. It is not difficult to imagine, then, that Maud had a strong influence on Hotel Del Monte's decision to build a golf course.
John Fischer III

is a longtime collector of golf memorabilia, especially postcards and artwork. He is a member of the USGA Museum and Library Committee. As an author, Fischer contributes regularly to the quarterly journals of both the Golf Collectors Society and the British Golf Collectors Society. He also pens a series of historical golf articles titled Random Golf Footnotes.

Fischer and his wife, Lennie, donated the trophy for USHO low amateur award. They have two sons, John and Leonard, both of whom are Golf Collectors Society members.

Fischer will be at the USHO in Del Monte to present the SoHG John Fischer Amateur Award and to talk about the career of his father.

His golfing career is featured in a display at the USGA Hall of Fame in Far Hills, N.J.

The Chicago Tribune said of Fischer’s 1936 U.S. Amateur win:

Garden City, N.Y., Sept. 19. – John William Fischer, slender 24-year-old Cincinnati law student whose consistently mild mien belies a fighting heart, today won the 40th National Amateur golf championship by defeating Jack McLean, 25-year-old Scottish whisky salesman, 1 up, in 37 holes, at the Garden City Golf club.

Regardless of what finicky critics may prate as to the quality of the golf in today’s final they cannot deny Fischer a place among the great champions of the game, a champion whose courage won the greatest last ditch golf victory in a score of years.

Mr. Fischer died in 1984 in Cincinnati where he spent most of his life practicing law. His son, John Fischer III, lives in Cincinnati, also practices law, and is currently the president of the Golf Collectors Society.

At right and below, postcards from the collection of John Fischer III.
## Championship Division

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| Scott Bowles     | Temple Terrace, Fla. | David Brown      | Omaha, Neb.       |
| Richard Brown    | Rockwall, Texas  | Kevin Cawley      | Omaha, Neb.       |
| James Clawson    | Charlotteville, Va. | Jim Conine        | Dallas, Texas     |
| Tim Englund      | Watsonville, Calif. | Bob Georgiade     | Durham, N.C.      |
| David Gibson     | Whittier, Calif. | Mike Harding      | Terre Haute, Ind. |
| David L. Welch   | Nye, Montana     | Mark Wilson       | Newport Beach, Calif. |

## Super Senior

|                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Patric Anderson  | Carmel, Calif.   | Buck Barrie      | Newberg, Ore.    |
| Troy J. Brown    | Ashland, Ore.    | Richard Bullock  | Crestwood, Fla.  |
| Thomas Driscoll  | Redmond, Wash.   | Michael Kosich   | Los Gatos, Calif. |
| Ted Moore        | Selma, Ala.      | Hampton C. Munsey | Greensboro, N.C. |
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| Jack Wilson      | Lakewood, Wash.  |                  |                  |

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![Image of a golfer swinging a club]
2008 Mimosa Hills CC
Morganton, N.C.
Open
1. Jay Harris ~ 151
2. Randy Jensen 157
Reserve
1. Paul Dietz 136
2. Brian Guerard 145
Senior Division
1. Ed Woekener 139
2. Tad Moore 142

2009 Mimosa Hills CC
Morganton, N.C.
Open
1. Roger Andrews ~ 150
2. Scott McAllister 154*
Reserve
1. Jim Clawson 144
2. Rich Schmidt 146*
Senior Open
1. Tad Moore 155
2. Barry Markowitz 175
Senior Reserve
1. Wayne Aaron 148*
2. Tom Ochs 148*

2010 Mimosa Hills CC
Morganton, N.C.
Open
1. Rick Woekener ~ 143
2. Scott McAllister 154*
Reserve
1. Rusty Wells 143
2. Jay Harris 145*
Senior Open
1. Glenn E. Davis 161
2. John Hopper 165
Senior Reserve
1. Mike Just 138
2. Tom Ochs 140

2011 Donald Ross Course
French Lick, Ind.
Open
1. Alan Grieve ~ 150
2. Rick Woekener 155
Reserve
1. Doug Floyd 144
2. Brian Schuman 145
Senior Open
1. Mike Just 167
2. Max Hollon 169
Senior Reserve
1. John Greene 132
2. Paul Dietz 134

2012 Donald Ross Course
French Lick, Ind.
Open
1. Tony Smarrelli** ~ 149
2. Ben Hollerbach 149
Reserve
1. Brad Friberg 136
2. David English 140
Senior Open
1. Max Hollon 158
2. Terry Howarth 160
Senior Reserve
1. John Greene 131
2. Bob Georgiade 136

2013 Bay Course
at Seaview Resort,
Galloway, N.J.
Open
1. Jeremy Moe 141
2. Craig Stroup ~ 152
Reserve
1. Bill Geisler 131
2. Scott McAllister 145
Senior Open
1. Michael Shiff 154
2. Dave Brown 163
Senior Reserve
1. Bob Platt 137
2. Bob Georgiade 140

2014 Country Club of
Asheville, Asheville, N.C.
Open
1. Jeremy Moe 137
2. Rick Woekener ~ 150*
Reserve
1. Russell Eaves 130
2. Andy Moe 144*
Senior Open
1. Tony Smarrelli 145
2. Jeffrey Blomstedt 155*
Senior Reserve
1. Paul Dietz 127
2. Terry Pemberton 131
Super Senior
1. Hamp Munsey 166*
2. Ed Woekener 166
Super Senior Reserve
1. Hugh Menzies 124
2. Mike Korstange 128
Ladies
1. Barb Kopec 179
2. Karen Vagley 197

2015 Miami Valley CC
Dayton, Ohio
Open
1. Jeremy Moe 143
2. Cliff Martin ~ 150
Reserve
1. Dave Brown 157
Senior Reserve
1. Robert Ubbing 140
2. Terry Pemberton 141*
Super Senior
1. Michael Shiff 152
2. rusty Wells 162
Super Senior Reserve
1. Bill Reed 134
2. Wayne Aaron 137
Ladies Open
1. Francine Smarrelli 143
2. sally Shiff 151*

2016 Links Course at
Lawsonia, Green Lake,
Wisc.
Open
1. Jeremy Moe 151*
2. Cliff Martin ~ 151
Reserve
1. David Guerard 141
2. Jim Von Lossow 142
Senior Open
1. Tom Tracy 159
2. Mike Harding 161
Senior Reserve
1. Mark Larson 144
2. Ed Ronco 146
Super Senior
1. Michael Shiff 164*
2. David Boyd 164
Super Senior Reserve
1. Dan Norstedt 146
2. Dan Norstedt 146
Ladies Open
1. sally Shiff 151*

By Erik Beer

Del Monte’s scorecard shows 6,085 yards from the white tee markers, a distance that will likely be close to this year’s Open division distance. The are no water features; in fact, the only water you’ll find comes from water coolers.

Fairways are reasonably wide, but be caution is required as the rough is thick and lush, and July weather in Monterey is notorious for foggy damp mornings that promise to produce thick, wet conditions for wayward tee shots.

Greens are well guarded by bunkers, but most have alleys to accommodate ground approach and running shots. Green complexes contain no buried elephants, but all are generously sloped, resulting in many breaking putts with downhill attempts that are sure to run quickly away.

There is one forced carry from a tee and one par 3 that will demand over 200 yards, even from the shortest tee. For scoring opportunities there are five par 4’s under 325 yards.

Del Monte’s reasonable distances from green to tee, and lack of drastic elevation changes make it easy to walk.

The course staff are kind, courteous, and truly excited to be involved with hickory golf. The Hyatt Regency hotel is conveniently located with rooms just off the 18th tee box, and a restaurant patio close enough to the 17th green to read putts from your table.
The Michigan Hickory Tour and the Wyandotte Hickory Organization salute the players and organizers of the 2017 U.S. Hickory Open. Hit ’em far and sure.

Michigan Hickory Tour
Roger Hill – hillgolf@gmail.com

Wyandotte Hickory Organization
Ed Ronco – ronco336@aol.com

The Temple Terrace Preservation Society and the Florida Hickory Golfers Association salutes the competitors of the 2017 United States Hickory Open!

We invite you to join us for more great hickory events next February featuring amateur and pro golf tournaments and a gatsby style dinner dance!

Visit www.TTHickoryHeritageGolf.com to sign up or for more info.

Don’t miss the Knickers Bash – a special feature of the weekend!
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Virginia Hickory Golf Association – Skip Platt

Wisconsin Hickory Golf Association – Bill Ernst

Wyandotte Hickory Organization (WHO) – Ed Ronco

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The Society especially thanks these regional groups that generously responded to the Wisconsin Group’s challenge to donate. The group’s “captain” is listed for your information.

Carolina Hickory Golf Association – Chris Deinlein

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