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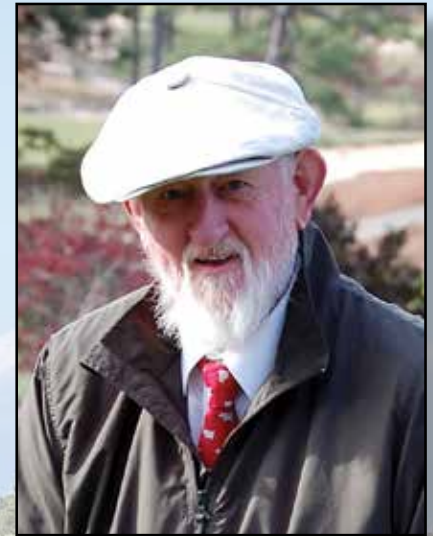


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Welcome!

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

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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

Schedule

* Pebble Beach Ballroom/Monterey Terrace at Hyatt Regency Monterey

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.
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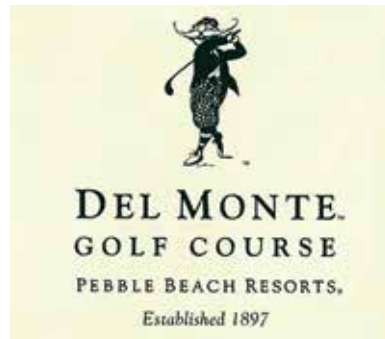
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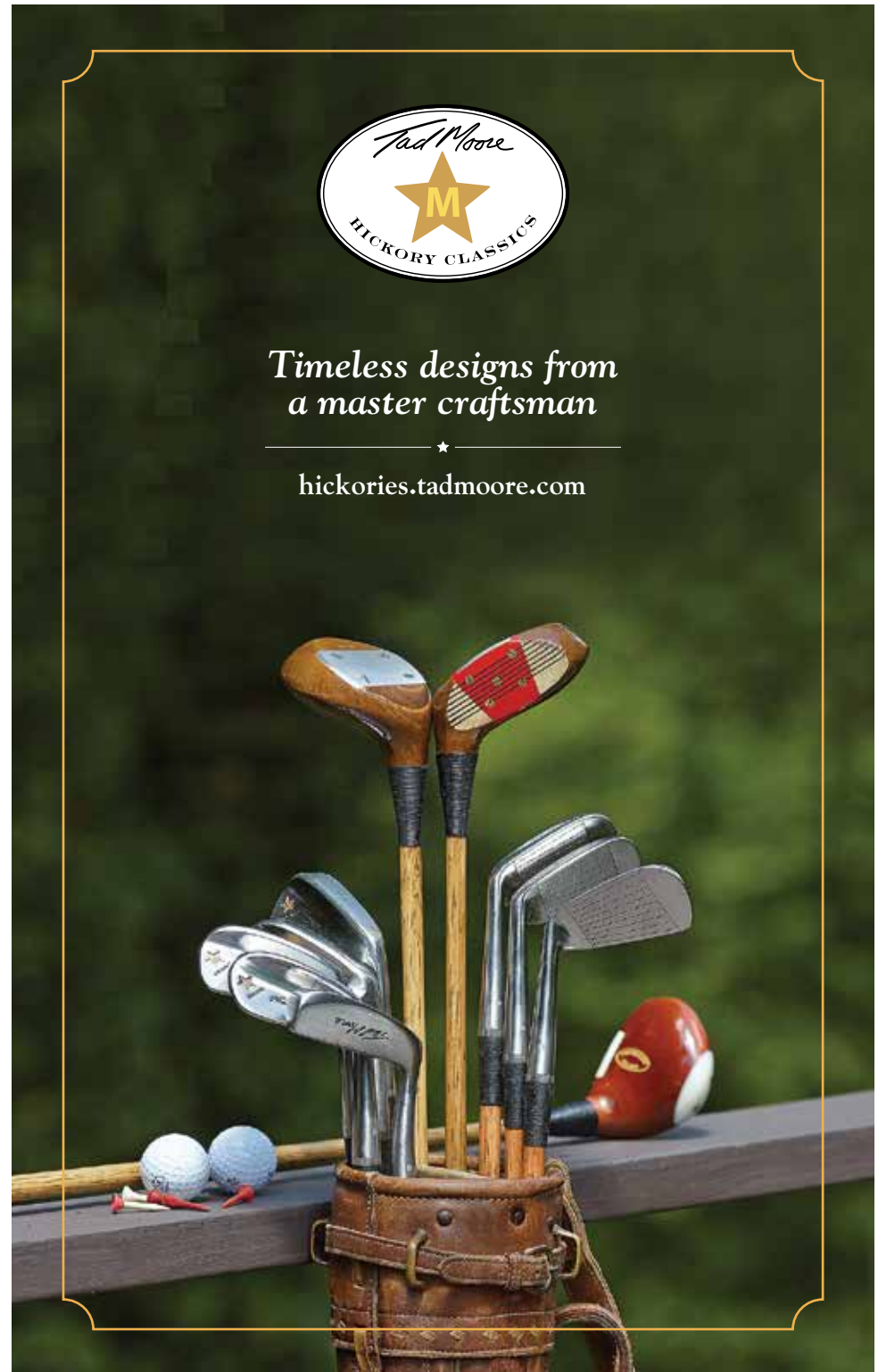
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About Del Monte

Only a few visitors to Hotel Del Monte in 1897 would have heard about, much less played, the newest craze in sports sweeping America: the game of golf. Golf was introduced to California a few years earlier in 1892 when a recent English immigrant, Charles E. Maud, laid out the Pedley Farms Golf Course (later to become known as Victoria Golf Club) in Riverside, some 60 miles east of Los Angeles. Interest in golf grew rapidly and the 1890s saw many new golf courses being built. By 1900 there were nearly a hundred golf courses in California.

In the Bay area, the Burlingame Golf Club, still in existence today, was the first to organize in 1893. It was followed by the Presidio Golf Course in 1895. The Hotel Del Monte Golf Links came soon after in 1897. The nine-hole course measured 2219 yards. At the time, Hotel Del Monte was a popular destination resort for the “smart set” and included a polo field and a race track.

In spring of 1901, former U.S. Open champions gave an exhibition at Del Monte. They included Horace Rawlins (1895 champion), Willie Smith (1899 champion), as well as David Bell who finished third behind Harry Vardon and J. H. Taylor in the 1900 Open. Later that year, Del Monte hosted the inaugural amateur and open championships of the newly formed Pacific Coast Golf Association, comprising clubs from California, Oregon, and Washington. Some regard this open championship as the first California State Open, won by Scotsman Robert Johnstone, club professional at Presidio, with a score of 148 for 36 holes.

The course was expanded in 1903, becoming the first golf course in California to boast 18 holes. In 1920 the course underwent a major renovation under the direction of William Herbert Fowler, a British golf architect. Fowler’s redesign is substantially what we see today.

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.

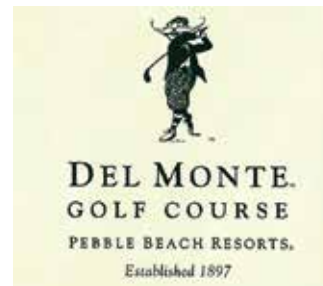
While there is no definitive record that Maud designed the course, he is generally acknowledged as its architect. The original nine hole course, like so many of the early California courses, started out with sand greens, but was soon replaced by grass.

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.



Martin Pool
2017 USHO Committee

SoHG's USHO Amateur Award named in honor of John Fischer Jr.

The Society of Hickory Golfers is proud to name the USHO Amateur Trophy, shown below, in honor of John Fischer Jr.

Fischer was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1912, the same birth year as Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, and Sam Snead.

He attended the University of Michigan from 1932 to 1935, then completed a JD from the University of Cincinnati law school.

He won the 1932 NCAA individual golf championship and the Big Ten Conference individual championship in 1932, 1933 and 1935 while playing at the University of Michigan. He also won the 1936 U.S. Amateur, the last player to do so using wood-shafted golf clubs. His low score of 64 – with hickories – on the tough U of M Alistair McKenzie course is still the course record.



Fischer played on the Walker Cup team in 1934, 1936, and 1938 and captained the team in 1965.



He was inducted into the University of Michigan Athletic Hall of Honor in 1980 as part of the third induction class. Only one Michigan golfer (Chuck Kocsis) was inducted into the Hall of Honor before Fischer.



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 Jock 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.

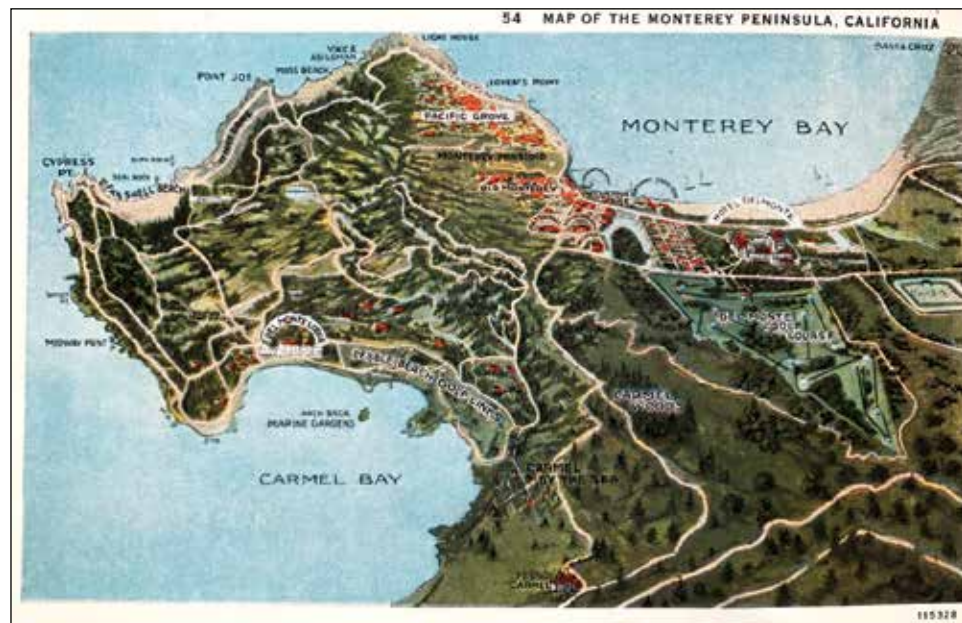
At right and below, postcards from the collection of John Fischer III.



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.





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Open	
1 Jay Harris ~	151
2 Randy Jensen	157
Reserve	
1 Paul Dietz	136
2 Joe 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 Frieberg	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 McAlister	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 Ashville, Ashville, N.C.

Open	
1 Jeremy Moe	137
2 Rick Woekener ~	150*
Reserve	
1 Russell Eaves	130
2 Andy Moye	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

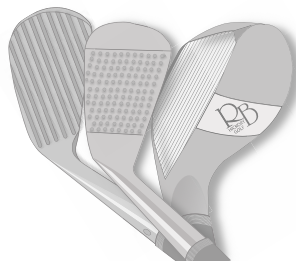
2015 Miami Valley CC Dayton, Ohio

Open	
1 Jeremy Moe	143
2 Cliff Martin ~	150
Reserve	
1 Devin Harmala	138
2 Andy Just	139
Senior Open	
1 Tony Smarrelli	147
2 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	
Ladies Reserve	
1 Sally Shiff	

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 Tad Moore	137
2 Dan Norstedt	146
Ladies Open	
1 Sally Shiff	

*playoff
**one-hole playoff
~ Low Amateur



Hickory Play At Del Monte Golf Course

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. There are no water features; in fact, the only water you'll find comes from water coolers.

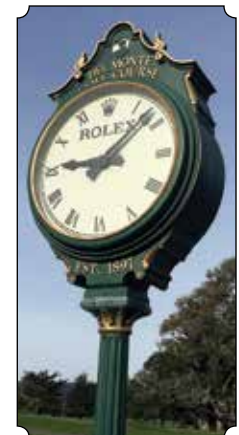
Fairways are reasonably wide, but be caution is required as the rough is thick and lush, and July weather in Monterey is notorious for foggy damp mornings that promise to produce thick, wet conditions for wayward tee shots.

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 oldest association of hickory players in the Pacific Northwest salutes SoHG and the competitors at the 2017 U.S. Hickory Open at Del Monte Golf Course in Monterey.



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