Hickory Golfers ... Love Sun City West

Playing pre-1935 hickory shafted clubs, 88 players celebrated the 12th AZ Desert Hickory in Sun City West, Arizona. Equipped with vintage equipment, and attired in knickers, argyle socks, woolen caps and vintage outfits, they challenged Grandview & Pebblebrook Golf Courses in grand style over a two day competition.



During the last weekend of February, players from across the USA and Canada, and a few international contestants joined with Arizona hickory golfers from; Sun City West, Tatum Ranch, Buckeye, Pebblecreek, El Mirage, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Surprise, Payson, Sedona and Goodyear... to compete. The tournament supported a field for Championship, Senior, New To Hickory, Super Senior, Legends 78+ and a Division of Lady Players.

The weather was outstanding! All players commented on the excellent course conditions and fantastic greens. Many attending were from out of town and thoroughly enjoyed their get-away from winter to our beautiful SCW community. Players and guests enjoyed the golf, hospitality, entertainment, weather, prizes and fun.

The scoring provided some spectacular performances; In the Championship Division (Age 59 & younger); Dave "Digger" Johnson of Sun City West, AZ was our overall Tournament Champion, shooting a fine 2 day performance of 72 / 76, and Matt Stovall of Litchfield Park, AZ, taking runner up position, shooting 77 / 77.

Our Senior Division (Age 60-69) winner was won with an outstanding performance by, Cliff Martin from Scotsdale, AZ. Cliff shot a 5 underpar, two day performance of 72 / 67. 2nd place was captured by Steve Simer from Tatum Ranch Golf Club, shooting 75 / 75.

The New To Hickory Division winner was our very own Mark Crawford of Sun City West, AZ with 81 / 77 and Runner Up was Kyle Steinseife of Cave Creek, AZ with 85 / 81. Both of these players picked up their hickory clubs just before the competition but produced fine results.

The Super Senior Division (Age 70-76) was won by, John Henry Williams of Bend, Oregon with 77 / 72. Our runner up Chris Reams of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta Canada. shooting 82/70. 3rd Place was awarded to Gary Smith from Tatum Ranch Golf Club, AZ, recording a performance of 78 / 77.

The Legends Division (Age 78+) was won by Kenn Looten of Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada and our Runner up was Mike Kaus recording 84/86 from Tatum Ranch Golf Club, AZ.

The Ladies Division produced some spectacular performances. Our winner was Sue Tracy of Star, Idaho shooting 74 / 76 and our Runner Up was Jane Pohlman of Omaha, Nebraska with 82 / 79.

Please see the Tournament Score Board & Photos for performances of our Gross/Net Winners & Runner Ups.

Additional Highlights!

Entertainment this year's hospitality was provided by the Scottish Rovers! Angus Rollo, direct from Scotland on piano & accordian with Cal Whitman on drums. After a full day of golf, everyone still had enough energy to dance ...till the day was over.



Our Best Dressed Awards went to; Barbara Fulbright from Omaha, NE with a beautiful vintage 1920's outfit and Doug Griffen of Neenah, WI sporting a dapper kilt. **Note:** His brother Jim Griffen who also played shared the following, *"I think Doug made the Kilt himself from one of our Mom's old tablecloths"*.

Special Charity Results: At this year's hospitality, we held a special auction to raise funds for SCW Charities, our donations was added to the SCW All for Charity Pickleball Ball Drop and Tournament, to be held the following week. Tad Moore of Tad Moore Golf and Susan Tracy, who handcrafts beautiful golf head covers, donated beautiful Vintage Golf items. We raised \$345 and that amount was matched by Saini Smiles Dentistry of SCW to make our total donation to the SCW Foundation of \$690. Thank you to all who supported this donation!



Special Thanks. Thanks go out to the tournament committee, the Sun City West Golf Operational staff, Todd Patty Greens & Grounds Superintendent and the support of all the players. A personal thank you also goes to our Tournament Volunteers. Thank you!

Dates for next year's 2025 13th Annual AZ Desert Hickory tournament is slated to be Saturday / Sunday the last weekend in February. For information about the tournament please contact Ken Holtz k.holtz2430@gmail.com and for more information about hickory golf to www.hickorygolfers.com

Photos and Top Scores Follow Below:

Name		Division	Day One	Day Two	Finish
Digger Johnson	Sun City West, AZ	Championship	72 Gross	76 Gross	1st Place Overall Winner
Matt Stovall	Litchfield Park, AZ	Championship	77 Gross	77 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Rylee Stovall	Litchfield Park, AZ	Championship	85/74 Net	80/70 Net	1st Place Net*
Mike Donalson	Surprise, AZ	Championship	81/68 Net	87/76 Net	2nd Place Net
					* Score Card Playoff over Mike Donaldson receiving 2nd place net.
Cliff Martin	Scottsdale, AZ	Senior	72 Gross	67 Gross	1st Place Winner
Steve Simer	Cave Creek, AZ	Senior	75 Gross	75 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Mike Petersen	Phoenix, AZ	Senior	85/69 Net	85/71 Net	1st Place Net
David Candler	Buckeye, AZ	Senior	78/73 Net	73/69 Net	2nd Place Net
Mark Crawford	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	81 Gross	77 Gross	1st Place Winner
Kyle Steinseifer	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	85 Gross	81 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Eric Larson	Chandler, AZ	New To Hickory	98/82 Net	93/78 Net	1st Place Net
Bob Bastian	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	89/79 Net	96/87 Net	2nd Place Net
John Henry Williams	Bend, OR	Super Senior	77 Gross	72 Gross	1st Place Winner
Chris Reams	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta Canada	Super Senior	82 Gross	70 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Gary Smith	Cave Creek, AZ	Super Senior	78 Gross	77 Gross	3rd Place*
Glen Johnson	Peoria, AZ	Super Senior	84/66 Net	84/67 Net	1st Place Net
Dale Fulcher	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	103/72 Net	92/62 Net	2nd Place Net
Jake Jacobson	Cave Creek, AZ	Super Senior	79/65 Net	84/71 Net	3rd Place Net
					* Score Card Playoff over Kent Potts finishing in 4th place net.
Kenn Looten	Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada	Legends	90 Gross	79 Gross	1st Place Winner
Mike Kaus	Cave Creek, AZ	Legends	84 Gross	86 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Matt Nelson	La Quinta, CA	Legends	87/76 Net	84/74 Net	1st Place Net
Tad Moore	Selma, Alabama	Legends	96/82	83/69	2nd Place Net

AZ Desert Hickory 2024 Gross / Net Scoreboard - Winners, Runner Up, 3rd

Name		Division	Day One	Day Two	Finish
Susan Tracy	Star, Idaho	Ladies	74 Gross	76 Gross	1st Place Winner
Jane Pohlman	Omaha, NE	Ladies	82 Gross	79 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Debbie Hallock	Omaha, NE	Ladies	102/65 Net	103/65 Net	1st Place Net
Pam Rowland	Sun City West, AZ	Ladies	101/83 Net	96/79 Net	2nd Place Net

AZ Desert Hickory "Our Tournament Gross Winners"

Pictured from left: Kenn Looten - Legends

Senior

Mark Crawford - New To Hickory

Digger Johnson - Overall Champion

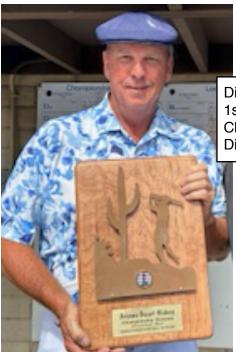
John Henry Willams - Super Senior

Ken Holtz - Tournament Director

Susan Tracy - Not Pictured (photo follows below)



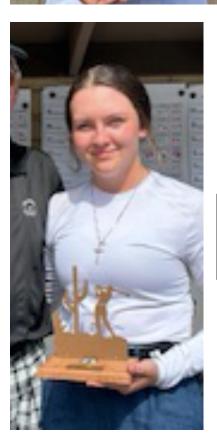
AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos Championship Division Gross & Net



Digger Johnson 1st Place Gross Championship Division







Rylee Stovall 1st Place Net Championship Division



Mike Donaldson 2nd Place Net Championship Division AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos Senior Division Gross & Net



Cliff Martin 1st Place Gross Senior Division



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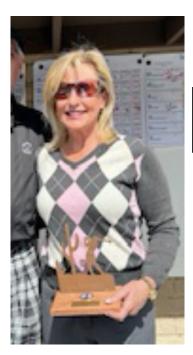
AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos - Ladies Division



Sue Tracy 1st Place Gross Ladies Division



Jane Pohlman 2nd Place Gross Ladies Division

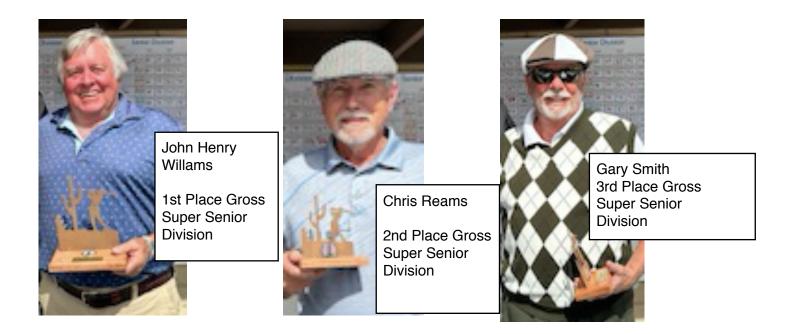


Debbie Hallock 1st Place Net Ladies Division



Pam Roland 2nd Place Net Ladies Division

AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos - Super Senior Division

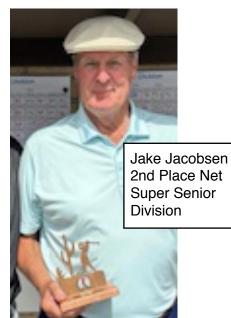




1st Place Net Super Senior Division



Dale Fulcher 2nd Place Net Super Senior Division



AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos - New To Hickory Division



Mark Crawford 1st Place Gross New To Hickory Division



Kyle Steinseifer 2nd Place Gross New To Hickory Division



Bob Bastian 2nd Place Net New To Hickory Division

AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos - Legends Division



Kenn Looten 1st Place Gross Legends Division



Mike Kaus 2nd Place Gross Legends Division





Tad Moore 2nd Place Net Legends Division

Thank You to All of Our 2024 Tournament Players!