

# ***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 & accordion 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](mailto:k.holtz2430@gmail.com) and for more information about hickory golf to [www.hickorygolfers.com](http://www.hickorygolfers.com)



Photos and Top Scores Follow Below:

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

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

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



Matt Stovall  
2nd 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



Steve Simer  
2nd Place Gross  
Senior Division



Mike Petersen  
1st Place Net  
Senior Division



David Candler  
2nd Place Net  
Senior Division

## 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



John Henry  
Willams  
1st Place Gross  
Super Senior  
Division



Chris Reams  
2nd Place Gross  
Super Senior  
Division



Gary Smith  
3rd Place Gross  
Super Senior  
Division



Glen Johnson  
1st Place Net  
Super Senior  
Division



Dale Fulcher  
2nd Place Net  
Super Senior  
Division



Jake Jacobsen  
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



Eric Larson  
1st Place Net  
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



Matt Nelson  
1st Place Net  
Legends Division



Tad Moore  
2nd Place Net  
Legends Division

**Thank You to All of Our 2024 Tournament Players!**