

Vintage Golf In Sun City West

Playing pre-1935 hickory shafted clubs, 96 players celebrated the 13th 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.



March 1st & 2nd provided beautiful weather for players from across the USA, Canada, who joined with Arizona hickory golfers from; Sun City West, Tatum Ranch, Buckeye, Pebblecreek, El Mirage, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Surprise, Payson, Sedona and Goodyear. The tournament supported a field for Championship, Senior, New To Hickory, Super Senior, Legends 78+ and a Division of Lady Players.

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 from the White Tees (Age 59 & younger); Cliff Martin of Scottsdale, AZ was our overall Tournament Champion, shooting a fine 2 day performance of 74 / 77, and Matt Stovall of Litchfield Park, AZ, taking runner up position, shooting 79 / 78.

Our Senior Division (Age 60-69) from the Gold Tees, was won with an outstanding performance by, Bill "Ernie Ernst, from Sun City West, AZ. Ernie shot a two day performance of 75 / 75. 2nd place was captured by Rick Pruneau also from Sun City West, AZ, shooting 80 / 74. Mark Crawford from Sun City West, took 3rd place shooting 78 / 84.

The New To Hickory Division winner, from the Gold Tees, was also from Sun City West, Troy Williams shooting 82 / 89 and Runner Up was Pat Kaus of Peoria, AZ scoring 97 / 88. Both players put forth a fine performance, having only played hickory golf a few times before.

The Super Senior Division (Age 70-77) from the Red Tees, resulted in a tie, with two players shooting a two day total of 149. Kent Potts shot 74 / 75 and Galen Peterson shot 75 / 74, both players from Sun City West, AZ. Using a scorecard playoff, Kent was determined to be the ultimate winner and Galen received 2nd place. 3rd Place was awarded to Ed Horvat from Sedona, AZ, recording a performance of 77 / 75.

The Legends Division (Age 78+) from the Red Tees, was won by Tad Moore of Selma, Alabama, almost shooting his age with a performance of 85 / 86, (Tad celebrated his 84th birthday during the 2nd round of the tournament). Our Runner Up in the Legends division was Scott Miller from Cave Creek, AZ recording 84 / 88.

The Ladies Division from the Green Tees, produced some spectacular performances. Our winner was Lorna Kenney of Sun City West, AZ shooting 82 / 94 and our Runner Up, also from Sun City West, was Pam Roland scoring 96 / 101.

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

Additional Highlights!

Entertainment this year's hospitality was provided by Chris Hawes, with an assortment of Johnny Cash favorites.

Special Charity Results: Sandy Guerard from Sun City West organized; a Ladies' 9 Hole Hickory Scramble, with the goal of having lot's of fun and raising funds for a very special charity.



Thanks to all who supported *Purse Impressions, Carefree, AZ* a non-profit charity by raising \$540 to donate to help graduates of rehab, striving to build a new life.

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Our Best Dressed Awards went to; Pam Roland from Sun City West, AZ and Jim Jenkins of Terre Haute, IN, both sporting very dapper outfits.

Special Thanks! A big thank you 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 2026 14th 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:

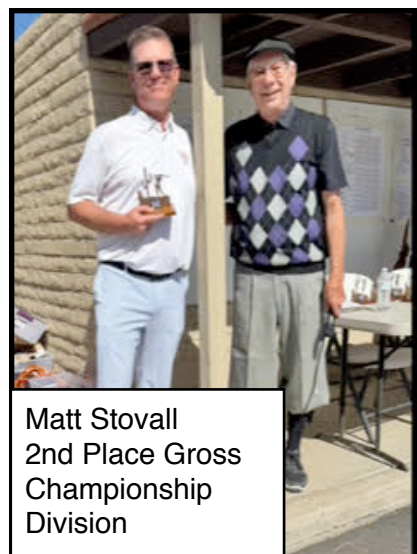
AZ Desert Hickory 2024 Gross / Net Scoreboard - Winners, Runner Up, 3rd

Name		Division	Day One	Day Two	Finish
Cliff Martin	Scottsdale, AZ	Championship	74 Gross	77 Gross	1st Place Overall Winner
Matt Stovall	Litchfield Park, AZ	Championship	79 Gross	78 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Mike Donaldson	Surprise, AZ	Championship	85/75 Net	85/76 Net	1st Place Net
Craig Spicer	Surprise, AZ	Championship	81/73 Net	86/79 Net	2nd Place Net
Bill "Ernie" Ernst	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	75 Gross	75 Gross	1st Place Winner
Rick Pruneau	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	80 Gross	74 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Mark Crawford	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	78 Gross	84 Gross	3rd Place
Mike Pedersen	Phoenix, AZ	Senior	85/72 Net	87/74 Net	1st Place Net
Eddie Johnson	Shoreline, WA	Senior	93/80 Net	82/69 Net	2nd Place Net
Greg Haffley	Goodyear, AZ	Senior	79/74 Net	84/78 Net	3rd Place Net
Troy Williams	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	82 Gross	89 Gross	1st Place Winner
Pat Kaus	Peoria, AZ	New To Hickory	97 Gross	88 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Fred Preston	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	99/77 Net	102/80 Net	1st Place Net
Mike Fruciano	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	103/88 Net	108/93 Net	2nd Place Net

Kent Potts	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	74 Gross	75 Gross	1st Place Winner
Galen Peterson	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	75 Gross	74 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up*
Ed Horvat	Sedona, AZ	Super Senior	77 Gross	75 Gross	3rd Place
Lyle Rowland	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	81/71 Net	86/75 Net	1st Place Net
Gary Smith	Cave Creek, AZ	Super Senior	77/73 Net	79/74 Net	2nd Place Net**
Ken Holtz	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	77/70 Net	84/77 Net	3rd Place Net
					* Score Card Playoff over Galen Peterson finishing in 2nd gross. ** Score Card Playoff over Ken Holtz finishing 3rd net.
Tad Moore	Selma, Alabama	Legends	85 Gross	86 Gross	1st Place Winner
Scott Miller	Cave Creek, AZ	Legends	84 Gross	88 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Dennis Scott	Auburn, WA	Legends	88/79 Net	85/76 Net	1st Place Net
Jack Delaney	Peoria, AZ	Legends	94/82 Net	88/76 Net	2nd Place Net*
					* Scorecard playoff over John Berggren, with Jack Delaney winning 2nd net.
Lorna Kenney	Sun City West, AZ	Ladies	82 Gross	94 Gross	1st Place Winner
Pam Roland	Sun City West, AZ	Ladies	96 Gross	101Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Jean Bradshaw	Louisville, KY	Ladies	93/75 Net	107/87 Net	1st Place Net
Celia Fitzgerald	Beaverton, ORZ	Ladies	105/90 Net	107/90 Net	2nd Place Net

AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos

Championship Division



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Mike Donalson
1st Place Net
Championship
Division



Craig Spicer
2nd Place Net
Championship
Division

Senior Division



Bill "Ernie" Ernst
1st Place Gross
Senior Division



Rick Pruneau
2nd Place Gross
Senior Division



Mark Crawford
3rd Place Gross
Senior Division

Senior Division



Mike Petersen
1st Place Net
Senior Division

Eddie Johnson
2nd Place Net
Senior Division

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Greg Haffley
3rd Place Net
Senior Division

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New to Hickory Division



Troy Williams
1st Place Gross
New To Hickory
Division



Pat Kaus
2nd Place Gross
New To Hickory
Division



Fred Preston
1st Place Net
New To Hickory
Division



Mike Fruciano
2nd Place Net
New To Hickory
Division

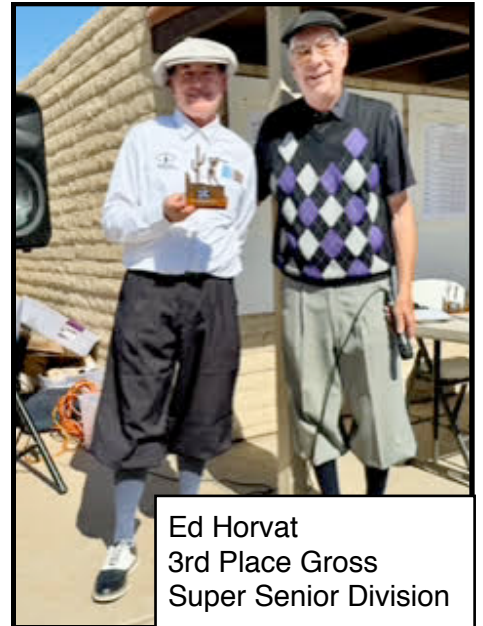
Super Senior Division



Kent Potts
1st Place Gross
Super Senior Division



Galen Peterson
2nd Place Gross
Super Senior Division



Ed Horvat
3rd Place Gross
Super Senior Division



Lyle Rowland
1st Place Net
Super Senior Division



Gary Smith
2nd Place Net
Super Senior Division

Ken Holtz
3rd Place Net
Super Senior Division

Standing Next to Gary Smith

Legends Division



Tad Moore
1st Place Gross
Legends Division



Scott Miller
2nd Place Gross
Legends Division



Dennis Scott
1st Place Net
Legends Division

Jack Delaney
2nd Place Net
Legends Division

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Ladies Division



Lorna Kenney
1st Place Gross
Ladies Division



Pam Rowland
2nd Place Gross
Ladies Division



Jean Bradshaw
1st Place Net
Ladies Division
Note: Accepting the Award
for Jean was Mike Kaus!

Celia Fitzgerald
2nd Place Net
Ladies Division

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Thank You to All of Our 2025 Tournament Players & Sponsors!