

Vintage Golf In Sun City West, Arizona

Playing pre-1935 hickory shafted golf clubs, 105 players celebrated the 14th Annual Arizona Desert Hickory in Sun City West. Dressed in knickers, argyle socks, woolen caps, and equipped with vintage equipment, they challenged Grandview & Pebblebrook Golf Courses in grand style over a two day competition.

February 28th & March 1st, provided beautiful weather with temperatures in the 80's for players from across the USA & Canada. Hickory golfers also included local players 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); Matt Stovall of Lufkin, TX was our overall Tournament Champion, shooting a fine 2 day performance of 78 / 75, and Scott Marsh of Phoenix, AZ, taking runner up position, shooting 78 / 77.

Our Senior Division (Age 60-69) from the Gold Tees, was won with an outstanding performance by, Rick Pruneau, from Sun City West, AZ. Rick shot a two day performance of

76 / 73. 2nd place was captured by Cliff Martin of Scottsdale, AZ shooting 76 / 74 and Steve Simer from Cave Creek, AZ, took 3rd place shooting 78 / 74.

The New To Hickory Division winner, from the Gold Tees, was Mike Winters from St. Charles, IL, shooting 83 / 80 and Runner Up was Bill Weitz of Phoenix, AZ scoring 83 / 84. 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, our winner was Ed Fitzgerald from Beaverton, OR shooting 75 / 79. Bert Coghill from Evan, GA, shooting 78 / 76, who tied Fitzgerald was awarded second place after a scorecard playoff. Don Jackson of Sun City West, AZ won 3rd place shooting 80 / 76.

The Legends Division (Age 78+) from the Red Tees, was won by Phil Belt, of Hot Springs Village, AR, shooting 81 / 78. Our Runner Up in the Legends division was Lyle Rowland of Sun City West, AZ shooting 84 / 76. Rowland won in a scorecard playoff over Gary Smith from Cave Creek, AZ recording 80 / 80.

The Ladies Division from the Green Tees, produced some spectacular performances. Our winner was Sue Tracy of Star, Idaho shooting 79 / 82 and our Runner Up, from Galesburg, IL was Mary Burgland scoring 87 / 91.

Additional Highlights!

Our Best Dressed Awards went to; Roberta Robbins from Kenmorg, WA and Ron Wright of Williston, ND, both sporting very dapper outfits.

Entertainment at this year's hospitality was provided by Byron Brothers, as our hospitality DJ, with both dancing and song!



Special Charity Results:

Sandy Guerard from Sun City West, AZ organized; a Ladies' 9 Hole Hickory Scramble, with the goal of having lot's of fun and raising funds for a very special charity. Twenty-four ladies dressed up and had fun playing hickory golf at Echo Mesa Golf Course.



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 2027 15th 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 please go to the Society of Hickory Golfers, www.hickorygolfers.com

Please See the Tournament Score Board for Performances of
Gross/Net Winners & Runner Ups Below!

AZ Desert Hickory 2026 Gross / Net Scoreboard - Winners, Runner Up, 3rd

Name		Division	Day One	Day Two	Finish
Matt Stovall	Lufkin, TX	Championship	78 Gross	75 Gross	1st Place Overall Winner
Scott Marsh	Phoenix, AZ	Championship	78 Gross	77 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
A J Peru	Phoenix, AZ	Championship	80/76 Net	77/74 Net	1st Place Net
Pat Kaus	Peoria, AZ	Championship	97/80 Net	86/71 Net	2nd Place Net
Rick Pruneau	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	76 Gross	73 Gross	1st Place Winner
Cliff Martin	Scottsdale, AZ	Senior	76 Gross	74 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Steve Simer	Cave Creek, AZ	Senior	78 Gross	74 Gross	3rd Place
Kevin Derks	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	78/68 Net	81/71 Net	1st Place Net
Bruce Rashke	Cave Creek, AZ	Senior	91/69 Net	97/75 Net	2nd Place Net
Martin Pool	Kenmorg, WA	Senior	83/72 Net	86/76 Net	3rd Place Net
Mike Winters	St. Charles, IL	New To Hickory	83 Gross	80 Gross	1st Place Winner
Bill Weitz	Phoenix, AZ	New To Hickory	83 Gross	84 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Neil Mccoy	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	92/79 Net	95/82 Net	1st Place Net
Bob Bastian	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	90/81 Net	93/84 Net	2nd Place Net

Ed Fitzgerald	Beaverton, OR	Super Senior	75 Gross	79 Gross	1st Place Winner*
Burt Coghill	Evans, GA	Super Senior	78 Gross	76 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Don Jackson	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	80 Gross	76 Gross	3rd Place
Michael Magbuhat	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	86/71 Net	81/66 Net	1st Place Net
Gary Tamiette	Cave Creek, AZ	Super Senior	77/73 Net	79/74 Net	2nd Place Net
Jack Kielkucki	Cave Creek, AZ	Super Senior	89/72 Net	87/71 Net	3rd Place Net
					* Score Card Playoff over Burt Coghill finishing in 2nd gross.
Phil Belt	Hot Springs Village, AR	Legends	81 Gross	78 Gross	1st Place Winner
Lyle Rowland	Sun City West, AZ	Legends	84 Gross	76 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up*
Mike Kaus	Cave Creek, AZ	Legends	87/71 Net	81/75 Net	1st Place Net
Tad Moore	Selma, AL	Legends	86/70 Net	90/74 Net	2nd Place Net
					* Scorecard playoff over Gary Smith
Sue Tracy	Star, Idaho	Ladies	79 Gross	82 Gross	1st Place Winner
Mary Burgland	Galesburg, IL	Ladies	87 Gross	91 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up
Roberta Robbins	Kenmorg, WA	Ladies	107/84 Net	101/76 Net	1st Place Net
Celia Fitzgerald	Beaverton, OR	Ladies	93/75 Net	107/87 Net	2nd Place Net

AZ Desert Hickory 2026 Awards & Photos

Follow Below!

Championship Division



Matt Stovall
1st Place Gross
Championship
Division



Scott Marsh
2nd Place Gross
Championship
Division



A J Peru
1st Place Net
Championship
Division



Pat Kaus
2nd Place Net
Championship
Division

Senior Division



Rick Pruneau
1st Place Gross
Senior Division



Cliff Martin
2nd Place Gross
Senior Division



Steve Simer
3rd Place Gross
Senior Division



Kevin Derks
1st Place Net
Senior Division



Bruce Raske
2nd Place Net
Senior Division

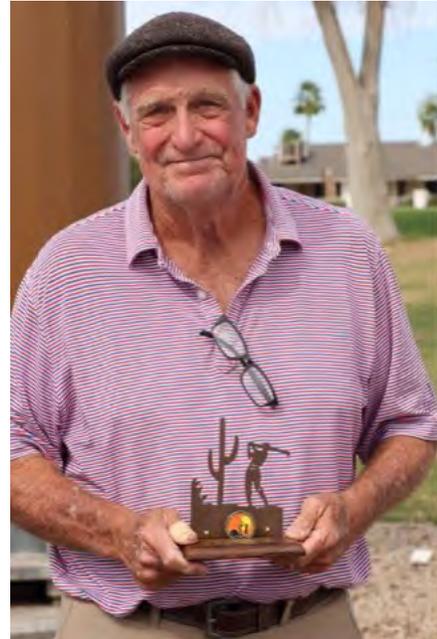


Martin Pool
3rd Place Net
Senior Division

New to Hickory Division



Mike Winters
1st Place Gross
New To Hickory
Division



Bill Weitz
2nd Place Gross
New To Hickory
Division



Neil Mccoy
1st Place Net
New To Hickory
Division



Bob Bastian
2nd Place Net
New To Hickory
Division

Super Senior Division



Ed Fitzgerald
1st Place Gross
Super Senior Division



Burt Coghill
2nd Place Gross
Super Senior Division



Don Jackson
3rd Place Gross
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Michael Magbuhat
1st Place Net
Super Senior Division



Gary Tamiette
2nd Place Net
Super Senior Division

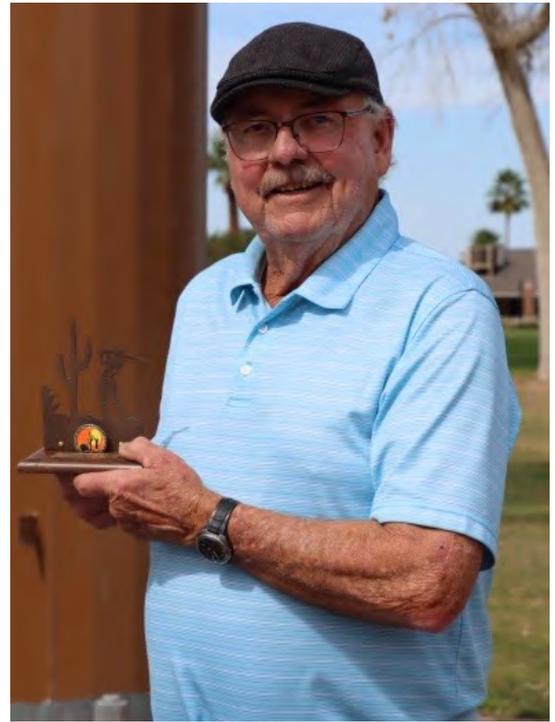


Jack Kielkucki
3rd Place Net
Super Senior Division

Legends Division



Phil Belt
1st Place Gross
Legends Division



Lyle Rowland
2nd Place Gross
Legends Division



Mike Kaus (Center)
1st Place Net
Legends Division



Tad Moore
2nd Place Net
Legends Division

Ladies Division



Sue Tracy
1st Place Gross
Ladies Division



Mary Burgland
2nd Place Gross
Ladies Division



Roberta Robbins
1st Place Net
Ladies Division



Celia Fitzgerald
2nd Place Net
Ladies Division

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