Preserving the Traditions ... of Golf

Playing pre-1935 hickory shafted clubs, 98 players celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the 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.



On 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 and a Division of Lady Players.

The weather was outstanding and complimented the excellent course conditions. A top player from the Scottsdale area, remarked "these are the best greens in the Southwest Valley". 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, weather, prizes and fun.

The scoring provided some spectacular performances. In the Championship Division; Mark Timms of Scottsdale, AZ was our overall Tournament Champion, shooting a fine 2 day performance of 77 / 72, and Matt Stovall of Litchfield Park, AZ took 2nd, posting 76 / 74. And 3rd won by John Kienle, Rio Rancho, NM with 80 / 73.

Our Senior division winner was won by our very own, Bill "Ernie" Enrst from Sun City West, AZ shooting 79 on the first day and 78 on day two. Ernie won in a score card playoff against Burt Coghill of Orland Park, IL., shooting 78 / 79 and receiving our runner up award. 3rd place was secured by Bill Geisler of Winter Springs, FL. recording a fine 75 / 84.

The New To Hickory Division winner was Jack Fandl, from Sun City West, AZ with 80 / 81 and the New To Hickory Runner Up was Greg Haffley of Pebblecreek, AZ with 89 / 92. Both of these players have only played hickory a few times before the competition but produced fine results.

The Super Senior Division was won by Ken Holtz of Sun City West, AZ with 79 / 74, in a score card playoff against our 2021 Winner, Tom Tracey of Star, Idaho. Tom received our Runner Up award. 3rd Place was awarded to Jimmy Griffen of Sun City West, AZ recording a performance of 80 / 79.

The Ladies Division produced some spectacular performances. Our winner was Rylee Stovall of Litchfield Park, AZ shooting 79 / 76 and represented a repeat win for Rylee, since her win in 2021. Our Runner Up was Susan Tracy of Star, Idaho with 82 / 85.

Please see the Tournament Score Board & Photos for list of all competitor performances and our Net Winners & Runner Ups.



Additional Highlights!

Our Best Dressed Awards went to; Mary Burgland from Galesburg, IL wearing a beautiful vintage outfit and Craig Healy of Sun City West, AZ, sporting a dapper outfit of a gentleman golfer.

The 2022 "Hickory Humanitarian Award"; was presented to John Henry Williams for his significant contributions the game of golf through his direct help the thousands of players. Congrats to John!

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 2023 11th 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

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

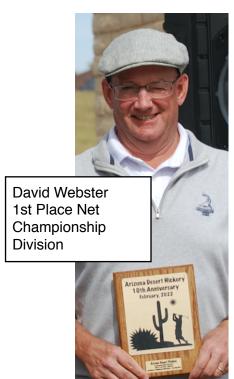
Name		Division	Day One	Day Two	Finish		
Mark Timms	Scottsdale, AZ	Championship	77 Gross	72 Gross	1st Place Winner		
Matt Stovall	Litchfield Park, AZ	Championship	76 Gross	74 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up		
John Kienle	Rio Rancho, NM	Championship	80 Gross	73 Gross	3rd Place		
David Webster	Winter Park, FL	Championship	84/73 Net	75/66 Net	1st Place Net		
Andrew Robertson	Phoenix, AZ	Championship	74/68 Net	80/75 Net	2nd Place Net		
Cliff Martin	Scottsdale, AZ	Championship	79/75 Net	82/66 Net	3rd Place Net		
Bill "Ernie" Ernst	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	79 Gross	78 Gross	1st Place Winner*		
Burt Coghill	Orland Park, IL	Senior	78 Gross	79 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up		
Bill Geisler	Winter Springs, FL	Senior	75 Gross 84 Gross		3rd Place		
Ed Horvatt	Sedona, AZ	Senior	82/76 Net 77/71 Net		1st Place Net		
Dave Culberson	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	88/75 Net	86/73 Net	2nd Place Net		
Don Jackson	Sun City West, AZ	Senior	83/76 Net 80/73 Net		3rd Place Net**		

Name		Division	Day One	Day Two	Finish			
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Jack Fandl	Sun City West, AZ	New To Hickory	80 Gross	81 Gross	1st Place Winner			
Greg Haffley	Pebblecreek, AZ	New To Hickory	89 Gross	92 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up			
Jason Hamilton	Laveen, AZ	New To Hickory	97/83 Net	94/81 Net	1st Place Net***			
Mark Carter	New River, AZ	New To Hickory	96/84Net	92/80 Net	2nd Place Net			
					***Scorecard playoff over Mark Carter finishing 2nd Net.			
Ken Holtz	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	79 Gross	74 Gross	1st Place Winner****			
Tom Tracy	Star, Idaho	Super Senior	76 Gross	77 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up			
Jimmy Griffen	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	80 Gross	79 Gross	3rd Place			
Lyle Rowland	Sun City West, AZ	Super Senior	83/72 Net	82/71 Net	1st Place Net			
Les Adams	Scottsdale, AZ	Super Senior	86/75Net	81/70 Net	2nd Place Net****			
Jim Duffus	Goodyear, AZ	Super Senior	85/74 Net	82/71 Net	3rd Place Net			
					**** Scorecard playoff over Tom Tracy 2nd Gross. *****Scorecard playoff over Jim Duffus 3rd Net.			
Rylee Stovall	Litchfield Park, AZ	Ladies	79 Gross	76 Gross	1st Place Winner			
Susan Tracy	Star, Idaho	Ladies	82 Gross	85 Gross	2nd Place Runner Up			
Mary Burgland	Galesburg, IL	Ladies	95/82 Net	92/78 Net	1st Place Net			
Jean Bradshaw	Cave Creek, AZ	Ladies	99782 Net	96/79Net	2nd Place Net			

AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos Championship Division Gross & Net



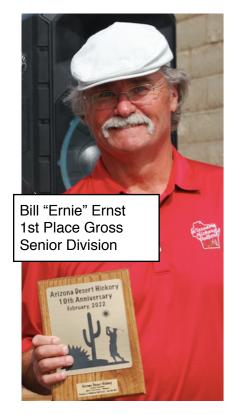




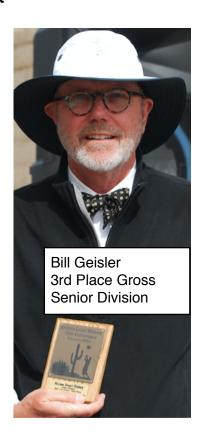


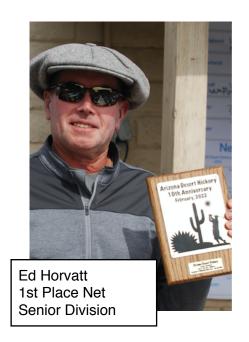


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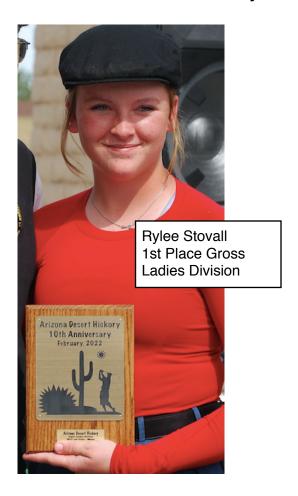








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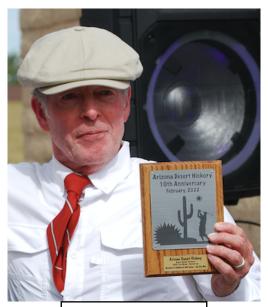




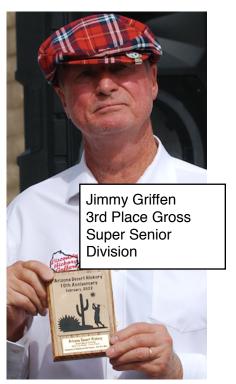


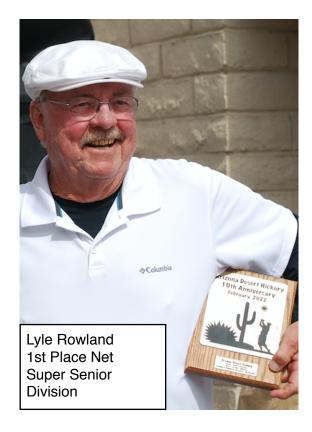
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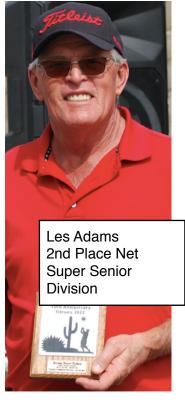


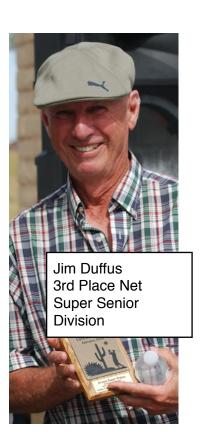


Tom Tracy 2nd Place Gross Super Senior Division









AZ Desert Hickory Awards & Photos - New To Hickory Division





Greg Haffley 2nd Place Gross New To Hickory Division



Mark Carter 2nd Place Net New To Hickory Division

Willie Noble "Hickory Humanitarian" Award



AZ Desert Hickory Best Dressed Awards





Tournament Scoreboards





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