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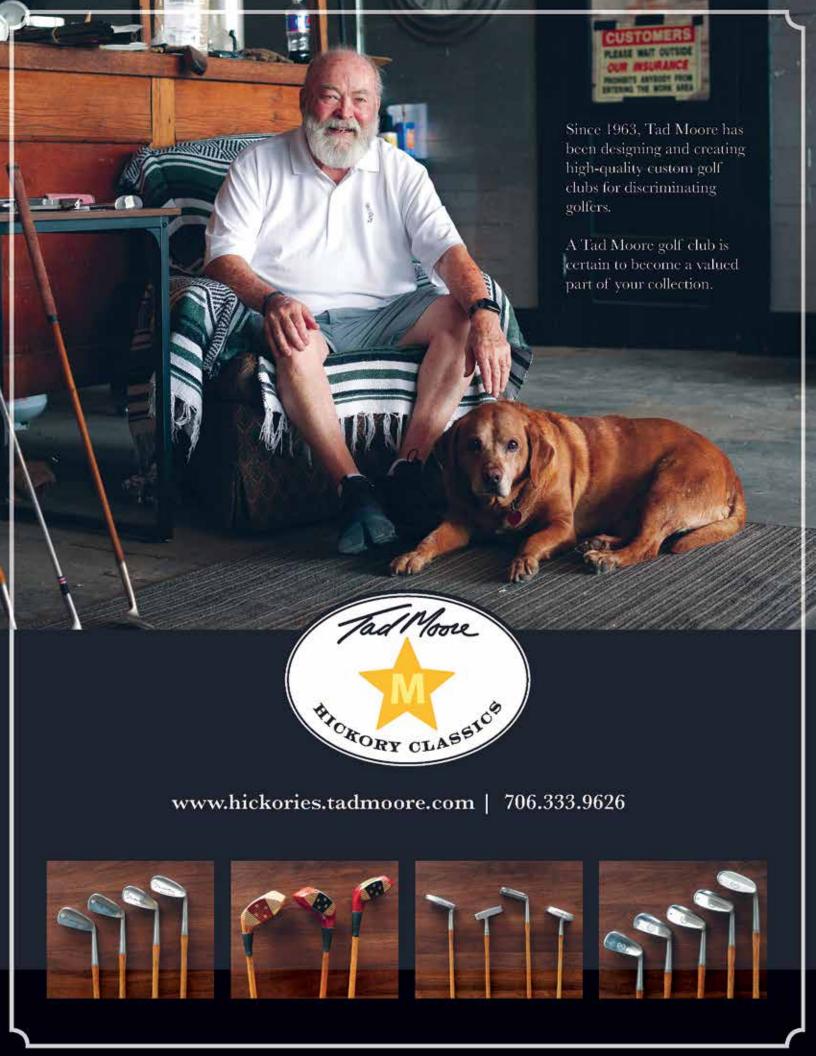


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To the heart of the Midwest and the Kenosha Country Club for the Seventeenth U.S. Hickory Open



The members and staff of Kenosha CC, and the members of the Wisconsin Hickory Golfers hope you enjoy your trip to Wisconsin.

The Kenosha CC, designed by Donald Ross and opened in 1921, should present an enjoyable challenge for all players. This is a golden opportunity to play hickory golf at a course designed for the game at the height and splendor of the hickory era.

We thank the members and staff of Kenosha CC for allowing the Society to hold its most prestigious event at this location. Many years of research and effort have gone into restoring this masterpiece of a golf course. Thank you for traveling to help us celebrate. We are sure you will enjoy the subtle beauty of Ross' design as well as its challenges.

A special thank you to the Uihlein Family, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism and the members of the Wisconsin Hickory Golfers for their support of hickory golf and this, the 17th U.S. Hickory Open of the Society of Hickory Golfers.

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Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 8

Practice Round Day*

Lunch on your own before you arrive.

11:30-8 p.m.

Registration

Noon-3 p.m.

Practice Rounds. Tee times.

Noon-8 p.m.

Welcome Cocktail Party, light hors d'oeuvres – Kenosha Clubhouse.

Trade Show – Kenosha Clubhouse Donald Ross Room

Monday, Sept. 9 Opening Round

10 a.m.

Breakfast on your own. Practice Facilities Open

11:30 a.m.

Shotgun start.

Box lunch and beer/soft drinks at turn.

Outdoor patio.

5-7 p.m.

Cocktail hour, cash bar. Trade Show. Kenosha Clubhouse.

7 p.m.

Dinner.

Business casual, jackets encouraged for men. Kenosha Clubhouse.

Tuesday, Sept. 10 Closing Round

8 a.m.

Breakfast on your own. Practice Facilities Open

10:30 a.m.

Shotgun start
Box lunch and beer/soft drinks at turn.
Outdoor patio.

Closing Ceremony and Awards Following Golf

Cash bar, patio area. (Menu available for food.)

* Entry fee includes unlimited use of locker rooms and practice facilities.

The schedule is subject to change.





Welcome 2024 USHO Players from the Kenosha CC Golf Staff

As the Head Golf Professional at Kenosha Country Club, I am thrilled that we will be hosting the prestigious 2024 U.S. Hickory Open, an event that resonates deeply with the tradition and history of golf. This is a momentous occasion for our club, and I am eager to welcome competitors and enthusiasts from across the country to experience the unique charm of hickory golf on our storied course.

Kenosha Country Club, with its classic design and rich history dating back to 1896, is the perfect setting for an event that celebrates the heritage of the game. Our course, built in 1922, designed by the renowned architect Donald Ross, offers a timeless challenge that is perfectly suited to the authentic experience of playing with hickory-shafted clubs. It's an honor to see our greens and fairways echo the past, providing a genuine glimpse into the early days of golf.

The U.S. Hickory Open is more than just a tournament; it's a celebration of golf's traditions and the camaraderie that defines our sport. The Society of Hickory Golfers has done an exceptional job preserving and promoting the game as it was played in the early 20th century, and we are proud to partner with them in this endeavor. Their dedication to authenticity, from attire to equipment, brings a unique spirit to the competition that is both educational and incredibly enjoyable.

For our members and local community, this event is an opportunity to witness the elegance and skill of hickory golf first-hand. It's an opportunity to see how the game was originally played, appreciating the craftsmanship of vintage clubs and the finesse required to play them. The tournament will also be a fantastic showcase of the beautiful setting and challenging layout that Kenosha Country Club offers.

As we prepare to host the 2024 U.S. Hickory Open, I encourage everyone to join us in celebrating this special event. Whether you're a seasoned golfer, a fan of the game's history, or simply curious about this unique form of golf, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming all participants and spectators to Kenosha Country Club and to making this event a memorable chapter in our club's rich history.

Sincerely, Eric Malone Head Golf Professional Kenosha Country Club



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We would like to thank all the attendees and the Membership and Staff of Kenosha Country Club for making this event possible. To all the sponsors and volunteers of the Society of Hickory Golfers, especially the Uihlein Family and the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, we would like to say Thank You for your support of Hickory Golf.



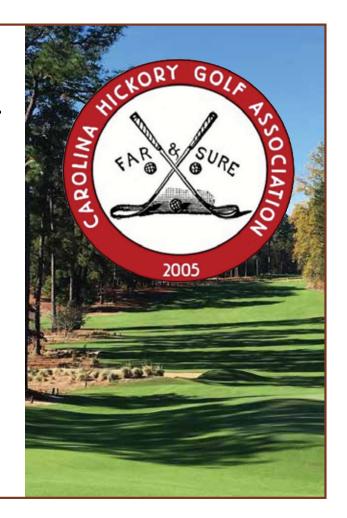




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Wisconsin's Kenosha Country Club

A storied legacy of golf excellence

BY GREGG THOMPSON

pike's river meanders through the fairway fronting the 12th green at Kenosha Country Club. The course is one of the few Donald Ross courses that have come through the years largely untouched. But restoration efforts in recent years have brought even more of the architect's original vision and routing into play.

ounded in 1896 as a golf club Γ on Kenosha's south lakeshore of Lake Michigan, Kenosha Country Club has a rich history that spans over a century. From its humble beginnings to its current location on the northeast side of Kenosha County, the club has evolved into a premier golf destination in Wisconsin. With an esteemed Donald Ross-designed championship layout, Kenosha Country Club has earned a reputation as one of the finest courses in the state. This article delves into the captivating history of Kenosha Country Club, highlighting its growth, architectural significance, and the recent efforts to preserve and enhance its esteemed heritage.

A New Home and Architectural Brilliance

As Kenosha experienced growth, so did the country club. In 1920, the club relocated to its present location after acquiring three farms totaling 175 acres for \$30,000. The purchase marked a significant milestone in the club's history, as it set the stage for a remarkable transformation. During this transition, the club enlisted the services of Donald J. Ross, one of the world's premier golf course architects. Ross, known for his meticulous attention to detail and



strategic designs, spent seven days in Kenosha in September 1920, staying at The Elks Club (now restored and renamed The Stella, it is the host hotel for the 2024 USHO).



EARLY GOLFERS at Kenosha Country Club. The gentleman on the far left is seated on his bicycle.

Ross returned in March 1921, accompanied by Walter Hatch, to lay out the holes and greens of the new course. William West, a foreman for Ross and Hatch, supervised the construction process, which cost \$60,000. The clubhouse, built at a cost of \$50,000, symbolized the club's commitment to provide an exceptional golfing experience for its members. In April 1922, Kenosha Country Club opened its doors, welcoming golf enthusiasts to experience the brilliance of Ross's design.

Donald Ross's Enduring Legacy Kenosha Country Club holds a

special distinction among Donald Ross courses in the United States. Unlike many other courses that have been altered over time by members or other architects, Kenosha Country Club has

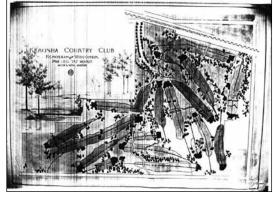
remained remarkably true to Ross's original vision. This preservation of Ross's design has contributed to its recognition as one of the most authentic expressions of his work in the Midwest. The course's architectural integrity has captivated golfers and architectural enthusiasts alike, solidifying its reputation as a hidden gem and a great challenge to the game of hickory golf.

The Architectural Marvels of Kenosha Country Club

Ross masterfully utilized the natural landscape and features of Kenosha Country Club to create a challenging and visually stunning layout. The course, situated on a picturesque terrain with a creek and valley plateaus, provided Ross with abundant opportunities to showcase his design prowess. One notable aspect of Kenosha Country Club is the exceptional quality of its original Ross greens. Testament to Ross's hands-on approach during the construction process, these greens are considered among the best of his original creations.

A Modern Revitalization Effort

In recent years, Kenosha Country Club has embarked on a strategic revitalization effort to restore and update Ross's work,



ORIGINAL ROUTING PLAN of Kenosha Country Club.

ensuring its continued legacy. Golf course architect Drew Rogers and his team became engaged with the club in 2014, working closely with superintendents Paul Bastron, Harrison Beal, and the club's leadership, to carefully recover and enhance Ross's design elements. The restoration process has been meticulous, guided by Ross's original vision, photos, and drawings to recapture the course's features and lines. One of many significant achievements was reclaiming over an acre of original green surfaces that had shrunk over the decades. These features made Kenosha CC an easy choice to host the 2024 USHO.

The Future of Kenosha Country Club

As the revitalization effort progresses, Kenosha Country Club is gradually reclaiming its position as one of the most authentic and pleasurable examples of Donald Ross's work in the Midwest. With its exquisite green surfaces, strategic playing angles, and the careful restoration of its bunkering, the club is poised to elevate its status among golf enthusiasts. The increased awareness and growing reputation of Kenosha Country Club are a testament to the

commitment to preserve and celebrate its storied history. Kenosha Country Club stands as a testament to the endur-

ing legacy of Donald Ross's architectural brilliance. From its origins as a small lakeshore golf club to its esteemed position as one of Wisconsin's finest courses, the club's journey has been marked by a dedication to excellence. As Kenosha Country Club celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2022, it is a time to reflect on the remarkable contributions of Donald Ross and the ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance this architectural gem. With its rich history, exceptional design, and commitment to maintaining its authenticity, Kenosha Country Club continues to captivate golfers and ensure a memorable experience for generations to come. ~



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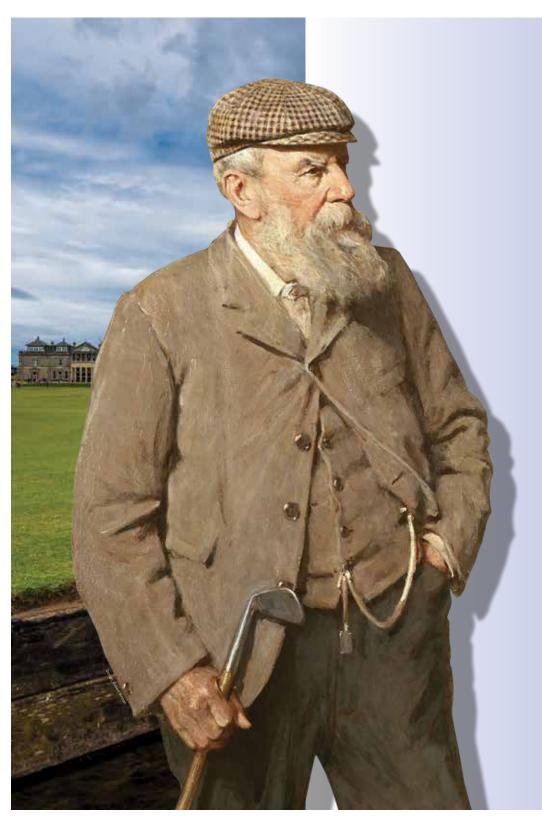
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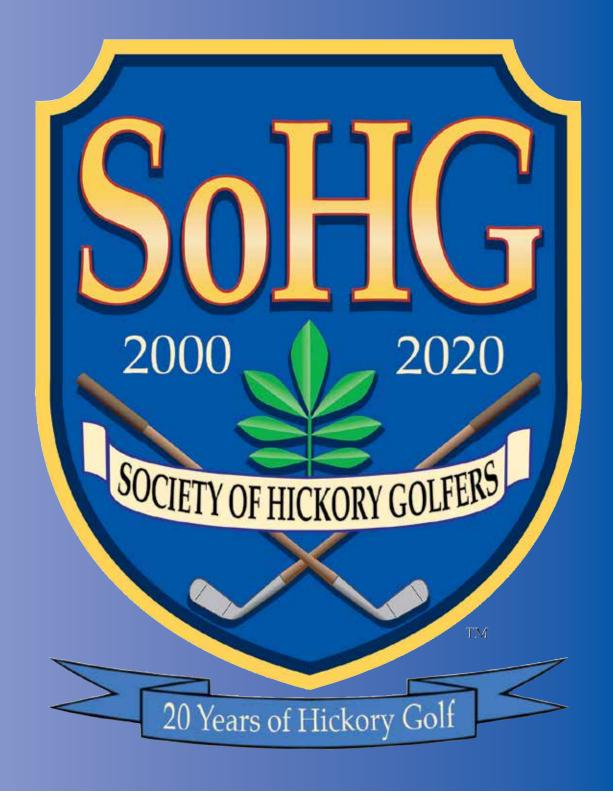
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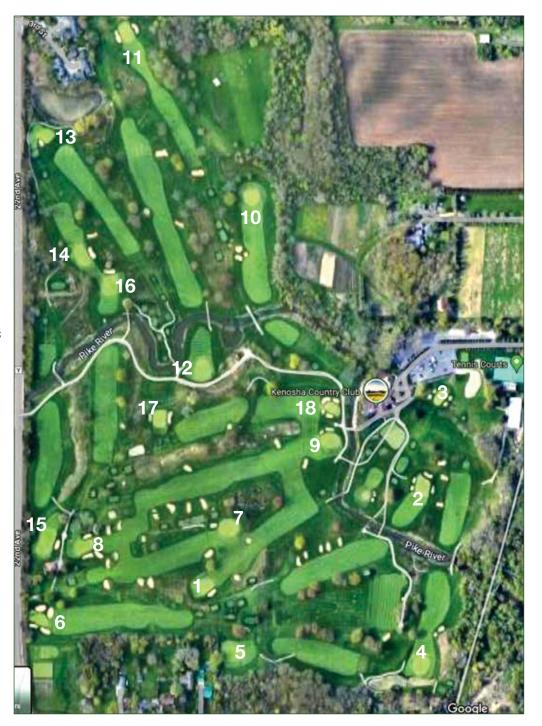
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Ross-designed Kenosha CC has challenges for all skill levels

The following tips for playing the course were kindly offered by one who knows it well – Eric Malone, head golf professional. The map at right was reproduced from Google Maps. The holes are marked in white as near as possible to their green sites.

Local Rules:

- Driving range is in play (on either sides of Holes 2 and 3).
- While on 15, you may not play down 16 fairway. If you go left down 16, you must take a drop in the drop circle that is just on the other side of the bridge/river with a one-stroke penalty.
- Free relief if you are within two club lengths of a sprinkler head and the sprinkler head is within two club lengths of the green
- Native fescue areas should be played as lateral hazard.



A little local knowledge...

No. 1 – The left side of the fairway gives you the best view of the pin; the right side of fairway is totally blind.

No. 2 – Off the tee, make sure you're short of the water, the Pike River, which comes in diagonally from the left.

No. 5 - If you lay back you'll have a clear view of the pin, but if you push up closer to hill, the shot is blind. All along the left side is, well, trouble.

No. 7 – There is a big bank on the left side of the green that will kick balls to the right.

No. 9 – The best line from the white tees is the right side/edge of the clubhouse.

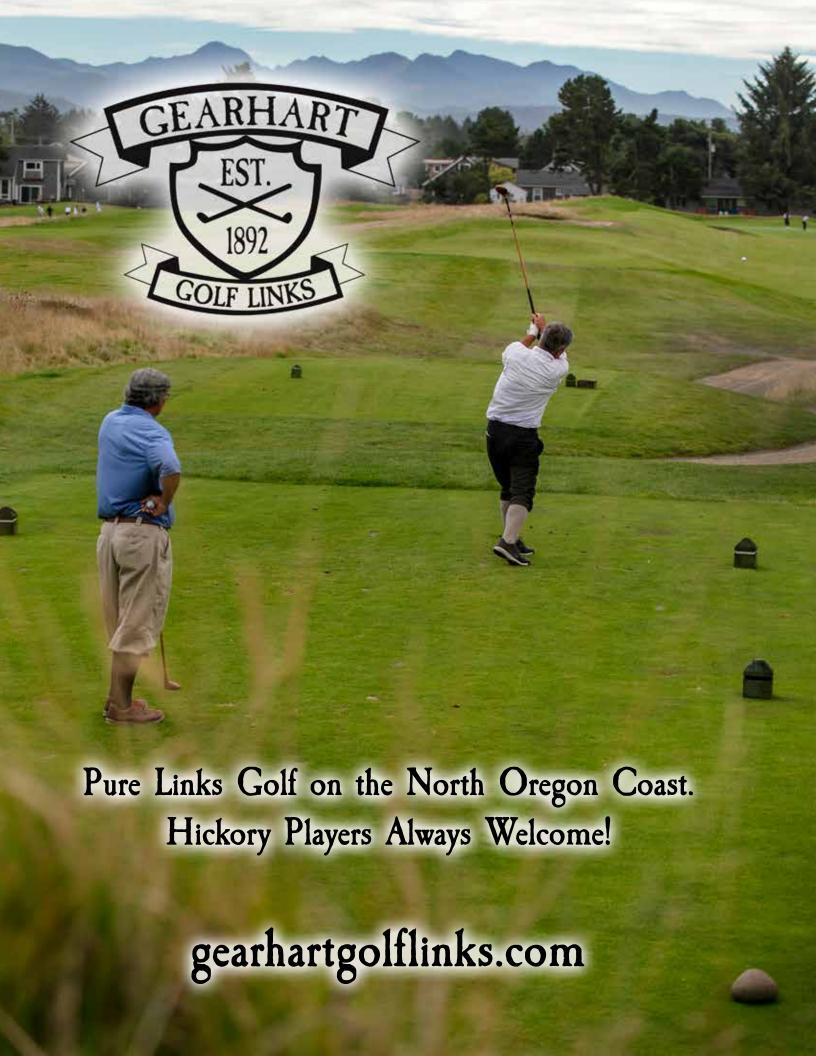
No. 10 – This is a sharp dogleg right. The hole opens up to the right, after crossing the river, but you must avoid trees on the right side. It is 190 yards to carry the river from the white tees. Yes, it's a tester.

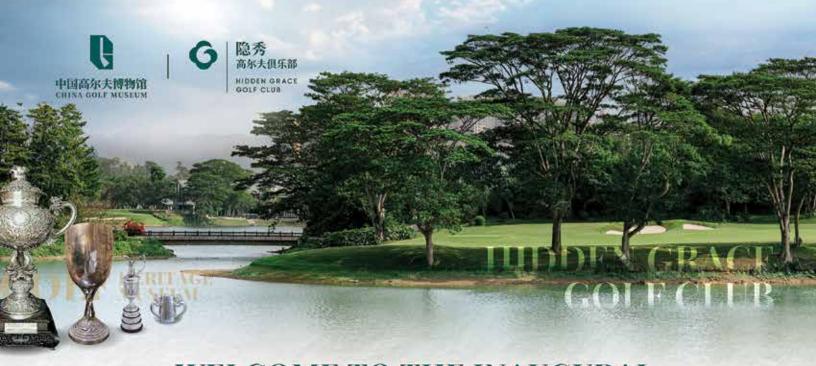
No. 16 – This opens up to the left. On the tee, aim at the green. The river crosses the fairway 100 yards from the green, as with No. 2, diagonally from the left.

No. 18 – Depending on your tee distance, the ideal line is left of the bunker or directly over the left side of it.

Hickory players will do well at Kenosha, a course designed in the golden age of golf architecture. Mind your game and stay focused on the shot at hand. Do this and you will enjoy your round and take the course at its best. &







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1 Jay Harris ∼	151	Senior Open		2 Terry Pemberton	141*	1 Lachlan McCarthy	116
2 Randy Jensen	157	1 Max Hollon	158	Super Senior		2 Ryan McCarthy	126
Reserve		2 Terry Howarth	160	1 Michael Shiff	152	3 Max McCarthy	184
1 Paul Dietz	136	Senior Reserve		2 Rusty Wells	162		
2 Joe Guerard	145	1 John Greene	131	Super Senior Reserve		2018 Sedgefield CC	
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Senior Reserve		2 Jeffrey Blomstedt	155*	1 Sally Shiff	242	Open	
1 Mike Just	138	Senior Reserve				1 Rick Woekener ~	153
2 Tom Ochs	140	1 Paul Dietz	127	2017 Del Monte GC		2 Peter Flory	154
****		2 Terry Pemberton	131	Monterey, Calif.		Reserve	
2011 Donald Ross Cou	rse	Super Senior	4 6 6 1	Open		1 Ray DeRoche	142
French Lick, Ind.		1 Hamp Munsey	166*	1 Nico Bollini ~	153*	2 Jeff Hunt	143
Open	1.50	2 Ed Woeckener	166	2 Cliff Martin	153	Senior Open	1.50
1 Alan Grieve ~	150	Super Senior Reserve	104	Reserve		1 Wm 'Ernie' Ernst	159
2 Rick Woeckener	155	1 Hugh Menzies	124	1 Skip Platt	145*	2 Bill Geisler	162
Reserve	1.4.4	2 Mike Korstange	128	2 John Lavendoski	145	Senior Reserve	126
1 Doug Floyd	144	Ladies	150	Senior Open		1 A. Gary Trapani	136
2 Brian Schuman	145	1 Barb Kopec	179	1 Jim von Lossow	159	2 Todd Stevenson	139
Senior Open	1.65	2 Karen Vagley	197	2 Mike Harding	160	Super Senior Open	1.50
1 Mike Just	167	4045351 13731 64	~	Senior Reserve		1 Michael Shiff	158
2 Max Hollon	169	2015 Miami Valley CO	<i>)</i>	1 Bob Georgiade	133	2 Larry Woods	160
Senior Reserve	122	Dayton, Ohio		2 Steve Viskochil	136	Super Senior Reserve	122
1 John Greene	132	Open	1.40	Super Senior		1 James Hollon	133
2 Paul Dietz	134	1 Jeremy Moe	143	1 Richard Bullock	168	2 Hamp Munsey	139
****		2 Cliff Martin ~	150	2 John Berggren	170	Ladies Open	400
2012 Donald Ross Cou	irse	Reserve	120	Super Senior Reserve		1 Kate Tomkinson	180
French Lick, Ind.		1 Devin Harmala	138	1 Ray Tokareff	140	2 Donna Kuhn	188
Open	1.40	2 Andy Just	139	2 Buck Barrie	148	Ladies Reserve	1.50
1 Tony Smarrelli** ~		Senior Open	1 47	Ladies Open		1 Mary Jean Esselman	
2 Ben Hollerbach	149	1 Tony Smarrelli	147	1 Roberta Robbins	203	2 Sue Hays	162
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2020 Happy Hollow Club		
Omaha, Neb.		
Open		
1 Taylor Jones	153	
2 Mike Antonio	157	
Reserve		
1 Tim Cooley*	147	
2 Rick Woeckener ~	147	
Senior Open		
1 Steve Simer*	157	
2 Gary Youngberg	157	
Senior Reserve		
1 John Williams	137	
2 Eric Becker	143	
Super Senior Open		
1 Deal Hudson	167	
2 Michael Kaus	174	
Super Senior Reserve		
1 Craig Healy*	147	
2 Greg Smith	147	
Ladies Open		
1 Susan Marchese	166	
Ladies Reserve		
1 Pat Linson	148	

2021 Gearhart Golf Links Gearhart, Ore. *Open*

Open	
1 Andrew Von Loss	sow ~ 146
2 Joe Johnson	151

Reserve	
1 Matt Seban	136
2 Riley Wong	139
Senior Open	
1 Mark Keating	148
2 Jim Von Lossow	158
Senior Reserve	
1 Wm 'Ernie' Ernst	141
2 Richard Schmidt	146
Super Senior Open	
1 John Willbanks	148
2 Wedgy Winchester	161
Super Senior Reserve	
1 Robert Jacobson	150
2 James Griffin	151
Ladies Open	
1 Chelsea Guenette	175
Ladies Reserve	
1 Sandy Bucher	185

2022 Mission Inn Resort El Campeon Course Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. Open

1 James Ciganek ~	157
2 Joey Piatek	164
Reserve	
1 Scott Staudacher	144
2 Joe Hollerbach	145

Senior Open	
1 Steve Simer	165
2 Ted Kopec	167
Senior Reserve	
1 Carlos Debarros	131
2 Doug Gelbert	146
Super Senior Open	
1 Larry Woods	149
2 Gary Krupkin	158
Super Senior Reserve	
1 Calvin Whitman	133
2 Joe Bradshaw	138
Ladies Open	
1 Rylee Stovall	155
2 Bailey Weigandt	168
Ladies Reserve	
1 Barb Kopec	131
2 BJ Hayden	140

2023 Inwood Country Club Inwood, N.Y.

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2 Hugh Cameron	155
Senior Reserve	
1 Michael O'Donnnell	125
2 Richard Schmidt	136
Super Senior Open	
1 David Brown	166
2 Ron Perlman	178
Super Senior Reserve	
1 Steve Alger	139
2 Bill Martin	140
Ladies Open	
1 Jane Pohlman	162
2 Rylee Stovall	163
Ladies Reserve	
1 BJ Hayden	140

- * playoff
- **one-hole playoff
- ~ John Fischer Low Amateur Award



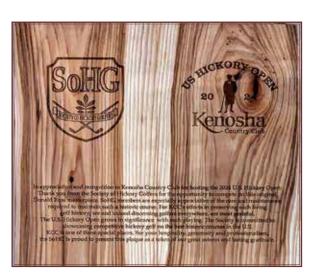
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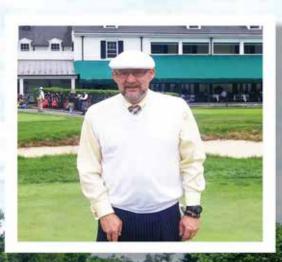
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