

The 2016 CA Hickory “North-South” went off without a hitch. It is hard to believe that this was the fifth year of this annual event. 36 contestants braved the blue skies and mid 60’s temps in Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula. For those from the area or travel to know how rare blue sky is in the mornings. Pacific Grove Golf Links was up for the challenge of the great weather with terrific course conditions. The greens rolled true, the fairways green and lush, and the winds off of the Pacific were par for the course.



Saturday began bright and early with a group picture and first tee times starting at 7:40AM.

Round #1 is always interesting because each player plays their ball tee to cup, but is also paired with a partner in team match play. The field was divided into 18 North players, and 18 South. Unlike the first four years of the matches where the South team had won the big goose egg, they finally came through strong winning the matches by a 17 ½ to 9 ½ margin. Closest to the pin winners were Lyle Rowland (#10 at 4ft. 8 in.) and Jack Wilson (#17 at 7ft. 2 in.). Doug Richards performed his best on the tough 14th, 15th, and 16th holes to claim the Bogey award. Some good scores showed up too with three below 80, and a handful in the low 80’s.



After the trunk trade show the group headed over to Kris & Sylvia Surano’s home in Pacific Grove Saturday evening for the event social. Great food, drink, and company were on hand at this wonderful 1898 Victorian home. Socializing, pictures, great tasting beverages, stories and so on went on for hours.



Above: Some of the victorious South Team

Above: The Surano home. Time for fun!



Above: Mom and baby walk the fairway.

Closest to the pin winners of round #2 were Robb Stuart (#10 at 17ft. 1 in.) and Larry Sonnenberg (#17 at 7ft. 11in.).

Great play Ladies Division! :

Donna Richmond took the Gold. 2nd place Pam Rowland, 3rd place Susan Bradrick.

Bobby Jones Division:

John Sweeney 3rd Net, Steve Richmond 2nd Net, and Kurt Olsen 1st place Net. Rob Ahlschwede took 3rd Gross, Jack Wilson 2nd Gross, and Jim Clawson 1st place Gross. Great consistent play Jim!

Francis Ouimet Division:

Chuck McCollum 3rd Net, Dan Vordale 2nd Net, and Dana Niehaus finished first place Net. 2012 champion Kris Surano battling a bad knee still managed to finish 3rd place gross, and Robb Stuart from New Mexico and new to hickory had a great showing as a rookie shooting a 78 and 83 for a two day total 161 in his first ever hickory event. Well played Robb.



Above: Brian Malison putts for Bucks



While the hickory golfers were finishing their rounds on the links side back 9, the players better halves were taking part in the St. Andrews ladies putting green contest (Pacific Grove Chapter).

I have a feeling this was more entertaining (and pleasing to the eye) to watch than the golf on Sunday!

We look forward to seeing many more hickory golfers in Monterey in July 2017 (July 10-12) for the US Hickory Open at the historic 1897 Del Monte GC in Monterey, CA.

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North vs. South Match		Front	Back	Match	Total Points	
					North	South
Match 1	Surano - Hurlbut	0	1	1	2	
	Clawson - LaFrance	1	0	0		1
Match 2	Corbett - Schwartz	0	0	0	0	
	Haupt - Stuart	1	1	1		3
Match 3	Malison - McCollum	0	0	0	0	
	Boyd - Breeden	1	1	1		3
Match 4	Peterson - Wolfensperger	0	0	0	0	
	Richards - Sloan	1	1	1		3
Match 5	Anderson - Niehaus	0	1	0	1	
	McMurtrey - Sonnenberg	1	0	1		2
Match 6	Ballard - Sweeney	0	0	0	0	
	Kepler - Gibson	1	1	1		3
Match 7	Ahlschwede - Wilson	1	0	1	2	
	Olsen - Wille	0	1	0		1
Match 8	Rowland - Rowland	1	0	1/2	1 1/2	
	Richmond - Richmond	0	1	1/2		1 1/2
Match 9	Bradrick - Gegner	1	1	1	3	
	Schauffele - Nordale	0	0	0		0
SOUTH WINS! FINALLY.					9 1/2	17 1/2
GRAND TOTAL						

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Bobby Jones Division		Hdcp.	Day One		Day Two		36 Hole Total		Place
			Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	
Ahlschwede	Rob	18	94	76	90	72	184	148	3rd Gross
Anderson	Patric	14	99	85	94	80	193	165	
Clawson	Jim	18	89	71	88	70	177	141	1st Gross
Gibson	David	34	117	83	122	88	239	171	
Hurlbut	Stephien	25	115	90	116	91	231	181	
Kepler	Bob	22	100	78	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	
LaFrance	Frank	15	97	82	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNF	
McMurtrey	Dave	18	109	91	110	92	219	183	
Olsen	Kurt	25	93	68	103	78	196	146	1st Net
Richmond	Steve	24	96	72	99	75	195	147	2nd Net
Schauffele	Michael	22	126	104	113	91	239	195	
Sloan	Michael	19	99	80	100	81	199	161	
Sweeney	John	18	95	78	92	74	187	153	3rd Net
Wille	Mari	15	96	81	99	84	195	165	
Wilson	Jack	16	92	76	91	75	183	151	2nd Gross
Wolfensperger	Bob	19	93	74	99	80	192	154	
Ladies Division									
Ballard	Jerry	16	101	90	114	98	220	188	3rd
Richmond	Donna	26	95	69	91	65	186	134	1st
Rowland	Pam	30	101	71	103	73	204	144	2nd

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			Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	
Ballard	Jerry	13	94	81	100	87	194	168	
Boyd	John	14	94	80	93	79	187	159	
Breeden	Eddie	9	77	68	82	73	159	141	1st Gross
Corbett	Allan	9	93	84	90	81	183	165	
Gegner	John	10	83	73	91	81	174	154	
Haupt	Blake	12	91	79	95	83	186	162	
Malison	Brian	10	89	79	95	85	184	164	
McCollum	Chuck	14	92	78	89	75	181	153	3rd Net
Niehaus	Dana	14	88	74	88	74	176	148	1st Net
Peterson	Galen	13	97	84	93	80	190	164	
Richards	Doug	14	82	68	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	
Rowland	Lyle	14	92	78	97	83	189	161	
Schwartz	Les	12	95	83	88	76	183	159	
Sonnenberg	Larry	14	90	76	100	86	190	162	
Stuart	Robb	3	78	75	83	80	161	155	2nd Gross
Surano	Kris	8	79	71	88	80	167	151	3rd Gross
Vordale	Dan	14	87	74	89	75	176	149	2nd Net
Closest to the Pin (Sat. Hole #10): Lyle Rowland			Distance: 4' 8"						
Closest to the Pin (Sat. Hole #17): Jack Wilson			Distance: 7' 2"						
Closest to the Pin (Sun. Hole #10):			Distance:						