



The 23rd Annual Canadian Open Hickory Championship Summary The Legends GCC - August 10/11/12, 2022

Once again a wonderful hickory golf event! Spectacular weather all 4 days and a wonderfully diverse group of 88 players from Illinois, Texas, Washington state, Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and of course Alberta. Thanks to all for making this event what it is. And certainly kudos to Ron Lyons and Edwin Chan for the drive that makes this championship an event not to be missed!

This year, with covid morphing into a variation of a cold and the borders re-opening, we were fortunate to welcome a number of our US friends to the Canadian Open Hickory Championship - it certainly adds a different flavour to the event so please accept our thanks for traveling here. With more confidence in the rules at the border we are looking next year for increased numbers of US players and returning to the US/Canada Ryder Cup on the Thursday of Championship week.

First timers to this event quickly find that the Canadian Open Hickory Championship is much more than just a competition....it's an event where you make new friends, friends gather, have a few "pops" as Don Cherry used to say, tell a few tales and oh yes, play a lot of golf!

Our thanks to Craig Spicer and his staff for the great conditions of the golf course. Maintaining the immaculate greens and fairways helps to make the Canadian Open Hickory Championship a special event. Thanks Craig! In addition, more kudos to Craig for working with the superintendent at the British Open this year at St. Andrews - a great honor! He returned with an Open used flag which he presented to Ron and Edwin at the Friday banquet. Craig also worked the Ryder Cup last year and now all he needs is the US Open and the Masters to complete the Superintendent grand slam!

On Tuesday Aug 9, the pre-tournament road trip to Coal Creek (a links style golf course with black sand!) was a great way to start off the week with 32 golfers. The Wednesday 4-person scramble featured 72 golfers, 70 for the 2-person scramble on Thursday and a total of 81 teeing it up for the Friday Championship.

Wednesday Aug 10 featured the popular 4-person scramble this year with 17 teams. This event really marks the beginning of the tournament because you get to play the tournament course, meet new players, pony up some cash and scrape any residual rust off your hickory game. Wednesday was sunny and warm with the team of Bob Bjerke, Vern Kyler, Pat Clark and Chris Ream turning in a sparkling 12 under par 60 to take the first place prize.

Bob Bjerke, Vern Kyler, Pat Clark, Chris Ream - 60

Terry Bader, Taren Plaunt, Dave Taylor, George Schmidt - 62

Mike Germaine, Craig Spicer, Stephen Wong, Bobby Plaunt - 62

Doug Hawke, Ron St. John, Edwin Chan, Cal Whitman - 62

Duncan McGillvray Gord and Helen Eikeland, Bob Maksymic, Bernie Tetreau - 63

Thursday Aug 12 The annual Ryder Cup competition between Canada and the US for the Casey Cup on the Thursday format was not possible so by popular demand we repeated the 2-person scramble with a team minimum handicap total of 22. With 35 teams, 10 were rewarded for their good play - the rest just had a great time! Top scores included:

Hugh Cameron / Jim Krull - 66
Bob Maksymic / Kit Ledbetter - 66
Dave Racette / Gino Narduzi - 67
Ben Plaunt / Bob Plaunt - 67
Rob Taylor / Dave Taylor - 69
Doug Hawke / Lance Gartner - 69
Terry Bader / Stephen Wong - 69
Andrew Ram / Rick Beaudreau - 69
Gary Krupkin / Bob Bjerke - 69
Willie Ducherer / Junior Tawiyaka - 70



Friday Aug 13 Championship Friday dawned with sunny skies and little wind. 81 players vied for the top spots in the 18 hole Canadian Open Championship with cross over tee times on the Old Hickory and Champions 9s.

The Open Division was won for the first time by Ken Plaunt wrestling the trophy from multiple winner Ben Plaunt by one stroke. Another stroke back was Vern Kyler.

The highly competitive Senior Division featured a sparkling 69 (shooting his age!) by Kit Ledbetter from Washington state followed by Rob Taylor 74, Willie Ducherer 77 and Bob Bjerke 77. Hugh Cameron at 79 rounded out the top 5.

The Ladies Division was won by repeat winner Fran Zinger.

The First Nations award went to Saskatchewan's Dave Racette. Dave's name along with past First Nations winners will be featured on a plaque with a stunning head dress encased in a glass cabinet featured in the Legends room of the clubhouse.



Following the final round, Ron and Edwin hosted a pulled pork and turkey meal in the Museum parking lot. It was an informal get together with lots of room and a great way to finish off a wonderful week. Master Chef was Willie Ducherer - a big job with 3 smokers going full time for two days!

Forever losing your sunglasses? Hole Prizes and long drive prizes were donated by Rick O'Donnell with the innovative T-Hats featuring built in sun glasses that slide up and out of the way when not used. They even have a model designed specifically for those that have to wear glasses.



Doug Hawke donated a bottle of his new Legends "birdie Juice" from his distillery in Sherwood Park. Doug also had a very nice tent area set up featuring his products which proved to be a popular spot!



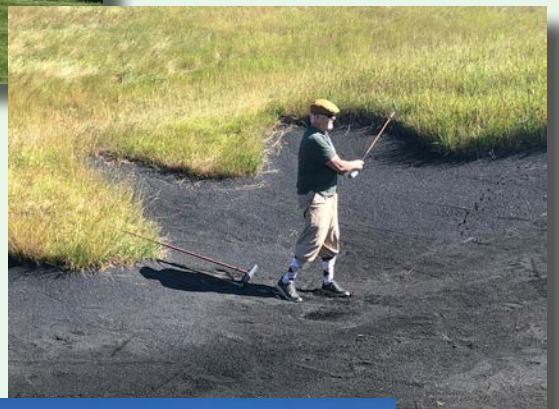
SAVE THE DATE! The 2023 Canadian Open Hickory Championship is tentatively scheduled to be held the week of August 14-18. Mark it on your calendars! Many come up a few days early for the annual pre-tournament road trip ... sometimes at local golf courses and sometimes we wander further afield. All are welcome! For more information contact Ron Lyons at antiquegolf@shaw.ca, the golf course at 780-449-4911 or check the Legends website at www.legendsgolf.ca under the hickory tab.

So, thanks once again to everyone for your participation in the Canadian Open Hickory Championship... The sign at the first tee quoting the first Legend Alex Olnyk *"The winner isn't the one with the lowest score – it's the one who has the most fun!"* really rings true in this event.

Stay safe everyone!



Tuesday Road Trip to Coal Creek Resort



Wednesday/Thursday Scrambles

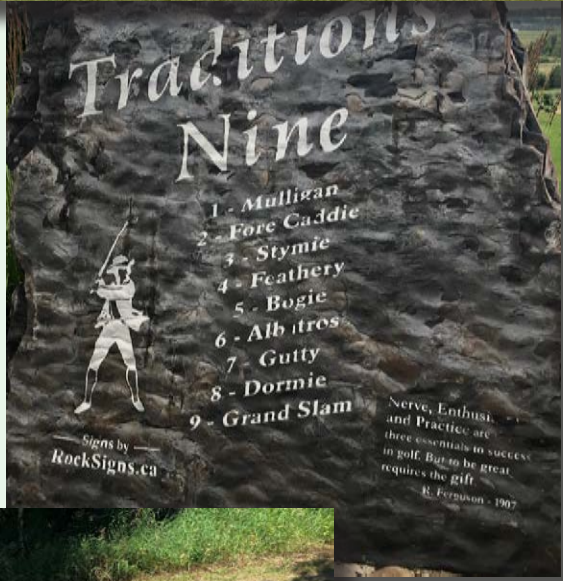


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Some Friday Presentations



Picture Gallery



oops - I guess the warrante has expired



The country club golf ball collection currently displayed in a museum at the legends golf course is a collection of 14,750 different golf balls with country club names from 109 different countries. To the best of our knowledge it is the largest known collection in Canada.

Below are some links to online photos of the 23rd Canadian Open Hickory Week. The first batch is generously provided by Edwin. The second grouping comes from Janet and Cal Whitman and others. Many thanks to all that provided a “snapshot” of the event!

Tuesday Aug 9 - Coal Creek <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AmiSoNfna1b2hCSP87BDfeGVD9LR?e=zq2HYK>

Wednesday 4-person scramble <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AmiSoNfna1b2hEfblojmA6ZTmg4Q?e=moBpkm>

Thursday 2-person scramble https://1drv.ms/u/s!AmiSoNfna1b2hGYi-nWzKCrY_CB8?e=OIzERg

Friday Championship https://1drv.ms/u/s!AmiSoNfna1b2hGe6BC_Ob12v_TA1?e=RA8p5B

Miscellaneous Photos

Stay tuned - more to follow...