

# The Divot September 2017

The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The staff at Sunflower Hills would like to extend special congratulations to Parker Miller & Nichole Wiehe-Hankins the 2017 WyCo Open Men's and Women's Champions!



**WyCo Mens  
Champion  
Parker Miller**



**WyCo Womens  
Champion  
Nichole Wiehe-Hankins**

We would also like to congratulate Jerry Reid for shooting his age with a 68 and Frank Payne for beating his age by five shots with an 86, Frank also shot an 82 earlier this year.



**Jerry Reid**  
*Shooting his age (68)*



**Frank Payne**  
*Beating his age by 5 & 9  
shots this year*

We look forward to seeing all of our patron members as you to take advantage of the great weather.

During the next few weeks Sunflower Hills has a busy tournament schedule. Please take the time to go over the following dates that the course will be closed.

Monday August 28th-----	Closed until 5:00pm
Wednesday August 30th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Tuesday September 5th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday September 6th-----	Closed until 1:00pm
Friday September 8th -----	Closed until 6:00pm
Wednesday September 13th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Friday September 15th-----	Closed until 6:00pm
Wednesday September 20th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Friday September 22nd-----	Closed until 6:00pm
Wednesday September 27th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 4th-----	Closed until 1:00pm

Friday October 6th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 11th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 18th -----	Closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 25th -----	Closed until 1:00pm

The Staff at Sunflower Hills would like to ask all of our Patrons to embrace the USGA's initiative to help speed up play by adhering to the 20 second rule. When it's your turn to play hit your shot within 20 seconds. Count your fellow players down and let them know how long it took them to hit. If they are over 20 seconds let them know and encourage them to be ready to play within the 20 second time frame. Also, try to avoid fivesomes. Even the fastest players at Sunflower take two hours to play nine holes when they are in a fivesome.

## Upcoming Patron Club Events:

### **Two Man Tri-Play**

**Saturday September 9th**

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00. Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following the round. Teams will play six holes Scramble, six holes Best Ball and six holes Chapman Alternate Shot. This is one of the most "interesting" events of the year. There will be both Gross and Net overall winners as well as winners for each six hole event. Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Hills Patron who wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, September 6th.

### **Kansas Red, White & Blue**

**Saturday October 7th**

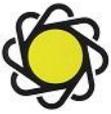
Entry fee for this event is \$20.00. Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following the round. Before each player tees off they will select 6 holes to play from the red tees, 6 holes from the white tees & 6 holes from the blue tees. Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Hills Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday October 4th.

### **Seniors: Sign up now for the 34th**

### **WyCo Senior Championship**

**Friday October 6th**

Entry Fee for this event is \$40 (\$35 for Sr. league members). Entry fee includes green fee, golf cart, prizes, tee package and dinner with beverages after the round. This event is open to area seniors age 55 and over. Deadline on entries is Monday October 2nd. Limited to the first 136 entries.



## **The Down & Dirty Tournament** **Saturday November 4th**

Play the ball as it lies everywhere, no relief from anything anywhere! This is the truest test of golf available. Entry fee for this event is \$20.00. Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following the round. There will be both Gross and Net winners. Tee times will be assigned for this event, any Sunflower Hills Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, November 1st.

## **41<sup>st</sup> Annual WyCo Open** **PARKER MILLER RALLIES TO REPEAT AS** **WYCO GOLF CHAMPION**

*Article by Alan Hoskins*

Just a week after winning the club championship over a star-studded field at Dub's Dread, the 23-year-old Parker Sunday became the first back-to-back Wyandotte County Open champion at Sunflower Hills since Steve Groom won three in a row in 2006-2008.

However, it did not come without some late help from playing partner Micah Morris, who saw a two-shot lead with two holes to go evaporate in a nightmarish finish on the 569-yard 17th hole. "I snap-hooked my tee shot out of bounds," said Morris, a sophomore on the Kansas City Kansas Community College golf team. Playing a provisional second drive, Morris snap-hooked another shot behind a tree but then made a remarkable recovery shot to about 20 feet from the flag. With Miller safely in with a par, Morris' fast-breaking putt for bogey and a one-shot lead dropped a foot below the hole, close enough for a tap-in – except the putt spiraled out, stopping two feet away and when that putt missed for a quadruple bogey nine, Miller needed only a routine par four on the final hole for a 36-hole 147 that was two shots better than Morris.

"I felt bad for him," said Miller. "Everyone's been there. It's not fun going through that. When he hit it out-of-bounds on No. 17, I thought he'd probably make bogey at best, maybe double bogey and we'd be tied."

"I don't know what happened on the (short) putt," said a disappointed Morris. "I had really played well on the back nine." Trailing by two shots going into the back nine, Morris got one stroke back when Parker missed the green on the difficult par 3 13th, went ahead on No. 14 with a 25-foot birdie putt while Parker bogeyed and then added another shot to the lead when Miller couldn't get up and down for a par on the long par 3 16th.

"I thought it was pretty much over after No. 16," said Miller. "I struggled off the tee and kind of grinded and fought through things most of the day."

For the first 18 holes, the 41st annual WyCo Open was one of the closest in recent years with six golfers within four shots. Morris led with a par 72 followed by Parker (73), 2013 champion Kyle Ritchie (74), Garrett Clark and Brian Shatto (both 75) and 2015 winner Reece Nigh (76) but back-to-back birdies at Nos. 5 and 6 vaulted Miller to a one-under front nine 35 and only Morris was able to stay close.

Miller wouldn't compare his back-to-back titles although "The first was awfully fun." No newcomer to the WyCo Open, Miller finished second a few years back while still in high school at Piper. Today's he's in his third year working for Atmos Energy and just a weekend golfer "having fun." Morris, meanwhile, has to re-live the 17th hole almost every day. A native of Guthrie, Okla., but now a KCK resident after enrolling at KCKCC more than a year ago, Morris is on the grounds-keeping staff at Sunflower Hills where he runs a mower. "I hope I learned a lot," he says

## **WIEHE-HANKINS WINS 2ND WYCO** **WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE IN TWO TRIES**

Nichole Wiehe-Hankins doesn't play in the Wyandotte County Open very often but when she does, look out.

The 2008 champion when she was still in college at Park University, the 29-year-old Wiehe-Hankins made it two wins in two tries at Sunflower Hills Sunday with a two-shot win over past champions Donna Reid and Pat Seber-Bradley. The win was made extra special because it came on the fourth birthday of her son, William, and also snapped a streak of five straight championships won by Seber-Bradley.

"I didn't really think about winning, all I wanted to do was improve," said Wiehe-Hankins, who had no idea she had won until the scores were totaled after the final hole. "This was just my fourth round of the year. I really didn't pay attention to the other scores because I just wanted to play better."

Five shots back with an opening round 89 on Saturday, Wiehe-Hankins charged from behind with an 84 Sunday. Her big finish was highlighted by winning closest-to-the-pin honors on the 134-yard 13th hole with a birdie two.

"I putted a lot better today and hit the ball pretty well," said Wiehe-Hankins. "Exceptionally well," said Seber-Bradley. A 9-time champion, Seber-Bradley couldn't overcome big scores on the long No. 1 and 15 holes.

A Piper graduate and a member of one of the Pirates' powerhouse girls teams, Wiehe-Hankins moved ahead of her brother in WyCo championships. Her brother, Stan Wiehe, won the men's championship in 2013. Her win also gave Piper a sweep of the WyCo championships as Parker Miller took the men's crown.



**41<sup>st</sup> Annual WyCo Open**  
**August 12-13, 2017**  
**Championship Flight**

1st	147	Parker Miller	\$110.00
2nd	149	Micah Morris	\$90.00
3rd	151	Garrett Clark	\$60.00
tie 4th	153	Kyle Ritchie	\$15.00
	153	Brian Shatto	\$15.00
	153	Reece Nigh	\$15.00

**A Flight**

1st	151	Jerry Reid *	\$110.00
2nd	151	Carter Likes	\$90.00
tie 3rd	153	Mike Kessler	\$50.00
	153	Chris Faddis	\$50.00
tie 5th	155	Kevin Rome	\$20.00
	155	Tim Skorija	\$20.00

**B Flight**

1st	154	Rick Richardson	\$110.00
2nd	157	Dale Nash *	\$90.00
3rd	157	Easton Nigh	\$60.00
tie 4th	158	Jason Cash	\$35.00
	158	Ken Carpenter	\$35.00
6th	162	Bill Campbell	\$10.00

**C Flight**

1st	165	Gary Burgess	\$110.00
2nd	166	Russell Nigh	\$90.00
tie 3rd	169	David Yoder	\$50.00
	169	Jeb Ummel	\$50.00
5th	170	Roger DeLong	\$30.00
6th	173	Kyle Norris	\$10.00

**D Flight**

1st	168	Jerry Lamb	\$110.00
2nd	171	Mike Gillaspie	\$90.00
tie 3rd	173	Todd Pfeiffer	\$50.00
	173	Tony Reed	\$50.00
5th	177	Doug Winkelbauer	\$30.00
6th	179	David Weaver	\$10.00

**E Flight**

1st	190	Greg Schmidt	\$110.00
2nd	192	Josh Marmon	\$90.00
3rd	193	Dan Ksiazek	\$60.00
4th	196	Ted McClellan	\$40.00
5th	200	Mark Saldivar	\$30.00
6th	207	Rob Taylor	\$10.00

**Ladies A Flight**

1st	178	Nichole Wiehe-Hankins	\$90.00
2nd	180	Donna Reid *	\$50.00
3rd	180	Pat Seber-Bradley	\$25.00

**Ladies B Flight**

1st	206	Leslie Taylor	\$90.00
2nd	212	Carilyn Riley	\$50.00
3rd	213	Cathy Reed	\$25.00

\* Winner in a scorecard playoff

**Saturday Proximity Prizes**

- Closest #4 - Easton Nigh - \$40 Kona Grill Gift Certificate
- Straight Drive #6 - Willie Lara - Vintage Gold Plated Putter
- Closest #8 - David Weaver - 3 Foot Joy Sta Sof Gloves
- Long Putt #9 - Jeb Ummel - Cleveland Wedge
- Long Drive #10 - Easton Nigh - Cleveland Putter
- Closest #13 - Tim Skorija - Ping Cart Bag
- Closest #16 - Tim Skorija - Titleist Cart Bag

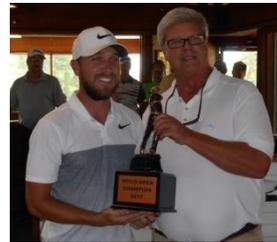
**Sunday Proximity Prizes**

- Closest #4 - Dan Crabtree - Dinner for 4 at Jalapeno's
- Closest #8 - Ken Carpenter - \$40 Kona Grill Gift Certificate
- Long Putt #9 - Tim Skorija - Titleist Vokey Wedge
- Long Drive #10 - Kevin Rome - Cleveland Wedge
- Closest #13 - Nichole Wiehe-Hankins - Titleist Cart Bag
- Closest #16 - Kevin Rome - Odyssey 2 Ball Putter

**Kansas City's Longest Putt**  
**Les Damlo**

\$100 Gift Certificate to Sunflower Hills ProShop

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual WyCo Open Flight Winners**



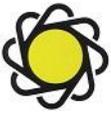
**WyCo Champion Parker Miller (left) & Runner Up Micah Morris (right)**



**WyCo A Flight Winner Jerry Reid (left) & Runner Up Carter Likes (right)**



**WyCo B Flight Winner Rich Richardson (left) & Runner Up Dale Nash (right)**



WyCo C Flight Winner Gary Burgess (left) & Runner Up Russell Nigh (right)



WyCo D Flight Winner Jerry Lamb (left) & Runner Up Mike Gillaspie (right)



WyCo E Flight Winner Greg Schmidt (left) & Runner Up Josh Marmon (right)



WyCo Ladies Champion Nichole Wiehe-Hankins (left) & Runner Up Donna Reid (right)



WyCo Ladies B Flight Winner Leslie Taylor (left) & Runner Up Carilyn Riley (right)



## If You're Not Playing By The Rules... You're Not Playing Golf!

### Loose Impediments -- Rule 23

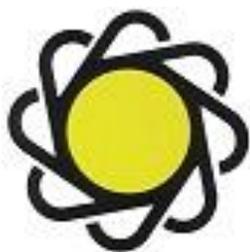
Loose impediments are natural objects such as stones, twigs, leaves, worms, etc. **so long as they are not fixed or growing**, are not **solidly embedded** and **do not adhere to the ball**. Sand and loose soil are loose impediments on the putting green but not elsewhere on the course (including the fringe of the green). Snow and natural ice are either casual water or loose impediments at the options of the player, but manufactured ice, such as from a drink, is a movable obstruction, not a loose impediment. Except when both the loose impediment and the ball are in or touching a hazard, any loose impediment may be removed without penalty. If the ball is in motion it is not legal to remove any loose impediment that might influence the movement of the ball.

**Under Rule 18-2c**, if a loose impediment lying within one club length of the ball has been touched or moved and the ball moves before the player has addressed it, the player is considered to have moved the ball as a result of removing the impediment. If the ball moved after address the player is considered to have moved it. In either case the player shall incur one penalty stroke and the ball shall be replaced. Failure to replace the ball means loss of the hole in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play.

**Have a great September,  
hope to see you soon!**

**You Can Also Find Sunflower Hills on:**





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The 34th Annual  
***Wyandotte County  
Senior Championship***

Friday October 6, 2017  
7:30am Shotgun Start

**Entry Fee \$40.00**  
(\$35.00 for Senior League Members)

Includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Prizes, Tee Package,  
Dinner and Beverages After The Round

- \* Flighted By Age
- \* Gross & Net Winners In Each Flight
- \* Special Event Prizes

**Open to Area Seniors Age 55 & Over.**

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Deadline on Entries Monday October 2nd - Money Must Accompany Entry - **Limited to the First 136 Entries**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap/Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return entry to Sunflower Hills G.C. - 12200 Riverview Ave - Bonner Springs, Ks 66012

***2017 Wyandotte County Senior Championship***