

The Divot September 2018

The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The staff at Sunflower Hills would like to extend special congratulations to Kevin Rome & Pat Seber-Bradley the 2017 WyCo Open Men's and Women's Champions!



**WyCo Mens
Champion
Kevin Rome**



**WyCo Womens
Champion
Pat Seber-Bradley**

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.

Wednesday September 5th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Friday September 7th----- Course closed until 6:00pm
 Monday September 10th----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Wednesday September 12th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Wednesday September 19th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Thursday September 20th----- Course closed until 6:00pm
 Friday September 21st ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Wednesday September 26th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Friday September 28th ----- Course closed until 6:00pm
 Wednesday October 3rd ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Friday October 5th----- Course closed until 6:00pm
 Wednesday October 10th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Friday October 12th ----- Course closed until 6:00pm
 Wednesday October 17th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Wednesday October 24th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
 Wednesday October 31st ----- Course 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.

Changes Are Coming Soon To Your GHIN Handicaps

We need to bring you a bit of information as we head into the fall. There are going to be some significant changes to the GHIN platform in 2019.

Once the new platform is deployed, a unique email address will be required to use ghin.com or the new GHIN mobile app. This change will affect adults sharing an email address with other adults (juniors sharing an email with a parent will be addressed later this fall). The KCGA & USGA will reach out to golfers who have an email that is also registered in another adult GHIN profile to encourage you to update your email addresses. Our Handicap kiosk downstairs will begin to prompt you for an email address to help address this situation. Golfers with no email address in their GHIN profiles will only be able to post scores at a golf shop kiosk.

We would like to encourage everyone who may be sharing an email address to update one of the GHIN profiles to include a unique email address.

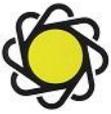
Upcoming Patron Club Events:

Two Man Tri-Play Saturday September 15th

This event was originally scheduled for October 8th. 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 6th

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 3rd.



Seniors: Sign up now for the 35th WyCo Senior Championship Friday October 5th

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 1st. Limited to the first 136 entries.

WyCo Sr Championship Entry Form

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.

42nd Annual WyCo Open

ROME'S CLOSING 71 WINS WILD WYCO OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Article by Alan Hoskins

There have been many wild finishes in the 42 years of the Wyandotte County Open golf tournament but nothing quite like what happened Sunday at Sunflower Hills.

Two-time defending champion Parker Miller looked like a runaway winner most of the day only to give up the lead to 2015 champion Stan Wiehe on the 18th hole. But just as Wiehe started accepting congratulations, Kevin Rome charged out of the A flight with the tournament's best round, a one-under par 71 and the 2018 championship.

"I played so bad Saturday that all I wanted to do was come out today and have fun because I knew I was playing in a good group," said Rome, who opened with an 82 Saturday and trailed first round leader Antonio Carrillo by eight shots. Wiehe finished second at 77-77-154 followed by Parker (75-40-145) and Carrillo (74-82-146).

The picture of consistency, Rome had a bogey-free round, finishing with 17 pars and a birdie from about a foot on No. 17 that ultimately won the tournament. "I just got up and down a lot and made all the 5-6-footers I needed to make," said Rome, 48. "The greens confused me on Saturday so I just concentrated on making par today."

A Piper and Kansas City Kansas Community College graduate who now works for the Board of Public Utilities, Rome has finished runnerup in the A flight on four occasions but has never won it. "And he still hasn't," noted playing partner and A flight winner Tim Skorija. Rome did have the tourney's long drive on No. 10 on Saturday.

While consistency was Rome's strength, it was anything but for a handful of contenders. Parker Miller had a five-shot lead with seven holes to go when the bottom fell out in his bid for a third straight title – four bogeys, a double bogey and triple bogey in the final seven holes.

"I didn't make any putts," said Miller, a Piper grad who just a week ago had won the Dub's Dread club championship. He 3-putted Nos. 13 and 14 and 4-putted No. 15 from above the hole but still had the lead until a disastrous triple bogey on No. 18 when a wayward tee shot hit a tree and bounced near the 10th fairway. "I hit a tree, whiffed a shot, punched out into the rough, hit it on the green and missed the putt," he said.

Wiehe was just three shots off the lead until he flew a 7-iron 20 feet in the rough above the hole on the treacherous 187-yard par 3 13th. Unable to stop the ball close, he had to take a triple bogey. Ironically, "The 7-iron was the most solid shot I hit all day," said Wiehe, who birdied the par 17th with a 18-foot putt that got him back into contention. "Some real good shots, some real bad shots," said Wiehe, the father of a new 11-week-old daughter, Ava Nichole.

Playing in his first Wyandotte County Open, Antonio Carrillo had three birdies on the way to a 74 and one-shot lead Saturday but fell out of contention with a six-over 42 on the front nine Sunday. "The ninth hole was my nemesis; I hit my tee shot out of bounds and 3-putted for a triple bogey," said Carrillo, 24. A Park Hill grad and a regular at Tiffany Greens, he's employed at the Argosy Casino.

Playing in a group in front of the leaders, Brian Shatto was just a shot back of Parker when his second shot on No. 18 left him in an impossible stance in a greenside bunker. With both feet out of the bunker but the ball well below his feet, he couldn't get the ball out of the bunker on one shot, then flew his fourth shot to the edge of the green some 50 feet away. "Three over par and triple bogey the last hole," said Shatto, who finished four shots back of Rome.

In addition to Skorija, other flight winners were Rick Richardson, Russ Nigh, Justin Sheppler and David Klein.



SEBER-BRADLEY WINS RECORD 10TH WYCO WOMEN'S GOLF TITLE

Pat Seber-Bradley wrote another chapter into her record-setting reign as Wyandotte County Open women's golf champion at Sunflower Hills Sunday.

With rounds of 83 and 86, Seber-Bradley won her record 10th WyCo championship. Dethroned last year by Nichole Wiehe-Hankins, Seber-Bradley has won six of the last seven titles and eight of the last 10.

"I played really well, both days; I drove the ball well which you have to do on a course this long but my chipping and putting were the best parts of my game," said Seber-Bradley. "Just 31 putts each day which for me is real good. I made good shots when I needed them. No birdies but just one triple bogey when I hit two trees on No., 12 and one double bogey each day."

Seber-Bradley was unaware that her win was No. 10, three more than the seven recorded by men's leader Steve Groom. "It's great to be on that list," she said.

Donna Reid, a four-time WyCo champion, finished second with a 182 total while Donna Nelson's 188 won the Ladies B flight.

**42nd Annual WyCo Open
August 11-12, 2018
Championship Flight**

1st	153 Kevin Rome	\$110.00
2nd	154 Stan Wiehe	\$90.00
3rd	155 Parker Miller	\$60.00
4th	156 Antonio Carrillo	\$40.00

A Flight

1st	154 Tim Skorija	\$110.00
2nd	155 Chris Faddis	\$90.00
3rd	157 Chris Mathia	\$60.00
4th	158 Jerry Reid	\$50.00
5th	160 Todd Milberger	\$40.00
6th	162 Mike McNellis	\$20.00

B Flight

1st	152 Rick Richardson	\$110.00
2nd	154 Dale Nash	\$90.00
tie 3rd	155 Charlie Maybrier	\$55.00
	155 Tim O'Shea	\$55.00
tie 5th	158 Sid Turner	\$40.00
	158 Don Kinkade	\$40.00
tie 7h	160 Randy O'Shea	\$10.00
	160 Cody Ellett	\$10.00

C Flight

1st	161 Russ Nigh	\$110.00
2nd	166 Tony Reed	\$90.00
tie 3rd	167 Ray Giesler	\$55.00
	167 Jerry Lamb	\$55.00
5th	168 Jeb Ummell	\$40.00
6th	169 Chris Sardou	\$20.00

D Flight

1st	165 Justin Sheppler	\$110.00
2nd	166 Phil Hoffman	\$90.00
3rd	167 Dennis McWilliams	\$60.00
tie 4th	169 Doug Winkelbauer	\$45.00
	169 Les Damlo	\$45.00
tie 6th	173 Willie Lara	\$10.00
	173 Len Zimmerman	\$10.00

E Flight

1st	174 Dave Klein	\$110.00
2nd	186 Patrick Boyd *	\$90.00
3rd	186 Steve Bock	\$60.00
4th	187 Ted McClellan	\$50.00
tie 5th	189 Jim Fox	\$30.00
	189 Tim Hunt	\$30.00

Ladies A Flight

1st	169 Pat Seber-Bradley	\$90.00
2nd	182 Donna Reid	\$50.00
3rd	192 Brooklyn Lamberd	\$25.00

Ladies B Flight

1st	188 Donna Nelson	\$90.00
2nd	194 Rosemary Grant	\$50.00
3rd	199 Cathy Reed	\$25.00

* Winner in a scorecard playoff

Saturday Proximity Prizes

- Closest #4 – Bill Hashman – 2 Foot Joy Sta Sof Gloves
- Closest #8 – Dan Crabtree – Hat of Choice
- Long Putt #9 – Matt Brewster – Cleveland Wedge
- Long Drive #10 – Kevin Rome – Dozen Balls of Choice
- Closest #13 – Rich Atkins – Cleveland Putter
- Closest #16 – Cody Ellett – Callaway Wedge

Sunday Proximity Prizes

- Closest #4 – Jim McLaughlin – 2 Foot Joy Sta Sof Gloves
- Closest #8 – Gary Burgess – Hat of Choice
- Long Putt #9 – Chris Sardou – Cleveland Wedge
- Long Drive #10 – Tim Hunt – Dozen Balls of Choice
- Closest #13 – Gary Hudgens – Cleveland Putter
- Closest #16 – Tim O'Shea – Cleveland Cart Bag

**Kansas City's Longest Putt
Dan Woolworth**

\$100 Gift Certificate to Sunflower Hills ProShop



42nd Annual WyCo Open Flight Winners



WyCo Champion Kevn Rome (left) & Runner Up Stan Wiehe (right)



WyCo A Flight Winner Tim Skorija (left) & Runner Up Chris Faddis (no photo)



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



WyCo C Flight Winner Russell Nigh (left) & Runner Up Tony Reed (right)



WyCo D Flight Winner Justin Shepper (left) & Runner Up Phil Hoffman (right)



WyCo Ladies B Flight Winner Donna Nelson (left) & Runner Up Rosemary Grant (right)



WyCo E Flight Winner Dave Klein (left) & Runner Up Patrick Boyd (right)



WyCo Ladies Champion Pat Seber Bradley (left) & Runner Up Donna Reid (right)

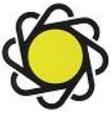


**If You're Not Playing By The Rules...
You're Not Playing Golf!**

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!***

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