

# The Divot September 2019

The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The staff at Sunflower Hills would like to extend special congratulations to Steve Groom & Pat Seber-Bradley the 2019 WyCo Open Men's and Women's Champions!



**WyCo Mens  
Champion  
Steve Groom**



**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.

Monday August 26th	-----	Course closed until 5:00pm
Wednesday August 28th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Tuesday September 3rd	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday September 4th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Friday September 6th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Monday September 10th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday September 11th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday September 18th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday September 25th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Friday September 27th	-----	Course closed until 6:00pm
Monday September 30th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 2nd	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Friday October 4th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Monday October 7th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Tuesday October 8th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 9th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 16th	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 23rd	-----	Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday October 30th	-----	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.

## Upcoming Patron Club Events:

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

**Saturday September 14th**

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 11th.

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

**Saturday October 5th**

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 2nd.

### **Seniors: Sign up now for the 36th**

### **WyCo Senior Championship**

**Friday October 4th**

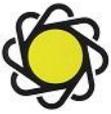
Entry Fee for this event is \$40 (\$35 for Sr. league members). Entry fee includes green fee, golf cart, prizes, tee package and dinner with beverages after the round. This event is open to area seniors age 55 and over. Deadline on entries is Monday September 30th. Limited to the first 136 entries.

[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.



## **43rd Annual WyCo Open** **GROOM WINS RECORD 8TH WyCo** **GOLF TOURNEY IN BIZARRE FINISH**

*Article by Alan Hoskins*

Add another chapter to the “Wild Finishes of the Wyandotte County Open Golf Tournament.” Veteran Steve Groom won it but not before one of the most bizarre finishes in the 43-year history of Kansas City’s longest running tournament of its kind at Sunflower Hills Sunday. Groom, defending champion Kevin Rome and 2013 champion Kyle Ritchie look headed for a three-way playoff heading into the final hole of the 36-hole tournament. Both Rome and Ritchie missed second shots just left of the green on the 361-yard closing hole but Ritchie chipped to within four feet; Rome to about 20 inches. Groom had a 22-foot birdie putt to win but left it four feet short to see who might blink. Two did. Ritchie’s 4-footer caught the edge of the hole and then spun inches away. Groom knocked his in from about the same distance but Rome’s putt to tie spun 360 degrees around the hole. “It horseshoed; it went all the way around,” groaned Rome, who also spun in disappointment. “Steve said he felt nervous on his putt. I felt confident, I just hit it a little too hard.” “I’m the luckiest guy in Wyandotte County,” said Groom. “I’ve never won in a finish like that. I felt really bad (for Rome). I was not sure I was going to make mine.”

It was a record eighth WyCo championship for Groom but the first he’s played in since winning three in a row in 2006-08. “It’s always been my one of my favorite tournaments but every year it seemed like there’s been a conflict,” he said. One of Kansas City’s premier seniors, Groom has won Senior Player of the Year 19 times in the last 11 years including nine in Missouri, eight in Kansas and KCGA and KGA Player of the Year honors.

The tournament’s wild finish actually started on No. 14 when Groom’s second shot on the 480-yard hole lodged in the lip of a bunker. “I had to try to hit it sideways but didn’t get the ball out of the bunker,” said Groom. His fourth shot sailed over the green and he needed to make a 12-foot putt for double bogey to stay within two shots of Rome. “That and a birdie on No. 12 were big,” he said. Rome had a two-shot lead going into the 221-yard par 3 16th but his tee shot hooked far left down a hill and the ensuing double bogey enabled Ritchie and Groom to pull even.

Last year, Rome came out of the A flight to win and he almost did it again this year. “Last year I didn’t expect to do anything and things fell my way,” said Rome, a 49-year-old employee of BPU. “This year and was six over par the last five holes and didn’t make a birdie.” He did, however, win the A flight.

Aaron Uzelac, a two-time runnerup in the tourney, took a one shot lead over Groom, Ritchie and Rome with a one-under par 71 Saturday and was right in the running until he double bogeyed No. 12 and then three-putted Nos. 14 and 15. “Those killed me,” he said.

Just four strokes separated the top six finishers. Groom added a 78 to his opening par round for a 150 total with Ritchie and Rome one stroke back, Dale Nash and Brian Perdieu two shots back and Ritch Nigh and Uzelac fourth at 153.

## **FAST START CARRIES SEBER- BRADLEY TO 11TH WOMEN’S TITLE**

The WyCo men’s championship may have gone down to the final hole but Pat Seber-Bradley took all the drama out of the women’s 39th annual championship in a hurry.

Seber-Bradley won for a record 11th time with an opening round 84 that was six shots ahead of the field on the way to a 176 at Sunflower Hills Sunday. Brooklynn Lamberd, who is beginning her studies at Baker University this fall, was seven shots back in second with Donna Reid third at 187. “Pat played extremely well Saturday,” said Reid, a past four-time champion. “She was never in trouble. It was like clockwork, fun to watch.” “I did not have the same swing today and got in too many bunkers but I did play well Saturday,” agreed Seber-Bradley. “My approaches were really good and I only needed 26 putts. I just couldn’t miss.” Even with 11 championships, Seber-Bradley said winning never gets old. “I just love the competition and playing with Donna Reid and Brooklynn Lamberd was so much fun. Brooklynn is going to do well at Baker.”

A retired truck driver from BP Amoco, Seber-Bradley added the WyCo championship to both the Sunflower Hills and St. Andrews club championships, events she’s won each of the last two years.



**For the 19<sup>th</sup> time, Sunflower Hills master professional Jeff Johnson awarded WyCo Open championship trophies to the tourney’s most dominant players – 11 to Pat Seber-Bradley and eight to Steve Groom. (Photo by Alan Hoskins)**



### 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual WyCo Open

August 10-11, 2019

#### Championship Flight

1st	150	Steve Groom	\$110.00
2nd	151	Kyle Ritchie	\$80.00
tie 3rd	152	Dale Nash	\$50.00
	152	Brian Perdieu	\$50.00
tie 5th	153	Aaron Uzelac	\$10.00
	153	Ritch Nigh	\$10.00

#### A Flight

1st	151	Kevin Rome	\$100.00
2nd	156	George Regan	\$80.00
3rd	157	Tim Skorija	\$60.00
4th	159	Jerry Reid	\$40.00
tie 5th	161	Darrin Neal	\$10.00
	161	Patrick Neal	\$10.00

#### B Flight

1st	158	Tim Nick	\$100.00
2nd	159	Mike Klein	\$80.00
3rd	161	Ray Geisler	\$60.00
4th	162	Brad Crosby	\$40.00
5th	163	Rick Richardson	\$20.00

#### C Flight

1st	165	Jerry Lamb	\$100.00
2nd	167	Bailey Dixon *	\$80.00
3rd	167	Terry Maskil	\$60.00
tie 4th	168	Dan Maskil	\$30.00
	168	Gary Burgess	\$30.00

#### D Flight

1st	165	Andy Black	\$100.00
2nd	167	Alex Blancarte	\$80.00
3rd	170	Jerry Verbeck	\$60.00
4th	174	Mike Super	\$40.00
5th	175	David Gonzales	\$20.00

#### E Flight

1st	177	Dan Burgess	\$100.00
2nd	182	Cody Carbajo	\$80.00
3rd	185	Jay Sutera	\$60.00
4th	187	Len Zimmerman	\$40.00
5th	191	Greg Schmidt	\$20.00

#### Ladies A Flight

1st	176	Pat Seber-Bradley	\$80.00
2nd	183	Brooklynn Lamberd	\$40.00
3rd	187	Donna Reid	\$20.00

#### Ladies B Flight

1st	200	Donna Nelson	\$80.00
2nd	206	Jane Lamb *	\$40.00
3rd	206	Leslie Taylor	\$20.00

\* Winner in a scorecard playoff

#### Saturday Proximity Prizes

- Closest #4 – Brian Shatto – 2 Foot Joy Sta Sof Gloves
- Closest #8 – Robert Cochenour – Hat of Choice
- Long Putt #9 – David Gonzales – Cleveland Wedge
- Long Drive #10 – Andy Black – Dozen Balls of Choice
- Closest #13 – Easton Nigh – Foot Joy SuperLite Shoes
- Closest #16 – David Gonzales – Titleist Vokey Wedge

#### Sunday Proximity Prizes

- Closest #4 – Dave Grisso – 2 Foot Joy Sta Sof Gloves
- Closest #8 – Brian Perdieu – Hat of Choice
- Long Putt #9 – Stuart Hunt – Cleveland Wedge
- Long Drive #10 – Tim Hunt – Dozen Balls of Choice
- Closest #13 – Steve Groom – Titleist Vokey Wedge
- Closest #16 – Brian Perdieu – Cleveland Cart Bag

#### Kansas City's Longest Putt

Michael Moore

\$50 Gift Certificate to Sunflower Hills ProShop

#### 42nd Annual WyCo Open Flight Winners



WyCo Champion Steve Groom (left) & Runner Up Kyle Ritchie (right)

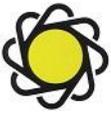


WyCo A Flight Winner Kevin Rome (left) & Runner Up George Regan (right)



WyCo B Flight Winner Tim Nick (left) & Runner Up Mike Klein (right)





WyCo C Flight Winner Jerry Lamb (left) & Runner Up Bailey Dixon (right)



WyCo D Flight Winner Andy Black (left) & Runner Up Alex Blancarte (right)



WyCo E Flight Winner Dan Burgess (left) & Runner Up Cody Carbajo (right)



WyCo Ladies Champion Pat Seber Bradley (left) & Runner Up Brooklyn Lamberd (right)



WyCo Ladies B Flight Winner Donna Nelson (left) & Runner Up Jane Lamb (no photo)



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

**Topic:** Player Moves Or Touches A Loose Impediment In A Bunker When The Ball Is In The Bunker.

**New Rule:** Under Rules 12.2a and 12.2b, the player is allowed to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker and is generally allowed to touch the sand with a hand or

club; but a limited prohibition continues so that the player must not:

- Deliberately touch the sand in a bunker with a hand, club, rake or other object to test the condition of the sand to learn information for the stroke, or
- Touch the sand in a bunker with a club in making a practice swing, in grounding the club right in front of or behind the ball, or in making the backswing for a stroke.

**Reasons for Change:** The challenge of playing from a bunker is the need to play out of the sand, not to play with leaves, stones or other loose impediments left in place in the bunker. The previous approach created confusion by stating a total prohibition on touching the sand with a hand or club and then recognizing many exceptions.

The revised Rule simplifies this by prohibiting only those acts where there is a purpose for doing so under the Rules:

- Deliberately testing the condition of the sand with a hand or club continues to be prohibited because part of the player's challenge is to assess and predict how the sand may affect the stroke, and also because it is time consuming and inappropriate for players to dig in the sand with a hand or club for that purpose before every shot.
- Touching the sand with the club right in front of or behind the ball or in the backswing for the stroke continues to be prohibited to make sure the player does nothing to reduce the challenge of playing from the sand; these prohibitions are already well known and followed by almost all players.
- Touching the sand with a club in taking a practice swing continues to be prohibited both for pace of play and to avoid having large amounts of sand deposited outside bunkers (especially greenside bunkers) as a result of repeated practice swings.

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

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