



# The Divot November 2017

## The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The Staff at Sunflower Hills would like to congratulate the following:

**Rich Laing ----- Men's Club Champion**  
**Donna Reid ----- Ladies Club Champion**  
**Parker Miller ----- WyCo Open Men's Champion**  
**Nichole Wiehe-Hankins ----- WyCo Open Ladies Champion**  
**Tom Bachelor ----- WyCo Senior Champion**

Weather permitting, Sunflower Hills will be taking tee times all winter. If you plan on playing it is always a good idea to call ahead and make a tee time whenever possible, especially when the forecast is for great weather.

For the dedicated golfer the winter season offers some of the best opportunities for golf. When you are dressed for the cooler temperatures, golf can be more enjoyable than during the spring and summer. The course as a general rule is less crowded when temps range from 40 to 50 degrees. Rounds tend to be played faster, 3 ½ hours for 18 holes is not uncommon, for some reason people play faster when it is cold. However, there are some special rules to be aware of during the winter months:

1. Frost delays. Sunflower Hills will not compromise on frost delays. Frost coated grass blades are very fragile and susceptible to injury. We cannot allow foot traffic on frosted grass.
2. User friendly footwear. No metal spikes and no hunting boots! Soft spikes or other soft soled shoes only.
3. It is especially important that all ball marks be repaired on the greens.
4. Take special care to keep golf carts on the path whenever possible. During the winter months grass is continually thinned and cannot be replaced until warmer weather returns. Thinned turf can leave openings for Poa Annua and other weeds next spring. Keep golf carts on the path whenever possible.

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.

Beginning November 1st, Sunflower Hills will offer discounted "winter rates". Twilite will begin at 12:00pm six days a week and the Sunday Special (\$27 which includes green fee & cart) will now begin at 11:00am. These rates are in effect until March 31, 2018. The winter rates are:

<b>Weekday Rates ----- Standard----- Winter Rate</b>
Patron----- \$21.00----- \$14.00
Resident----- \$22.00----- \$15.00
Non Resident ----- \$27.00----- \$16.00
<b>Weekend Rates ----- Standard----- Winter Rate</b>
Patron----- \$29.00----- \$21.00
Resident----- \$31.00----- \$22.00
Non Resident ----- \$34.00----- \$27.00

### Upcoming Patron Club Events:

#### ***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.

#### ***Red, White & Blue Tournament***

***Saturday October 1, 2017***

##### ***Low Gross Winners***

1st	73	Reece Nigh	\$65.00
2nd	74	Tom Bachelor	\$50.00
3rd	75	Ritch Nigh	\$40.00
tie 4th	77	Mike McNellis	\$15.00
	77	Jerry Reid	\$15.00

##### ***Low Net Winners***

1st	70	Chris Sirridge	\$65.00
2nd	71	Steve Sirridge	\$50.00
3rd	72	Dan Crabtree	\$40.00
tie 4th	73	Brad Burton	\$18.00
	73	Bill Campbell	\$18.00
	73	Joe Huttie	\$18.00
	73	Tery Maskil	\$18.00
	73	Jay Sutera	\$18.00



**Proximity Prizes - \$20.00 each**

Closest to Hole #4 – Dan Crabtree  
Longest Putt #9 – Reece Nigh  
Longest Drive #10 – Bob Chatterton

**34th WyCo Senior Championship**

**Friday October 6, 2017**

**Senior Kids - Ages 55 to 60**

**Low Gross**

1st	70 Ritch Nigh	\$30.00
2nd	77 Daron Maier	\$20.00
3rd	79 Chris Faddis	\$10.00
4th	84 Ray Loya	\$5.00

**Low Net**

1st	66 Brad Burton	\$30.00
2nd	69 Jim Long	\$20.00
tie 3rd	70 Roger Dill	\$7.50
	70 Brian Wilson	\$7.50

**Senior Freshmen - Ages 61 to 64**

**Low Gross**

1st	74 Ed McFadden	\$30.00
2nd	76 Joe Carrillo	\$20.00
3rd	78 Glenn Rice	\$10.00
4th	80 Greg Loethen	\$5.00

**Low Net**

1st	69 Randy Kacel	\$30.00
tie 2nd	70 Jerry Verbeck	\$15.00
	70 Bill Campbell	\$15.00
4th	71 Tom Kanatzar	\$5.00

**Senior Sophomores - Ages 65 to 67**

**Low Gross**

1st	74 Bob Chatterton	\$30.00
2nd	76 Rick Richardson	\$20.00
3rd	83 Keith Johnson	\$10.00
4th	84 TJ Beecroft	\$5.00

**Low Net**

1st	69 Gary Palcher	\$30.00
tie 2nd	72 Tom DeKeyser	\$11.75
	72 Moe Kancel	\$11.75
	72 John Sutton	\$11.75

**Senior Juniors - Ages 68 to 70**

**Low Gross**

1st	72 Jerry Reid	\$30.00
2nd	81 Steve Burke	\$20.00
3rd	82 Chris Blum	\$10.00
4th	83 Roger DeLong	\$5.00

**Low Net**

1st	65 Robert Ulmer	\$30.00
tie 2nd	69 Doug Winkelbauer	\$15.00
	69 Stewart Nelson	\$15.00
4th	70 Dick Davis	\$5.00

**Senior Adults - Ages 71 to 76**

**Low Gross**

1st	81 Dennis McWilliams	\$30.00
2nd	85 John Stewart	\$20.00
3rd	89 Jim Powell	\$10.00
4th	90 Dane Manis	\$5.00

**Low Net**

1st	70 Emmitt Hightower	\$30.00
2nd	71 Ralph Butler	\$20.00
3rd	76 Tom Cooley	\$10.00
tie 4th	77 Dave Palcher	\$5.00
	77 Ernie Williams	\$5.00

**Senior Seniors - Ages 77 & Over**

**Low Gross**

1st	75 Bill Palmer	\$30.00
2nd	85 Clarence Nigh	\$20.00
3rd	88 Paul Palmer	\$10.00
tie 4th	89 Bob Smith	\$5.00
	89 Carl Bruce	\$5.00

**Low Net**

1st	67 Richard Johnson	\$30.00
tie 2nd	71 Charlie Nichols	\$11.75
	71 Al Ramirez	\$11.75
	71 Kirk Witt	\$11.75

**Proximity Prizes - \$10.00 each**

Closest to Hole #4 – Frank Payne  
Closest to Hole #8 – Roger DeLong  
Longest Putt #9 – Ron Favrow  
Closest 2nd Shot #10 – Craig McKinley  
Closest to Hole #13 – Bob Chatterton  
Closest To Hole #16 – Ritch Nigh  
Closest 2nd Shot #18 – Dennis McWilliams

**Closest Score To Age - \$20.00**

**Clarence Nigh**



### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual WyCo Senior Championship Flight Winners



**Overall Champions**  
Tom Bachelor – Gross (left) & Joe Dercher – Net (right)



**Senior Kids - Ages 55 to 60**  
Ritch Nigh – Gross (left) & Brad Burton – Net (right)



**Senior Freshmen - Ages 61 to 64**  
Ed McFadden – Gross (left) & Randy Kancel – Net (right)



**Senior Sophomores - Ages 65 to 67**  
Bob Chatterton – Gross (left) & Gary Palcher – Net (right)



**Senior Juniors - Ages 68 to 70**  
Jerry Reid – Low Gross (left) & Robert Ulmer – Low Net (right)



**Senior Adults - Ages 71 to 76**  
Dennis McWilliams – Low Gross (left) & Emmitt Hightower – Low Net (right)



**Senior Seniors - Ages 77 & Over**  
Bill Palmer – Gross (no photo) & Richard Johnson – Net (right)



**Closest to Age Shooter – Clarence Nigh**



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

A player may declare his ball **unplayable** at any place on the course except when the ball lies in a *water hazard*. The player is the sole judge as to whether or not the ball is *unplayable*. The player shall take one of the following options under penalty of one stroke:

1. Play another ball from the spot as near as possible from which the original ball was played.
2. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.
3. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly in a straight line between the hole and the place where the ball is dropped. There is no limit to how far back the ball may be dropped.

If the unplayable ball lies in a bunker, the same options apply, except that under options 2 or 3 the ball must be dropped in the bunker.

The following is not meant to offend hockey, tennis, basketball, football or soccer fans. It is, rather, an attempt to put everything in its proper perspective. Ever wonder why golf is growing in popularity and why people who don't even play go to tournaments or watch it on TV? These truisms may shed light:

- Golf is an honorable game, with the overwhelming majority of players being honorable people who don't need referees.
- Golfers don't have some of their players in jail every week.
- Golfers don't beat up on each other during the game.
- In golf you cannot fail 70% of the time and make \$9 million a season, like the best baseball hitters (.300 batting average). Professional golfers are compensated in direct proportion to how well they play.
- Golfers don't hold out for more money, or demand new contracts, because of another player's deal.
- Professional golfers don't demand that the taxpayers pay for the courses on which they play.
- You can watch the best golfers in the world up close, at any tournament, including the majors, all day, every day for under \$100. The cost for a seat in the nosebleed section at the Super Bowl will cost around \$900 or more.
- When golfers make a mistake, nobody is there to cover for them or back them up.
- The PGA Tour raises more money for charity in one year than the National Football League does in two.
- Golf doesn't change its rules to attract fans.

- Golfers have to adapt to an entirely new playing area each week.
- Golf doesn't have free agency.
- You can hear birds chirping on the golf course during a tournament.
- Dustin Johnson can hit golf ball three times as far as Mike Trout can hit a baseball.

Finally, here's a slice of golf history you might enjoy. Why do full-length golf courses have 18 holes, and not 20, or 10 or an even dozen? During a discussion among the club's membership board at St. Andrews in 1858, one of the members pointed out that it takes exactly 18 shots to polish off a fifth of Scotch. By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole, the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out. Now you know!

## ***Have A Great November, Hope To See You Soon!***

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