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The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

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

Reece Nigh ----- Men's Club Champion
Pat Seber-Bradley ----- Ladies Club Champion
Carilyn Riley ----- Ladies Senior Club Champion
Kevin Rome ----- WyCo Open Men's Champion
Pat Seber-Bradley ----- WyCo Open Ladies Champion
Tom Bachelor ----- WyCo Senior Champion



WyCo Senior Overall Champions
Tom Bachelor – Gross (left) & Gary Hudgens – Net (right)

We would also like to congratulate Frank Payne & Clarence Nigh for beating their ages and Tom Bachelor for his eagle during the Senior Championship. Finally, a well done to Alan Hoskins for his hole in one on #4 (his 3rd since last December) and to Mark Sorensen for his hole in one on #13



Alan Hoskins
Hole In One #4



Mark Sorensen
Hole In One #13

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, 2019. The winter rates are:

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

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: **The Down & Dirty Tournament**

Saturday November 10th

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 7th.

Red, White & Blue Tournament

Saturday October 13, 2018

Low Gross Winners

1st	70	Tom Bachelor	\$60.00
tie 2nd	78	Jerry Reid	\$40.00
	78	Chris Sirridge	\$40.00
4th	81	Roger DeLong	\$25.00
tie 5th	82	Brett Ricky	\$5.00
	82	Charlie Maybriar	\$5.00
	82	Jonathan Bennett	\$5.00

Low Net Winners

1st	67	Steve Sirridge	\$60.00
tie 2nd	68	Doug Pratt	\$35.00
	68	Moe Ryan	\$35.00
	68	Bob McNellis	\$35.00
5th	69	Mike Yadrich	\$15.00
tie 6th	72	Ron Medley	\$10.00
	72	OW Hutton	\$10.00

Proximity Prizes - \$15 each

Closest to Hole #4 – Jerry Reid
Longest Putt #9 – Bill Pratt
Longest Drive #10 – Bob McNellis

35th WyCo Senior Championship

Friday October 5, 2018

Low Gross

Low Gross Champion – 68 Tom Bachelor – \$50.00
Low Net Champion – 61 Gary Hudgens – \$50.00

Senior Kids - Ages 55 to 62

Low Gross

1st	71	Todd Milberger	\$30.00
2nd	74	Ritch Nigh	\$20.00
3rd	75	Chris Faddis	\$10.00
4th	77	Brad Burton	\$5.00

Low Net

1st	65	Ray Loya	\$30.00
tie 2nd	66	Greg Schmidt	\$15.00
	66	Dave Orel	\$15.00
4th	68	Kevin Jones	\$5.00

Senior Freshmen - Ages 63 to 66

Low Gross

1st	72	Ed McFadden	\$30.00
2nd	76	Vern Cline	\$20.00
3rd	77	Joe Carillo	\$10.00
4th	79	Rick Egnatic	\$5.00

Low Net

1st	66	Jay Sutera	\$30.00
2nd	67	Lew Levin	\$20.00
tie 3rd	69	Randy Kelley	\$7.50
	69	Gary Palcher	\$7.50

Senior Sophomores - Ages 67 to 69

Low Gross

1st	72	Jerry Reid	\$30.00
2nd	74	Bob Chatterton	\$20.00
3rd	77	Bob Janesko	\$10.00
4th	80	Bill Toepfer	\$5.00

Low Net

1st	69	Herb Hume *	\$30.00
2nd	69	Keith Johnson	\$20.00
3rd	70	Sonny Matson	\$10.00
	73	Tom DeKeyser	\$5.00

Senior Juniors - Ages 70 to 72

Low Gross

1st	85	Bob Ulmer	\$30.00
2nd	86	Dick Davis	\$20.00
3rd	87	Stewart Nelson	\$10.00
4th	96	Herschel Hendrix	\$5.00



Low Net

1st	67 John Dufresne	\$30.00
2nd	68 Tom Vrabac	\$20.00
tie 3rd	69 Phil Castro	\$7.50
	69 Don Clayborn	\$7.50

Senior Adults - Ages 73 to 77

Low Gross

1st	79 Emmitt Hightower	\$30.00
2nd	80 Jorge Prieto	\$20.00
3rd	83 Dennis McWilliams	\$10.00
4th	85 Dale Moore	\$5.00

Low Net

1st	66 Phil Stines	\$30.00
tie 2nd	70 Dave Klein	\$11.75
	70 Tom Butler	\$11.75
	70 Burt Cavin	\$11.75

Senior Seniors - Ages 78 & Over

Low Gross

1st	77 Bill Palmer	\$30.00
2nd	82 Richard Johnson	\$20.00
3rd	84 Clarence Nigh	\$10.00
4th	87 Jerry Savner	\$5.00

Low Net

1st	68 Frank Payne *	\$30.00
tie 2nd	68 Stan Maxey	\$15.00
	68 Kirk Witt	\$15.00
	70 John Smarekar	\$5.00

Lowest Score Compared To Age - \$20.00
Frank Payne

* winner in scorecard playoff

Proximity Prizes - \$10.00 each

- Closest to Hole #4 – Richard Johnson
- Closest to Hole #8 – Dave Palcher
- Longest Putt #9 – John Dufresne
- Closest 2nd Shot #10 – Randy Kelley
- Closest to Hole #13 – Bill Toepfer
- Closest To Hole #16 – Bill Campbell
- Closest 2nd Shot #18 – Burt Cavin

BACHELOR, HUDGENS WIN
WYCO SENIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eagle 2 on 391-yard 12th hole helps Bachelor repeat;
Hudgens has best round ever.

Article by Alan Hoskins

Tom Bachelor and Gary Hudgens proved to be the best at playing through a late morning rainstorm in the 35th annual

Wyandotte County Senior Golf Championship Friday. Bachelor shot a sizzling 4-under par 68 to win the low gross championship while Hudgens took low net honors with a 61 on the par 72 Sunflower Hills course in Wyandotte County Park. The tourney drew a field of 92 seniors.

The championship was the second in a row for Bachelor, who spiced his round with a spectacular eagle on the 391-yard 12th hole, holing out his second shot with a pitching wedge from 117 yards. He also had four birdies to offset a pair of bogeys in finishing three shots in front of Todd Milberger and four ahead of Ed McFadden and Jerry Reid.

"I hit a couple of shots in the trees but was lucky enough to have clear shots," said Bachelor, 65. "I didn't have any three putts which is always good. I've been putting pretty well since I went to a claw grip last year."

A resident of Olathe, Bachelor is a regular in most of Sunflower Hills' Saturday, Sunday and holiday tournaments. "It was a good round," he said. "Playing the shorter tees makes it a little easier but you still have to hit good shots and you're playing against your peers. I've been pretty fortunate in staying healthy and being able to still hit the ball at my age." Now semi-retired, Bachelor spent 23 years selling coffee for Proctor and Gamble.

For Hudgens, his round of 79 with an 18 handicap is one he'll not forget. "Best round ever," he said. "I had an 85 yesterday and an 89 last week."

Hudgens, 69, credited his putting for his all-time best, which was four shots better than anyone else in the tournament. "The putts just kept falling for me. I'm not very long so I can't reach most of the greens so I've been working on my wedges and putting." A resident of Grain Valley, Mo., Hudgens was playing in his third WyCo Senior. He's now semi-retired after a long career in the fork lift business.

Frank Payne, who had a net 68 to take low net in the Senior Seniors (78 and over), had the lowest score compared to his age.



Overall Champions
Tom Bachelor – Gross (left) & Gary Hudgens – Net (right)



Senior Kids - Ages 55 to 62
Todd Milberger – Gross (left) & Ray Loya – Net (right)



Senior Seniors - Ages 78 & Over
Bill Palmer – Gross (no photo) & Frank Payne – Net (right)



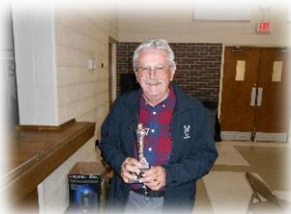
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Ed McFadden – Gross (left) & Jay Sutera – Net (right)



Lowest Score Compared to Age – Frank Payne



Senior Sophomores - Ages 67 to 69
Jerry Reid – Gross (left) & Herb Hume – Net (right)



Senior Juniors - Ages 70 to 72
Bob Ulmer – Low Gross (left) & John Dufresne – Low Net (right)



Senior Adults - Ages 73 to 77
Emmitt Hightower – Low Gross (left) & Phil Stines – Low Net (right)

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



GOLF'S NEW RULES

Golf's Modernized Rules Released

The USGA and The R&A have unveiled the new Rules of Golf, to be implemented January 1, 2019.

The USGA and The R&A finalized golf's new Rules this month after an extensive review that included a request for feedback from the global golf community on the proposed changes. Golfers can now access the official 2019 Rules of Golf by visiting RandA.org or usga.org/rules.

The process to modernize the Rules began in 2012 and was initiated to ensure that the Rules are easier to understand and apply for all golfers and to make the game more attractive and accessible for newcomers.

While the majority of proposed Rules remain intact in the final version, several important changes to the initial proposals and further clarification of many Rules were incorporated. The most significant adjustments made following review of the feedback received from golfers around the world include:

Dropping Procedure: When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now



drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 suggested dropping from any height).

Measuring in taking relief: The golfer's relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 suggested a 20-inch or 80-inch standard measurement).

Removing the penalty for a double hit: The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 retained the existing one-stroke penalty).

Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions. (Key change: this is a new addition to support pace of play)

"We're thankful for the golfers, administrators and everyone in the game who took the time to provide us with great insight and thoughtful feedback," said Thomas Pagel, USGA Senior Director of Rules & Amateur Status. "We couldn't be more excited to introduce the new Rules ahead of their education and implementation."

David Rickman, Executive Director – Governance at The R&A, said, "We are pleased to be introducing the new Rules of Golf after a collaborative and wide-ranging review process which has embraced the views of golfers, Rules experts and administrators worldwide. We believe that the new Rules are more in tune with what golfers would like and are easier to understand and apply for everyone who enjoys playing this great game."

Major proposals introduced in 2017 that have been incorporated into the modernized Rules include:

Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties: There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting

green or in searching for a ball; and a player will not be responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.

Relaxed putting green rules: There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards"): Red- and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

Relaxed bunker rules: There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.

Relying on player integrity: A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.

Pace-of-play support: Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

Presented in digital, text-based form today, the new Rules will also now be translated into more than 30 languages and readied for final delivery via print and digital formats, including searchable Rules of Golf official apps developed by the USGA and The R&A.

Three important publications, to be distributed this fall, will help players as well as officials and provide interpretation and guidance in how the Rules are applied:

The Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf: An abridged, user-friendly set of the Rules with shorter sentences, commonly used



phrases, and diagrams. Written in the “second person,” The Player’s Edition is intended to be the primary publication for golfers.

The Rules of Golf: The full edition of the Rules will be written in the third person and include illustrations. It is intended to be a more thorough version of the revised Rules.

The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf: This “guidebook” replaces the Decisions book and will contain information to best support committees and officials. It includes interpretations of the Rules, Committee procedures (available Local Rules and information on establishing the terms of the competition), and the Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities. It is a comprehensive resource document intended as a supplementary publication.

More than 30 “how-to-apply” videos and a summary of the principal changes are now available at usga.org/rules. Additional educational tools will be released in September.

Players are reminded that the current edition of the Rules of Golf (2016) must be applied when playing, posting scores or competing for the remainder of 2018. The Rules of Amateur Status and the Rules of Equipment Standards were not part of this review process.

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.
- 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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