



REGION FOUR – GOLF COLLECTORS SOCIETY

(Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico)

2015 UNION CREEK HICKORY CLASSIC and 8th ANNUAL SWIFT TROPHY MATCHES (USA vs. CANADA)

March 26-27-28, 2015, Onion Creek Club, Austin, Texas

We topped the 60-player threshold for the first time.

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... our new website proved helpful!

The USA, with Captain **Michael Sloan**, won the **Swift Trophy Matches** for the fourth straight year, beating Captain **Terry Bader's** Canadian team, 17 to 13. Players enjoyed hamburgers and a keg of Coors Light after the round.

The beautiful Michael Roche miniature *Keeper of The Greens* Swift Trophy MVP awards went to USA's **Rob Ahlschwede** and Canada's **Stephen Wong**.

Onion Creek member **Virgil Swift** continued his outstanding and generous support of our event! His generous support was supplemented by an unanticipated, and much appreciated check from Houston's **Michael Sloan**. **Shiner Beer** was kind enough to contribute twenty cases of the

good stuff for our hotel hospitality room and the Friday night BBQ.



In the 36-hole, two-day, medal play tournament, **Jeremy Wright** of Houston, TX, came out on top in the Championship Division with a 159. **John Piffer** of Indianola, IA was second with 168 and **Willie Ducherer** of Edmonton, Alberta was third with 174. **John Hutton** of Lakewood, CO went wild with a terrific 150 to nail down the 60-69 Division. **John Looten** of Sherwood Park, Alberta and **Ed Ronco** of Wyandotte, MI

were second and third with 159 and 171, respectively.

In the 70-Plus Division, **John Berggren** of Kingwood, TX took first with a solid 158, followed by **Bill Reed** of Des Moines, IA and **John Overton** of Indianola, IA, both with 172s.

Kim Haley, Sherwood Park, Alberta, took the Ladies Division with 189 for the two days.

There were two Scramble Divisions. In the *Regular Scramble Division*, **Dick Verinder**, Washington, TX, **John Ausen**, Urbandale, IA, **Michael Myrick**, El Paso, TX, and **Scott Pilgrim**, Sachse, TX came out on top with a 36-hole total of 130.

In the *Golf Club Division*, the Onion Creek Club team of **D. J. Jones**, **Rob Marchese**, **Perry Woolley** and **Michael O'Brien**, with a 134 total bested the Legends Golf Club team of **Pat Clark**, **Ryan Galloway**, **Ron Lyons** and **Dave Blocksidge**.

John Hutton won the *Johnny Henry Award*, which goes to the best net score by a senior player (male or female) who is a member of the Golf Collectors Society. **Tad Moore** of Selma, AL generously donated a new hickory-shaft putter which was presented to *Johnny Henry Award* winner John Hutton. This award honors former Region Four GCS director and Texas golf legend **Johnny Henry** of Ennis, Texas.

Tad Moore also donated two additional clubs: a new hickory-shaft fairway wood which was presented to **Jacob Johnson** of Rockwell, TX. This is a new award and will be presented to *“a younger competitor who best demonstrates the qualities of*

competent hickory play and etiquette”. The other Tad Moore club is a new hickory-shaft chipper which was presented to **Virgil Swift** of Onion Creek Club, whose proactive support of our tournament is critical to its success. **THANK YOU, TAD MOORE and THANK YOU, VIRGIL SWIFT!**

The *Outstanding Volunteer* award, a **Russ Fisher** donation of a restored vintage driver, went to Onion Creek Club member **Jim Alston**. Jim graciously took over a critical role in helping out with many of the behind-the-scenes details associated with helping **Joyce and Max Hill** pull off a great BBQ on Friday night. Jim clearly went above-and-beyond in his efforts. **THANK YOU RUSS FISHER and THANK YOU, JIM ALSTON!**

OTHER TOUCHES..... Houston, TX golf legend **Charlie Epps**, a Texas Golf Hall of Fame member, was our guest speaker and did an outstanding job of entertaining and informing those in attendance at the Saturday night banquet. Charlie went into many of the details about his relationship with Angel Cabrera of Argentina, 2009 Masters and 2007 U. S. Open Champion. It was a strong show of Charlie's support of hickory golf and the history of our sport for him to make the long drive from Houston to Austin (and return), and we thank him for that!!!!



Charlie Epps

A well-stocked hospitality room at the host hotel, managed by the **Onion Creek Men's**

Golf Association, was popular throughout the week.

Lynn League ensured the Swift Trophy was engraved with the 2015 results BEFORE the Saturday banquet.

And the many volunteers who donated their time, tools and talents to a successful tournament:

Director of Golf **John Ferguson** and Head Golf Professional Colby **Cobb Crump** and the entire golf shop staff. **Eileen Felton**, OCC catering manager; the terrific cart crew; **Lisa, Mylissa, and Jennifer**, our

outstanding refreshment cart attendants; and the many Onion Creek members who helped in various and important roles: **Dean LaBonte, Cathi LaBonte, Gene Arnold, Stephanie Arnold, Don Bledsoe, Mary Lou Bledsoe, Sam Burks (Sam is 92 and still volunteers whenever I ask him... a fantastic fellow!!), Perry Woolley, Rick Brown, Michael O'Brien, Theresa Babineaux, John Drake, Lynn League, Ric Monroe, John Ferguson, Sr. (father of our Director of Golf), Susan Ivy, Lynn League, Doug Hickman, John Nolan, T. Mullins, John Moorman, Rick Brown, Jim Alston and Jim McComb.** (I apologize if I missed someone.)

2015 SWIFT TROPHY RESULTS

USA	SCORE	CANADA	SCORE
Russ Fisher John Piffer	1.5	Willie Ducherer Kim Haley	1.5
Scott Johnson Jacob Johnson	1.0	D. J. Jones John Hutton	2.0
Chris Hardy Bill Reed	0.0	Stephen Wong Kenn Looten	3.0
John Ausen Claud Jacobs	2.5	Glenn Bright Tony Hoffman	0.5
Ed Ronco Hal Coward	2.5	John Filian Marcel Valade	0.5
George Barnett John Drake	0.0	Terry Bader Craig Spicer	3.0
Kirk Kuwitzky Rob Ahlschwede	3.0	Pat Clark Ryan Galloway	0.0
John Berggren Pete League	1.0	Wayne Aaron Max Hill	2.0

Michael Sloan Greg Norgard	2.5	Dave Blocksidge John Overton	0.5
Jeremy Wright Bob Roofner	3.0	Ron Lyons David Rasey	0.0
TOTAL	17.0	TOTAL	13.0

The USA leads the Swift Trophy series, 6-2 2015 MEDAL PLAY RESULTS

NAME	DIVISION	GROSS DAY 1	GROSS DAY 2	GROSS TOTAL	HDCP	NET TOTAL	NET PLACE
John Hutton	60-69	76	74	150	10	130	
Kenn Looten	60-69	75	84	159	13	133	
Ed Ronco	60-69	82	89	171	13	145	
Rob Ahlschwede	60-69	84	88	172	18	136	1
Chris Hardy	60-69	88	87	175	15	145	T2
Hal Coward	60-69	85	94	179	17	145	T2
Doug Brossman	60-69	88	92	180	14	152	
David Rasey	60-69	88	92	180	11	158	
Bob Roofner	60-69	89	95	184	17	150	
Kirk Kuwitzky	60-69	102	97	199	18	163	
John Berggren	70+	76	82	158	10	138	
Bill Reed	70+	85	87	172	20	132	
John Overton	70+	84	88	172	15	142	
Tony hoffman	70+	87	88	175	12	151	2
Pete League	70+	90	97	187	15	157	3

Wayne Aaron	70+	97	95	192	22	148	1
Russ Fisher	70+	96	103	199	19	161	
Jeremy Wright	Championship	77	82	159	9	141	
John Piffer	Championship	79	89	168	9	150	
Willie Ducherer	Championship	90	84	174	12	150	
Marcel Vallade	Championship	86	88	174	10	154	3
Jacob Johnson	Championship	86	88	174	9	156	
Terry Bader	Championship	83	91	174	7	160	
Craig Spicer	Championship	89	87	176	14	148	2
Scott Johnson	Championship	89	89	178	9	160	
Dan Chand	Championship	87	92	179	16	147	1
John Filipan	Championship	97	97	194	18	158	
Dick Anderson	Championship	101	95	196	17	162	
Glenn Bright	Championship	104	99	203	16	171	
Vince Arriaga	Championship	104	103	207	16	175	
Kim Haley	Ladies	94	95	189	18	153	

SCRAMBLE TEAMS (REGULAR SCRAMBLE) FIRST Dick

Verinder, John Ausen, Michael Myrick, Scott Pilgrim 64 + 66 = 130 SECOND Susan Black,
Stephen Wong, Michael Sloan, Gary Proctor 64 + 67 = 131 THIRD Virgil Swift, Ron Groves,
John Drake, Rives McBee 66 + 67 = 133 FOURTH Max Hill, Jeff Hill, Pat Finnigan, Jaron

Onthank 69 + 70 = 139

SCRAMBLE TEAMS (GOLF CLUB)

FIRST **ONION CREEK CLUB**, Austin Texas 68 + 66 = 134 D. J. Jones, Rob Marchese, Perry

Woolley, Michael O'Brien

SECOND **LEGENDS GOLF CLUB**, Sherwood Park, Alberta 70 + 69 = 139 Pat Clark, Ryan

Galloway, Ron Lyons, Dave Blocksidge

2015 JOHNNY HENRY AWARD:

John Hutton, Lakewood, Co

2015 RUSS FISHER "OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER" AWARD:

Jim Alston, Austin, TX



HOLE-BY-HOLE ANALYSIS (Original Course)



HOLE	PAR	DAY 1	Day 2	TOTAL	TOTAL BIRDS
1	5	6.17	6.67	6.42	1
2	3	3.67	3.63	3.65	5
3	4	4.83	5.43	5.13	3
4	4	5.10	5.37	5.23	1
5	4	5.33	4.97	5.15	0
6	3	3.47	3.47	3.47	3
7	5	6.30	6.43	6.37	0
8	3	3.67	3.53	3.60	1
9	4	5.00	5.10	5.05	0
10	4	5.13	4.57	4.85	1
11	3	3.93	4.20	4.07	2
12	4	5.10	5.27	5.18	3
13	4	5.33	5.43	5.38	0
14	4	4.93	5.27	5.10	0
15	4	5.43	5.63	5.53	0
16	4	5.23	4.97	5.10	3
17	3	3.53	3.70	3.62	2
18	5	5.97	6.97	6.47	2
TOTAL	70				
AVG		88.13	90.60	89.37	25

EASIEST MOST DIFFICULT

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO INPUT YOUR SCORES, HERE ARE THE COURSE RATING

NUMBERS: ORIGINAL COURSE, WHITE TEE MARKERS: 68.2/126;

ORIGINAL COURSE, YELLOW TEES: 66.6/121

ORIGINAL COURSE, RED TEES: MEN 65.5/117; WOMEN 69.2/116

PLAYER SURVEY: Thanks to those who completed the survey following the tournament. Here are some issues we will consider for next year – no final decisions have been made.

- Eliminate the hamburgers (but not the beer) after the Swift Trophy Matches (too soon after the great box lunch provided by Onion Creek Club)
- Eliminate the alternate-shot format during the Swift Trophy Matches and substitute another format.
- Institute a new two-person team event in the medal play tournament.
- Change the rules to allow persons 70 years and older to enter the 60-69 Division. We might do this by simply re-naming the divisions to *60-Plus* and *70-Plus*.

PHOTOS!!!

CLICK ON THIS LINK FOR PHOTOS BY ONION CREEK MEMBER JOHN

DRAKE.

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