



Deaf Golf Australia

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MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT – AUSTRALIAN RESULTS AT THE 2014 WORLD DEAF GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AT GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT, MICHIGAN, USA

The Australian Deaf Golf Team recently attended the 2014 World Deaf Golf Championships held on 14th to 18th July, at Grand Traverse Resort, in Traverse City, Michigan and came away proud of its efforts. The team was very impressed with the golf course and facilities at Grand Traverse Resort with Mens Team playing on the Bear course once ranked as the 18th toughest course in the USA. The Ladies and Seniors Team played the Wolverine course.

The Australian Team had many good results at these championships, most notably Jack Besley, from Southern Golf Club (Victoria), winning the Mens Individual Championship at his third attempt, with a brilliant final round of 68 (which could easily have gone lower). He led from the first round onwards with a 75 in heavy rain and cold conditions, and was never behind.

Tony Klimek, from Western Australian Golf Club (WA), a nine time veteran player at these Championships, had a final round 75 to vault himself up the leaderboard into a tie for 6th placing.

Jennifer Maric, from Oxley Golf Club (Qld), playing the WDGC for the fifth time, had her best 72 hole score, to finish in a tie for 5th placing.

In the Teams Championships, the Mens Team was unable to defend its Mens Team trophy won in Japan in 2012, however the team did its best to finish in a tie for 4th placing with Canada. The Ladies Team had better success as runner ups and the Seniors Team had their best ever result, finishing in third place.

We at Deaf Golf Australia are immensely proud of the team and its achievements and look forward to continued success at future World Deaf Golf Championships.

Deaf Golf Australia will start its preparations for the 2014 World Deaf Golf Championships to be held at Royal Golf Club, in Copenhagen, Denmark on July 22 to 29, 2016 (www.wdgc2016.com). Qualification for the Australian Team for these World Deaf Golf Championships will be held at Palm Meadows, Gold Coast, on April 25-27, 2015.

Thanks to the generosity of the following sponsors, Deaf Golf Australia was able to send a team to the 2014 World Deaf Golf Championships at Traverse City, Michigan USA:



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The teams competed with apparel provided by Sporte Leisure, and golf bags by Golf Australia.

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (64 entrants):

- 1st Jack Besley 295
- 2nd Hans Elgaard (Denmark) 302
- 3rd Michael Burris (England) 306
- T-18th Jack McLeod 334
- 25th Luke Ellis 340
- 26th Andrew Honeysett 342
- 37th Mark Aird 350
- 56th Craig Douglas 383

LADIES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (16 entrants):

- 1st Patty Lopez (USA) 300
- 2nd Andrea Hjellegjerde (Norway) 313
- 3rd Leontine Warringa (Netherlands) 330
- T-5th Jennifer Maric 354
- 8th Chantell Greavers 358
- 13th Therese Pierce 393

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (31 entrants):

- 1st Kenneth Hoffman (Canada) 317 (won 1st hole playoff)
- 2nd Keith Worek (USA) 317
- 3rd Charles Mikkers (Netherlands) 318
- T-6th Tony Klimek 328
- 13th Wayne Parsons 348
- 20th Kevin Hayden 363

MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (11 teams):

- 1st USA 1267
- 2nd England 1281
- 3rd Denmark 1293
- T-4th Australia 1303

LADIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (4 teams):

- 1st USA 646
- 2nd Australia 712
- 3rd South Africa 749

SENIORS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (6 teams):

- 1st USA 627
- 2nd Canada 650
- 3rd Australia 674

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