

SIMI VALLEY CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PRESS RELEASE

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Ledbetter Takes Charge to Win His Second Simi Valley City Golf Championship

Jake Ledbetter of Thousand Oaks won the 2015 City Championship with a two-round score of 141. His winning score today, two years later, was 133 – 9 strokes under par and an 8 stroke improvement from the win two years earlier. And rather than ending regulation in a tie, as he did in 2015, Ledbetter beat the field by an impressive 4 strokes.

Three players tied for second place with scores of 5 strokes under par, or 137. They are Brandon Beck (Oak Park), Dan Sullivan (Pasadena), and Jordan McBrayer (Carlsbad). In all, 10 championship players broke par in this year's two-day event.

According to Simi Hills General Manager and Head Professional, Brian Reed, the course was challenging for many of this year's golfers, but still provided opportunities to go low. "Course conditions were outstanding this year, and that allowed the top golfers to make shots that others could not. The course setup did as we intended – providing the best players with the opportunity to pull away from the field."

Reed continued, "We are proud of everything about this tournament. It allows us to showcase the course, the Park District, and the community. We feel we are privileged to have a top-notch grounds crew to prepare the course to be at its best for this event. In addition, from the professional staff and Rancho Simi Grill operations, we endeavor to provide a "big tournament" feel and service, and this has contributed greatly to the success of the City Tournament. This year we drew competitors from Singapore (by way of Las Vegas), Houston, Lake Havasu, Denver and Panama City, Florida, as well as a strong contingent from Orange County and San Diego. Our reputation has grown over the years; we know that golfers don't generally travel this far unless they receive an exceptional experience and share it with their friends."

Top honors in the Senior Championship flight went to Mike Hoyle (Chatsworth), scoring one over par 143 in two rounds. Hoyle followed his one-under par round on Saturday with a 73 today (two strokes over par), to win the event by one stroke over Bob Valerio of Hawthorne. In third place at 3 over par, was Ajay Dhawan (Montrose).

Keith Kiertzner (Sherman Oaks) shot a two-round total 152 to win the gross competition in the A flight. One shot behind were three area golfers, Jeff Harness (Simi Valley) and Kyle Sewall and Rob Impellizzeri, both of Moorpark, shooting 153. In the A flight net score competition, Nabih

Khoury (Simi Valley) bested Rob Masters (La Crescenta) by 3 strokes completing the tournament at 4 under par, 138.

The B flight gross score champion is Andreas Schudde (Thousand Oaks), who shot 160 in two rounds. Schudde won over Darren Atkison (Simi Valley) and Edward Rosenstock (Los Angeles) by three shots. The B flight net score championship went to Michael Semder (Simi Valley), with a net score of one under par 141. Tied for second low net in the B flight, at 142, were Stephen Canterbury (Moorpark) and Tom Cammalleri (Simi Valley)

In the Senior A flight, Bill Clark of North Hollywood took the gross score honors with a score of 149. Second place, six strokes back, was David Vanderhorst (Castaic), with a two-round total 155. Tied for third place, with two-round scores of 156, were John Gotthardt (Chatsworth) and Paul Cross (Santa Clarita).

In the Senior A flight net competition, Rodney Delaplane (Canyon Country) took the honors, with a score of 135 for the two rounds. Tied for second place were Alan Friedman (Calabasas) and Maurice Choi (Lake Havasu City, AZ) scoring even par 142.

There was a tie in the Senior B gross score competition, with Al Mendenhall (Canoga Park) and Scott Murphy (Granada Hills) both scoring 163 for the two rounds. Third place in the flight's gross score competition went to Cris Zabka (Granada Hills), one stroke back.

The Senior B flight net competition was won by Mark Sawyer of Simi Valley, with a score of 138. Tied for second at 140 were A. J. Winkler (Thousand Oaks) and Clifton Tucker (Tujunga).

The year's Simi Valley City Championship was the 36th anniversary of this event. Next year's 37th edition is scheduled for June 2-3, 2018.

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