



# Rawls Reporter

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## It's time to pick the daisies, boys.....

### *A little record-keeping reveals all sorts of winners in 2011*

So, you might ask, just who were the stars of the Rawls Senior tour in 2011?

Well, it's time to pass out the Daisies, and we'll see who wins this most valuable honor.

Who won the most money this year?

Who won the most Senior Days?

Who had the most points for placing first or second in the Senior Days?

You just have to figure it all out, and since there's only one "Daisy" doing the figuring, you can take the results for what they are.....just one guy's idea of how to rate the year and the almost 40 senior golfers who took part.

#### **Money Leaders**

Let's start with the money. The big winner was Harold Flournoy, with \$984 leading the list. That was the prize money he took home after investing about \$700 to be in the contests. He gave away in prizes, as our senior sponsor, quite a bit more than his "profit."

The other money leaders were 2. Ron McWilliams, \$778; 3. Charles Bentley, \$770; 4. Tommy Weaver, \$611; 5. Mike Strickland, \$548; 6. Dale Hayden, \$539; 7. Bill Turner, \$510; 8. Tony Mollhagen, \$456; 9. Gerald Young, \$436; 10. Tie between David Hallgarth and Rhea Cooper, \$420; 12. Granvel Scott, \$419; 13. Red Richardson, \$410; 14. Dick Burnett, \$391; and 15. Roger Schaefer, \$347.

#### **Who played the most?**

Who played the most golf? Bill Turner led the list with 102 rounds through November, with Harold Flournoy next with 98. Ron McWilliams was third with 97, then the list was Charlie Bentley, fourth with 93, Dale Hayden, fifth with 91, Granvel Scott sixth with 85, Tommy Weaver, seventh with 78, Dick Burnett and

Roger Schaefer, tied for 8<sup>th</sup> with 65; and Tony Mollhagen, 10<sup>th</sup> with 56.

#### **Best Average Money Won**

When it came to who had the best averages for times played vs. money won, the list went like this (at least 25 rounds played):

1. Red Richardson, \$11.08;
2. Mike Strickland, \$10.96;
3. Harold Flournoy, \$10.04;
4. Joe Humphreys, \$9.61;
5. Rhea Cooper, \$9.33;
6. Tim Duncan, \$8.89;
7. Jerry Smith, \$8.87;
8. Jack North, \$8.48;
9. Charles Bentley, \$8.28;
10. Gerald Young, \$8.23;
11. Tony Mollhagen, \$8.11;
12. Ron McWilliams, \$8.02;
13. Russell Patton, \$7.85;
14. Tommy Weaver, \$7.83;
15. David Hallgarth, \$7.78.

#### **Most Senior Days Won**

Charles Bentley won this category by one! He had five Senior Day wins in addition to three second place showings for a total of 13 points (2 for first, 1 for second, including ties).

Harold Flournoy and Tommy Weaver tied for second with four wins and a pair of seconds each. They scored 10 points apiece.

Fourth was Gerald Young with 9 points gained for 3 firsts and 3 seconds.

Red Richardson was fifth with 8 points, off 3 firsts and 2 seconds.

At tied for sixth were Jerry Smith, Mike Strickland and Tony Mollhagen, each with three victories and a single second. Each scored 7 points.

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## Winners.....

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Tied for ninth with six points each were Granvel Scott and Dick Burnett, each with two wins and two seconds.

There was a four-way tie for 11<sup>th</sup> with Jack North, Russell Patton, Rhea Cooper and Joe Humphreys each scoring four points. Jack and Russell each won twice, while Rhea and Joe each had a victory to go with two seconds.

### Best Low Net of the Year

Granvel Scott easily took this honor, scoring a net 61 early in the year when his handicap index was 16.4 and he received 18 shots for the round. He carded a round of 79, less his 18 shots.

He was short of Tommy Weaver's Rawls senior record low net 59 set in 2010. That day, Tommy shot a 77 less 18.

### Best Senior Day Gross Round

Chalk this one up to a tie between Ron Gaines and Mike Strickland, who each carded 1-over 73's to win on separate Senior Days at the Rawls Course. Ron tied for first low net that day and Mike won the top prize alone with his score. The best round away from Rawls was on a Medal Day at Plainview, where Gerald Young shot an even par 71 for a net of 63, second best net of the year.

### Competition was keen

During the year, Senior Days were almost always close. The only runaways were a 5-shot win by Jack North early in the year and a 7-shot victory by Tommy Weaver late in the year.

Many times the top prize was shared by a pair of golfers. On two occasions, there were four-way ties for first, and on another, there was a three-way deadlock.

In a majority of the single golfer wins, the margin was one shot.

### Who was the most improved?

It was a close race for most improved golfer this year. Dusty Thomas doesn't get to play as much, but his handicap index of 17.7 at the beginning of the year came all the way down to 13.1 by the end of November. Joe Humphreys came in with about the same improvement. He started the year at 16.8 and was at 12.3 by November's end. So we'll call it a tie for the most

improved. Both get a daisy for knocking 4.5 strokes off their indexes.

Not too far behind were Granvel Scott, who went from 16.4 to 13.1, and Dale Hayden, who dropped his index from 12.6 to 9.6 at November's end.

### High Handicappers vs. Low Handicappers

Too close to call.

We had 18-20 handicap indexes under 12 and about the same number over that figure.

Out of 1500 rounds total, with golfers investing an average of a little over \$7.00 a round, there was about 10,500 to 11,000 bucks in the pot, all totaled.

The high handicappers won 50.28 per cent of the money, leaving the lows at 49.72 per cent. The difference for the entire year was \$61, or about FOUR CENTS a round.

The handicap system is working, and no one is winning or losing big bucks. So FAIRNESS gets a Daisy, too.

### So who won all the Daisies?

Let's see, the leading money winner gets one for that, and maybe another for being generous with his sponsorships.

The guy who played the most rounds is ineligible because he's picking the Daisies.

Red Richardson gets one for carrying the top average among the money winners and Charlie Bentley wins one for winning the most senior days.

Granvel Scott earns one for the best low net of 2011, and Ron Gaines and Mike Strickland win one each for their best low gross rounds of the year on Senior Day.

Dusty Thomas and Joe Humphreys deserve their Daisy, too, because each improved his handicap index by 4.5 strokes last year.

Tommy Weaver gets one for Driving the Daisy and also because he was lucky enough to share second place in Senior Days won. The guy who shared second with him already has a Daisy.

Dick Burnett wins his Daisy for writing the most truthful End of the Year Review in his legendary writing history

Let's see, who did I forget?

Maybe all the other guys whose average winnings were well above \$7.00. They actually made a profit, be it a small one.

Also, really deserving of The Daisy are all the folks who work at Rawls. We are privileged to play on one of the USA's finest university courses. And we do appreciate you.