

**The United States Deaf Golf Championships were held at Northwood Golf Club in Rhinelander, Wisconsin during the Week of July 10, 2023. The course was challenging with super tight fairways and super slick greens however the week was filled with excitement and memorable moments. Here's a summary of the highlights:**

**In the Men's Open, Kevin Hall emerged as the champion, with Pono Tokioka and Zach Prieston as his closest competitors.**

**Ashlyn Johnson successfully defended her title in the Women's Open, defeating newcomer Erica Pressley, who was a former standout from the University of South Carolina. Patty Lopez claimed victory in the Senior Women's division.**

**Michael Maxwell, a native of Wisconsin, displayed excellent skills and course management to win the Men's Seniors division. Doren Granberry, EJ Brumm, and James Kim were among his strong competitors. Mike Finneran was crowned the Super Seniors Champion.**

**The USDGA also hosted a recreational golf tournament, which proved to be a success. Heather Suhr, a former three-time Wisconsin State Champion, made an astounding return to golf and won the Gross Division. Bob Perkins secured victory in the Net Division.**

**The tournament coincided with the Wisconsin Deaf Golfer's Association's one-day annual tourney resulting in an above average WDGA participants.**

**During the tournament week, there were various highlights and events. A French five-course dinner prepared by Sandra Wolfgram and her crew to show our appreciation to our hard-working volunteers and sponsors were revered by all!**

**The Shootout at Inshalla Country Club showcased impressive shots, including a nearly perfect hole-in-one and remarkable long putts, scrambling and chipping. Ultimately, Kevin Hall triumphed by sinking a 30-foot putt on the final hole against Doren Granberry.**

**The Wisconsin local volunteers meticulously hosted a cookout that attracted over 130 people, with Roger Claussen and his team doing an excellent job hosting a Wisconsin-style cookout that included prize giveaways. A demonstration by Touring Professional Kevin Hall was also held.**

**The week concluded with the Wisconsin Traditional Friday Fish Fry, complemented by Cream Puffs. Additionally, there was a memorable iPhone act that captivated everyone's attention.**

**Overall, the tournament week was a resounding success, filled with great golfing moments, delicious food, and enjoyable social gatherings.**

**And those Old Fashioneds...**

