

# The Ducas

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The pipes, the pipes are calling!

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Irish Open began with the sounds of pipes and drums. Taylor resounded with the strains of Irish and Scottish tunes played by a contingent of the Scranton Black Diamonds and the Eagle Hose Company #1 Pipe Bands. On pipes were Bill Hetherson and Tom Brownlee and on drums, Jim Riley.

A special thanks to Bill, Tom and Jim for their time, effort and performance on behalf of the Irish Open. We hope to have them back in 2000 for our opening ceremonies.

Consistency

For the fourth year in a row we had 10 teams competing in the Open. We had eight rookies in this year's Open.

In case you were wondering, thirty two golfers have participated in four or more Opens since our inaugural event in 1991. Six have played in all nine tournaments. We hope this is a sign that we're doing something right. Suggestions are always welcome though!

And the winners are ...

We had a tie for first place this year with two teams carding 61s, a tie for the lowest score recorded in our 9 years. A birdie on the 3rd hole decided the championship. The last place team compiled a 71.

Teams are listed in their order of finish.

Bob O'Malley 61  
Dave Lloyd  
Mike Golembeski  
Mike Anglin

Terry Purcell 61  
Mike Lukus  
Tom Staffaroni  
Mark Kleback

Andy Smith 64  
George Sharkey  
Ed Gallagher  
Rick Lynch

Mike Rovnanik 65  
Dave Maher  
Walter Bobola  
Paul Healey

Mike Brislin 67  
Bill Ollendyke  
Joe Lukus  
Mitch Morgan

Paul Canavan 67  
Sid Birch  
Dave DeNault  
Andy Beidler

Bill Hetherson 68  
Tom Brownlee  
Jack Delaney  
Jim Riley

Terry Bondurant 70  
John Hoblit  
Marie Buranich  
Diane Buranich

John McClurg 70  
Mark Mauriello  
Don Marsh  
Chuck Simmons

Ken Hodel 71  
Joe McKeown  
Bob Graham  
Don Tweedy

Longest drive on the 18<sup>th</sup> went to Terry Purcell. Closest to the pin on 11 went to Dave Lloyd, 23 ½ inches from the pin.

Since 1991 there have been 88 persons playing in the Open, 49 of them have won one or more trophies. The Executive Committee interprets these statistics as confirmation that the team selection process and play format provides a fair competition for all involved regardless of skill level.

Speaking of stats ...

For the first time since 1995 someone has surpassed the impressive trophy collection of Mitch Morgan. This year Dave Lloyd, by taking closest to the pin and a championship trophy, became the trophy champ with 7 trophies.

Dave has two championships, 97 & 99, three second place finishes, 94, 95 and 96, longest drive in 1992 and closest to the pin in 1999.

Mitch Morgan has taken home 6 trophies. He has two championship trophies, 91 and 96, one second place trophy, 94 and one third place trophy, 95. In addition he has back to back longest drive trophies, 95 and 96.

Paul DiMarco, Chud Rightor, Pat Welk, George Sharkey and Bob Graham all have four trophies apiece.

In the eight year history of the Open there have been three repeat champions, Paul DiMarco in 93 and 94, Matt Beckish in 95 and 96 and Glenn Sprechini in 97 and 98. Four others have been champions in two or more non-successive years; Bob Graham in 92, 94 and 97, Bill Hetherson in 92 and 95, Dave Lloyd in 97 and 99, Mitch Morgan in 91 and 96 and Pat Welk in 95 and 98.

We have kept track of scores in the Open since 1993. Following are the high, low and average scores as well as the overall high, low and average for the past six years.

**1993 - Summit Hills**

High 76  
Low 69  
Average 72.75

**1994 - Summit Hills**

High 86  
Low 68  
Average 73.56

**1995 - Summit Hills**

High 78  
Low 66  
Average 70.50

**1996 - Summit Hills**

High 88  
Low 64  
Average 74.50

**1997 - Pine Hills**

High 70  
Low 61  
Average 66.00

**1998 - Pine Hills**

High 71  
Low 62  
Average 66.70

**1999 - Pine Hills**

High 71  
Low 61

Average 66.40

**Overall**

High 88 1996  
Low 61 1997 & 1999  
Average 69.91

Other notables ...

Terry Purcell celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday during this year's Open. Happy Birthday!

Terry is also the first woman to claim the longest drive trophy.

Until next year ...

Thank you for all the positive feedback about this year's Open. We're working on making next year's bigger and better than our first nine.

Only 183 days until Saint Patrick's Day! Slainte!

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**The Irish Open  
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