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### **Sandy Lyle Wins World Hickory Open 2016**

After two days of highly-competitive games between many of the world's top hickory golfers, double Major winner Sandy Lyle has been named the World Hickory Open Champion 2016.

"I'm delighted to have won my fourth Major," joked Sandy, winner of the 1985 Open and the 1988 Masters and many other titles, including the World Hickory Open 2014. "It's been a fantastic few days at Panmure with a great championship and great golf."

Joint runners-up were 2015 World Hickory Open winner, Andrew Marshall from Bawburgh Golf Club, Norfolk and Johan Moberg from Sweden. Rymer Smith from Buckinghamshire won the coveted Archie Baird Trophy, which is presented to the tournament's top amateur golfer, and Switzerland's Mauris Lauber won the 55-64 category, with Christopher Homer from Morecambe winning the 65+ category. The Ladies Scratch title was won by Swedish hickory golfer Brita Nord, while Ingrid Lind from the Emirates claimed the Handicap title.

"Once again, everyone involved in the World Hickory Open, whether as an organiser or a competitor, has had a fantastic time in Carnoustie Country," said Lionel Freedman, Chair of the World Hickory Open, as he presented Sandy Lyle with his trophy. "The enjoyment on everyone's faces at the prizegiving is testament to what fun it is to play hickory golf, especially when added to the fun is the opportunity to play hickory golf on such a great golf course."

Although the prizegiving marked the end of the World Hickory Open 2016, many of the competitors stayed to play in an international hickory team match at Arbroath Golf Course, another historic Carnoustie Country course, on 13 and 14 October.

"The International Triangulation Match is between teams from the USA, Europe and World Hickory Select and is extremely popular," said Lionel. "Last year, it was won by the World Hickory Select so it will be very interesting to see which team wins this year."

To find out more about the World Hickory Open, visit [www.worldhickoryopen.com](http://www.worldhickoryopen.com). To find out more about the 34 Carnoustie Country golf courses within a 40-minute drive of Carnoustie Championship, including 'stay and play' packages, visit [www.carnoustiecountry.com](http://www.carnoustiecountry.com), 'like' the Carnoustie Country Facebook page or follow Carnoustie Country on Twitter.

**Caption:** 2016 World Hickory Open Champion Sandy Lyle with his trophies at Panmure Golf Club. Photo courtesy of CarnoustieCountry.com © Andy Thompson Photography / ATIMAGES

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**Editor's Notes**

1. There are 34 Carnoustie Country courses in and around the county of Angus, including the Carnoustie Championship Course. Carnoustie Country is Angus Council's golf destination campaign and hosts golf tournaments, events working in partnership with the golf industry in Angus, East Perthshire and North Fife to promote the area as a world class golfing destination.