



## 2016 101st Southwestern Amateur Tournament Summary

The 101st Southwestern Amateur was held June 15-18, 2016 at the par 70, 6883 yard Cochise Course at the Desert Mountain Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. For the first two rounds, we also used the par 70, 7171 yard Geronimo Course. This allowed us to accommodate the entire 156 player field in one morning wave. We used the same exemption approach as last year to improve the quality of the field. Exemptions were based upon rankings: on amateur events (top 500 in the Scratch Player World Amateur Ranking (SPWAR), top 200 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), on collegiate events (Golfstat and *Golfweek* Rankings, on junior events (*Golfweek*, AJGA), on Southwestern Amateur top finishers and past champions, and on special considerations. About 600 invitations were sent out in early January with those that replied affirmatively automatically accepted on a first in – first accepted basis. The field quality stats from SPWAR for 2016 were up to 54 from 39 in 2015 which represents 19 players from the top 600 (121 the highest ranked) and 92 players in the top 1000 (the new standard for 2017). The field of 156 players came from a record 240 entries and included 33 from California and 31 from Arizona. Players came from 28 states and 7 countries, and represented 78 colleges, universities and community colleges. GHIN's TPP Online program was our official scoring program and included OnCourse scoring for real-time scoring. Volunteers entered three-hole scores directly using Golfstat's smartphone application.



2016 Champion PJ Samiere

### **PJ SAMIERE CARDS FINAL ROUND THREE-UNDER-PAR 67 TO CAPTURE THE 101st SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR** **The San Diego State Junior Shoots 267 (-13) to Record Three-Shot Victory Over Highly-Acclaimed Amateur Field at Desert Mountain's Cochise Course**

**PJ Samiere** of Kailua, Hawaii shot a final-round three-under-par 67 on Saturday to capture the 101st Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament at the Desert Mountain Club's Cochise Course in northeast Scottsdale.

Samiere (67-66-67-67-267) a rising junior at San Diego State University, entered the final round one shot behind third-round leader **Nick Heinen** of Edmond, Okla. Samiere built some early momentum by birdieing the 397-yard first hole and had a four-shot lead over the field when he recorded consecutive birdies at the 424-yard, par-four 10th and 189-yard, par-three 11th hole.

Heinen (68-67-64-73-272), a red-shirt sophomore at Oklahoma State University, got off to a shaky start with a bogey and double-bogey in his first four holes and finished in fourth place at eight-under par 272.

**Braden Bailey** (68-67-67-68-270) of Groves, Texas and **Derek Bayley** (65-71-66-68-270) of Rathdrum, Idaho tied for second at 10 under par. Bayley was determined the runnerup in a scorecard playoff.

"I played really solid golf the entire week," Samiere said. "To shoot four rounds under 70 on Geronimo and Cochise is a great accomplishment. This win is certainly my highest achievement in the game of golf which I have been playing since my dad got me started at the age of six."

The field of 69 players played under clear skies, hot temperatures approaching 105, and swirling gusty winds. Bailey, a sophomore at Baylor who started the day at 208 – two shots behind Samiere -- said the winds and difficult pin positions created quite a challenge to all of the players. "The winds made the golf course play much more difficult than yesterday, and PJ played a great round of golf to win the tournament."

### **Round 1 Results – June 10**

The 101st Southwestern Amateur Golf Championship got underway today under clear skies and mid-90's temperatures on the Cochise and Geronimo Courses at the Desert Mountain Club. Cochise played at 6889 yards, par 70 and Geronimo a bit longer at 7272 yards, par 70.

**Derek Bayley** of Rathdrum, Idaho shot a five-under-par 65 Wednesday to seize the first-round lead. Bayley, a junior sports management major at Washington State University, holds a slim one-stroke lead over **David Ricciardelli**, a recent graduate of Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale who is headed to the University of San Diego in the fall, and the tournament's 2015 second place finisher, **Hayden W. Wood** of Edmond, Okla., a red-shirt sophomore at Oklahoma State University who both shot four-under-par 66. Wood lost the 2015 championship on the first playoff hole to Dylan C. Healey of Franklin, Tenn.

After the first round Bayley leads a tightly-bunched field that features some of the country's leading amateur players. His 32-33 first round featured seven birdies and two bogies and was highlighted by a 50-foot putt on the par 3 seventh hole on the Cochise Course.

Also in close pursuit only two strokes back are **Cory Bacon** of Cave Creek, Ariz., **Ted Jones** of Wildwood, Mo., **PJ Samiere** of Kailua, Hawaii, **Perry Cohen** of La Jolla, Calif. and **Sam Dickey** of Las Vegas who all shot three-under-par 67 on Cochise and **Grant Smith** of Johnston, Iowa who recorded a similar score on the Geronimo Course.

Bayley, who played in last year's Southwestern Amateur, said his round "was pretty routine with the exception of the long putt I made on number seven. My iron play was pretty good and that took a lot of pressure off of my short game. Both courses seem to fit my eye, so I am going to try to go out and do the same thing tomorrow."

The second round resumes at 7:30am tomorrow, Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> on both the Cochise and Geronimo Courses. Players are flipped so each play both courses. Upon completion of play, the field will be cut to those players with the lowest sixty scores and ties and continue play on only the Cochise Course.

## Round 2 Results – June 16

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### SAN DIEGO STATE JUNIOR GRABS TWO-STROKE LEAD AFTER TWO ROUNDS AT 101st SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR AT SCOTTSDALE'S DESERT MOUNTAIN

#### PJ Samiere Fires Four-Under-Par 66 to Lead Two Oklahoma State Cowboys and Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep Graduate Heading into Friday's Third Round

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – **PJ Samiere** of Kailua, Hawaii carded a four-under-par 66 on Thursday to vault to the top of the leader board after two rounds of the 101st Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament being played at the Desert Mountain Club's Geronimo and Cochise courses in northeast Scottsdale.

Samiere (66-67-133), a junior economics major at San Diego State University, holds a two-stroke lead over Oklahoma State University roommates **Nick Heinen** (68-67-135) and **Hayden W. Wood** (66-69-135) and **Colton Yates** (69-66-135), a Colorado State University junior who graduated in 2014 from Scottsdale Notre Dame Prep.

The second rounded was played under clear skies with temperatures in the mid-to-high 90s with slight winds.

Samiere -- who played his second round on Desert Mountain's difficult Geronimo Course -- leads a tightly-bunched field heading into the third round, and is in good position to "perhaps win the biggest tournament of my career. My round today was smooth. I kept my driver in play and converted five birdies (Holes 11, 12, 14, 17 and 1) with only one bogey. Tomorrow I will go out and just try to hit fairways and greens."

Entering the third round, three players are within three shots of the lead, including first-day leader **Derek Bayley** (65-71-136) of Rathdrum, Idaho, **David Ricciardelli** (66-70-136) of Scottsdale, and **Sam Stevens** (68-68-136), an Oklahoma State teammate of Heinen and Wood.

Bayley, a junior at Washington State University, started his round slowly with two consecutive bogies and then had the misfortune of breaking his two iron on his third hole when the head of the club separated from the shaft on his drive. "It wasn't easy today, but I persevered and brought it back to shoot one over on a very difficult golf course," Bayley said. "I am looking forward to the next two days on Cochise."

Sixty-nine players made the 36-hole cut that came at seven-over-par 147, with a total of 22 players shooting even par or better. Eleven players from the Phoenix area made the cut.

The third round of the tournament resumes at 7:30 a.m., tomorrow, Friday, June 17 on the Cochise Course with the leaders teeing off at 9:31 a.m. The final round will be played on Saturday.

### Round 3 Results – June 17

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## NICK HEINEN RECORDS TWO EAGLES, FIVE BIRDIES ENROUTE TO SIX-UNDER-PAR 64 TO TAKE THIRD-ROUND LEAD OF 101st SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR

### Oklahoma State Sophomore Holds One-Stroke Edge Over Two Players As Tournament Enters Final Round on Saturday At Desert Mountain Club in Scottsdale

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – **Nick Heinen** of Edmond, Okla. shot a six-under-par 64 on Friday to take the third-round lead of the 101st Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament being played on the Cochise Course at the Desert Mountain Club in northeast Scottsdale.

Entering Saturday's fourth and final round, Heinen (68-67-64-199) sits at 11 under par for the tournament and holds a one-stroke advantage over **PJ Samiere** (67-66-67-200) of Kailua, Hawaii, and **Sam Stevens** (68-68-64-200) of Wichita, Kan.

Heinen, a red-shirt sophomore at Oklahoma State University, roared the momentum of two eagles (holes 15 and 18) and five birdies (holes 5,6,8,9 and 12) to seize the third-round lead away from Samiere who led at seven-under-par 133 after two rounds.

"I certainly made my share of putts today," Heinen said. "It seems as if every putt I looked at went in, and my 35-footer at 15 for eagle was certainly the highlight of the day. That really provided some spark for me, and I hit 2-iron, 8-iron to number 18 and then sunk my last putt of the day for another eagle. It was a lot of fun!"



*Stevens (l), Heinen, Samiere (r)*

The field of 69 players encountered clear skies with no wind and less-than expected heat for the third round.

Samiere -- a junior at San Diego State University -- continued his good play, recording a three-under-par 67 that was highlighted by a 60-foot birdie putt on the 12th hole and a 55-foot eagle putt at the 18th. "I really didn't hit it all that well today," Samiere said after the round, "but my putter really saved me."

Sam Stevens of Wichita, Kan. -- a teammate of Heinen at Oklahoma State -- also shot 64 on Friday, recording seven birdies and only one bogey. Playing in his third consecutive Southwestern Amateur, Stevens will play in the final group on Saturday with Heinen and Samiere.

Entering the final round, Stevens said, "I am swinging at it pretty good, and feel very comfortable on the Cochise Course. I am really looking forward to tomorrow."

First-round leader **Derek Bayley** (65-71-66-202) of Rathdrum, Idaho, and **Braden Bailey** (68-67-67-202) of Groves, Texas are tied for fourth at eight under par. At six-under-par are **Daniel Hudson** (72-66-66-204) of Western Springs, Ill. and last year's Southwestern Amateur runner-up, **Hayden Wood** (66-69-69-204), also of Edmond, Okla. and another OSU Cowboy.

Sixty-nine players made the 36-hole cut. After three rounds, 18 players have shot par or better. The low Arizonan in the field is **David Snyder** ((70-69-66-205), who is a native of McAllen, Texas, but spends part of the year in Scottsdale.

The tournament continues Saturday morning with tee times beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the first and 10th holes on Desert Mountain's Cochise Course. The leading groups tee off number one at 9:20 and 9:31 a.m.



## Final thoughts

The twenty-five players who finished in the top 25 will have exempt status into the 102<sup>nd</sup> Southwestern Amateur which will return to the Desert Mountain Club next year.

The SWGA Tournament Committee wishes to sincerely thank the entire staff at the Desert Mountain Club for graciously hosting this event, especially CEO Bob Jones, Director of Golf Mike Scully, Cochise/Geronimo Head Professional and Tournament Coordinator Tanner Marlett, Public Relations Manager Sandy Painter, Director of Club Operations Christophe Hermine and his F&B staff, Director of Agronomy Shawn Emerson and his Geronimo and Cochise Course Superintendents and their crews. Special thanks also to Donna Ranslem for heading the Housing Committee, Frank Roth for heading the Volunteers Committee and running the real-time scoring, and our Administration Manager Maree Stone. Thanks to the following directors for their assistance in conducting this event: John Ranslem, Ray Korte, Doug Seery, John Gusky, Bill Lich, Allen Eaker, Joel Empie, Rich Grant, Phil Hannaford, Jack Key, Tony Kingsbaker, Gary Loeb, Phillip Mahoney, Mike Peluso, John Ransom, John Reis, Clark Swartz, Chuck White, Otis White and Warren Wilson. Special recognition to our invited rules officials and all our volunteers that made real time scoring a success. For directors who could not attend, we thank them for their continued support of this event.

Finally, thanks to all 156 players, their families and all our spectators for another successful event. We hope to see you next year.

## Photo Gallery



**101ST SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR  
DESERT MOUNTAIN CLUB – COCHISE/GERONIMO COURSES  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ  
JUNE 15-18, 2016**

**INDIVIDUAL SCORING REPORT - FINAL RESULTS**

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PAR 70 (280 TOTAL) – 6889/7272 YARDS

Pos	Player	Hometown	Par	1	2	3	4	Tot
1	PJ Samiere	Kailua, HI	-13	67	66	67	67	267
T2	Braden Bailey	Groves, TX	-10	68	67	67	68	270
T2	Derek Bayley	Rathdrum, ID	-10	65	71	66	68	270
4	Nick Heinen	Edmond, OK	-8	68	67	64	73	272
T5	David Snyder	McAllen, TX	-4	70	69	66	71	276
T5	Alex Springer	Olathe, KS	-4	69	68	70	69	276
T7	Preston Alder	Provo, UT	-3	74	67	67	69	277
T7	Sam Stevens	Wichita, KS	-3	68	68	64	77	277
T9	Roy Cootes	Rolling Hills, CA	-2	70	67	69	72	278
T9	Daniel Hudson	Western Springs, IL	-2	72	66	66	74	278
T9	Hayden Wood	Edmond, OK	-2	66	69	69	74	278
T12	Brandon Lee	Alpharetta, GA	-1	70	71	65	73	279
T12	Luis Medina	Guadalajara, MEX	-1	81	66	65	67	279
T14	Blake Abercrombie	Rocklin, CA	0	68	69	70	73	280
T14	Brandon Bauman	Las Vegas, NV	0	71	69	71	69	280
T14	Matthew McCarty	Scottsdale, AZ	0	73	65	67	75	280
T14	Spencer Painton	Aurora, CO	0	69	68	73	70	280
T14	David Ricciardelli	Scottsdale, AZ	0	66	70	72	72	280
T14	Zach Smith	Dublin, CA	0	71	71	69	69	280
T20	Briggs Duce	Sierra Vista, AZ	+1	69	71	67	74	281
T20	Colton Yates	Scottsdale, AZ	+1	69	66	76	70	281
T22	Eric Ansett	Spokane, WA	+3	70	74	72	67	283
T22	Jordan Gumberg	Ft Lauderdale, FL	+3	69	71	74	69	283
T22	Riley Johnson	Fargo, ND	+3	76	68	69	70	283
25	Blake Barens	Orange, CA	+4	74	73	69	68	284
T26	Daniel Gurtner	Guatemala City, GTM	+5	74	73	71	67	285
T26	Tyson Reeder	Edmond, OK	+5	69	74	71	71	285
T26	Joshua Seiple	Castle Rock, CO	+5	74	73	69	69	285
T26	Andrew Whalen	Ephrata, WA	+5	72	66	70	77	285
T30	Cory Bacon	Cave Creek, AZ	+6	67	72	74	73	286
T30	Triston Fisher	Southlake, TX	+6	72	74	68	72	286
T30	Ben Harden	Phoenix, AZ	+6	71	76	66	73	286
T30	Teddy Jones	St Louis, MO	+6	67	75	72	72	286
T30	Grant Smith	Johnston, IA	+6	67	77	68	74	286
T30	Ken Tanigawa	Paradise Valley, AZ	+6	72	73	71	70	286
T36	Matthew Dorchinecz	Scottsdale, AZ	+7	70	76	70	71	287
T36	Kyler Dunkle	Larkspur, CO	+7	74	73	68	72	287
T36	Nathaniel Goddard	Ft Collins, CO	+7	74	72	70	71	287

T36	Michael Perras	Pasadena, TX	+7	71	69	74	73	287
T36	Sean Yu	Taiwan, TWN	+7	76	70	67	74	287
T41	Luigi Botta	Cuneo, ITA	+8	69	78	72	69	288
T41	Austen Christiansen	Houston, TX	+8	74	73	74	67	288
T41	Spencer Dunaway	Mililani, HI	+8	74	69	68	77	288
T41	Eric Ghim	Glendale, AZ	+8	73	74	69	72	288
T41	Jack Rickabaugh	Garnett, KS	+8	72	73	74	69	288
T41	Joshua Seden	Roseville, CA	+8	76	69	71	72	288
T47	Mason Andersen	Chandler, AZ	+9	73	68	73	75	289
T47	A.J. Ott	Ft Collins, CO	+9	72	73	71	73	289
T47	Trevor Werbylo	Tucson, AZ	+9	69	76	71	73	289
T50	Kade Brown	Oberlin, KS	+10	72	72	70	76	290
T50	Perry Cohen	La Jolla, CA	+10	67	78	74	71	290
T52	Andrew Buchanan	Los Altos, CA	+11	68	74	72	77	291
T52	Hunter Ostrom	Eagle, ID	+11	73	72	77	69	291
54	Justin Chong	Granada Hills, CA	+12	78	69	73	72	292
T55	Arthur Griffin	Lake Placid, NY	+13	72	74	71	76	293
T55	Finigan Tilly	Redwood City , CA	+13	70	74	69	80	293
57	Tom Vining	Sioux Falls, SD	+14	73	72	73	76	294
T58	Caleb Ramirez	Blythe, CA	+15	80	66	74	75	295
T58	Brandon Wu	Danville, CA	+15	71	75	74	75	295
60	Ryan Odom	Corona, CA	+16	70	74	72	80	296
T61	Ryan Maund	Pleasanton, CA	+18	70	70	72	86	298
T61	Colin Kober	Scottsdale, TX	+18	71	72	80	75	298
T63	Jacob Arnett	Spring Hill, FL	+19	71	75	73	80	299
T63	Matthew Ashley	San Jose, CA	+19	75	72	74	78	299
T63	Harrison Mahon	Dallas, TX	+19	71	76	70	82	299
66	Kyle Kochevor	Glen Ellyn, IL	+21	70	76	80	75	301
67	Christopher Meyers	Oro Valley, AZ	+22	73	74	82	73	302
68	Alec Bone	Phoenix, AZ	+23	72	73	82	76	303
69	Patrick Fishburn	Ogden, UT	WD	71	73	73	WD	WD
	Cut at 147							
T70	Samuel Foust	Edina, MN	+8	76	72			148
T70	Greg Gildea	Vashon Island, WA	+8	76	72			148
T70	David Kleckner	Alpharetta, GA	+8	75	73			148
T70	James Lee	Albuquerque, NM	+8	73	75			148
T70	Sean O'Donnell	Glendale, AZ	+8	77	71			148
T70	Jake Staiano	Cherry Hills, CO	+8	73	75			148
T70	Phillip Stewart	Lake Jackson, TX	+8	75	73			148
T70	Sam Stilwell	Potomac Falls, VA	+8	79	69			148
T78	Andrew Beckler	Topeka, KS	+9	74	75			149
T78	Jake Byrum	Scottsdale, AZ	+9	74	75			149
T78	Sean Carlon	Albuquerque, NM	+9	74	75			149
T78	Andrew Ertel	The Woodlands, TX	+9	71	78			149

T78	Trent Evans	Edmond, OK	+9	76	73			149
T78	Stephen Griggs	Carmichael, CA	+9	76	73			149
T78	Peter Kuest	Fresno, CA	+9	76	73			149
T78	C.J. Lee	Lehi, UT	+9	76	73			149
T78	James Russo	Scottsdale, AZ	+9	76	73			149
T78	Joel Shields	Young NSW, AUS	+9	75	74			149
T78	Sahith Theegala	Chino Hills, CA	+9	76	73			149
T78	Sam Triplett	Scottsdale, AZ	+9	74	75			149
T90	Brandon Baumgarten	Granite Bay, CA	+10	74	76			150
T90	Anthony Cecere	Palos Verdes Estates, CA	+10	77	73			150
T90	Billy Comeaux	Tucson, AZ	+10	75	75			150
T90	Clayton Crawford	Aspen, CO	+10	80	70			150
T90	Dylan Deogun	Orchard Lake, MI	+10	74	76			150
T90	Jackson Heazel	Atlanta, GA	+10	75	75			150
T90	Alec Heinen	Edmond, OK	+10	75	75			150
T90	Ty Macias	Phoenix, AZ	+10	79	71			150
T90	Travis McInroe	Plano, TX	+10	73	77			150
T90	Samuel McKay	Scottsdale, AZ	+10	72	78			150
T90	Patrick Mills	Tampa, FL	+10	74	76			150
T90	Rhett Rasmussen	Draper, UT	+10	77	73			150
T90	Kyle Shealy	St Petersburg, FL	+10	74	76			150
T103	Justin Avery	Clovis, CA	+11	73	78			151
T103	Blake Cannon	Mesa, AZ	+11	82	69			151
T103	Jonah Daniels	Scottsdale, AZ	+11	78	73			151
T103	Sam Engel	Scottsdale, AZ	+11	76	75			151
T103	Tripp Kinney	West Des Moines, IA	+11	78	73			151
T103	George Markham	Phoenix, AZ	+11	79	72			151
T109	Miguel Delgado	Novato, CA	+12	72	80			152
T109	Sam Dickey	Las Vegas, NV	+12	67	85			152
T109	Keynan Fanslow	Tacoma, WA	+12	77	75			152
T109	Mikey Feher	Signal Mountain, TN	+12	80	72			152
T109	Andrew Garner	Paradise Valley, AZ	+12	78	74			152
T109	Trevor Gold	Eureka, IL	+12	82	70			152
T109	Mike McGilton	Chandler, AZ	+12	76	76			152
T109	Joshua Radcliff	Arlington, TX	+12	77	75			152
T109	Gregory Royston	Hillcrest, ZAF	+12	81	71			152
T109	Dale Smith	Murrieta, CA	+12	76	76			152
T109	Nick Swanson	Isla Vista, CA	+12	79	73			152
T109	Aaron Whalen	Ephrata, WA	+12	78	74			152
T121	Andrej Bevins	Elk Grove, CA	+13	77	76			153
T121	James Grierson	Forbes NSW, AUS	+13	75	78			153
T121	Peter kyo won Koo	S. Korea, KOR	+13	73	80			153
T121	Zachary Pritchard	Maysville, GA	+13	84	69			153
T125	Brady Edwards	Peoria, AZ	+14	83	71			154
T125	Hale Furey	Newport Beach, CA	+14	72	82			154

T125	Donny Hopoi	Aiea, HI	+14	76	78			154
T125	Jackson Ireland	Mission Viejo, CA	+14	78	76			154
T125	Dalton Stanger	Orem, UT	+14	76	78			154
T130	Tyler Collier	Chico, CA	+15	79	76			155
T130	Ben Doyle	Berkeley, CA	+15	80	75			155
T130	Maxwell Miller	College Station, TX	+15	76	79			155
T133	Max Donohue	Sioux Falls, SD	+16	79	77			156
T133	Isaac Merry	Las Cruces, NM	+16	77	79			156
T133	Ryan Slater	Gilroy, CA	+16	77	79			156
T136	Aaron DeNucci	Clive, IA	+17	83	74			157
T136	Kyle Hoffman	Lincoln, RI	+17	76	81			157
T136	Connor Tallman	Scottsdale, AZ	+17	77	80			157
T136	Marc Toma	San Diego, CA	+17	78	79			157
T140	Thomas Avant	Chandler, AZ	+18	80	78			158
T140	Nick Jan	Los Angeles, CA	+18	79	79			158
T140	Caleb Oleson	La Quinta, CA	+18	79	79			158
143	Tyler Kathrineberg	Chandler, AZ	+19	83	76			159
T144	Colby Dean	Eagle, ID	+20	78	82			160
T144	Joseph Harvie	Orting, WA	+20	79	81			160
T144	Youn Sung Kim	Toronto, CAN	+20	77	83			160
147	Seung Yub Baek	S Korea, KOR	+21	75	86			161
T148	Thomas Lehman	Scottsdale, AZ	+23	76	87			163
T148	Thomas Strandemo	Fargo, ND	+23	77	86			163
150	Sam Humphreys	Edmond, OK	+24	76	88			164
T151	Scott Dunsire	Naperville, IL	+25	82	83			165
T151	Griffin Pierce	Edmond, OK	+25	88	77			165
153	J. J. Qualkenbush	La Quinta, CA	+27	82	85			167
154	Alec Tahy	Dayton, OH	+35	83	92			175
155	Jorge Herrera	Guatemala City, GTM	WD	88	WD			WD
156	Troix Tonkham	Arleta, CA	WD	WD				WD