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2024 Speedgolf World Championships & ISGA Team World Cup Conclude in Japan

The International Speedgolf Alliance (ISGA) proudly announces the successful conclusion of the 2024 Speedgolf World Championships and ISGA Team World Cup. Hosted by Speedgolf Japan, one of ISGA's 5 founding members, the prestigious event was held at the iconic Seven Hundred Club in Sakura, Tochigi, Japan. This marks the first Speedgolf World Championships hosted outside the US since the inception of the ISGA in 2018. It is also the largest field in Speedgolf World Championships history.

The Seven Hundred Club, no stranger to hosting world-class events, has served as a multi-year venue for the Japan National Speedgolf Open. This history of excellence provided the perfect backdrop for Speedgolf's greatest international field to date.

"It was a great privilege to host the global Speedgolf community this week for the 2024 Speedgolf World Championships," said Tadahiro Kobayashi, Owner of the Seven Hundred Club. "I am deeply inspired by the athleticism and passion of these incredible athletes, as well as the close-knit and uplifting spirit that defines this unique sport. The Seven Hundred Club was honored to be the stage for such an unforgettable event."

The event brought together 83 elite athletes from 14 nations to compete in Mens, Womens, Senior Mens, and Senior Womens divisions. The individual championship was contested over two days and 36 holes, while the team event featured 9 holes of foursomes each day.

"After the unfortunate postponement of hosting Worlds Week in 2020 and 2022 due to COVID, it is an incredible honor to finally bring the world's greatest Speedgolf athletes together here at the Seven Hundred Club," said Mike Ishizaka, Founder of Speedgolf Japan and Owner of Golf Digest Online (GDO). "This year's championships featured the strongest and most diverse field in Speedgolf history, and I could not be more proud of our team at Speedgolf Japan for their dedication and precision in coordinating such a successful event. It has been a joy to showcase Japan as a premier destination for Speedgolf on the global stage."

During the ISGA banquet dinner, four nations were inducted into the alliance: **Sweden, France, Ireland, and Belgium**. This brings the ISGA's membership to 10 nations, a key milestone on the path to achieving Olympic inclusion. This is part of the ISGA's long-term vision, the "**ISGA 2040 Vision**," which aims to see Speedgolf included as an Olympic sport by the year 2040.

"The 2024 championships in Japan represent a major milestone for Speedgolf, showcasing the sport's growth, diversity, and international reach," said Scott Dawley, President of the ISGA. "The passion and sportsmanship on display this week were nothing short of inspiring. Adding four new member nations demonstrates the momentum and global appeal of Speedgolf as we work toward Olympic recognition."

The ISGA also announced the locations for the next two biennial Speedgolf World Championships: **New Zealand in 2026 and the United Kingdom in 2028**.

For more information about Speedgolf and the ISGA, visit www.playspeedgolf.com/isga

Full field results available at www.playspeedgolf.com/worldsweek24.

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Top Results By Division

Men

1. Jin Ohta (Japan) Rd 1–74 in 46:18=120:18 | Rd 2–73 in 43:04=116:04 | **236:22**
2. Bernie Smith(New Zealand) Rd 1–74 in 46:49=120:49 | Rd 2–75 in 42:49=117:49 | **238:38**
3. Robin Smith (New Zealand) Rd 1–75 in 43:24=118:24 | Rd 2–76 in 44:26=120:26 | **238:50**

Women

1. Liz McKinnon(New Zealand) Rd 1–77 in 55:22=132:22 | Rd 2–72 in 55:39=127:39 | **260:01**
2. Meguna Haga (Japan) Rd 1–75 in 58:27=133:27 | Rd 2–75 in 56:20=131:20 | **264:47**
3. Emily Mollard (France) Rd 1–79 in 56:57=135:57 | Rd 2–75 in 54:43=129:43 | **265:40**

Senior Men

1. Marko Kuningas (Finland) Rd 1–80 in 47:29=127:29 | Rd 2–78 in 46:29=124:29 | **251:58**
2. Damian Mills (New Zealand) Rd 1–82 in 51:07=133:07 | Rd 2–74 in 49:20=123:20 | **256:27**
3. Steve Vancil (USA) Rd 1–74 in 53:54=127:54 | Rd 2–72 in 58:33=130:33 | **258:27**

Senior Women:

1. Runa Pettersson (Sweden) Rd 1–95 in 64:30=159:30 | Rd 2–91 in 65:00=156:00 | **315:30**

Top Team Finishers (Foursomes):

Men

1. Luke Willett & Luke Bone (UK) – 77 in 37:48 = **114:48**
2. Bernie Smith & Craig Russell (New Zealand) – 78 in 39:17 = **117:17**
3. Tatsuya Shinmoto & Jin Ohta (Japan) – 78 in 40:20 = **118:20**

Women

1. Liz McKinnon & Amy Linton (New Zealand) – 77 in 51:34 = **128:34**
2. Lauren Cupp & Paige Vancil (USA) – 81 in 60:52 = **141:52**
3. Beverley Fentiman & Kathy Leppard (UK) – 104 in 36:36 = **160:36**

Senior

1. Joe Matsui & Shingo Bamba (Japan) – 81 in 47:26 = **128:26**
2. Damian Mills & Greg Anderson (New Zealand) – 88 in 48:57 = **136:57**
3. Peter Sharlott & John Farron (New Zealand) – 87 in 68:20 = **145:20**

Mixed

1. Pertti Palosuo & Milla Hallanoro (Finland) – 87 in 31:54 = **138:54**
2. Mats Akesson & Runa Pettersson (Sweden) – 89 in 53:19 = **142:19**
3. Cyrille Fournier & Britta Uschkamp (France/Germany) – 111 in 67:15 = **168:15**