

FEATHER IN THE CAP AWARDS

These awards have been presented to members of Sons In Retirement since 1988.

From information that I have gathered, the awards originated when Jack Wood, a member of Branch 76, and also a wood carver hobbyist, was playing at Bennett Valley in Santa Rosa when one of the men in his foursome made a hole-in-one. At the end of the game, the lucky golfer bought the members of the foursome a beer. Jack had a plain rooster hackle feather in his cap which he took out and presented to his fellow golfer, telling him that he should have a feather in his cap for making a hole-in-one. Jack's comment was "You would have thought that I had given him \$50.00". Jack went home and designed the Feather-In-The-Cap pin which is still awarded today. The following week Jack told his playing partner that he would like to trade him for the rooster hackle feather and the partner resisted until he saw the pin that Jack had made. Between 1988 and May of 2002, Jack had made over 500 pins, most of which were presented to members of Sons In Retirement. Jack Wood passed away on December 19, 2003. The State Golf ommittee adopted the Feather in The Cap Award and it was administered by George Bokanich, a member of the State Golf Policy Committee, for many years until George left the Committee. After Jack Wood passed away, George found another wood carver to make the pins. The pins were made by Don Dugan until he passed away in 2012 The State Golf Committee has expanded the award to include members playing in sponsored events that shoot their age as well as the hole-in-one awards. To qualify for the awards, Branch, Area or Division Golf Chairmen must complete Form No. 7, which is on our [website](#), and mail it to the address listed on the top of form. The form must also be authenticated by two witnesses.