

# NHC

## 2011

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### \*\*\* Oakhurst Status \*\*\*

Mr. Lewis Keller, Sr. reports that a business group has a keen interest in purchasing Oakhurst Links. Their vision is to restore everything to an 1880s motif, including the interior and furnishings of the clubhouse. Sheep will again be an integral part of the course and the Oakhurst experience. This group is also very desirous of maintaining the course's relationship with the NHC. The transaction has not yet taken place but the parties involved are very close to a mutual arrangement. More news as it happens.

### Consider This...

Randy Jensen's Championship record score of 146 set in 2007 is an astounding accomplishment. Oakhurst Links is probably the most difficult course in the world yard-for-yard. If one unscientifically extrapolates Oakhurst's 4498 yards against any of the Tour's 7000-yard courses—56% longer than Oakhurst, Randy's winning score would translate to 227 (36 holes) or 454 (72 holes) with the extra yardage and 19th century equipment. Granted, that is an unscientific analysis but it makes us look pretty darn good. Bring 'em on, the pros have nothing on us. Let them hit out of the rough on the right side of hole 2.



*Mike Stevens, Tampa, Florida holds the NHC permanent trophy. His champion's gold medal peeks out from behind his neck tie. Mike has played in all 13 NHCs and was the 2005 champion, too.*

### Two Important Items For 2011

A separate flyer is included with the entry materials describing two important projects being undertaken by the NHC. The first is the book project and I am encouraging everyone to participate. The second is the NHC outreach program with the First Tee of the Triad, part of which is to outfit the group with some sets of hickories so the kids get a history lesson with some fun. Please read about both these initiatives and see if you can help.

### Lost & Found

Two camera lens caps were recovered in the aftermath of the 2010 NHC. One is a Nikon 52 mm, the other is a non-branded 55 mm. If either belongs to you contact Pete.

### Hotel Phone Numbers

Lewisburg:

Fairfield Inn	304 645-7999
General Lewis	304 645-2600
Hampton Inn	304 645-7300
Holiday Inn Express	304 645-5750
Quality Inn	304 645-7722

(formerly the Brier Inn)

White Sulphur Springs:

James Wylie House (B&B)	304 536-9444
Old White Motel	304 536-2441
The Greenbrier	304 536-1110

## Match Play Event

The October 2 match play event was won by newcomer Mike Henderson of Chesapeake, Ohio who defeated Tom Johnson in the final round. A total of 11 players teed off including the Georgia Rover boys, Ross Snellings and Rick Brown, who left Augusta at 2:00 AM Saturday morning for their 9:15 tee times. Mr. Keller played as well amid glorious autumn sunshine.

## Greg Smith

Greg had bypass surgery and is recuperating nicely. He'd like to thank all those who send him well wishes following his operation.

## ForbesLife

We had a little bit of a false alarm last year when I was told the article on the hickory golf movement by Jim Dodson was eminent in ForbesLife magazine. Last month I received word from the editor it would now appear in their March 2011 issue. Several NHC competitors were interviewed and the piece should have some good anecdotes from the world of hickory golf.

## The Hickory "Slam"

With the coming of Connor Lewis's 19th century format hickory event in Chicago this coming July, there are now four guttie era hickory events. Connor is proposing a point system for persons playing in those events resulting in a winner of the Hickory "Slam." There will be more on the "Slam" and the two other guttie events (beside the NHC) – Foxburg and Niagra-on-the-Lake – in future NHC newsletters.

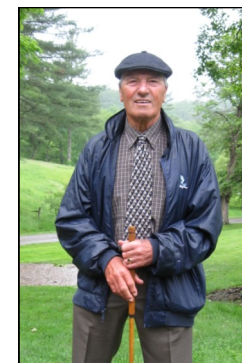


*Caddying for his wife, Debs, Peter Herrington wonders if this is one of a caddie's official duties.*

## Bits and Pieces

When Gordon Beggs returns to the NHC this year he will do so as a retiree. Congratulations Gordo!

John Miles wrote to say that his best friend, John Whittington, passed away in London in December. Mr. Whittington came from his home in Bromley, Kent to play in the 2009 NHC.



## 2011 Agenda

Thursday, June 9

Elmore Just Foursomes Competition  
(beginning around 11:00 AM)  
Open Practice from approx 1:00–5:00

Friday, June 10

NHC Competition Rounds 1 & 2  
7:30 AM–5:00 PM  
Championship Dinner  
7:30 PM at Osteopathic College

Saturday, June 11

NHC Competition Rounds 3 & 4  
7:30 AM–5:00 PM  
Awards ceremony  
immediately following golf