

# NHC

## 2011

Newsletter #2, March 2011

### Cocktail Reception!!!

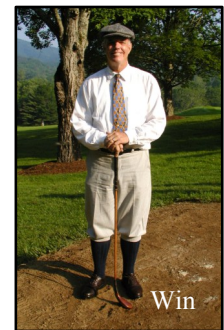
A glaring omission from the Agenda that was printed in Newsletter #1 was the Thursday Evening Cocktail Reception. Yes, it is still on, held on the clubhouse grounds starting around 6:00 PM after the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition and open practice. The NHC is supplying a pretty fair amount of beer and wine but if you bring a wee dram of single malt to share you'll become very popular. The NHC is also underwriting our own fabulous Wisconsin cheeseheads, Ann and Greg Smith, who will again bring a very tasty selection of fine Wisconsin cheeses and sausages from America's Dairyland. If you feel a case of the munchies coming on, bring a bag of chips, pretzels, nuts or some other hors d'oeuvre to add to the buffet table for additional snacking. Dress is casual...very casual.

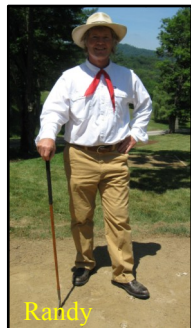
**Still going on about food...** the NHC will have the famous Oakhurst BBQ grill fired up on Friday and Saturday at noon for hotdogs and bratwurst. As usual, either someone will be there acting as grill-master or it may be self service. Condiments provided, too.

### Greg Smith First in the Clubhouse

**GREG SMITH**, DeForest, Wisconsin was first player in 2011 to submit an entry for the National Hickory Championship. His acceptance was very closely followed by paperwork from the ever-green **Eric O. Wolke**, Middle Village, New York. It will be Greg's 4th NHC, Eric's 12th. Right behind Eric was smiling **Bob Reheard** from Huron, Ohio. Bob will be appearing in his 7th NHC. The honor of being the first rookie to enter goes to **Eddie Breeden**, Upland, California. Eddie was ready to fly east last year but suffered a rotator cuff injury prior to the Championship. Rounding out the top five is the anchor man, **Win Padgett, Jr.**, Dallas Texas, who was one of the originals from the 1998 NHC, playing for the 12th time.

Next in the door is eight time Champion **Randy Jensen**, Omaha, Nebraska, one of five NHCers who have played in all 13 Championships so far. He was closely followed by **Tanner Stewart**, Zanesville, Ohio (6th NHC), rookie **Joe Whisnant**, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, **Terry Pitts** (5), Bennet, Nebraska and **Tom Johnson** (13), Tallmadge, Ohio.





Randy

14th NHC



Tanner

5th NHC



Joe

Rookie



Terry

5th NHC



Tom

13th NHC



Jim Wilhelm

3rd NHC



Robert Arrington

5th NHC



John Crow Miller

13th NHC



Player "B"

11th NHC

## Oakhurst Status

Mr. Keller reports that he is nearing a deal to sell the course. The prospective new owners have enthusiastically committed to support the NHC and possible other hickory golf events. Once the transaction is consummated we'll report all details.

## Foursomes News

After last year's titanic extra holes struggle between the Busic boys and the Just boys the Clan Match Championship will be back to a four-team challenge featuring the Busics and Justs, Bob Sly and Bob West and Player "B" and sister Caty Goidel, who will undoubtedly carry her brother as she has in the past.

## Reminders

- \*\* When the pairing sheet is mailed in May, please note that first tee times on Friday are a half hour earlier than years past. This is an early request to please be mindful of the earlier start.
- \*\* Dress code is in force for all competitive rounds of golf (Friday-Saturday). At all other times casual attire is encouraged (Foursomes, Thursday cocktails, Friday dinner).
- \*\* The course is closed on Thursday morning until Foursomes begin. The course is open Monday-Wednesday for practice a special NHC all-day fee.
- \*\* Photos are taken on the first tee Friday morning. If you bring two outfits you will probably want to wear your favorite one on Friday.
- \*\* The deadline for placing a support ad in the program book is April 30 this year. Players placing ads receive extra copier of the program.

## NHC History Book

For all golfers who have participated in at least one NHC, please think of a good anecdote to provide for the NHC History book currently being assembled. The book will be part of our 15th Championship celebration in 2012 so you have time to do something awesome, or inane, in this year's Championship. More on the book in future newsletters.

## First Tee Outreach

We are still accepting donations of playable hickories—19th or 20th century—for our First Tee outreach program. Fred and Sherry Smeltzer sent some beautiful clubs and we're even getting two donations from non-players. We can use more.