

Price Increase

The NHC has maintained a constant entry fee price for six or seven years. However costs have increased and entry fees must be raised in 2014; dinner is now included in the entry fee. Is it regrettable but also inevitable — I hope all golfers will understand.

2014 Arrangements

Although the Greenbrier Resort now owns Oakhurst Links we will be able to keep most of the format we have developed over time.

- There will be a welcome reception on Thursday evening courtesy of the Greenbrier.
- The Friday dinner will be at the Elks Club where we were most recently in 2008 and 2009.
- Lunch will be our usual grilled self-serve arrangement on the deck. Water and drinks on the course Friday and Saturday.
- We will be permitted to bring our own beer and malt.



The Granddaddy of Hickory Golf Events

Hickory Club Rental

The 'new' Oakhurst has clubs available for its daily fee visitors and guests but many of the sets are 1920s vintage and not approved for NHC competition. Contestants that do not have appropriate clubs can rent a set from Chris McIntyre. They are shipped directly to Oakhurst and they may be used all week. Chris's sets include 3 irons, playclub and putter. Irons are 19th century, playclub is a replica. They are very high quality clubs. Cost is \$100/week and includes shipping to and from San Diego.

Next Newsletter...

...will be mailed in late January. It will contain the order of events, hotel information and more detail on NHC 2014, June 5-7.

Foursomes

A separate sheet is enclosed here with the names of the players who may elect to play in Match Eight Foursomes. Other Foursomes competitions are open for entry or you may choose to play in the regular stroke play event. If you have questions about the different divisions just e-mail Pete for guidance.

New NHC Web Site

The NHC web site has been redesigned and upgraded. Matt Dodds and one of his designers, Cooper Fellows, along with our own über IT geek Jimmy Sherrill are putting on the finishing touches and the site will be live around January 10, 2014. Use it to get all NHC information, forms, archived newsletters and past results. PLEASE NOTE this important change. The site address now has the ".org" suffix.

www.nationalhickory.org

19世紀の話ではありません。 現在の話です



第1回 ナショナル・ヒッコリー・ チャンピオンシップ



大会会場となったオークハーストリンクスは自称「アメリカ最古の組織化されたゴルフクラブ」である

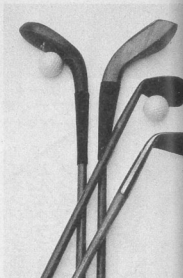
19世紀のヒッコリークラブとガタパーチャボール。

当時の服装に身を包み、

群れをなす羊たちが草を食む合間で
スコティッシュリンクススタイルの

9ホールをプレー。

そんなトーナメントが開かれたら、
あなたは参加しますか？



ヒッコリークラブの基本セット。ドライバーとパターは木のヘッドで、ソールにはラムの角で作ったプレートが付いている。アイアンとロフター（ロフトのあるアイアン）のフェースには溝がまったくない。ちなみに、ドライバーの平均飛距離は、150ヤード前後だそうだ

コース内には、のったりと草を食む羊たちの群れ。一体、これは何世紀の光景？

文／船越園子
撮影／田辺安啓

NHC Outreach Program

The NHC Outreach Program will be back in full swing in 2014. We'll be working with The First Tee of the Triad in Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point but we may also initiate a program with The First Tee in Roanoke, Virginia. Roanoke is only 75 minutes south of White Sulphur Springs and it makes sense to include them.

Our junior golf program will include some new participants from those two First Tee chapters but it will also make arrangements for some of our past participants to continue their involvement with hickory golf.

NHC 'old boy interns' Mason Jenkins, Marsalis Brooks Davis and Seth Lomison have all invested in hickory club play sets which demonstrates their love of the sport and intentions to play more in the future.

This past year one of our NHC alumni, Tanner Stewart, donated 38 clubs to the NHC—First Tee program so we can continue to provide the kids range time with hickories. Tanner has been waylaid by injuries the past couple years but hopes to be back in the future. The program heartily appreciates his generosity. Other contributions still welcomed.

← 1998 Flashback

At left is a scan from *Golf Digest — Japan*. Two of their reporters were in attendance at the inaugural NHC and filed a three page story. Somewhere in the NHC archives there is a translation. I'll try to find it. We worked on a dress code for future NHCs.