



Oakhurst in the morning



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Introducing the NHC Hospitality Partner

This year the NHC has taken on a “hospitality partner.” The D.G. Yuengling brewing company and their distributor in Lewisburg/White Sulphur Springs, American Beer Company, will join the NHC in presenting the best hickory golf event in the world. American Beer Company will be partnering with the NHC providing assistance with the Championship’s food and beverage arrangements.

“We’re excited about joining the NHC this year,” said Yuengling West Virginia regional sales manager Ryan Kehler. “We’re America’s oldest brewery teaming up with America’s oldest hickory golf championship on America’s oldest golf course.” The Yuengling brewery was founded in 1829. More details will be included in the next NHC newsletter.

NHC Approved Balls

For NHC 2014, two balls have been approved for play. The traditional Oakhurst/NHC ball is the ball being sold on the NHC entry form. Additional balls are available at Oakhurst from Pete. The second ball approved is the Brown/McIntyre “Braid” ball. It will be available for sale at Oakhurst during the NHC from Dave Brown at a cost of \$12.00 each. Rules governing the use of balls will be the same as last year. A variety of ball put in play on the first hole of any stipulated round (9 holes) must be used for the entirety of that round. The variety of ball may be switched after completing 9 holes before beginning the second 9-hole round of the day. When switching make sure you advise your playing partners and mark your ball. Scorecards for the competition rounds have a spot for you to indicate which ball you are playing that nine. *(also see “Balls,” side 2)*



*Hospitality partner
of the NHC*

Thursday Evening Reception

The Thursday evening NHC tradition continues. Originally the Kellers hosted a reception for NHC contestants, friends and families on the clubhouse grounds. We continued that a few years ago with the NHC BYO reception, Greg and Ann Smith providing some great Wisconsin treats.. In 2014 the Greenbrier shows their appreciation to all NHCers with a cocktail and hors d’oeuvres reception 6:00–8:00 PM on the clubhouse grounds. They will also extend an invitation to members of the Greenbrier Sporting Club so we’ll all have the opportunity to meet some new golf friends.



John Roth (13) Mike Just (15) **Mike Stevens (17)** Steve Simer (2) Sherry Smeltzer (4)



Dave Brown (2) JW McMath (3) Jim Clawson (4) Jim Thomas (3) Fred Smeltzer (4)

*These guys are good!
Just look at 'em! They're entered.*



“Beer & Eats”

No one is more familiar with that local watering hole than our Greenbrier county entertainment reporter Ross Snellings. However the place is no longer called by that name. He'll fill you in. For the 2014 NHC at Oakhurst, here's a quick recap of the catering schedule.

Thursday: no food or snacks during Foursomes. There will be beer and water available. The cocktail reception runs from 6:00—8:00PM on the clubhouse grounds.

Friday & Saturday: Light snacks in the morning. Hot dogs and brats grilled from 11:00—1:00 with chips, condiments and beer. Water and soft drinks available on the deck and on the course.

Friday evening: Championship dinner at the Elks Club catered by Three Pigs, the ladies that cooked for us 2010-2012. Expect a nice array of hors d'oeuvres, salad, two entrees, potato, veg and dessert. Cash bar as in past years.

Balls...*continued from first page*

Currently in test is a line-cut guttie-type ball Dave Brown is working with. It will closely resemble the Braid but the price will be around \$5.00. Next newsletter will carry an update.

Foursomes Explained

We've adapted the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition to prevailing conditions over the years and 2014 is no exception. First, there are four separate competitions this year. The Match Eights will again feature the top eight finishers from 2013 (or alternates), by invitation. Open Match Play is open to anyone wishing to play foursomes in a match play format. The Clan Match Championship is for foursomes teams of familial relatives (you know who you are). The group of longest standing is stroke play foursomes in two flights. You may sign up for either Open Match or Stroke Play unless you finished in the top eight of the Open Division in 2014 or plan to play with a family relative. If you have a question don't hesitate to contact Pete.

The Clan Match Championship field is filling up quickly. If the number of entering teams exceeds four we may go to an alternate, points-based scoring system. Full details will be discussed in Newsletter #3 due out in mid-April.

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