



Newsletter #2, February

Report from the Greenbrier

The **Greenbrier** is moving ahead on the new “Open” golf course at the Sporting Club and development of the residential complex. Oakhurst Links is now officially part of that complex. In future Oakhurst will be part of the gated community and a private facility. However the NHC will remain an integral part of Oakhurst and we will receive the same access and privileges we have enjoyed in the past. Our partnership with the Sporting Club may also be beneficial in recruiting some new contestants for future NHCs.

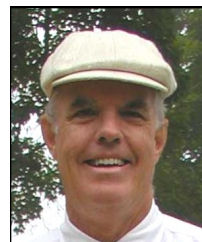
Course Set Up

Course set up and grooming for NHC 2016 will be the subject of a meeting in April including Pete, Burt Baine and Kelly, the course superintendent for both the new “Open” course and Oakhurst Links. We will tour all nine holes reviewing where high rough is necessary, multi cut rough bands at the edges of the fairways, fairway grass cut heights and green conditions and speeds. The April conference will allow of time for the grounds crew to have the course in the proper conditions for June 9-11. There will also be a practice putting green available in a location to be determined.

First Entry In PO Box Is From Dallas, Texas

From ♪ “*Big D little A double L-A-S,*” ♪ comes the entry of H. Winfield Padgett, Jr. otherwise known as “Win.” One of the original 1998 first NHC pioneers, Win will be playing in his 12th National. Famous for missing in 2001 because the airline wouldn’t allow him to take his hickory play set into the passenger cabin, Win is otherwise a pretty reasonable guy. He is also currently serving on the Championship Committee.

Next in the clubhouse is the old standby Tom



#1 — Win



#2 — Tom



#3 — Steve

Johnson reporting for duty in his 18th consecutive NHC. Tom, from Tallmadge, Ohio, is also the 2014 Champion Golfer, current member of the NHC Championship Committee and the Tournament Founder and Director of the Foxburgh Hickory Championship. Right behind Tom is Steve Simer, Madison, Wisconsin. Steve will be participating in his 3rd NHC. After a highly competitive 3rd place finish in 2014 he has to be considered a contender. Additional early entries are noted on the back page.

IMPORTANT!!

NHC PROGRAM ADS

Owing to certain pending changes in the schedule the deadline has been moved up a month. It is now March 15. If you want to secure some space in the 2016 NHC Championship Program please either submit your entry soon or at least advise Pete you want space. The program has to be printed earlier this year than in past years.



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Junior Intern Program

The NHC continues to offer junior golfers the opportunity to learn about golf history, play in an historical environment and enjoy the highly social atmosphere of golf relationships. Several juniors have committed to return this season and we will have a few first timers as well. As a group we have been outstanding in our support of these young golfers, each of whom has commented on how welcome we have made them feel. Thanks for all your support.

Don't wait till the last minute to:

- *Reserve your hotel room*
- *Reserve your ball order with Dave Brown*
- *Enter the NHC*

Statistics

The average gross score computed from all contestant scores at the 2015 NHC is **50.35**, or almost 101 for an 18 hole round. The range was 161—265 for 36.

More Early Entries

Seth Lomison-6
Matt Lomison-2
(number of NHCs played including 2016)



Jim Koss-2



Dave Brown-4



Marsalis Davis-5



Dave Gamet-6



Doug Fox-3



Burt Baine-2



Jim Sherrill-13



Jack Busic-12



Ross Snellings-19

