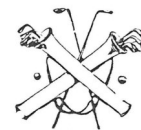


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Ball Information

For the 2017 NHC three balls are approved for play. Please read this carefully.

All balls are available from Dave Brown at McIntyre-Brown Golf Company. (402 305-1773, mcintyregolf@hotmail.com, www-mcintyregolf.com)

Open Division: The only approved ball is the McIntyre **Park** gutty ball.

Reserve, Women's & Sporting Divisions: All three approved McIntyre balls permitted — **Park, Braid and Bramble.**

Balls can be ordered directly from Dave Brown or can be ordered with your NHC entry. If you order balls with your entry they will be in your arrival packet when you arrive at Oakhurst in June.

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NHC History

Yes, this is the 20th time hickory golfers will convene to compete for the title of Champion Golfer of the year. The first NHC was held at Oakhurst in 1998. With the exception of 2006 (Pinehurst) and 2013 (Phila. Cricket Club) all NHCs have been played at Oakhurst Links. In all there have been 8 different players who have emerged as NHC Champions in the 19 championships. Billy Wardwell, Turners Falls, MA will return in 2017 as the defending Champion. Hickory Golfers Russ Ravert, Ross Snellings and Mike Stevens have competed in all 19 prior championships. Thanks to our partner organizations: The Greenbrier Resort and American Beer Company of WV.

**** Important: **** Rule Revisions

Two new revisions will appear in the NHC Rule Book for 2017.

1. Balls landing in the drainage gutter along the gravel road on holes 1 and 9, the gutter made with large chunks of stone, can be removed and dropped within one club length from the edge of the ditch, no closer to the hole under penalty of one stroke. This will replace the penalty of unplayable lie for that condition.
2. The out of bounds condition along the right side of hole number 5 will no longer be O.B. Balls hit over the split rail fence will continue to be in play. (The house has been razed, the property is now part of Oakhurst)

For exact specifications on these two new rules please consult the Rule Book when you arrive at Oakhurst.



A portion of the starting field for the 1998 NHC, the first Championship. The dress code was not yet in place. Course owner Mr. Lewis Keller stands in center. Pete and Mike Stevens are to his left.



Name Change

For the last fourteen years the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition, held on Thursday morning, has been referred to on many occasions simply as "The Elmore." With the regrettable passing of Mr. Mike Just we shall now respectfully refer to the competition as **"The Mike and Elmore."** Elmore was one of the most enthusiastically supportive persons in the event's early days. After his demise his brother Mike continued support of the championship in countless ways.



Caddies are permitted at the NHC. The Greenbrier can supply players wishing caddie service if required. Russ Ravert (center) has employed his daughter, Alexandria, as a caddie in several past NHCs. Bob West (right) carries his own clubs.

Important Note

One of the NHC items in your arrival packet will be a golf shirt with the NHC logo and a special 20th Championship designation on the sleeve. Don't forget to indicate your size preference on your entry form.

Please observe the new NHC office address



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(About 8 miles from Oakhurst Links)

Fairfield Inn 304 645-7999

Hampton Inn 304 645-7300

Holiday Inn Express . 304 645-5750

Quality Inn 304 645-7722
(Pet Friendly)

General Lewis Inn ... 304 645-2600
(Built 1834)

Greenbrier State Forest Cabins
(Caldwell, WV)...304 536-1944

Make your reservations early, weddings, reunions and other gatherings fill local hotels quickly as summer approaches. There is no single NHC hotel. Use the brand that best suits your awards program participation. The four hotels listed above are very close to the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine where the Friday dinner is held.

Hotel Note



We are working with the Greenbrier Resort to get an NHC golf package for those wishing to stay in the lap of luxury during the championship. An update will be presented in Newsletter #2 in February.

2017 NHC Agenda

Monday-Wednesday, June 5-7
Oakhurst Course open for green fee play

Thursday, June 8
Elmore Just Foursomes Competition, 11:00 AM
Course open for practice after Foursomes
Welcome reception 6:00-8:00 PM
Clubhouse Grounds

Friday, June 9
NHC Competition 7:30 AM-5:00 PM
Championship Dinner
WV Medical College, Lewisburg 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 10
NHC Competition 7:30 AM-5:00 PM
Award Ceremony following golf