

Newsletter #2, February

Hotel List Lewisburg, WV: (About 8 miles from Oakhurst Links)

Fairfield Inn 304 645-7999

Hampton Inn 304 645-7300

Holiday Inn Express . 304 645-5750

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.



Early Entries Quickly Fill NHC P.O. Box



AGAIN, first entry was received from Dallas signed by none other than H. Winfield Padgett, Jun. Win has experienced back pain issues the past few years and we are hopeful he will be fit enough to join the competition in his 13th NHC. Win was one of the 'originals,' playing in 1998.



Right behind Win's entry was one from Tommy Johnson, Tallmadge, OH for his 19th consecutive NHC. Tom is the 2015 NHC Champion and the tournament director of the Foxburg Hickory Open.



"May I have some more, please, sir?" A rookie from last year, Deal Hudson, Fairfax, VA, is returning to attempt to spank the Oakhurst course, now that he is familiar with its finer points.



Fourth place goes to Greg Smith, Madison, WI for his 11th NHC start. Greg received the Lynah Sherrill Award last year.



Following Greg is Frank Rosenzweig, Pittsburgh, PA, playing in his 4th NHC.

James Kaiser, participating in his 5th NHC, hails from Louisville, KY.

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More Early Entries

The first entry from a rookie player in 2017 belongs to **Dan Norstedt**, Eau Claire, WI.

In order, more early entries came from Steve Simer, Madison, WI his 4th NHC, Seth Lomison. Pfafftown, NC, last year's runner up in the Open Division, for his 7th NHC. Rico Johnson, Palmyra, VA, his 2nd NHC and three time champion Mike Stevens, Tampa, FL. Mike will be teeing up in his 20th NHC — PERFECT ATTENDANCE. Junior intern Marsalis

Brooks Davis returns

for his 6th NHC.

Accommodation Update: Greenbrier Block of Rooms

Several NHC participants over the past few years asked if NHC could get an NHC Package at the Greenbrier, since the venerable resort now owns Oakhurst Links. There is now a small block of rooms being held for NHC players. The rate is \$239/night plus tax and resort fee. It also includes a bunch of perks including: Morning Coffee Service (6:00am-9:00am), Afternoon Tea (4:00pm-4:45pm), Nightly Movies in the Theatre, Historical Tours and Presentations (Bunker Tours excluded), on-property transportation, Resort-Wide wireless internet connectivity, Cyber Café with Complimentary High-Speed Internet, Champagne Toast in the Casino Club each evening, Culinary Demonstrations, Hiking Trails, use of the resort Fitness Center (at Tennis Center or Indoor Pool), use of the resort's indoor and outdoor pools, local and toll free phone charges and entertainment provided daily by the Casino Club's Beverage Entertainers. Need More information? Phone the Greenbrier at 304 536-1110

NHC Reminders

Make your hotel reservations as soon as practical. The Fairfield, Hampton and Comfort Inns book up quickly for summer weekends. Hotel information is on the front of this newsletter, or cll the Greenbrier at the above number.

Balls can be reserved by specifying on your entry form (and will be in your arrival packets when arriving at Oakhurst, or can be purchased from Dave Brown directly mashiegolfer@gmail.com.

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Mike Just, Mike Stevens and Billy Wardwell relax during NHC2016. Mike Just will be sorely missed in future NHCs.

Special New NHC Addition

We were advised of the passing of Ruby, Greg & Ann Smith's sweet little terrier late last year. This year they will be bringing "Sam" a rescued part-Cairn terrier to his first NHC. If He is half as gentle and polite as Ruby he'll be a hit and the next official NHC dog.





Dan Norstedt



Steve Simer



Seth Lomison



Rico Johnson



Mike Stevens



Marsalis Davis



Russ Ravert, NHC statistician, is one of four NHCers playing in the first 19 NHCs. He's ready for number 20.

