

2017 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION 1 – Championship Entry (June 9-10, select one division)

OPEN DIVISION

Fee: **\$400** 4 x 9 holes contesting for the title of **National Hickory Champion**.
Scratch stroke competition.

check here

RESERVE DIVISION

Fee: **\$400** 4 x 9 holes Net Stroke competition. Prior NHC/ SoHG handicap info required.

check here

LADIES DIVISION

Fee: **\$400** 4 x 9 holes, Net Stroke competition. Hcp. info required from new players.

check here

SPORTING DIVISION

Fee: **\$325** 2 x 9 holes Stroke competition. Prizes for men & women (9 holes per day or 18 holes in one day)

check here

Amount



CONTESTANT INFORMATION

RETURN THIS FORM (OR COPY) WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE ADDRESS ON REVERSE SIDE

****Polo shirt size****

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ (please indicate Day, Evening or Cell)

E-Mail address _____

****First time players (only)**:**

Handicap or slope index: _____

CLUBS: Check one:

I will rent McIntyre Clubs (\$100) ☐ I will bring my own 19th century clubs* ☐

Golfers requiring Left-Handed McIntyre clubs please indicate ☐ (19th Century clubs subject to equipment committee inspection & approval)

Name of non playing wife attending _____

(indicate metal shaft, wood shaft, or SoHG hcp.) _____

SECTION 2 – Practice Competitions; Thurs. June 8 **No Fee**

“Mike & Elmore Foursomes Competition”: Alternate stroke competition on Thursday. Partners assigned by blind draw on first tee; stroke play = 9 holes, match may be 9 or 18 holes

Included with entry

Select style of play; *Clan Match* for teams of family-related players. (*Match Play Eights* contestants receive individual invitations)

****Course open for practice after Foursomes****

check here

Clan Match

check here

Stroke Play Foursomes

check here

Open Match Play 4-somes

SECTION 3 – Purchase a color ad in the 2016 Championship Program, support NHC juniors

Program Advert

(optional – receive extra copies)

Deadline for ads is April 15

Honor Roll @ **\$5.00**

check here

Business Card @ **\$10.00**

(Include card or we'll create one)

check here

1/2 Page **\$20.00**

check here

Full Page **\$40.00**

check here

Amount



SECTION 4 – Friday Evening Dinner, June 9

NHC Dinner: INCLUDED in entry fee for players. Friday night buffet-style dinner with cash bar. Indicate additional number of places required for spouse, kids or friends:

Price: **\$60.00ea** Kids under 15: **\$30.00**

Number

Amount

For extra dinners



SECTION 5 – Donation: The NHC donates clubs and fees for the **The First Tee** junior interns' participation. Your generous optional donation of \$10.00 (or more) helps defray our junior golfer program costs. Thanks!

Amount



SECTION 6: Order Approved Golf Balls

Indicate the number of Brown-McIntyre “Park” balls you desire to purchase. Returning players may use balls from 2017 NHC (line cut gutties – “Park” only in Open Div). McIntyre balls available from Dave Brown on line or on site.

*****PLEASE read the “balls” item in Newsletter #1*****

Price: **\$12.00 each Park**.....

Number

Price: **\$5.00 each Braid**.....

Number

(NO Oakhurst-style balls allowed except in Foursomes)

Amount



Please make check or money order payable to

“National Hickory Championship.”

Once entry is processed fee is non-refundable.

Total Amt. Enclosed:



THE 2017 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

Philadelphia Cricket Club St Martins Course
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 8-10, 2017

For 20 years the most authentic, complete and rigorous hickory golf competition in the world

- Players wishing to bring their own clubs must follow the specifications provided in the **Equipment Guide** and have clubs validated by the Equipment Committee before the commencement of play;
 - Rental clubs available – Contact Pete for details
 - NHC entry fee includes 18 or 36 holes of tournament play as well as The Mike & Elmore Foursomes Competition, practice time, lunches, refreshments, prizes;
- Competitors may order balls on the entry form. Consult the Championship Committee for a list of approved ball types;
 - Appropriate dress is required (outlined on the accompanying page labeled **Dress Code**);
 - Divisions of competition include Open (scratch), Reserve (net), Women (net), Sporting (net)
- “The Mike & Elmore Foursomes” is a separate event with prizes, which precedes the start of the Championship;
 - The Championship dinner is a buffet planned for Friday night at the Cricket Club, with spouses, friends and families welcomed. Foursomes prizes and awards presentations following dinner;
 - Entry confirmation is subject to the approval of the NHC Championship Committee which shall determine eligibility as well as decide all questions regarding the rules;
 - Official NHC rule books are supplied to all golfers in arrival packets
- First-time players must supply hcp information from their home club, assn., or from Society of Hickory Golfers;
- To compete in the Reserve Division golfers should have two years prior NHC scores or established SoHG hcp.
 - **Confirmation of entry acceptance will be communicated within 30 days of entry receipt**

Waiver

By completing this entry form, the contestant releases Philadelphia Cricket Club, the National Hickory Championship committee and event sponsors from all liability

Philadelphia Cricket Club is America's oldest country club founded in 1854. The St. Martins golf course was laid out by Willie Tucker in 1895. It was the site of the 1907 and 1910 US Opens and was restored to hickory style by Keith Foster in 2012.



THE NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

is an open championship comprised of two days play. It was the first competition to truly replicate golf of the 19th century and serves as America's national championship of wood shafted golf.

Mail Entry Form and Fee to:

National Hickory Championship

PO Box 3851, Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Questions? Phone (419) 407-9746 or (336) 707-8376 (mobile)

e-mail: nhc-golf@earthlink.net

www.hickorychampionship.org

Philadelphia Here We Go!

You have already received the email notification on the change in venue. This is the official announcement and agenda for our altered plans.

We will be conducting the National Hickory Championship on the historic St. Martins course of the Philadelphia Cricket Club in the Chestnut Hill district of Philadelphia.



This was also the site of the 2013 NHC and those that participated will remember the uncompromising hospitality the club showed us. Therefore returning is an honor and pleasure for us.

The Greenbrier informed me on February 23 they would be unable to host us owing to their efforts to repair damage from last June's tragic flooding. Oakhurst would not be repaired this summer and initially they offered us the Greenbrier Course, later withdrawing the offer.

The Cricket Club generously installed earthen teeing grounds for us in 2013 and these tees added so much to the historical nature of the St. Martins course that the club made them permanent. This aids in making the course especially conducive to holding gutty ball competitions.

All competitors and guests should note that this is a private club and we are very fortunate to be allowed to use their facilities. Don't hesitate to thank the staff and our hosts whenever possible.



Newsletter #3, March

Sneak Preview

The 2013 NHC crew will recall how fabulous the food & beverage service at the Cricket Club was. We will get the same great service this year. For a sneak preview — and many final menu selections will be made in the near future and reported to you — the Thursday reception will feature beer and wine (a few soft drinks, too) with the snacks provided by a slider station and a grilled cheese station with sandwich makings.

THE Shirt Contestants will receive a special 20th Anniversary shirt this year. I have to order well in advance for embroidering so if you plan to enter please advise me of your size as quickly as practical.

Hotel

There are a number of hotels in the area but the NHC has a block of rooms at the SpringHill Suites in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The rate is \$112 for a King Suite which includes breakfast. To reserve phone this number and reference the National Hickory Championship. **800 287-9400**

Deadline If you wish to place an ad or business card in the NHC program book the deadline for artwork is April 30. Please advise Pete of your intention so space can be held for you. It goes to the printer May 1.

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More Returning Golfers



Ross Snellings (20)



Billy Wardwell (2)
Returning Champion



Jim Koss (3)



Kilty Ahlschwede (19)



Bill Geisler (2)



Dave Brown (4)



Dave Gamet (7)



Bern Bernacki (7)



Tom Mehigan (3)



David Olivas (5)



Wright McLeod (2)



Cam Henry (5)

NHC 2017 Order of Events

Thursday June 8

- Arrival at club starting around 9:00 — arrival packets by starter's hut
- Foursomes begin at 11:00 AM, pairings drawn at 10:50
- Open practice on the course starting around 1:00 PM, till 5:30
- Reception 6:00-8:00 PM with beer and sandwiches, site at club TBA

Friday June 9

- First tee times at around 7:30 AM (tee times emailed to everyone around Memorial Day)
- Buffet lunch served in the clubhouse 11:00-1:00
- Locker room is available for showering and changing before dinner
- Buffet Dinner in the clubhouse around 7:00 PM (cash bar)

Saturday June 10

- First tee times at around 7:00 AM (we have to be off the course by 4:00)
- Buffet lunch served in the clubhouse 11:00-1:00
- Locker room is available for showering and changing before departing
- Award ceremony with beer and snacks in clubhouse around 5:00 PM

Foursomes Update

The Match Eight is filled since it is by invitation. Open Match Play (1) is also filled however if another eight sign up for that format we can have a second division (Open Match Play 2). Stroke play is wide open.
Open Match Play (1): Ahlschwede, Gamet, Johnson T, Kaiser, Koss, Ravert, Smith, Snellings.

Already Entered?

If you already entered and used the Oakhurst entry form you are good to go (don't re-enter). **Included with this newsletter is a revised form for new entries for the Cricket Club. Pricing is unchanged.**