



Newsletter #1, February

## 'Gentleman Jim' Wins the Pole

The coveted honor of being the first entry to the 2015 NHC was snagged by "Gentleman Jim" Wilhelm. Coming all the way from Paris (Ontario, that is), Jim will be playing in his 6th NHC. He also holds the distinction of being the first winner of the four-event championship Guttie Slam in 2011.

Right behind Mr. Wilhelm were Messrs. Greg Smith, Madison, Wisconsin and Dave Brown, Omaha, Nebraska. Their entries, received simultaneously, were postmarked and checks dated the same day. Greg is playing in his ninth NHC, Dave in his third.

Fourth and fifth places went to Master Marsalis Brooks Davis, Liberty, North Carolina, an NHC junior intern returning for his fourth year of NHC hickory action, and the NHC general counsel, Mr. John Crow Miller, Dallas, Texas playing in his 16th NHC.

*A list of all the honorable first entries can be found on the back page of this newsletter*



*Gentleman Jim Wilhelm (6)*

*Dave Brown (3)*

*Greg Smith (9)*



*Marsalis Davis (4)*



*John Crow Miller (16)*



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## Elmore Just Foursomes

There are four divisions of competition within the Elmore Just Foursomes on Thurs., June 11. As you fill out your entry sheet you may wish to note as to which division you are interested in competing. The Czar will let you know if there is an opening and will confirm your status.

- Stroke play: partner assigned by handicap; nine holes of stroke play. Junior interns play in this division.
- Open Match Play of head to head match play with stymies, 3 rounds for finalists (limited to 8 entries)
- Clan Match Championship: open to family pairs (father-son, brother-brother, uncle-nephew, etc); 18 holes of match play with stymies for first match winners
- Match Eight: 18 holes of match play with stymies, by invitation

*Questions?? Check with Pete*

## More Early Entries



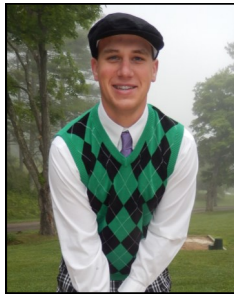
Tom Johnson (17, Champion)



Burt Baine (2)



J.W. "Ace" McMath (4)



Doug Fox (2)



Jim Koss (11)



Jack Busic (11)



Dave Gamet (5)



Seth Lomison (5)

## Golf Balls

Approved golf balls for NHC2015 are the Oakhurst/NHC ball in use for the past 13 years and the McIntyre-Brown "Park" model guttie ball. The former can be ordered on the NHC entry form. The latter are available from Dave Brown, either in advance or at the NHC in June. Contact Dave at <mcintyregolf@hotmail.com> or (402) 305-1773.

## Thursday, June 11 Review

Foursomes competition begins at 10:00 with the Match Eight, Open Match and Clan Competitions because they require another round to determine winners. After the stroke play matches are complete and the above mentioned groups are on their second rounds the course will be available for open practice. The reception begins at 6:00 PM on the clubhouse grounds. We will probably have lasagna again in 2015.

## Area Hotels

(at I-64 exit 169 Lewisburg, WV)

- Fairfield Inn .....(304) 645-7999
- Hampton Inn ..... (304) 645-7300
- Holiday Inn Express ..... (304) 645-5750
- Quality Inn .....(304) 645-7722
- (In downtown Lewisburg)
- General Lewis Inn .....(304) 645-2600

## 1st Entry Honors List

- 2004 .....Harry Caperton
- 2005 .....Bill Engelson,  
.....Tom Johnson, Win Padgett,  
.....Bob Reheard (*4-way tie*)
- 2006 .....*can't recall, if it is you*
- 2007 .....*please let the Czar know*
- 2008 .....Win Padgett
- 2009 .....Eric Wolke
- 2010 Gordon Beggs, Tom Johnson (*tie*)
- 2011 .....Greg Smith
- 2012 .....Robert Arrington,  
.....Eddie Breeden (*tie*)
- 2013 .....Gordon Beggs, Doug Marshall
- 2014 .....Bill Reed

*2004 was the first year recognition was given to the first entry*

*Tom Johnson and Mike Stevens during the Open Division playoff in 2014*

