

NHC 2016

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Oakhurst Course Report

In 2016 there will be no parking in the lower area near the maintenance sheds. There will be additional parking available on the hill above the clubhouse and possibly where the Keller's A-frame house once stood.

The high rough along the creek on hole #2 will be cut down. The area will still be a lateral water hazard but golfers will be able to find errant shots in the creek water. High rough will remain in the hill along #2 but will contain an intermediate cut length along the fairway. Shots hit high on the hill will be severely penalized while shots entering the light rough along the fairway will be more playable. [Continued on back](#)

ABC Report

American Beer Company, the Yuengling distributor for southeastern WV, is again proud to sponsor the NHC and will be supplying us with our favorite brewed beverages.



NHC History: L-R Patrick Just former USGA President Trey Holland and Andy Just. Patrick and Trey finished in second place in the 2002 Elmore Just Foursomes. This was the first year the foursomes competition was called the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition and all players were in a single flite until 2005.

More Competition — Let the Trash Talk Begin

Here are some of the latest entries beginning with repeat offenders. Russ Ravert will be keeping his unblemished run going by participating in his 19th NHC. Dr. Russ is motoring in from Columbia, MO. Terry Pitts is back from Bennet, Nebraska for NHC number 9. James Kaiser returns from Louisville for NHC #4.

Late Flash!!! The prodigal son returns! The always energetic Patrick Just, youngest son of the late, great Elmore Just will be making the journey from Memphis to play in his NHC #9. Patrick first came with his dad as a 16-year-old in 1999. Also joining the Just family fray is Kris Hayden for his NHC #4. Kris's bachelor party was held in the bar of the Greenbrier Golf Clubhouse following our dinner there in 2003. Andy Just, 2013 NHC Champion Golfer, will have his hands full fending off the peripatetic Just duo for Family honors. Think those boys will be talkin' trash?

Rookie Brigade continues to grow: A bunch of new faces will be sampling the delights of Oakhurst this year. Please give a warm welcome to rookie NHCers Terry Pemberton (Charlottesville, VA), Rico Johnson (Palmyra, VA), Bill Geisler (Winter Springs, FL), Billy Wardwell (Turner's Falls MA), Dave Dickman (Cape Cod) and Deal Hudson (Fairfax, VA). All have played hickories in the past but this will be their first try at 19th century gutta percha golf. Their 'Rookie' cards in the card deck are sure to be future collectibles.

Hotel Report

The latest word is the Fairfield Inn is booked solid for NHC weekend. The Hampton Inn had a few rooms available as do the Holiday Inn Express and the Quality Inn, all in Lewisburg.

Course Report con't...

Rough on other holes will be similarly modified. Otherwise, most course conditions will be similar to 2015.

There will be a practice putting green in where it was located several years ago, near the equipment sheds. Also in that vicinity will be the practice area running parallel to the sheds.

The house that once stood to the right of the fifth hole has been demolished and that land is now part of Oakhurst. The fence is still up and in 2016 the fence running along hole 5 and behind #7 green will be the O.B. line (because the rule books are already at the printer). The area behind #7 green is currently under construction for a new water well. In 2017 this area should be in play with the O.B. removed.

The legendary Oakhurst sheep will be back, ready to pose for photos.

Juniors

The Czar is meeting with The First Tee of the Triad in early May for one of his historical golf presentations and will be evaluating junior talent for potential NHC internship invitations. Dr. Bernacki is doing likewise in Pittsburgh. A report on the Junior talent heading to Oakhurst will be in the next newsletter.



Smile Gillian! Impeccable form

Items

Balls: if you ordered and paid for balls with your entry they will be packaged and available from Dave Brown when you arrive. He should have an ample supply with him but if you have a specific number you want to purchase please email him with your request so he has a better idea of how many to bring. mcintyregolf@hotmail.com

The next (final) newsletter will be emailed a few days before Memorial Day and will include pairings for Friday's first competitive rounds. Foursomes pairings will not be determined until we meet on the first tee Thursday morning. They will be subject to a blind draw however the times and those in each flite will be listed on the pairing schedule.

New port-o-lets have been ordered. These upgraded units will have a wash basin for washing hands. Male and female units will be behind the clubhouse kitchen (usual location) with a third unit down the hill by #7 tee.

Don't forget the welcoming reception with lasagna on Thursday night under the tent and on the deck of the clubhouse. The dinner Friday evening is at the Elks Club clubhouse, where it was the last few years (rookies consult your map).