

NHC

2012

Newsletter #1, February

2012 NHC

Order of Events

Monday—Wednesday, June 4-6

Oakhurst Links is open. NHC early arrivers have a special all-day rate (\$75).

Thursday, June 7

Elmore Just Foursomes Competition
Tee times: 11:00—1:30
Open Practice afterwards till 5:00 PM

Cocktail Reception 6:00 PM
on Clubhouse grounds

Friday, June 8

NHC Rounds 1 & 2 begin at 7:30 AM
Championship Dinner 7:00 PM at
WVSOM

Saturday, June 9

NHC Rounds 3 & 4 begin at 7:30 AM
Awards Ceremony 5:00 PM
under the tent



Eddie



Robert

First Entries: Deadheat— Arrington and Breeden

Although he lives in another country (California), Eddie Breeden got his 2012 NHC entry to the mail box in double quick time. It caught up with

the entry from Robert Arrington at the Kernersville post office the same day and thus there is a tie for first entry received. Both golfers will share the honor of being #1, at least until the competition begins on June 8. Eddie will be returning for his second NHC, Robert will play in his sixth. Early entries receive preferential tee times on Friday morning as well as hearty congratulations from the Czar (that's worth something, right?).

The next entries received also came in tied. The irrepressible Jimmy Sherrill's entry hit the finish line at the same time that Randy Jensen's flew in from Omaha. Randy has entered all fifteen NHCs, Jimmy is on number twelve.

Following them in order were Eric Wolke (12), Seth Lomison (2), Jim Wilhelm (4) and Dave Gamet (2). Rounding out the top twelve are John Roth (11), Greg Smith (5), Tom Johnson (14) and Don Springman (7). The average experience of this determined dozen golfers is 7.66 NHCs. The average for all entrants in 2011 was 5.26 NHCs.

"Oakhurst" Ball

This photo shows the standard Oakhurst ball with its new NHC logo. Past year's Oakhurst balls are still legal in 2012. If you purchase balls at the Oakhurst shop they will still be marked "Oakhurst." Balls purchased through the NHC are marked "NHC." They are all approved.





Top row: Sherrill, Jensen, Wolke, Lomison, Gamet;
Bottom row: Wilhelm, Roth, Smith, Johnson, Springman.



NHC 2011 Hickory Honeys: Mitzi (caddying for Terry), Cecilia Haggas, Caty Goidel, Debs Herrington, Terry Thompson, Sherry Smeltzer.

Accommodations

Make your reservations as soon as possible

Lewisburg, WV

Fairfield Inn304 645-7999
 General Lewis Inn304 645-2600
 Hampton Inn304 645-7300
 Holiday Inn Express304 645-5750
 Quality Inn304 645-7722

White Sulphur Springs, WV

Greenbrier 304 536-1110

Outreach Program

We are always in need of playable hickories—1920s era or NHC-era—for use in our historic program with the First Tee of the Triad. Contact Pete for details if you have clubs to spare: one or a dozen.

Financial donations are always welcome. Include yours with your entry (check the box on the entry form) or contact Pete directly. Patrons are highlighted in the NHC program book.

Looking Ahead

Newsletter #2 in the mail around April 1.

Newsletter #3 in the mail around May 20; will also include Foursomes and 1st round tee times and map to Oakhurst.

Rookie Update

First 'rookie' entry received came from J.W. McMath, New Philadelphia, Ohio. J.W. is a friend of Tom Johnson's and has played in Tom's Foxburg Hickory Championship.

Gumbo -yaya

Steve Spring, Esq., Cajun gumbo-master extraordinaire, is talking about returning to Oakhurst for the NHC again this year, which means he'll whip up another kettle of good stuff. We don't know what yet but it is guaranteed to be good.

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