

2013 NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

*The most authentic,
challenging and rigorous
hickory golf
competition in the world*

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was established in 1998 to bring together golfers who enjoy playing golf in historic conditions, the way it was played before the turn of the century. Playing according to 19th century rules and using authentic 19th century equipment makes the NHC the sternest test of hickory golf contested anywhere. Open to all, the NHC draws the most ardent and accomplished wood shaft golfers from across America and Canada. Competitive, yet fun, it is America's hickory championship—the ultimate test of hickory golf.



← In 2012 there were three kilted players: the original “Kilty” Rob Ahlschwede (Olympia, WA), Eddie Breeden (Upland, CA) and Seth Lomison (Pfafftown, NC).

Bill Engelson (Pinehurst, NC) receives the Lynah Sherrill Award presented by Lynah's son Jim and daughter Katy. The Award represents the highest level of hickory golf participation and spirit. →



The 2013 National Hickory Championship will be conducted over historic St. Martins Course at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, first used in 1897. Contestants in the Championship play 36 holes in two days. Clubs must be original 19th century or approved replicas (rental sets available) and all players use the same modern-made, low-compression gutta percha-type balls supplied through the Championship. Tee shots are struck from sand tees. No golf bags are allowed so players carry clubs under their arm in the manner of the 1880s. There is a simple dress code. Although period costumes are not required, many golfers dress appropriately and prizes are presented to the “best dressed.” The NHC is like no other hickory golf tournament here, in Britain or anywhere else in the world: authentic, competitive, historic, truly unique...and above all, fun!



The Championship offers competition in four divisions. The **Open Division** is a 36-hole scratch competition playing for the title of America's National Hickory Champion under 19th century equipment and rules. The **Men's** and **Women's Reserve Divisions** also use 19th century equipment and are scored on a handicap basis for 36 holes. The **Sporting Division**, open to men and women, features two nine-hole rounds for seniors and those not wishing to climb the hills twice in the same day. Additionally, the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition is staged on the practice day (Thursday) prior to the Championship rounds. Two-player teams play the historic format of alternate stroke for fun, prizes and an appreciation of how golf was played in the early 19th century. Practice time is also available on Thursday afternoon. Rule books are provided containing the 1891 unified code, the first general set of golf rules (with local course provisions added). A cocktail reception on Thursday and the Championship Dinner on Friday provide for socializing.



Clockwise from top left: Greg and Ann Smith with Ruby (DeForest, WI) have always been snappy dressers at the NHC; Long head wood, guttie ball and earthen teeing ground; Jack Busic (Clemmons, NC) hitting a tee shot; Young Haylie Paulin, (Winston-Salem, NC), Sherry Smeltzer (Camdenton, MO) and Debs Herrington (with caddie/husband Peter, St. Louis, MO) waiting at the tee; Tom Johnson (Talmadge, OH) ready to tee off at the first tee; Duane Baylor (Ralston, NE) in a spot of bother near the sixth green; A ladies group on the course.

