

Newsletter #2, March

2015 NHC Club Exchange

NEW this year

New for NHC2015 there will be a 'golf club exchange.' If you have a golf club or clubs <u>suitable</u> for NHC use that you would like to sell (or trade) you will have an opportunity to do so. An area will be set aside near the kitchen door facing the first tee where clubs can be left for buyer examination.

It would be prudent to have them placed in a free standing bag or a box. Please mark each club with an adhesive label attached to the face of the club head or with a paper tag tied to the club with string stating the seller's name, the price and the club type. Clubs in any condition can be marketed though clubs in ready-to-play condition will be the most attractive.

Vendors: expect that clubs might be taken to the practice area to hit a ball or two in test mode. Buyers: be respectful of someone else's property until you've purchased it. This exchange could be an annual event if it works this year. Holding a club in your hand is a better solution than buying on Ebay and hoping it will be a good player. PLEASE — bring a manageable number, this is not a full fledged trade fair and make sure they are suitable for play according to the NHC equipment rules or usable in the other guttie events. The equipment committee will be available to approve clubs for NHC use.

Hang on to Your Krona!

The 2015 NHC will be welcoming two new players who are flying all the way from Sweden to Greenbrier Valley Airport to compete. Actually they are departing from Copenhagen, Denmark where the get a more favorable fare but they are definitely part of the Swedish hickory army.

Leif Einarsson and Claes Kvist have taken the plunge and will be knocking the ball over the turtle pond, up heartbreak hill and across the par 3 chasm in their first guttie ball event. Welcome them!



An Oakhurst tradition: "the search."

Program Book Deadline

The program book goes to into final edit April 15. If you want to place an ad Pete needs your entry/ad copy before that date.

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Thursday Night Reception

The traditional Thursday evening reception will be held on the clubhouse lawn, under the tent and on the deck. A light lasagna & salad supper will be provided. However, if you like you may bring another snack for attendees to nibble on. Greg and Ann Smith will be supplying some fabulous Wisconsin sausages and cheese. If you wish to bring a bottle of wine or 'single' to share it will be greatly appreciated. Beer will be in supply but an extra six or twelve pack won't be turned away. Festivities officially begin at 6:00 PM and run till 8:00 though the 'post-Foursomes' happy hour on the deck will be going on all afternoon as well, Hickory Boys and Canucks presiding.



Dave Brown with the entire Canadian mafia

Culinary Check

Thursday, at the evening reception, we will again be serving lasagna and salad. There will be some other nibbling snacks available. Friday and Saturday, lunch at the course will consist of hot dogs and brats. The dinner Friday night will probably include entrees of beef and either chicken or a fish like salmon. If anyone has dietary conditions that cannot accommodate those selections please contact Pete so we can make some alternate arrangements.

Golf Ball Report

Presently, the order for Oakhurst/NHC balls may not be received in time for the Championship. Pete is trying to monitor the production schedule (in England) and will report again shortly. The contingency plan is this:

- Any Oakhurst/NHC balls from previous Championships are approved for play,
- The McIntyre Brown "Park" ball is approved for play and Dave Brown will have them available for sale at the Championship.
- Anyone ordering balls with their NHC entry will receive "Park" balls instead of the Oakhurst line cut ball.

If this situation changes Pete will sent a broadcast email immediately.

Get your entry in soon! Don't make Pete do all the work at the last minute.



Can you pick out the three present and past champions in this photo?

Dinner List

At the time of mailing this newsletter these persons have reserved an extra dinner for spouse or guest. All playing contestants have dinner included with their entry.

Brown
Davis
Goidel
Johnson
Koss
Pitts

If you have booked an additional dinner and don't see your name contact Pete.