



Newsletter #2, April

Saluting the First Entries

Each year the NHC recognizes the first entries received with a salute. This year there are two primary entries, one for the on site playing group and one for the remote players.

In the on site group first paid entry was received from Tom Johnson, Tallmadge, Ohio who is entering for the 23rd time. Tom is also a former NHC Champion Golfer, winning at Oakhurst in 2014 and a member of the Championship Committee. He has been in the winning partnership in the foursomes competition no less than five times.

First to submit an entry to compete in the remote group is Joe Trefilek, St. Charles, Illinois. Joe played in several prior NHCs and was a contestant

in the remote group in 2020.

Also in the barn are Dave Gamet (Kansas City), John Crow Miller (Dallas), Ross Snellings (August), Dave Brown (Omaha), James Kaiser (Louisville), Jimmy Sherrill (Chickamauga, GA), Jason Kronenberger (Dayton). And announcing the triumphant return of **Bill Fields** who is now on board with CBS Sports and will be in Tokyo in July covering Olympic golf. Bill last played in 2008.

Remote players checking in are Bob Titterton heading the Vermont site, Greg Smith and Jim Koss in Wisconsin and with the border still closed Bob West says the Kingston, Ontario crew will be playing on the Canadian frozen tundra.

Les and Ross Down Under are preparing the Aussie site team now.

We'll Try Again...

International Feathery Challenge

We tried to inaugurate the International Feathery Challenge last year but COVID19 got in the way. We will do it this year barring any last minute unforeseen problems.

The featheries are here—the second generation balls from Richard Jones in Australia. As you complete your entry form and you fill in the IFC box please let me know if you desire to purchase ball or two.

The rules are pretty simple and parallel many of the rules in the past year's NHC rule book. The biggest differences include that players are restricted to use only three clubs and no relief is given from obstructions, moveable or immovable. The course will be played from the 150 yard mark on most holes, shorter on the 3-par holes.

Balls cost \$40 and the good news is that the Mound is fairly forgiving and minimizes the risk of losing a ball, especially from the 150 mark.

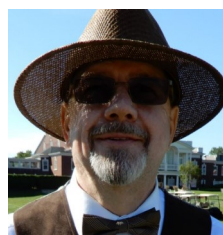
In 2019 we held a mini-foursomes competition with Richard's first generation balls and reported back to him on their playability and durability. He's improved on the durability of the stitching and cover.



2021 NHC First Entries

Tom Johnson
Tallmadge, OH
On site

Joe Trefilek
St. Charles, IL
NHC Remote



Joe



Dave Gamet



Jihn C Miller



Ross Snellings



Dave Brown



James Kaiser



More faces of the starting field

Order of Events

Thursday June 10

10:00 International Feathery Challenge
12:00 AM Mike & Elmore Foursomes
Followed by open practice until 4:00 PM

6:00—8:00 PM Welcome Reception at the
Mound Clubhouse Patio with Lasagna

Friday June 11

10:00 AM Competitive Rounds 1 & 2
6:00 PM Championship BBQ/Dinner at
The Mound clubhouse patio

Saturday June 8

10:00 AM Competitive Rounds 3 & 4
4:00 PM Awards Presentation
Mound Clubhouse

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