

THE NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

was established in 1998 to bring together golfers who enjoy playing golf as it was before the turn of the century. Nineteenth century equipment and rules make the NHC the sternest test of hickory golf anywhere. Open to all, the NHC draws the most ardent and accomplished wood shaft golfers from across North America. Competitive, yet fun, it is America's hickory championship—the ultimate test of hickory golf.



2021 NHC champion Jason Kronenberger (Dayton, OH) poses with the Open Division trophy and an armful of the 19th century short flagsticks. Reserve Division (net) winner Drew White (Alexandria, VA) holds his trophy, after having changed out of his playing ensemble. He is 21 years old and a product of the First Tee of Washington, DC.



The 2022 National Hickory Championship will be conducted over historic Foxburg Country Club course, first used in 1886. Contestants play 36 holes over two days. Clubs must be original 19th century or approved replicas (available for rent if you don't have your own set) and all players use the same modern-made, line cut gutta percha-type balls available through the Championship. Tee shots are struck from sand tees. Golf bags are not permitted. Players carry clubs under their arm in the manner of the 19th century. 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 in America, Britain or anywhere else in the world; it is authentic, competitive, historic, truly unique and, above all, fun!

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

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Marsalis Brooks Davis (Liberty, NC) played in his fifth NHC in 2016. He is one of several junior interns that have come from the ranks of the First Tee program. In return for special, no-fee entries, the junior interns assist in the running of the championship, learning about golf history and tournament operations.





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 Reserve** and **Women's 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. A separate competition on the practice day morning (Thursday) features 9 holes of stroke play with feather balls. It is followed by the Mike and Elmore Foursomes Competition. 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 welcome reception on Thursday and the Championship Dinner on Friday provide for socializing. Complimentary lunch is served on the clubhouse deck on three days.

Top: Drew White (Alexandria, VA), Jim Sherrill (Chicamauga, GA) and Dave Gamet (Kansas City, MO) ready to tee off. Above: John Crow Miller (Dallas, TX) is set to hole out in the shadow of the Miamisburg Mound. Right: A portion of the International Feathery Challenge contingent poses before starting that competition. Below left: a feather ball with a stress crack. Below center: In past years the "National" has been visited by several golf luminaries including Lee Trevino. Below Right: Dave Brown (Omaha, NE) and Dave Shultz (Portsmouth, OH) carry their clubs during their round.

