



FOXBURG HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 10-12, 2023

Greetings Everyone!

RE: Update for the 15th Foxburg Hickory Championship.

Our first entry received this year was from Ron Taylor. I believe Ron has attended all but one of the 15 Foxburg Hickory Championships. The next couple entries came in the day following Ron's. Mike Campailla (Malvern OH) and Gary Cole, (Tampa FL). Bob Mirt (Pittsburg PA) was our 15th entry. The 15th entry of our 15th year earns him 3 line cut golf balls. Our compliments and a toast to the entrants from Wisconsin. The Badger State will be well represented again in 2023.

We have received twenty entries as of May 4. If you are planning on attending, you will want to get your entry in or at least let us know your plans. We have opened entries to anyone and already have a couple of first-time entrants. Drop us an email if you have any questions.

Karen wanted me to let everyone know she expects to deposit received checks around the 10th or 11th.

If you are not a member of the Society of Hickory Golfers, we urge you to join immediately. The Spring Edition of the Wee Nip was excellent, with a generous number of articles and information concerning pre-1900 golf.

Jim Davis interviewed Jacob Smith during the 2022 Foxburg Hickory Championship. It is a fine piece on an excellent player. Perusing the article, you will read Jason participated in a U. S. Open Qualifier a few days prior to Foxburg. With his father on the





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bag, he scored a hole-in-one. I have attached the article for your reading pleasure. Conjecture is the Qualifier would be a good tune-up for the FHC, I can see that. We enjoyed hosting Jason and Lilly, and hope they can return in the future.

There is another piece describing how the Foxburg Hickory Championship came to be. This was the first of a four-part series, the second of the series describing years 1 – 5 will be in the summer edition.

The monthly SoHG email contains news and features. Recently a series of interviews with one of the well-known names in gutty golf have been a feature. Tim Flynn, a long-time hickory and gutty player was the first interview. The next edition, Foxburg favorite Wally Koss will be featured.

As you can see there is quite a bit of content regarding Foxburg and gutty golf in general. Several have stepped up to contribute, Jim does a remarkable job putting everything together. If you are reading this email, I am confident you will enjoy the benefits of being a member, especially the Wee Nip. It is well edited and pertinent to the golf we enjoy. It is all hickory all the time, with some gutty thrown in.

We will have another email coming soon with additional information and an update on entries. Below are notes for the 2023 FHC, our 15th year, just amazing!

Foxburg Country Club, Karen, and I Thank You for your support.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for 2022 is \$275 (\$225 for long distance Foxburg Country Club members, \$175 for local members). The entry DOES NOT include the cost of golf balls. You will find more on golf balls for 2023 below.





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GOLF BALLS

Announcing a change in golf balls permitted for this year.

Open Division entrants are expected to play with the Park model, line cut or bramble, supplied by the McIntyre Golf Company. We are aware several of you are experimenting making period balls from similar material. We encourage you to continue, although examples will need approved for tournament play.

All other divisions, including the Post-1900 division will use the Braid or Vardon model ball produced by the McIntyre Golf Ball Company. These are both limited flight balls. We expect all contestants to play from the cut stone tee boxes, it makes sense to use the early style and restricted ball from those distances.

Golf balls can be ordered at the time you submit your entry. I will have an update of the cost in the next email. When ordering Parks, please note if you prefer line cut, brambles, or a mixture. Contact the McIntyre Golf Company [Mcintyre Golf Company](#) to order balls directly.

CART RENTAL

We have always encouraged power carts at the FHC. We felt it enabled many long-tenured hickory nuts to enjoy the course and comradery. In our previous years we included the cost of the cart in the event fees. They are not included this year; contestants will need to rent their cart from the pro shop.

Other than the noted changes, the routine for the 2023 looks to be very similar to previous years. I have inserted the expected itinerary at the bottom of this email to help understand the events and timing.





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ACCOMODATIONS

We have secured the Quality Inn in Clarion as the 'tournament hotel' again this year. Our agreement is \$75 per night. The direct line to the hotel is 814-226-5230. The hotel has been very accommodating when booking directly through them. We suggest you do so if intending to stay there. Mention Foxburg Hickory Golf for the group rate. There are other lodging options in the Clarion and local Foxburg area, including the Foxburg Inn, large hotel chains, local B & B and VRBO choices.

Golf club sales are encouraged, generally there is room on the porch if you have a few clubs you would like to sell or barter, playable clubs have always done well.

Please contact us if you have any questions, an entry form is attached.

Yours in hickory golf,

Tom and Karen

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday August 10

Registration opens at 10:00am

Practice rounds until 4:00pm or so

Dinner on your own but there will be groups meeting somewhere, many of us will go to the Red River Roadhouse next to the Quality Inn.

Friday August 11

9:00am Registration opens, group photo at 9:30am.

Practice area confined to the practice green and the 7th fairway.

10:00 Shotgun start for all contestants.

12:00 Break after 9 holes for lunch and libations





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2:30pm golf is completed for the day; course is open for additional play.

Dinner on your own, there are plenty of options in Clarion and generally one big group at one location. The local Allegheny Grille along the river in Foxburg is always a winner. The Brew Haus in Emlenton is a favorite of the locals.

Saturday August 12

- 9:30 Shot gun start for all contestants. Play straight through 18 holes
- 2:30 Rounds near completion, scores tabulated
- 2:30 Meal is ready, contestants and guests enjoy
- 3:30 Awards
- 4:00 Hugs and safe travels

