



## FOXBURG HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 8-10, 2024

Good evening Hickory Golfers,

An update on the 16<sup>th</sup> Foxburg Hickory Championship scheduled for August 8,9,10<sup>th</sup>.

Entries have been consistent. We are currently at 22 paid entries, and we are able to announce an international field again this year. As in years past, we expect to enjoy a full field and urge you to get your entries in to reserve your position.

This coming week is the National Hickory Championship, being contested at the Mound Golf Club in Miamisburg, Ohio June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Karen and I look forward to seeing many of you this week. The NHC is the Granddaddy of the pre-1900 events. Within the NHC is a competition with featheries if players are so inclined. The International Featherie Challenge is Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the field continues to grow for this unique experience.

I am also looking forward to attending the Keeper of the Spirit Gutty Challenge in Wisconsin in July. Eagle Springs was built in 1893 and is a real treat. Frontman Greg Smith is creating a new tee for the par 3 seventh. Please contact me if you would like additional information on these or other pre-1900 events. The recent Wee Nip has an updated listing of the pre-1900 events, please check the SoHG website for a full listing of hickory events. Quite an offering.

As noted in our earlier communications, we expect an increase in club buying opportunities during the event days. We encourage individuals to display and sell





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playable or collectible clubs, this year being no different. Several entrants have inquired about the opportunity to sell and have suggested methods to benefit the club. Looking for better equipment, you will see it there.

We have also had a club donated to be raffled as in previous years. Proceeds to Foxburg Country Club. This is a long nose play club built by Kelly Leonard. It is very handsome, and sure to find a great home.

### **CART RENTAL**

A note on cart rentals and usage. We have always encouraged power carts at the FHC. We feel it enables many long-tenured hickory players to relish Foxburg Country Club and experience history. Add enjoying the comradery with long-time friends and that consistent participation continues the fabric of the event, it makes the most sense for us. Contestants should arrange and settle for carts with the pro shop daily.

Entry form attached; the Divisions listed along with equipment requirements and scoring. I also included the area for ordering balls if desired. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you next week or later this summer.

General notes below, itinerary for the three days is on the bottom.

### **ENTRY FEE**

The entry fee for 2024 is \$275 (\$225 for long distance Foxburg Country Club members, \$175 for local members).

### **DIVISIONS**





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Updated on the entry form.

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We have always encouraged power carts at the FHC. We feel it enables many long-tenured hickory players to relish the course and its history, enjoy the comradery with long-time friends which continues the fabric of the event. Contestants should arrange carts with the pro shop daily.

### **STAY**

We have secured the Quality Inn in Clarion as the 'tournament hotel' again this year. Our agreement is for \$75 per night. The direct line to the hotel is 814-226-5230. They have been 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. Several long-term entrants have found nice accommodations at local B & B and VRBO choices.

### **EQUIPMENT SALES**

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

### **GOLF BALLS**

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





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All other divisions 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 from us 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 and have them at your convenience.

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

Yours in hickory golf,

Tom and Karen

### **EPILOGUE**

The routine for the 2024 looks to be the same as previous years. I have inserted the expected itinerary at the bottom of this email to outline the events and timing.

We enjoyed a full field last year, and expect the same for 2024. We will do our best to accommodate all entrants, but do expect to limit the field to 40 players.





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### **ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

#### Thursday August 8

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 9

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

Practice area confined to the practice green and the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway.

10:00 Shotgun start for all contestants.

12:00 Break after 9 holes for lunch and libations

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 10

9:30 Shotgun 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

