



## 2025 China Hickory Open Preliminary Program

The Inaugural China Hickory Open was successfully held on November 11-12, 2024 at the Hidden Grace Golf Club in Shenzhen, organized jointly by the China Golf Museum and the Society of China Hickory Golfers. More than 60 players from China and around the world dressed in traditional golf attire, swinging 100-year-old hickory sticks on the modern golf course, enjoyed the first hickory open championship in China, promoting the history and culture of modern golf. Nine golfers (including four professionals) came from Australia, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, Sweden and the U.K. The youngest hickory golfer was 11 and the oldest 80, with 26 lady golfers playing. The four groups of the event, the Open, Ladies, Seniors and Statesmen, each competed for the gold and silver medals in gross and /net scores. The Open Champion, Ladies Champion and the Best Amateur each was awarded a 100-year-old China export silver trophy, with their names etched on a silver plate of the trophy stand.



Mr. Paolo Quirici, professional golfer from Switzerland who won the Open Champion, said: “The first China Hickory Open is in the books. This was a hell of a tournament and a wonderful effort has been made to please all the participants.” In his article sent to the Autumn/Winter issue of *A Wee Nip*, official journal of the U.S. Society of Hickory Golfers, Mr. Quirici writes: “If you missed this inaugural event, the very first China Hickory Open, you have most definitely missed out on the most impressive and well-organized hickory event I have ever had the chance to attend and play so far in my 12 years as a hickory player.”

Preliminary schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> China Hickory Open at Mission Hills Haikou:

- November 10, 2025: Practice round; Welcome Dinner
- November 11, 2025: 13:00 1<sup>st</sup> day stroke play at No. 3 Course; Dinner
- November 12, 2025: 08:00 2<sup>nd</sup> day stroke play at No. 3 Course, Award Luncheon
- November 13, 2025: 10:00 Optional play at No. 2 Course
- November 14, 2025: 10:00 Optional play at Grand Quarry Public Golf Course

During the China Hickory Open, China Golf Museum will have a week-long display of artifacts at Mission Hills Haikou. The organizers believe that the 2025 event will attract hickory golfers from China and around the world to experience yet another international hickory tournament at China's Special Trade Zone Hainan Island! The specifics of registration for the 2025 China Hickory Open will be released soon on the SCHG website [www.cnhickorygolfers.com](http://www.cnhickorygolfers.com). If interested to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Miss Emily Zhou at [info@cnhickorygolfers.com](mailto:info@cnhickorygolfers.com).