

Good afternoon all,

We have an update on the hotel arrangements for the Foxburg Hickory Championship. Below are the updated hotel information and the tournament details. We will have periodic updates throughout the spring and summer.

I had the good fortune to visit the Spring Fever GHS show in Columbus Friday. Gary and Susan Wyckoff put together a fine event. Turnout was great, visited with many good friends. I expect several new entrants this year based on the conversations I had.

We have arrangements with both the Quality Inn in Clarion, and the Travelodge by Wyndham in Emlenton. Of course, you may make your own arrangements with other hotel properties or local bed and breakfasts. The Foxburg Inn is also favorite and the most convenient.

The Quality Inn Clarion is offering the same rate as previous years (\$75 per night), use Foxburg Hickory Championship when you make your reservation. Many of you have stayed there previously and are familiar with the property. The direct line to the hotel is 814-226-5230. They have been more accommodating when booking directly through them.

The Travelodge by Wyndham in Emlenton is the second option we arranged. Slightly pricier at roughly \$126 (\$113 AAA rate), but is only 7 miles from Foxburg CC. Taking route 208, a scenic drive where you will not travel Route 80 to go to the club. They have 23 rooms and expect to be at capacity that weekend. I have asked them to hold 12 rooms for us until June 15. Any remaining rooms are then available to the public. I expect we will take those 12 rooms and several more. There is a restaurant on site, food is good and hotel offers coupons to guests. Website is below if you want to review the property. Phone number is 724-867-2314, Manager is Alicia Myers.





The Travelodge is where Karen and I have made our reservations for this year. <u>https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/travelodge/emlenton-pennsylvania/travelodge-emlenton/overview</u>.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for 2025 is \$285 (\$225 for long distance Foxburg Country Club members, \$175 for local members).

DIVISIONS

Refer to the entry form.

CART RENTAL

We have always encouraged power carts at the FHC. We feel it enables many longtenured hickory nuts to enjoy the course and comradery. Contestants should arrange carts with the pro shop daily.

GOLF EQUIPMENT SALES

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.

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 others experimenting making period balls from similar material. We encourage you to continue, although other models will need approved for tournament play.





Pre-1900 divisions will use the Braid or Vardon model ball produced by the McIntyre Golf Ball Company. Post-1900 is the contestants choice. 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 (<u>Mcintyre Golf</u> <u>Company</u>) to order balls directly and have them at your convenience.

I have inserted the expected itinerary at the bottom of this email to outline the events and timing.

Please let us know your intention to join us. With the uncertainty of the NHC for 2025, gutty events like Foxburg and The Keeper of the Spirit in Wisconsin will be well attended. We enjoyed a full field last year and expect the same for 2025. We will do our best to accommodate all entrants, but do expect to limit the field to 40 players.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday August 7

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 8

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





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.

Saturday August 9

- 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

Tom and Karen

