



Member Profile

Michael Roach

Houston, Texas, USA

Texas native Michael Roach is a land and property appraiser in Houston. He also a Real Estate broker and member of the American Association of Professional Landmen.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Univ. of Texas, and a bachelor of science degree in zoology from Oklahoma State University. He worked for several years in the oil and gas industry before turning his attention to property and land work for governmental agencies in the Dallas-Forth Worth area.

Mike and his wife, Starla, were married in 1996 and a grown son and two grown daughters.... and four grandchildren.

While Mike lettered in track and cross-country while at Oklahoma State, it was his dad who got him started in golf.

"I was around 5 or six years old," he says, "and my first two clubs were a hickory putter and driver and, later, an iron."

From there he went on to Hogans, used Spaldings, new Wilson Staff blades and Ben Hogan Speed Slot woods. "They were beautiful," he says.

Mike's handicap in modern clubs ranges between 4 and 11. He won the City of Forth Worth City Championship in his flight in 2008 and 2009.

"What got me interested in hickory golf is the tradition, respect for the game and its history," Mike says. "I have been really turned off by the entire PGA/LIV golf thing and certain players wanting to get paid to play for their country in the Ryder Cup. I have also gotten tired of chasing the next hottest driver and putter each year in the modern game."

How often do you play hickories?

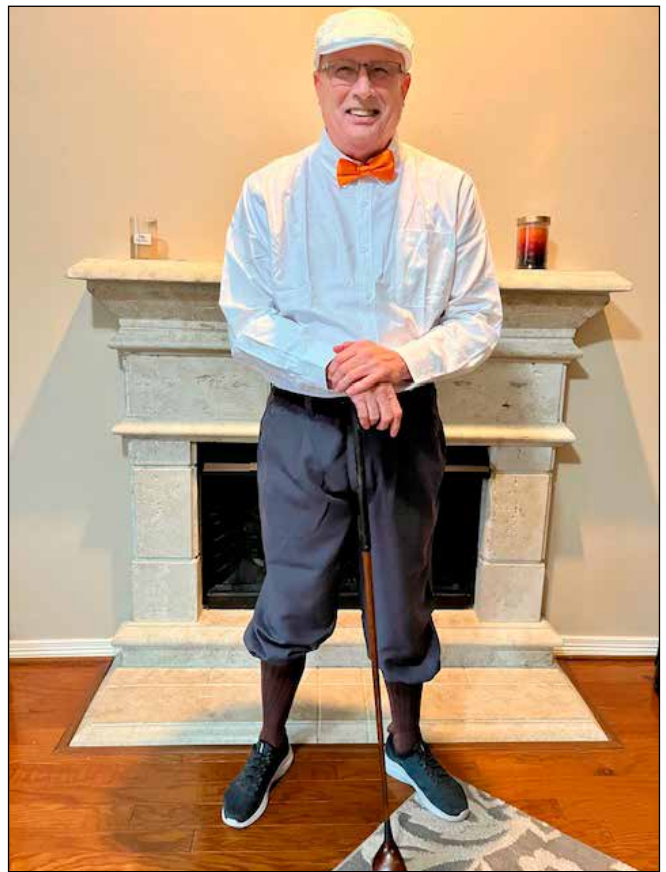
Not since that hickory putter I had when I was six, but I plan to start playing a lot.

What's in your play set?

My irons are and will be a combination of Louisville Precision and Tad Moore Victor irons. The putter is a Louisville Calamity Jane. My woods are a Louisville Forgan spoon, Jack Steer 15 degree driving brassie, and a Jock Hutchinson 23 degree cleek (currently being refurbished)

Favorite club?

The putter. I have also acquired three period originals, one a Tommy Armour Davega.



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What ball do you play?

Callaway ERC Ladies Soft, Callaway Supersoft, or TaylorMade Speed Soft. I will also carry a few McIntyres.

Any particular player or aspect of golf history you especially enjoy?

Francis Quimet, Bobby Cruickshank, Hagen, and of course Bob Jones. The teachers back then as well, such as Douglas Edgar, Seymour Dunn, Vardon, the Maidens, and Abe Mitchell.

Ideas to promote hickory golf?

Get the word out. Expand tournaments to south and southwest and southeast.

Most recent book on golf that you read?

Triumphant Journey, Bobby Jones and the Grand Slam and The Gate to Golf by Douglas Edgar. O.B. Keeler said Edgar was the best of them all until his untimely mysterious death in 1919.