



Member Profile

Eddie Woolwine

Riner, Va., USA

Virginia native Eddie Woolwine grew up in Christiansburg. He says he played very little golf during his early years, sometimes walking along with his father, Luther, as he played. Later, during high school, Eddie was drawn more to baseball than golf.

After high school he attended New River Community College for Instrumentation and Electrical training, a field in which he worked until his recent retirement.

He says he took up golf for a few rounds here and there while in his 20s.

"I became interested in older clubs and hickory golf approximately two years ago," he says. "I was fortunate to meet Bill Reed who was kind enough to answer my questions and assist me with play clubs and information about the Golf Heritage Society. My first outing was at the 2021 GHS convention.

Eddie and his wife, Suzanne, live in Riner, Va., and have two children, Ryan and Kelsey.

How often do you play hickories?

About five times a year. Still new to hickories and still learning.

What's in your play set?

I play with a Wright & Ditson matched set purchased from Bill Reed.

Favorite club?

The Wright & Ditson niblick.

What ball do you play?

Callaway Supersoft but I am still learning what ball works best for my hickory game.

Favorite course for hickories?

Latrobe Country Club.

Favorite hickory tournament?

Limited exposure at this point and time but the U.S. Hickory Open at Inwood Country Club. I enjoyed playing at Inwood and enjoyed participating in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bobby Jones first United States Open Championship.



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

Gene Sarazen. A co-worker early on in my career was married to Gene Sarazen's granddaughter. Mr. Sarazen was kind enough to provide me with a brochure from the tournament he held annually along with a personal note of encouragement to me.

Most recent book on golf that you read?

A Course Called Scotland by Tom Coyne.