

EAGHC - 10th Annual Meeting



Valescure – Saint-Raphaël – France – Oct. 1st & 2nd, 2015

Oakhurst: The National Hickory Championship

Leif Einarsson



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was established in 1998 to bring together golfers who enjoy playing golf in historic conditions, the way it was played before the turn of the century. Playing according to 19th century rules and using authentic 19th century equipment makes the NHC the sternest test of hickory golf contested anywhere. Open to all, the NHC draws the most ardent and accomplished wood shaft golfers from across America and Canada. Competitive, yet fun, it is America's hickory championship—the ultimate test of hickory golf.



John Roth (Mills River, NC) was presented with the prestigious 2014 Lynah Sherrill Award by Jim Sherrill, the Championship's annual recognition award for outstanding contributions to hickory golf.

← No offense gentlemen, but NHC ladies are always more photogenic competitors. Samantha Shumaker (Varona, PA), Sherry Smeltzer (Camdenton, MO) and Gillian Alexander (Rice's Landing, PA) on the 1st tee.



The 2015 National Hickory Championship will be conducted over historic Oakhurst Links, first used in the early 1880s. Contestants in the Championship play 36 holes in two days. Clubs must be original 19th century or approved replicas (available for rent if you don't have your own set) and all players use the same modern-made, low-compression gutta percha-type balls supplied by the Championship. Tee shots are struck from sand tees. No golf bags are allowed so players carry clubs under their arm in the manner of the 1880s. There is a simple dress code. Although period costumes are not required, many golfers dress appropriately and prizes are presented to the "best dressed." The NHC is like no other hickory golf tournament here, in Britain or anywhere else in the world; it is authentic, competitive, historic, truly unique and, above all, fun!



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Scandinavian Invasion!

The interest from Europe has not ended with the news that Leif Einarsson and Claes Kvist are heading this way. Georg Kittel, the President of the Swedish Society of Golf Historians has announced he will also be making the pilgrimage to Oakhurst. It is a homecoming of sorts for Georg. In the 1960s he was a foreign exchange student in Richmond, Virginia. Before the NHC commences he will be visiting his former host family (now in their 90s) in the Richmond area. We anticipate their arrival!



Next Newsletter: will be mailed around Memorial Day and will contain pairings and tee times for Thursday Foursomes and Friday's Round 1. Please let the Czar know if your travel plans require a special tee time for an early Saturday departure.

Club Trade Area

Don't forget the club trade area near the kitchen door. Tag your clubs with your name and price. We're on the honor system so please respect the property of others until you purchase it for yourself.

Spotters

NHC Alumna Terry Thompson is kindly assisting us with recruiting spotters for Friday and Saturday. These folks have always been very generous with their time in past years so please thank them as you make your rounds of the course. It may be your \$10 ball they find buried in the tall grass.

There are no spotters on Thursday for the Foursomes. Foursomes players not teeing off should be forecaddies for their partners.

Foursomes Madness

The 2015 edition of the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition will feature several changes to the way the flites will be arranged. Play will be the same: some of the divisions observe match play rules and scoring, other divisions will follow stroke play rules and scoring, which is what we have done in the past. The most important change is that teams in all flites except Clan will now be arranged completely randomly. Like the Match 8 division, we will draw for partners on the first tee. Pretty cool, eh? When the pairing sheet is mailed in May you will see your name in the flite in which you will be playing. You just won't know who your playing partner is until minutes before teeing off. The second change is that there will be a special "Smackdown" challenge flite, by request of certain contestants who are arranging a private challenge match. By decree of the Czar this has been legitimized. Perhaps in future NHCs other groups of players will apply for their own grudge matches.



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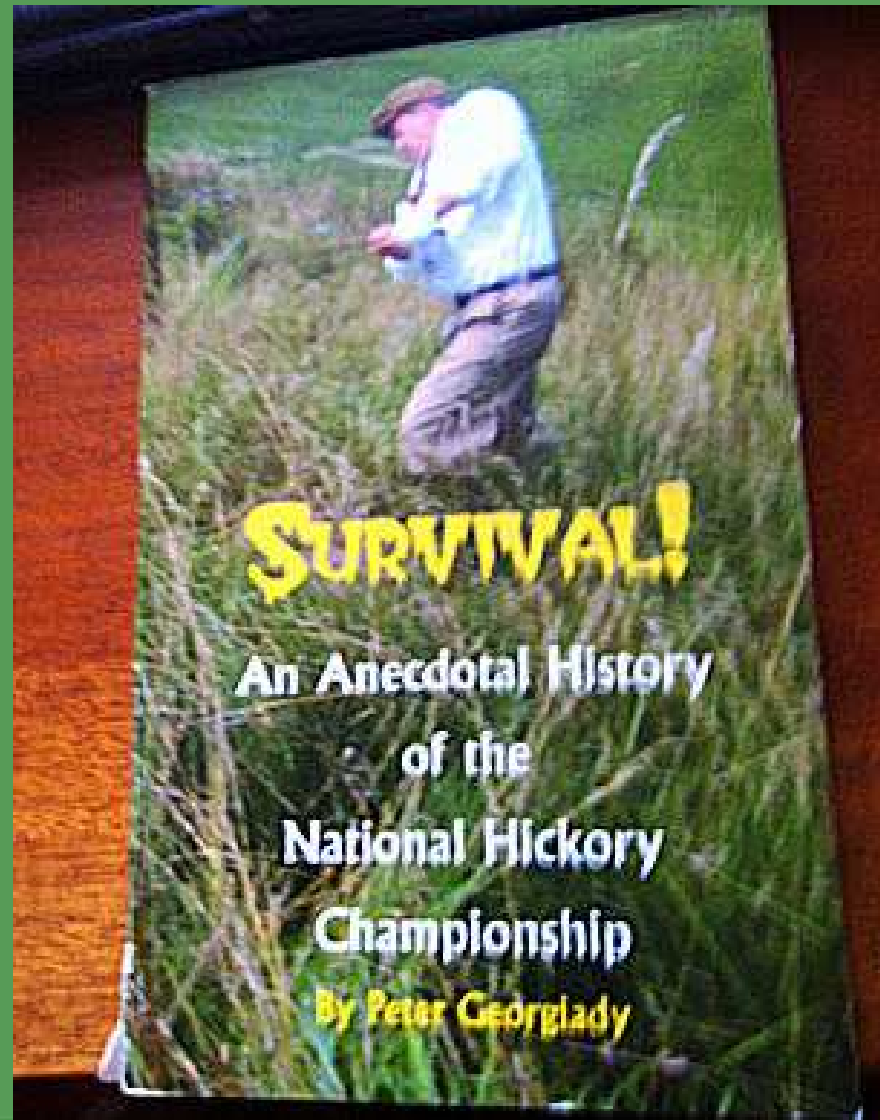


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