



Member Profile

Lloyd Slinglend

Wyandotte, Mich., USA

Michigan native Lloyd Slinglend is a member of Michigan's growing Wyandotte Hickory Organization. Born in Lansing 1945, Slinglend's father worked for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. "Our family moved along the railroad right-of-way that ran from Port Huron to Muskegon," he says. "As dad's job moved, so did we."

The Slinglends settled in Grand Rapids in the early '50s. "Dad retired there and a brother and I (there were four of us) graduated high school," Slinglend says. "As products of the Great Depression, my parents' focus was on our education, providing a home, and opportunities for my brothers and I to do well in life. This resulted in little time for time-consuming leisure activities."

After college and securing a high school teaching job in Southgate, Mich., Slinglend found a little time to experiment with golf in the 1970s. Still, "with a growing family, little time, and even less money, golf had to go on hold. I was, indeed, my father's son," he says.

After 34 years in education and with five kids well on their way, retirement was just the ticket. "My wife, Sharon, and I traveled and made good use of a place in California that we had acquired along the way," he says. "And, of course, there was golf to play."

Slinglend, a devoted family man, says that overshadowing even golf, is his love of the couple's 11 grandchildren – the latest born while Slinglend was at the 2015 U.S. Hickory Open – and two great grandchildren.

"About five years ago, three friends and I went to the Golf Collector's Society trade show in Ypsilanti, Mich," he says. "That's where the real fun began. Since that time, play with the modern clubs decreased until they disappeared into the basement. My handicap has increased even though the tees have moved forward as I have grown older. But, I'm having more fun!"

How often do you play hickories?

Almost all of the time now.

What's in your play set?

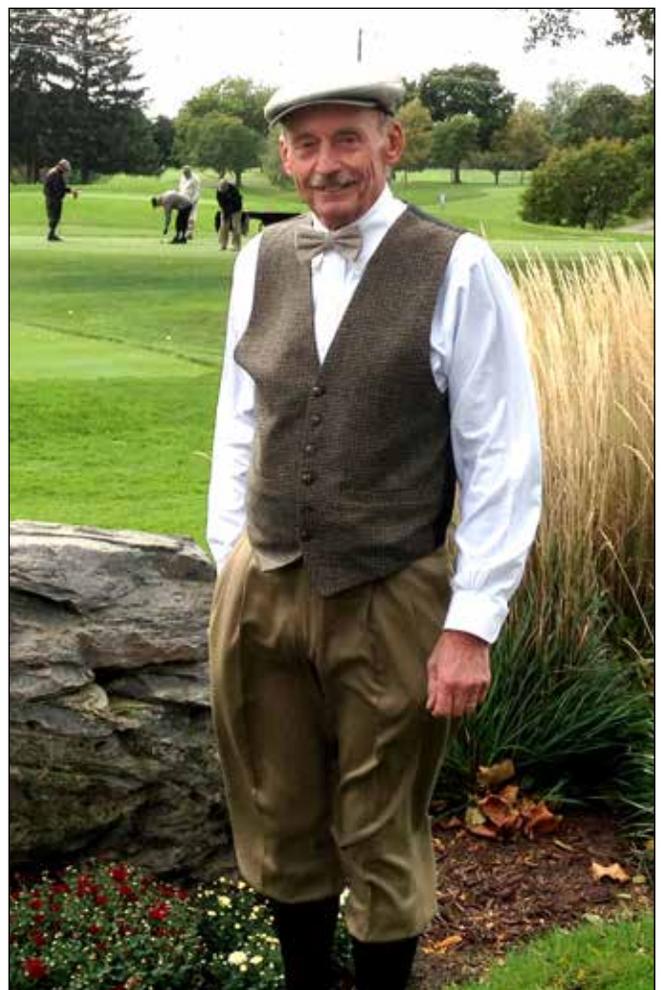
Burrkey Bilt Majestic driver
MacGregor Yardsmore spoon
MacGregor cleek
E.C. Simmons mid iron
Westward HO mid iron
Great Lakes jigger
Wilson mashie
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Rob Roy niblick
Nameless putter

Favorite club?

The Burrkey Bilt Majestic and the Great Lakes jigger.

What ball do you play?

I like the the Wilson Elite 50, the Wilson Duo or any of the softer golf balls.



The always dapper Lloyd Slinglend photographed during an outing at the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club in Grosse Ile Township, Mich.

Favorite course for hickories?

The Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, Mich., and the Wyandotte Shores golf course.

Favorite hickory tournament?

First, the Belvedere Hickory Open; and second the Heart of America in Des Moines, Iowa because....

Best thing about hickory golf?

...of all the people you meet. Everyone has fun! Also, I like to tinker with the clubs. I greatly appreciate time shared by men like Sonny Chappie, Russ Fisher, and Dave Ramos, all of whom care for and repair original clubs.

Ideas to promote hickory golf?

Put a hickory club in a player's hands and let the fun begin!

Most recent book on golf that you read?

Tommy's Honor: The story of Old Tom Morris and Young Tom Morris, Golf's Founding Father and Son, by Kevin Cook.