



Member Profile

Tim Stroshine

Toledo, Ohio, USA

Toledo, Ohio has always been home for Tim Stroshine, a keen hickory player and member of the Michigan Hickory Tour.

"I was born in Toledo," Tim says, "and have lived in the area most of my life."

After high school, Tim joined the Navy and was stationed at Miramar Navel Air Station as an instructor on the F-4 Phantom aircraft. Golf came his way via his high school basketball coach. "I was just 13 and have played ever since then," he says.

After his discharge from the Navy, Tim held several jobs, eventually landing in the electrical wholesale business in March 1971. "After 17 years in that business I got the opportunity to get into the electrical controls business and sold machine control systems to Fortune 500 companies," he says. "I retired in March 2011 as vice-president of sales."

In 2002, Tim began collecting hickory golf clubs and joined the Golf Collectors Society in 2007. "I started playing with hickories in 2011, joining in with the Michigan Hickory Tour group. After one outing I decided to play exclusively with hickories and have ever since."

Tim joined the Society of Hickory Golfers in 2011 and is a regular at Michigan Hickory Tour events and has played in several of the Championship Series events. He's also a member of the Wyandotte Hickory Organization (an eastern Michigan hickory group) and plays in those events as well.

"It is my goal to promote hickory golf to all I meet and I have several sets that I make available to anyone interested in trying our great sport," he says. "I really enjoy hickory play, but the best part is the relationships I have developed attending all of the events. I have never met or been associated with a finer group of people."

Like many players, Tim feels it's important to attract younger players to the sport. "That will grow our sport and ensure that the history and traditions of the 'Old Game' are left in the hands of others who will pass it along."

Time and his wife, Dianne, have four children "who are all talented in various sports and activities," he says.

How often do you play hickories?

I play exclusively with my hickories and play about 50 rounds a year, casually and in tournaments. I also play in a 9-hole league as the only hickory player.

What's in your play set?

Driver – P. O'Hara
Brassie – Tad Moore Tom Morris 1930 model
Spoon – Kroyden Star
Driving Iron – Tad Moore M-Star
Mid Iron – Carnoustie
Mid Mashie – Macgregor Master
Mashie Iron – Kroyden N08 4-X
Mashie – Burr-Key-Bilt 36 degrees
Mashie – Gibson "Braid 45 degrees
Mashie Niblick – Nicoll Zenith
Niblick – Macgregor Master 52 degrees
Sand Iron – Walter Hagen Iron Man
Semi-Putter – Macgregor Star 22 degrees
Putter - Tom Cahill Special

Favorite club?

MacGregor Master Niblick



Tim Stroshine was part of a delegation of Michigan Hickory Tour players invited to participate in a nod to golf's history during a round of the Senior PGA Championship at Harbor Shores Golf Course in Benton Harbor, Mich.

What ball do you play?

Bridgestone Treosoft

Favorite course for hickories?

Belvedere Golf Course

Favorite hickory tournament?

U.S. Hickory Open and the McNabb Cup

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

I enjoy reading period articles and accounts of the early modern era golf from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Best thing about hickory golf?

The people make the game. I have never met anyone that I wouldn't want to call a friend who plays this game!

Ideas to promote hickory golf?

Get the younger generation involved in the game. Teach them the history and traditions of the game. Bring a new player to an event and make them welcome. Have your regional playing groups make up posters and get them out to all golf related facilities such as golf courses, golf retail stores, etc.

Most recent book on golf that you read?

Golf – A Turn-of-The-Century Treasure