



Member Profile

Magnus Luttrupp

Asa, Sweden

Magnus Luttrupp was born in 1969 in the southern part of Sweden. After completing high school and military service in 1990 he moved to the capital of Sweden, Stockholm, and began a career as an officer in the Swedish naval forces. In 2002 as a lieutenant he met his wife, Jessica, and decided to leave the east coast for the west coast and became an officer in the Prison and Probation administration where he still serves as escort officer at the Deportation Unit.

"Golf is a fascinating game," he says. "My father introduced me to golf in the early 1980s, when the game still was played with razor bladed clubs and persimmon heads. Although it seems impossible, golf since that day has been and will be a central part in my life."

Magnus began playing at Kristianstad GC in Åhus, one of Sweden's finest courses. When he moved to Stockholm he also became a member at Waxholms GC, and later on at Örbyhus GC. Today he is a member at Klosterfjordens GK, south of Gothenburg, and is still loyal to Kristianstad GC.

In 1997 Magnus went to Scotland and St Andrews to play links golf for the first time in his life at the Jubilee course.

"The landscape, the wind and the golf course... It was pure love at the first sight," he says. "Since that round of golf I have a complete passion for links golf."

The interest of hickory golf began in 2007 when Magnus took over his father's old putter, a William Gibson Dominie. "Can you really play with those wooden sticks, I was thinking," he says. "Will they not break?"

It took another 10 years before he tried hickory golf for the first time. "But, just like in 1997, it was love at the first swing," he says.

Magnus shares his interest of golf with his wife, Jessica. "She doesn't have the same passion for hickory that I have, but we have traveled around the world and played in countries such as South Africa, USA, Australia, and France."

How often do you play hickories?

The first year it was almost 90 percent of the rounds, now it's more like 60 percent.

What's in your play set?

My first set was a mix of different manufacturers. But as my first club was made by Wm Gibson of Kinghorn, I decided to look for clubs from the same manufacture. Now it's only the driver that doesn't really fit in.

Driver (Dickson)
Brassie
Jigger
1. Iron
Mid-Iron
Mashie
Mashie-Niblick
Niblick (Maxwell)
Niblick
Putter (Dominie)

Favorite club?

Actually I've got two, the jigger and the Maxwell niblick. Both are multitasking clubs. The jigger can be used from 145 yards approaching the green as well as for a chip-and-run from 25 yards or just around the green. A full swing with the niblick will approach the green high from 110 yards. It will also take you out of the greenside bunker, or even over it as a lob wedge if you open up the face.

What ball do you play?

I prefer to play at Wilson Staff DX2 Soft, Calloway Super-soft is a good alternative.

Favorite course for hickories?

So far I haven't played that many courses, but I like to play at Gothenburg GC and Helsingborg GC very much. Those courses are historical ground for golf in Sweden.



Swedish golfer Magnus Luttrupp loves to reconnect with golf's past via hickory golf.

Outside Sweden I have played very nice hickory at Golf du Wimereux (est. 1901) in France and Luffenham Heath GC (est. 1911) in England.

Favorite hickory tournament?

As a novice I have full focus on learning how to handle my tools and have just played a few competitions. Viktor H Setterbergs Minne at Gothenburg GC is a very nice one. But I'm aiming for participating in a U.S. Hickory Open in the future.

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

I enjoy every part of the golf history. From the evolution of equipment to course architecture and the history of the rules of golf. Everything matters and is what golf is all about. Visiting golf courses where players like Tom Morris Jr, Harry Vardon, and Francis Ouimet once competed is a big thing. Just to imagine what happened there and to feel the wings of history is impressive.

Best thing about hickory golf?

It's hard to say. There are so many positive things with hickory golf – the people, the feeling, the way of re-connecting with the past, etc. But most of all, the mental feeling. When playing with modern clubs you'll remember all the lousy shots, but when playing hickory you'll remember the good ones.

Ideas to promote hickory golf?

When I decided to try hickory in 2017 a friend from the club (Klosterfjordens GC) followed me. Soon after our first round three other gentlemen joined us, and we now are playing every Monday. We all try to participate in different competitions, and are also trying to convince other club members to join us. We will arrange a "Hickory day" at the club and also have plans to challenge our neighbor club, Varbergs GC, in a competition.

Most recent book on golf that you read?

Ben Hogan's Five Lessons - The Modern Fundamentals of Golf, by Ben Hogan.