



Member Profile
Adam Mednick
 Lund, Sweden

Adam Mednick was born in 1966 in Bethesda, Md. in the U.S. and grew up in Woodstock, N.Y., Aspen, Colo. and Sun Valley, Idaho. He moved to Gävle, Sweden as an 8-year-old with his Swedish mother and started his golfing career as a caddy at the age of 12. He caddied mostly for his golfing buddy, Christian Hårdin, who later won the British Amateur in 1988, with Adam on the bag (who was knocked out in an early round). He caddied for Christian in the 1989 Masters Tournament.

As an amateur, Adam finished second in the British Boys, 1984, won the Scottish Youths Championship in 1986 and won five Swedish National Championships. He turned pro in 1989 with one victory on the European Tour – in 2002 at Ballyliffin, Ireland – and six on the Challenge Tour. Adam played one year on the U.S. PGA Tour, 1997, and ended his injury prone career in 2006 due to a severe back injury.

You simply cannot keep a good golfer down, though. After watching “The Greatest Game Ever Played” and buying his first set of hickories, Adam was a born-again golfer. He now works in golf course design, part of a “Dynamic Duo,” with friend, colleague and former Ryder Cup winner, Pierre Fulke (since 2005). Their finest job so far is Visby GK, one of the top courses in Sweden and host of the Swedish Hickory Championships in 2011. (Neither of them competed).

Adam has won a few hickory events, including the Scottish in 2009, Kungsmarken Hickory Open 2008 and 2009, Falsterbo Hickory Open 2010 and the Helsingborg Hickory Open 2010. He was also a member of the victorious European Hickory Grail Team in 2009.

So far, a win in the Swedish Hickory Open has eluded him. He has finished second a few times, but yet no cigar. Maybe this year... Most of all, he likes to “Play the game that can never be won, only played” with his hickories.

Adam lives in Lund, southern Sweden, with his better half, Tullia. They are expecting their first child at the end of February and have six other “kids”– two dogs and four cats.

How often do you play hickories?

Unfortunately, not enough! I only played about six rounds last year. Pathetic, I know. We are expecting our first child around the end of the February, so we’ll see how many rounds I’ll play this year. One thing I do know is that I’m going to play Pine Valley with hickories toward the end of April and practice will be needed prior. (If anyone can help with suggestions of must-play tracks and contacts in the area, please contact me. Much obliged.)

What’s in your play set?

Driver:	Mculloch, Troon	10°	42½”	D2
Bull Dog:	Auchterlonie, Hong Kong	15°	41”	D0
Cleek:	Tom Stewart Maker Series	21°	40”	D2
Sammy:	Tom Stewart Maker Series	26°	39”	D1
Mid-Iron:	Tom Stewart Maker Series	31°	38¼”	D2
Mashie:	Tom Stewart Maker Series	37°	37½”	D3
Spade:	Tom Stewart Maker Series	43°	36¾”	D2
M. Niblick:	Tom Stewart Maker Series	49°	36”	D3
Flanged Nib:	Special	56°	35½”	D2
Putter:	Varies, but mostly BV “One shot”			

Favorite club?

Cypress Point. (Sorry, couldn’t help myself!) I love them all equally! They sing, when struck properly.

What ball do you play?

Titleist Prestige for authenticity and second-generation Pro



Adam Mednick poses before the R&A clubhouse in St. Andrews just before a hickory round on the Old Course.

VI’s for tournament play. (Feels like cheating, it goes so far). I feel we should all play the same ball in tournaments.

Favorite course for hickories?

Old Course, St. Andrews.

Favorite hickory tournament?

All hickory events are fantastic. This is where you will find true passion for the game. I would have to say “The Grail” and the Falsterbo Hickory Open.

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

There are a lot of charismatic characters and great stories from the past – players and architects, history and philosophy. I am a sucker for great courses.

Best thing about hickory golf?

The camaraderie! No matter where we come from or where we’ve been, we all have one thing in common – the love for the game. If I play modern clubs and shoot a 67, I still have a tendency to focus on my misses. After finishing a round with my hickories, it doesn’t matter what my score is. The only shots I remember are the good ones struck by my playing partners or myself. I play mostly match play with my hickories and strongly feel that this is the key to faster play and more joy on and off the course.

Ideas to promote SoHG, hickory golf?

I have served on the executive committee from the sidelines and watched my fellow members, these Knights Templars/ Custodians of the game, do their job. I know that the game is in great hands. My hickory business is evolving with club making, repair, events, clinics, lectures and travel. I will try to do my part and share my passion for the game with others.