

**12th Annual
Belvedere Hickory Open
June 15 - 17, 2017**



January 20, 2017

Dear Hickory Golfers,

The Belvedere Golf Club is pleased to announce that it will host the 12th annual Belvedere Hickory Open, June 15 - 17, 2017. Our membership is honored and delighted to have the event included as one of four in the Society of Hickory Golfers Championship Series. We wholeheartedly welcome all participants and guests to Belvedere Golf Club and the lovely town of Charlevoix, Mich.



Belvedere Golf Club is also very proud to announce two major restoration projects that began in the fall of 2016. Over the summer of 2016, the original blueprints of the Belvedere Clubhouse and the original William Watson architecture drawings of the Belvedere Golf Club were found. The membership overwhelmingly embraced these two new discoveries and immediately set forth plans to restore both the clubhouse & the golf club. With help from restoration experts, Belvedere expects to complete both projects by the 2017 Memorial Weekend - just in time for the 2017 Belvedere Hickory Open!

For those of you who have enjoyed playing in the Belvedere Hickory Open over the past several years, you are probably wondering, “What are the changes?”

As far as the clubhouse goes, you probably will not be able to notice any changes unless you have logged more than 50 rounds at Belvedere Golf Club & have spent ample time inside the clubhouse. Most of the restoration is structural as the old building has been sitting atop the highest point of the Belvedere property since 1926 – basically untouched. Some minor cosmetic changes include new siding to the clubhouse & a remodeled men’s locker room. We actually hope that you can’t tell what the changes are because we do not want to take away from the 1926 historic feel of this celebrated clubhouse.

As far as the golf club goes, the routing remains the same as the original 1925 Watson design – the #1 tee is still in front of the clubhouse and the entire back nine is still across the street. The greens remain the same, in fact, the greens themselves have never been replaced & are (to my knowledge) some of the oldest original green complexes in the country. However, the green complexes did become smaller as time passed by and with the discovery of the original 1925 plans, we are able to enlarge every green to its original size. This will enable us to pick up between 4-7 new pin positions per green and really allow for some very interesting targets.

In addition to expanding all 18 green complexes, we have eliminated, reintroduced or modified several bunkers – 17 in all. Most of the tee complexes remain the same but #4 & #12 have changed positions slightly & a new “hickory tee” has been built on #2. Minor tree removal has also occurred in order to embrace the original Watson design.

For those of you who have not yet experienced one of the best hickory tournaments in the country, please come to Charlevoix & enjoy the Belvedere Hickory Open this June. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised.

Your \$325 entry fee includes a Thursday, June 15 practice round (golfing spouse welcome too), daily range balls, tournament favor, lunch at the turn on both Friday and Saturday afternoons, and complimentary cocktails after each tournament round.

There will be a complimentary "Welcome to Charlevoix Party" with entertainment on Thursday evening, sponsored by your host PGA professional Dennis "Marty" Joy II, and a heavy hors d'oeuvres party with entertainment at the Belvedere Clubhouse on Friday evening, sponsored by the Belvedere Golf Club.

On Saturday evening, the Belvedere Club will host a **coat and tie** dinner at the Belvedere "Casino." The presentation of awards will take place at the Saturday evening dinner. Friday and Saturday evening parties are on a **cash bar basis**.

You are also welcome to participate in the Leo Diegel Belvedere Hickory Two-Person Scramble held Thursday, June 15 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Entry fee for the two-person Hickory Scramble is \$80 per team or \$40 per person. Belvedere Golf Club will award a gross team and a net team champion.



Deadline to register is June 1, 2017
An official registration form can be found on the last 2 pages.

**In addition to the Society of Hickory Golfer's
Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals.
(All SoHG Championship Series Points remain the same.
Points are earned for all four divisions.
Championship - Senior - Super Senior & Ladies)**

THE BELVEDERE HICKORY OPEN
(Separate from the SoHG)
Will Have Two Distinct Divisions:

- 1. The Ralph Livingston Division - PRE -1935 ANTIQUE WOOD SHAFTED CLUBS AS DEFINED BY THE SoHG**
- 2. The Open Division - REPLICATED WOOD SHAFTED CLUBS & RETROFITTED CLUBS AS DEFINED BY THE SoHG**



The Belvedere Golf Club Board of Directors and the entire Belvedere Golf Club membership are looking forward to seeing you on our wonderful golf club and in the beautiful city of Charlevoix. We hope you will be able to attend one of the most enjoyable hickory tournaments in the country.

Dennis "Marty" Joy II, PGA
Belvedere Golf Club

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 231-675-2241
or at golfbelvedere@gmail.com

Michigan Amateur - Belvedere Hole #1 - 1930's



**Belvedere will host its 41st Michigan Amateur Tournament in 2025 –
Our centennial year.**



**And remember, whether celebrating a great score
or grieving over a lost opportunity –
Cocktails are complimentary after every
tournament round.**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotel rooms in Charlevoix go fast. There are many weddings, a 100+ player two-day golf event & a Saturday marathon the same weekend as our Hickory Open Tournament.

If you are planning to participate in the Belvedere Hickory Open –

Please make your lodging reservations A.S.A.P.

Hotel Rooms Are Reserved Until One Month Prior to the Belvedere Hickory Open (May 15) – Based on Availability. Inside of One Month, All Unclaimed Rooms Go Back Into the General Public Pool of Available Rooms.

Make lodging arrangements at any of the many hotels and motels in the Charlevoix area. When making your room reservations, inform the receptionist that you are playing in the Belvedere Hickory Open. Rooms at the following locations are reserved until May 15. Please make your reservations ASAP and ask for the Belvedere Hickory Open Rate. All hotels are located within two miles of Belvedere Golf Club.

- **AmericInn** – 231-237-0988 www.americinn.com
Comfortable rooms and suites; complimentary AmericInn perks breakfast; indoor heated pool.
- **Charlevoix Inn & Suite** – 231-547-0300 www.charlevoixinnandsuites.com
Family inn; great location; new renovation in 2015; complimentary continental breakfast; heated indoor pool and jacuzzi.
- **Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites** – 231-547-9955 www.weathervane-chx.com
Downtown Charlevoix on the channel near the bridge; views of Lake Michigan; spacious rooms; indoor pool, spa, in-room jacuzzi or fireplaces – **very limited this season.**
- **Edgewater Inn** – 231-547-6044 www.edgewater-charlevoix.com
Downtown Charlevoix; on-site bistro dining; indoor/outdoor pool.



2017 BELVEDERE HICKORY OPEN ENTRY FORM
June 15 - 17, 2017 Belvedere Golf Club -
William Watson Architect / Charlevoix, MI.

Full Name: _____

Age (as of June 15) _____

Mailing Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Home Course: _____ City: _____

Spouse/Traveling Companion Name: _____

Choose between:

Ralph Livingston Division: _____ or Open Division: _____

Handicaps shall be determined **one week prior** to the Belvedere Hickory Open.

Those of you who do not use the Society of Hickory Golfers handicap service please identify where your hickory handicap is established.

Handicap Service - Check One:

SOHG _____

GHIN _____

Other: _____ (specify)

- Leo Diegel Belvedere Hickory two-person scramble (\$40.00 per player)

- Thursday, June 15, 2017 / 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Partner #1 _____

Partner #2 _____

(We will do our best to make pairing arrangements for single players who wish to compete in the scramble event - let us know if you would like to be paired with another single participant.)

PAYMENT:

Registration is \$325, payable by check.

- If you are participating in the Belvedere Scramble, add an additional \$40.00 per player.
- Please print and complete the application form.
- Mail the completed form, along with a check made payable to "Belvedere Golf Club":

**The Belvedere Golf Club
C/O Dennis "Marty" Joy II
P.O. Box 218
Charlevoix, MI 49720.**

Deadline for entry is Thursday, June 1 - 2017.

Direct any and all questions to Dennis "Marty" Joy II.

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Or by phone @ 231-675-2241