

THE NATIONAL HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP

was established in 1998 to bring together golfers who enjoy playing golf as it was before the turn of the century. Nineteenth century equipment and rules make the NHC the sternest test of hickory golf anywhere. Open to all, the NHC draws the most ardent and accomplished wood shaft golfers from across North America. Competitive, yet fun, it is America's hickory championship—the ultimate test of hickory golf.

The three 2018 champions pose with their trophies following the competition. Left to right: Women's Champion Gillian Alexander, Orlando, FL; Seth Lomison, Pfafftown, NC the National Hickory Champion; James Kaiser, Louisville, KY Reserve Division Champion.



The 2019 National Hickory Championship is conducted over the historic Mound Golf Course of the City of Miamisburg, Ohio. Contestants play 36 holes over two days. Clubs must be original 19th century or approved replicas (available for rent if you don't have your own set) and all players use the same modern-made, line cut gutta percha-type balls available through the Championship and Brown-McIntyre Golf. Tee shots are struck from sand tees. Golf bags are not permitted. Players carry clubs under their arm in the manner of the 19th century. There is a simple dress code. Although period costumes are not required, many golfers dress appropriately and prizes are presented to the 'best dressed.' The NHC is like no other hickory golf tournament in America, Britain or anywhere else in the world. It is authentic, competitive, historic, truly unique and, above all, fun!

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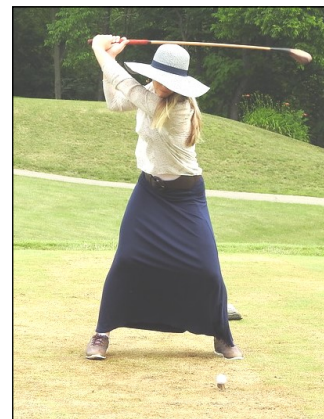
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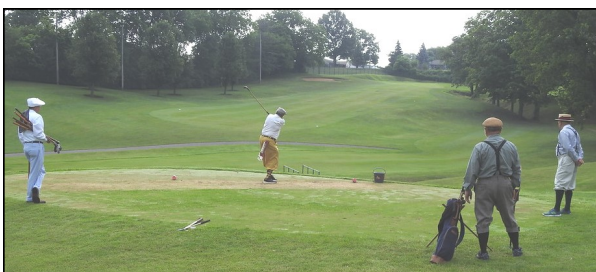
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Gillian Alexander, Orlando, FL came to the NHC as a First Tee Junior Intern. Since her first appearance she has won the Women's Division three times including setting a course record.

The Championship offers competition in four divisions. The **Open Division** is a 36-hole scratch competition playing for the title of America's National Hickory Champion under 19th century equipment and rules. The **Men's Reserve** and **Women's Divisions** also use 19th century equipment and are scored on a handicap basis for 36 holes. The **Sporting Division**, open to men and women, features two nine-hole rounds for seniors and those not wishing to play the full 18 holes. Additionally, the Mike and Elmore Foursomes Competition is staged on the practice day (Thursday) prior to the Championship rounds. Two-player teams play the historic format of alternate stroke for fun, prizes and an appreciation of how golf was played in the early 19th century. Practice time is also available on Thursday afternoon. Rule books are provided containing the 1891 unified code, the first general set of golf rules (with local Mound course provisions added). A welcome reception on Thursday and the Championship Dinner on Friday provide for socializing.

Complimentary lunch is served in the clubhouse on the three competition days.



Top right: ready to play is the threesome of Spike Abernethy (Granger, IN), Steve Simer (Madison, WI) and Tom Johnson (Tallmadge, OH); Teeing off on the first hole at the mound; A threesome walks in the shadow of the famous Miamisburg Mound; Middle left to right: Marsalis Davis (Liberty, NC); Dr. Bern Bernacki (Pittsburgh, PA) stands with the five competing junior golfers representing three First Tee chapters; Billy Wardwell putting (Turners Falls, MA). Bottom: David Reh in knickers (Upper Darby, PA) and Bill Geisler, 2017 National Hickory Champion (Winter Springs, FL) uses an X-shaped stand to elevate his clubs while making a shot to eliminate frequent bending over; There are no golf bags allowed in the NHC as was practiced in much of 19th century golf.