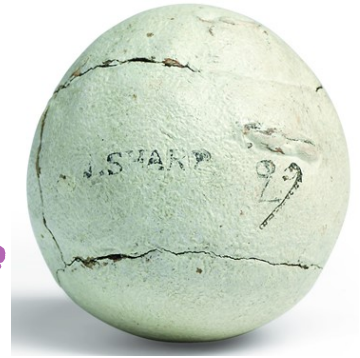




Announcing the

*International*

*Feathery Challenge*



After testing feathery golf balls prior to last year's National Hickory Championship at the Mound G.C., the NHC will be conducting a 9-hole medal play competition on Thursday morning, June 11. The International Feathery Challenge event will begin prior to the Mike & Elmore Foursomes Competition.

Players will have the ability to compete in both Feathery and Foursomes. Subsequently, owing to time constraints, these two foursomes categories will be used in 2020: flighted medal score and open match play. (Clan Match and Match Play Eight will *probably* return in 2021) Foursome partners will be drawn prior to the start of the Feathery Challenge and will tee off after feather ball players are on the course. Those entering the Feather Ball Challenge can procure balls at manufacturer cost (around \$35).

The Challenge will be a stand-alone medal competition and players may play in that event without entering the regular NHC competition. The cost for playing in the Feathery Challenge alone is \$100 which includes golf, NHC gear, prizes and the usual Thursday refreshments - lunch, the lasagna reception and drinks.

Per the rules a special dress code and equipment specifications will apply for the Feathery Challenge. Player's clubs will be limited to three and must meet normal NHC specifications. Sand tees will be made drives struck from earthen teeing grounds. The course will be shortened to about 1400 yards to suit the limited distance of feather balls. All players will play without handicap adjustment this year. Dress requirements will be strictly enforced because there will be several media outlets reporting on and photographing this event.

Details will be included with the 2020 entry packet due January 13, 2020.