



FOXBURG HICKORY CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 7-9, 2025

Greetings hickory players, I would like to provide an update for the 17th Foxburg Hickory Championship.

As announced previously the dates are August 7, 8, 9 for 2025. I have included an itinerary for the three days including hotel information at the bottom of this memo.

17th Foxburg Hickory Championship, quite a statement. Two constants come to mind when I think of our continuity. First and foremost is the steady group that joins us year over year. Hickory enthusiasts of course, engagement with the challenge of gutty golf most definitely, but the strong sentiment of comradery and joy we share is what keeps us going.

The second constant is Foxburg Country Club, 138 years of reverential history. Quite the recipe for a great get together.

We expect a full field this year, several new attendees have already submitted entries. Please submit your entries if you anticipate attending.

****ANNOUNCEMENT****

We would like to make an announcement regarding the 2025 National Hickory Championship. The NHC was in jeopardy of not being held in 2025. Recently there has been a late push to keep the streak intact, with the interest of continuity we have been asked to consider holding the NHC along with the FHC. Currently the focus is on the Open Division, but more to come on the NHC portion in future emails. We are happy to assist with this and the continuation of the NHC.

There will not be an additional charge for the NHC participation, it is included in your FHC entry. The Open Division requirements include walking and no golf bags.



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We have also been asked to continue the International Feathery Challenge. The IFC is a nine-hole medal feathery game. The IFC will be held Thursday 8/7, likely an 11:00 am for photos, 11:30 am start. If interested, please inform us with your entry (updated form attached). There is no cost to enter the IFC if you wish to play. In regards to featheries, if you have them from previous years that is fine. Ross Snellings will have a supply of balls available if you are interested at the event's cost. I have also included information on securing featheries directly from Denny and Cathy Lane information in a paragraph below.

I have always been impressed with the attire of the players in the feathery event. Many outfits are quite authentic. We would expect entrants to dress in period attire, which can be as simple as a shirt and tie with trousers, with a cap of course.

More on these two additions in future mailings. I look forward to the extra attention brought to our week.

Thursday August 7th is scheduled as a practice round for gutty players.

As announced in an earlier email, we have added a Cleekmaker Division for those that wish to compete with equipment they have created themselves. More information to come on that topic, but several of you are crafting your own equipment, clubs, and balls. We would like to feature their genius.

We expect an increase in club buying opportunities during the event days. We have always encouraged individuals to display and sell playable or collectible clubs. Several entrants have inquired about the opportunity and have suggested methods to benefit the club. More to come on that in future emails.

Relevant, historic venue, full field of enthusiastic entrants and guests, great weather, and hosted by the most gracious members and staff. Karen and I are amazed at your enthusiasm, especially what we contribute to the Club.

ENTRY FEE



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The entry fee for 2025 is \$285 (\$225 for long distance Foxburg Country Club members, \$175 for local members).

CART RENTAL

We have always encouraged power carts at the FHC. We feel it enables many long-tenured hickory players to enjoy the course and comradery. Contestants should arrange carts with the pro shop daily.

HOTELS

We have secured the Quality Inn in Clarion as a 'tournament hotel' again this year. Our agreement is for \$75 per night. The direct line to the hotel is 814-226-5230. They have been accommodating when booking directly through them. We suggest you do so if intending to stay there. Mention Foxburg Hickory Golf for the group rate.

Another option becoming popular is the Travelodge in Emlenton, 724-867-2314. It carries a higher rate. There is a restaurant on site, daily breakfast voucher included. It is closer to the course, 7 or 8 miles along the river.

There are other lodging options in the Clarion and local Foxburg area, including the Foxburg Inn, large hotel chains. Several long-term entrants have found comfortable and convenient accommodations at local B & B and VRBO choices.

GOLF BALLS

Open Division entrants are expected to play with the Park model (line cut or bramble), supplied by the McIntyre Golf Company. We are aware others experimenting making period balls from similar material. We encourage you to continue, although other models will need approved for tournament play.

All other divisions will use the Braid or Vardon model ball produced by the McIntyre Golf Ball Company. These are both limited flight balls. We expect all contestants to play



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from the cut stone tee boxes, it makes sense to use the early style and restricted ball from those distances.

Golf balls can be ordered from us at the time you submit your entry. I will have an update of the cost in the next email. When ordering Parks, please note if you prefer line cut, brambles, or a mixture. Contact the McIntyre Golf Company ([Mcintyre Golf Company](#)) to order balls directly and have them at your convenience.

Featheries can be obtained at the event or directly from Denny and Cathy Lane at <https://www.hickorylanefeatherie.com>. You will enjoy visiting their website.

Please contact us if you have any questions, an entry form is attached.

Yours in hickory golf,

Tom and Karen

EPILOGUE

We enjoyed a full field last year, and expect the same for 2025. We will do our best to accommodate all entrants, but do expect to limit the field to 40 players.

This email is being sent to previous entrants to provide them first opportunity for 2025 entry. We will hold spots for this group until April 30, 2025. Karen requires entries and checks to secure your spot. After May 1st, we will open entries on a first come first serve basis.



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ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday August 7

Registration opens at 10:00am

Practice rounds until 4:00pm or so

Dinner on your own but there will be groups meeting somewhere, many of us will go to the Red River Roadhouse next to the Quality Inn. Those staying at the Travelodge will likely meet at the restaurant

Friday August 8

9:00am Registration opens, group photo at 9:30am.

Practice area confined to the practice green and the 7th fairway.

10:00 Shotgun start for all contestants.

12:00 Break after 9 holes for lunch and libations

2:30pm golf is completed for the day; course is open for additional play.

Dinner on your own, there are plenty of options in Clarion and generally one big group at one location. The local Allegheny Grille along the river in Foxburg is always a winner. The Foxburg Pizza shop is local favorite.

Saturday August 9

9:30 Shotgun start for all contestants. Play straight through 18 holes

2:30 Rounds near completion, scores tabulated

2:30 Meal is ready, contestants and guests enjoy

3:30 Awards

4:00 Hugs and safe travels