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HICKORY GOLF COLLECTION
PACIFIC NORTHWEST



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2016

NORTHWEST HICKORY PLAYERS

After a successful three-day event in the Portland area in July of 2013, the group was officially organized as the Northwest Hickory Players on January 1, 2014 following a round at Chambers Bay. The goal of this group is to preserve and promote hickory golf in the traditions of bygone days when golfers, wearing knickers and other period clothing, played with brassies, spoons mashies and niblicks.

We're all about hickory golf. That's it. No modern events, no hybrid events, just pre-1935 hickory play for the love of the game. We invite players from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia to join us!

2016 Schedule

- January 1: NWHP Anniversary at Hawks Prairie Links - Lacey, WA
- February 20: Brookdale Golf Course - Tacoma, WA
- March 5: Lynnwood Golf Course - Lynnwood, WA
- March 18-20: Northwest Golf Antique Show - Portland, OR
- April 2: Whitehorse Golf Club -Kingston, WA
- April 17: Maplewood Gold Course, Renton, WA
- May 14-15: Pacific Northwest Hickory Championship at Salem Golf Club - Salem OR and Oregon Golf Association Course - Woodburn, OR
- June 12: NWHP Outing TBA - Seattle, WA
- July 3: Discovery Bay Golf Course - Port Townsend, WA
- July 15-17: Gearhart Hickory Classic at Gerhart Golf Links - Gearhart, OR
- August 10-12: Canadian Hickory Open - Alberta, Canada
- October 8-9: Gamble Sands Hickory Open - Brewster, WA

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CAPTAIN

JIM VON
LOSSOW



JIM VON LOSSOW

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 3



Born and raised in Seattle, Jim's golf started as a caddy for his father, who when out of sight of the pro shop, would let him play a few shots. Over 40 years as a PGA pro, I have played many events worldwide, but now hickory golf has given him a renewed interest in the game, its wonderful history, and the joy of meeting like-minded golfers to enjoy the journey with.

AGE: 64

BEST SCORE: 71

FAVORITE CLUB:
MacGregor Mashie BB
Popular model

HOME COURSE:
Anywhere

BALL OF CHOICE:
Wilson Staff FG Tour
Wilson Duo in winter

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Old Tom Morris

BEST TIP:
"Hands forward, hit
down and through every
shot...."

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JACK
WILSON



JACK WILSON

LAKWOOD, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 32



Jack grew up in Sioux City, IA. His first lesson was at 10 with a Scottish pro (Bill Adams) at the Boat Club. He had to pass a test on golf rules and etiquette before he could hit a ball! He can't remember if that was a "Dad rule" or a "Bill Adams rule." Between the two, he learned a respect for the game, its traditions and rules. He played and collected mid-century (steel shafted) clubs until he discovered hickories in 1984 in Ft. Collins, CO. It was there that he was nurtured by some early GCS members. He started playing hickories on a regular basis and collecting and learning. Of the 2,000+ hickories he has owned, he has hit 90% of them. Jack loves playing classic old courses with clubs that are attributable to that course - he says that's half the fun. The other half? The great friends he has met playing the hickories.

AGE: 70

BEST SCORE: 74

FAVORITE CLUB:
Tom Stewart Spade
Mashie & Cran Cleek

HOME COURSE:
Oakbrook GC

BALL OF CHOICE:
Bridgestone

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Jim Barnes

BEST TIP:
"Take a deep breath."

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MARTIN POOL



MARTIN POOL

KENMORE, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 20



Growing up Martin was an army brat having traveled in the Far East before going to college in Walla Walla, Washington where he learned to play golf. He has been a golf antique collector for 25 years, and in 1996 played his first round of hickory golf when it was popularly, if less than flatteringly, known as Hickory Hackers. Martin enjoys the historical aspect of hickory golf where one is able to experience the experience of golfers a century ago. Each hickory club has its own personality with a story to tell. He enjoys discovering those stories. On rainy days Martin spends time doing historical research and has written numerous articles on the origins of early golf courses in the Pacific Northwest.

AGE: 61

BEST SCORE: 76

FAVORITE CLUB:
Robert Johnstone BV
Style Putter, his first
hickory club

HOME COURSE:
Riverbend Golf Complex

BALL OF CHOICE:
Callaway SuperSoft

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Robert Johnstone, much
beloved and much ad-
mired pro at Seattle Golf
Club from 1905 – 1937

BEST TIP:
“We may outrun by vio-
lent swiftness that which
we run at, and lose by
over-running.” Henry
VIII, 1, 1. (Shakespeare
on Golf)

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ROB AHLSCHEWEDE

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ROB AHLSCHEWEDE
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 30+



Native of Nebraska, Rob came to Olympia in 2007. He has served on the board of the Golf Collectors Society and the Society of Hickory Golfers. He is currently the chair of the SoHG's Equipment Committee. While living in Nebraska, Rob hosted several GCS regional meetings, and began two different tournaments--The River City Hickory Classic and the Arbor Day Hickory Tournament. He has played in tournaments across the U.S. and Canada, Scotland, Germany and Sweden. "Big Rob" placed second in the Scottish Hickory Championship, won the Southern Four Ball three times, won the Senior Division Canadian Hickory Championship, placed Third, senior division GCS Championship, Captained the U.S. side at the first Eastern Canadian Hickory Championship--winning side! He has played on four Hickory Grail teams and spends time restoring and repairing hickory shafted clubs for play and display for customers across the U.S.

AGE: 68

BEST SCORE: 77

FAVORITE CLUB:
Dunn Model Putter

HOME COURSE:
Tumwater Valley

BALL OF CHOICE:
Srixon Soft Feel or
Callaway Super Soft

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Stanley B. Davies

BEST TIP:
"Friendships forged are
more important than the
score you shoot."

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ROBERT BIRMAN

PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON

YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 6



ROBERT BIRMAN

Rob discovered hickory golf at a charity tournament at Valhalla in Louisville, KY, in 2011. Since then, he's played in every World Hickory Match Play since its inception and in hickory tournaments in Florida, North Carolina, Indiana, Alabama, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. He enjoys the intrigue of playing complete playsets from 1890, 1900 and 1915 each season, and is a frequent contributor to *Wee Nip*, the newsletter of The Society of Hickory Golfers.

AGE: 48

BEST SCORE: 76

FAVORITE CLUB:
Jean Gassiat "Piano"
putter

HOME COURSE:
Discovery Bay

BALL OF CHOICE:
McIntyre Ouimet Mesh

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Joyce Wethered

BEST TIP:
"Accelerate the clubhead through every shot, from the tee to the green, even on a two-yard chip. Sharp, crisp contact yields the best results."

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ROBERTA ROBBINS



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ROBERTA ROBBINS

KENMORE, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 2



Sewing and reading are

AGE: 61

Roberta's favorite things to do, other than golf. (As a result, she doesn't do them very often!) Her three

BEST SCORE: 89

FAVORITE CLUB:
Tom Stewart Deep
Grooved Mashie

sisters and she were raised by her grandparents in Wenatchee, WA. No one in the family played golf but Roberta took a class in college and has been playing ever since. She's easily found right down the middle of any fairway!

HOME COURSE:
Jackson Park

BALL OF CHOICE:
Wilson Staff 52

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Lady Margaret Scott

BEST TIP:
On championship courses, it can help to lay up with a mid-iron and pitch to the green with a niblick!

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JOHN QUICKSTAD



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SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 2



Born and raised in Seattle, John's whole family (both sides) play golf dating back two generations. He has always loved antiques and when he can play with them, all the better! He decided to give hickory clubs a try when he received his grandfather's Spalding Sweetspots he used to set the 9-hole record at Longview Country Club in 1929. His collection is small and his wife wants to keep it that way! His favorite items are a Gibson Bulldog, a Ben Sayers Benny putter, a Tom Stewart niblick, and a mesh ball mold he hopes to use to create replica mesh balls. During the winter John runs a ski school during weekends at Snoqualmie Summit. He is employed full-time at CenturyLink as an IT systems engineer in Seattle.

AGE: 59

BEST SCORE: 74

FAVORITE CLUB:
Tom Stewart Niblick
50-degrees

HOME COURSE:
Lopez Island Golf Course

BALL OF CHOICE:
Srixon Soft Feel

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Paul Runyan, two-time
PGA Champion & World
Golf Hall of Fame -
John's first teacher

BEST TIP:
Ben Hogan's "The Drill,"
helping connect your
arms with your torso.

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JON KLINGLER



JON KLINGLER
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 2



Jon was raised in the boonies (then, anyway, in Graham, WA) and never touched a golf club until he was about 40. After he got the bug, he spent tons of money on equipment and lessons and improved a lot, but alas, he seems to have regressed back to his early-day foibles. He likes to play hickory golf because of the classic and stylish clothes players wear, plus the camaraderie. When not playing golf, he flies radio controlled airplanes and helicopters, and lately has been learning how to brew beer.

AGE: 60

BEST SCORE: 92

FAVORITE CLUB:
4-Wood

HOME COURSE:
Auburn Golf Course

BALL OF CHOICE:
Wilson Duo

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Harry Vardon

BEST TIP:
"Stay thirsty, my friends."

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TRACY SKINNER

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TRACY SKINNER
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 2



Tracy was raised in the Pacific Northwest and cannot imagine leaving. He has never had a day on the course he did not thoroughly enjoy. He fell into hickory golf when his neighbor gave him an old set that belonged to her father. His clubs are all “commons” except for the Stewart (that he found in an antique store) but they play well and he is happy with them. He enjoys antiques, as he works “Flag and Corners” at vintage car races and owns an old Sunbeam Alpine.

AGE: 65

BEST SCORE: 93

FAVORITE CLUB:
Tom Stewart smooth
faced mid-iron

HOME COURSE:
Bellevue Municipal

BALL OF CHOICE:
Bridgestone e6

FAVORITE GOLFER:
I love reading about
Ouimet and Varden
but have to go with
Bobby Jones: 7 years of
competitive golf, almost
unbeatable and then
created the Masters.

BEST TIP:
“Putt any way that works
for you.” - Nicklaus

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GALEN PETERSON

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PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 4

Galen was born in Walla Walla and spent almost all of his adult life in Spokane until retiring to Port Townsend. He loves hickory golf most of all because of the people. He also loves working on old clubs. He games all Stewart irons except a mid iron that is a Ben Sayers, and a niblick with a lot of bounce that is a great sand iron. His best hickory memory is when he was playing at an executive course in SCW and was stung by a bee. The next hole, he scored a hole-in-one on a 163-yard par three using his mid iron. When he's not playing golf, he fishes for halibut, salmon, crab, and works in his woodworking shop. In the winter, he lives in AZ and enjoys woodworking, metalworking, pickleball, and racquetball. His wife and he love to travel, and when they can, scuba diving.

AGE: 66

BEST SCORE: 78

FAVORITE CLUB:
42-degree Stewart
Mashie Niblick

HOME COURSE:
Discovery Bay

BALL OF CHOICE:
Callaway SuperSoft

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Bobby Jones

BEST TIP:
"Slow your swing down."

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ANDREW VON LOSSOW

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 3



ANDREW VON LOSSOW

Andrew was raised in Seattle and began playing golf from a young age with the help of his dad, Jim. His fascination with hickory golf developed a few years ago when he began to learn more about golf architecture from St. Andrews from early American golf design; playing the clubs of that era was intriguing. It also opened up new avenues to play courses in the Northwest that had history before 1935. Hickory golf also made newer courses he grew up playing as a junior a brand new challenge. He believes playing hickory golf makes one understand the origins of the game and makes the appreciation grow for the modern game. He's an avid fan of the Seahawks, college football and photography.

AGE: 28

BEST SCORE: 76

FAVORITE CLUB:
The Whipet 3 wood

HOME COURSE:
Fairvue Plantation
(Nashville)

BALL OF CHOICE:
Taylormade Project A

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Bobby Jones

BEST TIP:
Swing through the ball
with purpose, have your
weight finish on your
left side.

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KEVIN AUSTERO

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KEVIN AUSTERO

ESTACADA, OREGON
YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 2



Kevin was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, and loves playing hickories for the challenge of the game.

AGE: 53
BEST SCORE: 85
FAVORITE CLUB:
Mashie-Niblick

His collection is comprised of new-era reproduction hickory golf clubs from Louisville Golf.

HOME COURSE:
Springwater GC
BALL OF CHOICE:
Wilson Staff

He enjoys hitting the links, and when not playing, spending time with family and helping others.

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Bill Keeler

BEST TIP:
"Forget how far you hit your modern clubs!"

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RICHARD CANAPO



RICHARD CANAPO

MOUNT VERNON, WA

YEARS PLAYING HICKORIES: 3



There is no better way to experience golf than to swing the hickories. My most fond memory is being on the 11th tee at Whitehorse in Kingston, WA. I was first off, playing solo. It was a cool foggy morning and I teed off and hit a beauty. I started down the fairway, a lady walking her dog appeared out of nowhere and says to me, "That was beautiful, it was so quiet I could hear the ball pushing through the fog through its whole flight." I thought to myself, wow what a way to share an experience with someone, because I could see it pushing through the fog all the way until it landed.

AGE: 34

BEST SCORE: 80

FAVORITE CLUB:
Louisville Golf Spoon

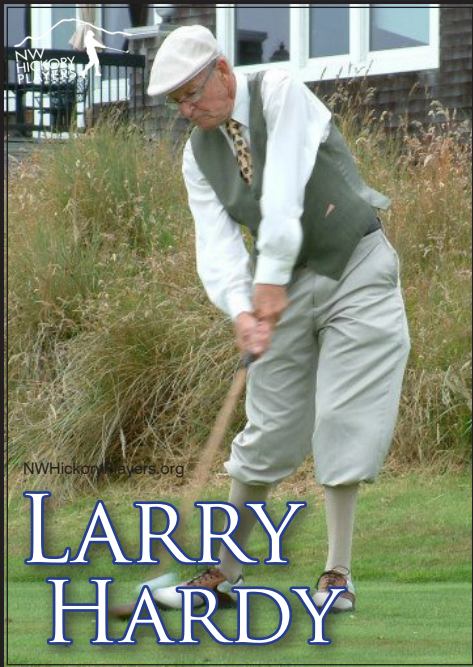
HOME COURSE:
Overlook GC

BALL OF CHOICE:
Wilson Duo

FAVORITE GOLFER:
Ted Ray

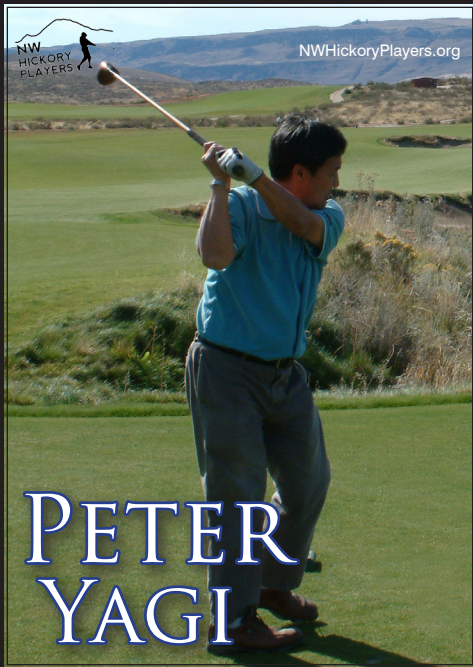
BEST TIP:
"Learn to love the process, not the result, and you will find your passion: Golf!"

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HARDY



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A man with a white beard, wearing a brown hat, a tan shirt, a red tie, and a brown vest, is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green field. He is holding a wooden club. In the background, there is a golf course and a logo for NW Hickory Players.

TOM
DRISCOLL

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A woman wearing a black bowler hat, a white long-sleeved shirt, a black vest, and black pants is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green field. She is holding a wooden club. In the background, there is a golf course and a logo for NW Hickory Players.

HANNAH
VON LOSSOW



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