



Carolinas Hickory Open Registration Form

(Registration closes June 5, 2021)

June 17-19, 2021

Tryon Country Club

Tryon, NC

Player Name _____

Player Address _____

Player Phone Number _____

Player Email Address _____

Player Age _____

Player SOHG Handicap _____

Division – Please Check One:

Open Division Professional Senior (60+) Super Senior (70+) Ladies

Carolina Hickory Golf Association Member Status:

I am a current, paid Lifetime member of the CHGA

I am not a current, paid Lifetime member of the CHGA and want to join: **\$100** (required to participate)

I do I do not have a current Society of Hickory Golfers Hickory Handicap and will play at scratch.

I would like to register for the Carolinas Hickory Open. I understand my registration fee includes the following: 2 competition rounds of medal play golf (with or without cart – walking encouraged), 2 lunches, tee gift, division medals, in round and post round refreshments, trophy. **Cost is \$150**

Professionals who are not members of the CHGA: entry fee is \$150 + \$100 for CHGA membership. All membership monies collected for the Professional division will be put back into the Cash Pool and paid back out to the winners. **\$250**

CHGA Lifetime Membership Fee _____ \$100

Tournament Registration Fee _____ \$150

Total _____

Please send your check and registration prior to June 5, 2021 to:

Richard Schmidt, Captain CHGA

1260 Midland Road

Southern Pines, NC 28387

Please direct all inquiries or questions to: midpinesrich888@gmail.com or call 910-603-7908

Accommodations are plentiful in and around the Tryon area – don't delay however in securing your room!

There are not many golf courses in Western North Carolina where wooden-shafted hickory golf clubs have been played. Tryon Country Club, founded in Tryon, North Carolina in 1916, is one of those. On June 18 and 19 the Carolina Society of Hickory Golfers will recreate those thrilling days of yesteryear in Tryon when it stages the first Carolinas Hickory Open.

Golf was a game played with wooden-shafted clubs for the better part of 400 years until the arrival of steel in the 1930s. Overnight the trusty clubs crafted from hardwood hickory were relegated to attics and antique store bins. In the 1990s some collectors began pulling their old hickory clubs off the walls in the den and began thinking, "I wonder if we can play with these."

They could, and well. In 2021, hickory golf is played with original century-old clubs and modern reproductions. Modern golf balls can be used but some players opt to use replicas of golf balls used during the wooden-club era. Top players can hit drives over 250 yards and shoot scores under par. Many players match their dress to the era with men sporting plus-fours, long-sleeved shirts and ties and women favoring long, flowing dresses. Today it is estimated that about 3,000 golfers regularly play hickory golf.

The Carolina Hickory Golf Association (CHGA) organized in 2005 and is the largest regional hickory golf society in the United States. After staging regular monthly events for many years the CHGA will contest its inaugural Carolinas Hickory Open championship in June. As a true "Open" both amateurs and professionals from North and South Carolina and beyond are eligible. The format will be 36 holes of individual stroke play with gross and net winners in the Open, Senior and Women's divisions.

The Tryon Country Club course was designed by North Carolina-based Donald Ross, the pre-eminent golf architect of the early 1900s. Ross designed more than 400 courses in setting the standard for the industry. The sporty Tryon course features ten greens and multiple tees to provide golfers a different experience each time around the course. Four-time major championship winner Jim Barnes failed to break par on the historic 9-hole layout during the hickory-shaft era in 1920 and legendary Sam Snead only matched the par of 72 in the prime of his career. The log cabin clubhouse built in 1922 has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Registration is now open for the Carolinas Hickory Open and details can be found at the organization's website: <http://www.carolinahickory.com> or by contacting the Captain of the CHGA, Richard Schmidt at midpinesrich888@gmail.com or 910-603-7908. Spectators interested in seeing golf as Bobby Jones played it are welcome at no charge.