



THE ALL AMERICAN HICKORY OPEN

Player Name: _____

Player Address: _____

Player Phone # _____

Player Email Address: _____

Player's Age: (Check one) 20 years or younger _____
21-30 years old _____
31-40 years old _____
41-59 years old _____
60 years & up _____

Which Division would you like to compete in: (Check one)

Open Division: _____

Reserve Division: _____ Handicap _____

Senior Division: _____

Four Man Scramble _____

How many McIntyre Gutta Percha Golf Balls do you require? _____
(Gutta Percha Balls are \$10 a piece/ recommend at least three)

Would you like to use a Golf Cart? _____

(Golf Carts are allowed for all divisions except the Open Division)

Payments for the golf cart will be taken on-site, the cost is \$15 per 18 holes

This information is needed in order to plan for enough golf carts.

Do you require a rental set of Pre-1900 Golf clubs? _____

(Rental sets will be \$15 per person with the understanding that you may be required to share your set with another player(s) in need of clubs).

THE ALL AMERICAN HICKORY OPEN will have special room rates available to all participants. The tournament hotel will once again be the Double Tree of Downers Grove.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Tournament Fee \$110 = \$ _____

McIntyre Gutta Percha Balls \$10 per

How many gutta percha golf balls _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Rental Set of Pre-1900 Clubs (\$15 per renter) = \$ _____

Total Due = \$ _____

THE ALL AMERICAN IS A 36-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE CONTESTED ON MAY 18-19TH. HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR THURSDAY 17TH WITH A CHECK OUT DAY OF SATURDAY MAY19TH.

Registration Fees should be payable to Connor Lewis and mailed to:

The All American Hickory Open
Attn: Connor Lewis
3315 Williams Blvd. SW
Suite 2 PMB 101
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Or you can make payment via PAYPAL to:

ConnorT2@aol.com

If paying via PAYPAL please include the information on this registration form for the tournament.

REGISTRATION FOR THE ALL AMERICAN HICKORY OPEN WILL DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF OPEN SPOTS. WE WILL FILL THESE SPOTS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

THE LATEST DATE WE CAN ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS IS April 19, 2012. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE SURE WE CAN ORDER ENOUGH GUTTA PERCHA GOLF BALLS.



THE ALL AMERICAN HICKORY OPEN will be held on the historic links of Downers Grove Golf Course on May 18-19. Downers Grove Golf Course is the original site of the Chicago Golf Club, one of the most prominent country clubs in the United States. On this very site CB MacDonald built the first 9 holes for the Chicago Golf Club in 1892, becoming a spring board for golf in the West. By 1893, MacDonald and his fellow members decided to build an additional 9 holes, thus becoming the first 18-hole golf course in the United States. In 1894, on this very site the Chicago Golf Club became a Charter Member of the United States Golf Association.

In 1895, however, the Chicago Golf Club parted ways with this golf course and moved their club to its current location in Wheaton. Why did they depart these original links? Apparently a semi large portion of their golf course was leased by a landowner to the West of the current course. The landowner for reasons unknown, decided not to renew that lease in 1895. The members of the Chicago Golf Club facing the loss of several holes moved on leaving this course abandoned for the entirety of 1895.

In 1896, the course was adopted briefly by the Illinois Golf Club then by the Belmont Golf Club and was cut back down to nine holes roughly 3000 yards in length and a bogey score of 41, quite a challenge in its day.

The course is now owned by the City of Downers Grove. 7 of the 9 greens are original, as are the majority of the bunkers, which will still be in play for THE ALL AMERICAN. The course will be set up for gutta percha golf and will play as she did on opening day in 1892. I would personally like to thank Downers Grove for this wonderful opportunity.

It is my hope that you come to THE ALL AMERICAN and play this historical treasure the way CB MacDonald intended her to be played.

Yours in Golf,

Connor T. Lewis

Equipment Guidelines

The Open Division – The Open Division will have the strictest guidelines and standards, as we hope to truly recreate the course and its style of play for this division. As such, this division will be walking only and will not permit the use of golf bags, as they were not popularized in this era. Players will tee their gutty up with tees made from sand and will not be able to touch their golf ball until the ball is pulled from the cup after holing out. The exception will be stymies, which will not be in play. If your ball blocks another's path to the hole, you will be allowed to lift and mark, but not clean your ball.

Equipment standards for this division will also be stiffer. Smooth face clubs is a given we will accept Tom Stewart pre-registration irons and clubs of similar vintage. Splice neck woods are also a must, with a strong preference on long nose or semi-long nose golf clubs.

Reserve and Senior Divisions – The Senior and Reserve Divisions will be allowed the use of golf bags and/or the use of golf carts. First and foremost we want everyone to be able to enjoy this tournament, which is why we are made these arrangements. The Reserve and Senior Divisions will have the same guidelines as the Open Division regarding the ball in play. They are to play the ball down until it is in the cup.

Regarding equipment standards for these two divisions, we will be legalizing more clubs for these divisions as well as the scramble. For irons our stipulation is that it must have a wood shaft and it must be smooth faced. Tom Stewart registration smooth face irons will be legal in these divisions. Splice neck woods are still needed but transitional woods are completely acceptable.

4 Man Scramble – The rules and play are identical to the Reserve and Senior Divisions. I expect that we may have a fair share of new players to pre-1900 golf. If you have played pre-1900 golf before please encourage our new players, and if you are a new player of pre-1900 golf, please feel free to ask questions. The people which play in these tournaments are by far some of the best people you will ever meet. They are a wealth of information and quite entertaining to boot. I am available if you have any questions regarding equipment or any other issues which come to mind.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 16th

- Practice rounds for any players who arrive early
- Group Dinner for players who arrive Wednesday

Thursday, May 17th

- Practice rounds for all participants. Please make arrangements at the clubhouse.
- HGA vs. SoHG 4-Man Team Scrambles (time to be decided)
- Evening of May 17th Room Trading from (7PM-10PM)

Friday, May 18th

- First round of the 2012 ALL AMERICAN HICKORY OPEN
- 6PM Cocktails at the Double Tree Bar

Saturday, May 19th

- Final round of the 2012 ALL-AMERICAN HICKORY OPEN
- Following the round a group photograph will be taken at the “Last Man Standing” tree on the 9th hole.
- Medal presentation ceremony for:
 - Open Division Champion
 - Senior Division Champion
 - Reserve Division Champion
 - Senior Reserve Champion
 - Team Division Champions