



HICKORY
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Factsheet

The Hickory Masters 2026 at a glance

Organiser:	Hickory Golf Masters SA, Lugano (Switzerland)
Internet:	www.hgm.golf
Social Media:	hickorygolfmasters (Instagram) Hickory Golf Masters (LinkedIn) #HickoryGolfMasters #HickoryGolf
The Venue:	Circolo Golf Villa d'Este, Lake Como, Italy established 1926 Par 69, 5032 meters The Hickory Masters 2026 is not played from standard tee boxes, but from teeing boxes that most closely resemble the original 1926 layout for each hole.
Date:	13th & 14th May 2026

The 2026 tournament

The Hickory Masters is the first major golf championship for hickory golfers. It is the world's premier event in the world for hickory golfers with ambitions to compete against the best original hickory club players in the world. It will be played for the first time in May 2026, marking the birth of a legendary new tradition.

Unlike other hickory tournaments, the Hickory Masters is played exclusively with original hickory golf clubs built before 1935. Not only will the tournament be played with original clubs and the Goodman ball (a product of McIntyre Golf Company) that replicates the ball played in early 20th Century. The players will also be dressed in period clothing from the early 1930s.



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Format:	2 rounds of 18-hole stroke play Caddies are required for all players.
The Field:	37 male players, including 14 professionals, from 16 nations
Categories:	Professionals, Amateurs, Senior Amateurs
Prize Money (pros only):	€ 30'000 (winner: € 10'000)
Tour Champions in the Field:	Jean-François Remésy (France) Markus Brier (Austria) Gary Orr (Scotland) Andrew Marshall (England) Thomas Gögele (Germany) Heinz Peter Thül (Germany) Per Göran Nyman (Sweden) Emanuele Canonica (Italy)
Hickory Champions in the Field:	<p>Perry Somers (Australia; World Hickory Champion 2010, 2-times European Hickory Champion, 5-times Dutch International Hickory Champion, 4-times German Hickory Champion)</p> <p>Andrew Marshall (England; World Hickory Champion 2015, World Hickory Revival Champions 2023, US Professional Hickory Champion 2016, Winner Masters of Hickory 2018)</p> <p>Paolo Quirici (Switzerland; World Hickory Open Champion 2013, US Professional Hickory Champion 2013 & 2014, China Hickory Open Champion 2024 & 2025)</p> <p>Brian Gee (England/Netherlands; International Dutch Hickory Open Champion 2015 & 2018 & 2025, German Hickory Open Champion 2019 & 2021 & 2022, French Hickory Open Champion 2021)</p> <p>Per Göran Nyman (Sweden; Scottish Hickory Open Champion 2023 & 2024 & 2025, Swedish Hickory Champion 2009 2010 & 2023 & 2024, Welsh Hickory Champion 2025)</p> <p>Iain Forrester (Scotland/Netherlands; European</p>



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Hickory Champion 2013 & 2018, 4-times French
Hickory Champion, 4-times German Hickory
Champion, 4-times Dutch Hickory Champion,
English Hickory Champion 2010)

Entry Fee: € 900

Registration: <https://hgm.golf/hickory-masters-2026-registration>
Entries close on Sunday, 12th of April 2026

The programme 2026

Tuesday 12th of May	9:00 AM	At the Club House of Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. Registration and individual practice round to be booked in advance.
	7:00 PM	At the Hotel Castello di Casiglio, Erba. Welcome Dinner.
Wednesday 13th of May	9:00 AM	At Tee 1 & Tee 10 of Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. 1st Round of the tournament starting from two tees. Dinner & evening free.
Thursday 14th of May	9:00 AM	At Tee 1 & Tee 10 of Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. 2st Round starting from two tees in ranking order (best out last).
	5:30 PM	At the Club House of Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. Prize Giving and Gala Dinner will close the Event.
	10:30 PM	At the Club House of Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. End of event. Official greetings and closing of the event.



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The Trophy – The Silver Rake Niblick

A special Challenge full silver sterling club hand made by Italian silversmiths, which will bear the name of each year's winner, has been created as a 1:1 replica of the very rare and valuable Higgs Delivered by Stewart Rake Niblick made by Willie Aveston, originally a member of the PGA and professional to the Marquis of Northampton at Castle Ashby from 1908-1917. This particular club had a provisional patent no. 1904 issued in 1895, but was never marketed as Mr. Higgs decided not to pursue the patent for this particular Niblick, which was designed to work in sand or tall grass. (A handful were produced, one of which is owned by the Hickory Golf Masters Company and can be seen in the museum in Lugano.) The first hybrid club – decades ahead of its time.

The champion will receive the same 1:4 scale miniature golf club in gold plated silver. In the Amateur and Senior's Amateur categories, the best gross score & net will be awarded the same 1:4 scale miniature golf club in silver. The silver trophies are handmade by Guanzioli Giorgio & C., Argenteria Artistica Artigianale, Alzate Brianza (Como/Italy), five kilometres from Villa d'Este Golf.