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HICKORY GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING TO TEMPLE TERRACE

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (2/9/11) – Temple Terrace will be the site of a unique national golf tournament later this month featuring golf professionals like you've never seen them before.

The *U.S. Professional Hickory Golf Championship* will be held at the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club, 200 Inverness Ave., on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011 at 11 a.m.

It is the first professionals-only hickory golf tournament to be held in the United States.

More than 20 golf professionals from around the country will play in the event using hickory shafted golf clubs and gutta perche balls, which were common in the 1920s when the Temple Terrace Golf Course was built. Players will be decked out in knickers, knee socks, knit caps and other period clothing, just like the golfers who played in the historic 1925 Florida Open in Temple Terrace. They'll compete for an identical \$5,000 purse that was up for grabs back then.

Hickory golf "is becoming more and more popular as more people hear about it," said tournament coordinator Mike Stevens, the 2010 National Hickory Golf Champion and resident golf pro at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. "This is a sport that's growing."

The event is sponsored by the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club, the Florida Hickory Golfers Association and the Temple Terrace Preservation Society, which is working to get the golf course listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The course was designed by renowned Scottish golf course architect Tom Bendelow in the early 1920s.

To register for this event, or for more information, contact Mike Stevens at (813) 244-7619. Registration deadline is Feb. 18. Visit www.usprohickory.com for more information.

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