

**64th U.S.
Senior Amateur
Championship
Record Book**

Eugene Country Club
Eugene, Ore.

Sean Knapp Wins the 2017 Championship

Sean Knapp tried to explain how, after competing in 40 previous USGA championships and losing twice in the semifinal round, he could be so calm in his first championship final, for the 63rd U.S. Senior Amateur.

“For a guy like me, getting [championship] exemptions is so important, so I knew what making the semifinals brought,” said Knapp, 55, of Oakmont, Pa., who was competing in his first U.S. Senior Amateur. “I also knew what making the final brought. Once I had done that, I said, look, all we’re playing for today is the championship, and while that is an enormous thing, at the same time, I was very relaxed, very calm. I don’t know why, the whole day it was the calmest I was in any match.”

That calmness translated to victory when Knapp converted a 20-foot par putt on the 17th green at The Minikahda Club to give him a 2-and-1 victory over Paul Simson, of Raleigh, N.C., a two-time champion who would have become the fifth-oldest winner had he prevailed on Thursday at age 66. Instead, Knapp finally broke through after semifinal-round losses in the 2008 and 2010 U.S. Mid-Amateurs, his farthest advances in USGA play. He also topped Simson for the first time after Simson had come out on top in two previous matchups: a U.S. Open sectional qualifying playoff and a U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinal match, both in 1998.

“The last two times in the Mid-Am in [2008 and 2010], I got to the semis, and then in 2012 I lost to Nathan [Smith, Knapp’s best friend and a five-time USGA champion] in extra holes in the final 16,” said Knapp, a 14-time Player of the Year in Western Pennsylvania. “He went on to win, and I really felt like it was so tough to accept that. I knew what to do to beat him, and I did everything but beat him. I just said, if I get in this situation again, I’m going to put the throttle down.”

Throttle or not, Knapp stayed calm when opponent Simson birdied the first hole for a 1-up lead. Knapp, 55, responded with a winning par on the second hole. Twice more he calmly responded and brought the match back to even after Simson made birdies – both on par 5s, No. 4 and No. 9.

Simson’s bid to join Lewis Oehmig, the only three-time champion of the U.S. Senior Amateur, went awry on the incoming nine, just after he had taken his third and final 1-up lead of the match with the birdie on the ninth. Knapp drew even for the third time on the next hole, then took his first lead on No. 11. In both instances, Knapp missed the green and converted the up-and-down, while Simson hit the green and three-putted, running his first putt past on No. 10 and leaving it well short on No. 11.

Simson squared the match for the final time on No. 13, making a 5-foot putt for his third birdie on a par 5 after Knapp had missed from 8 feet away. Then a couple of Simson miscues while Knapp was making solid pars brought the match into

Knapp’s favor. Simson missed the 14th fairway to the right, and his approach shot clipped a branch and ended up in thick rough short and left of the green. Simson wedged out to 14 feet and missed his par try, while Knapp got up and down from in front of the green.

On the 410-yard par-4 16th, both players drove into the rough, and Knapp missed the green hole-high to the left from an awkward stance. Simson failed to extricate his shot from the rough, which snagged his clubface, and he left his third shot in the front bunker. After Simson missed his bogey putt, he conceded Knapp’s short par putt.

“I probably made a tactical error on 16,” said Simson, who won the U.S., Canadian and British Senior Amateur championships in 2010, the only man to do so in the same year. “I went and practiced that tee shot yesterday after my match because I had had problems with it, and just hit a real stinker there. Maybe if it was stroke play, I would have laid out and tried to make 4 the other way, but I thought maybe I had a chance to hit a good shot out of there and it didn’t come out of the grass very well.”

When Knapp got up and down from the front bunker on the par-4 17th after Simson missed a long birdie try, the match was over. Knapp became the latest 55-year-old to win and the first newcomer to win since Louis Lee prevailed in 2011. Again, Knapp gave a nod to his friend Smith.

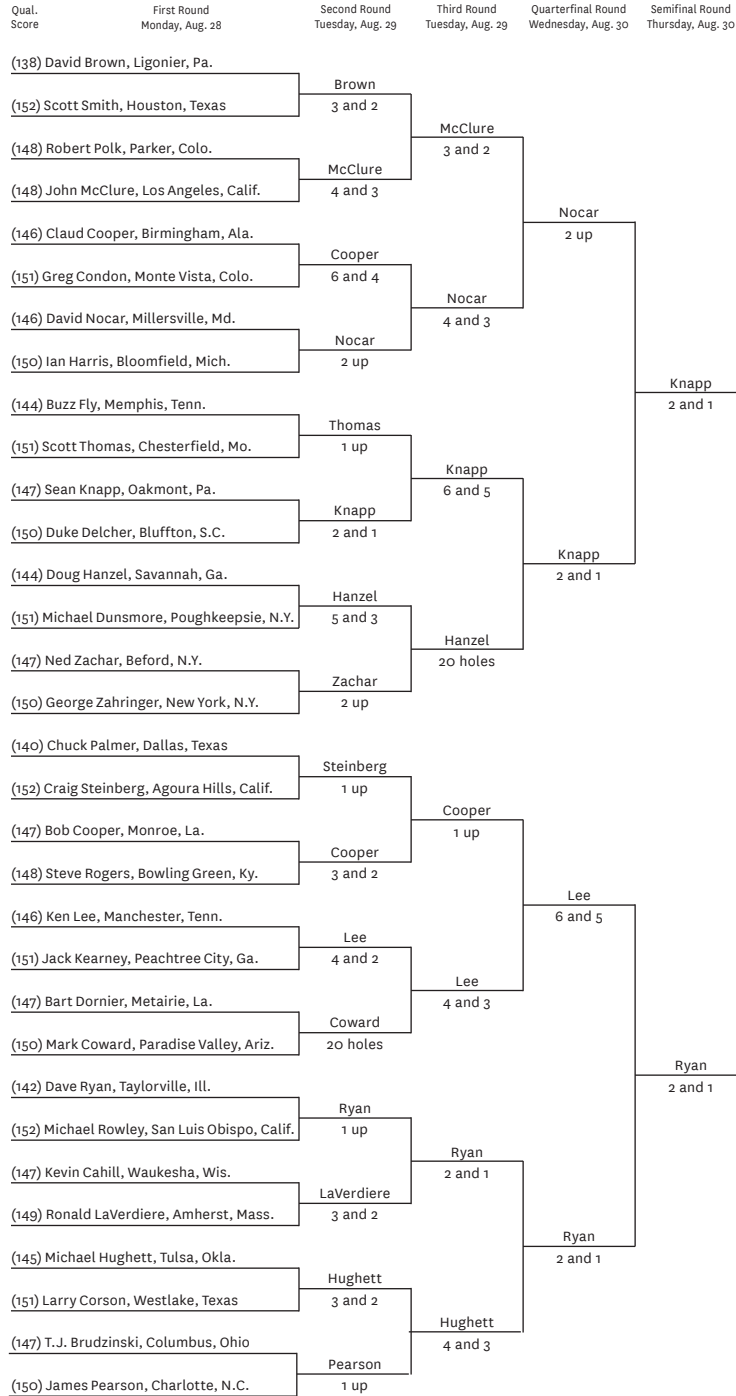
“Nathan and I have played so much against each other and with each other,” said Knapp, a graduate of Indiana (Pa.) University, where he played basketball. “There’s a formula, and I’m well aware of it. I can’t always execute it. He can. It’s about being patient, not giving holes, and forcing your opponent to get uncomfortable. If you can force them into that level of uncomfortability, they might make poor decisions. I’m not saying that that’s what happened today, but certainly it kept my emotions at bay.”

Calmness despite the circumstances helped Knapp become the first champion to win the title without making a birdie since Mike Bell, in 2006 at Victoria National in Newburgh, Ind. While Simson was making four birdies, six pars, six bogeys and a double bogey in a topsy-turvy round, Knapp had 16 pars and one bogey, with six of the pars winning holes.

When told that he had prevailed without a birdie, Knapp’s calm demeanor retreated for just a moment. Pointing to the Frederick L. Dold Trophy, he said, “I’ve got this big thing over there that says W. I don’t care how it looks or what it is. If you’re making double bogey, I’m going to make bogey. If you’re making par, I’m going to try to make birdie.”

On this day, Knapp was making himself into a USGA champion.

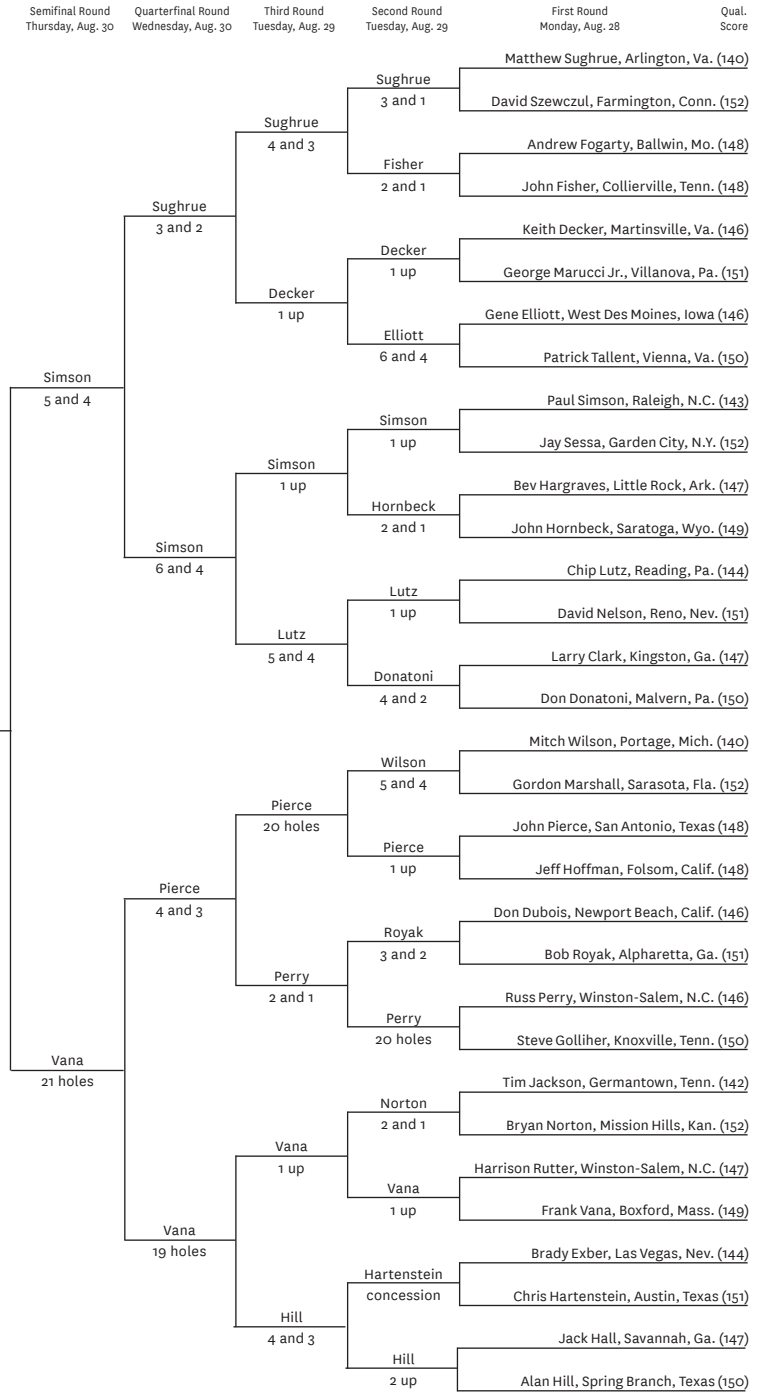
63rd U.S. Senior Amateur Championship



Par: 36-36—72
Yardage: 6,764
Entries: 2,395

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 Thursday, Aug. 31
 Sean Knapp
 def.
 Paul Simon,
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Aug. 26-31, 2017, The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.



Complete Stroke-Play Results

138	David Brown, Ligonier, Pa., 68-70		Folsom, Calif., 73-75; Steve Rogers, Bowling Green, Ky., 76-72
140	Matthew Sughrue, Arlington, Va., 68-72; Mitch Wilson, Portage, Mich., 72-69; Chuck Palmer, Dallas, Texas, 72-68	149	Ronald LaVerdiere, Amherst, Mass., 76-73; Frank Vana, Boxford, Mass., 75-74; John Hornbeck, Saratoga, Wyo., 80-69
142	Dave Ryan, Taylorville, Ill., 73-69; Tim Jackson, Germantown, Tenn., 70-72	150	Duke Delcher, Bluffton, S.C., 74-76; George Zahringer, New York, N.Y., 76-74; Don Donatoni, Malvern, Pa., 79-71; Alan Hill, Spring Branch, Texas, 76-74; James Pearson, Charlotte, N.C., 74-76; Mark Coward, Paradise Valley, Ariz., 74-76; Steve Gollher, Knoxville, Tenn., 75-75; Patrick Tallent, Vienna, Va., 77-73; Ian Harris, Bloomfield, Mich., 74-76
143	Paul Simson, Raleigh, N.C., 73-70		
144	Buzz Fly, Memphis, Tenn., 74-70; Doug Hanzel, Savannah, Ga., 74-70; Chip Lutz, Reading, Pa., 72-72; Brady Exber, Las Vegas, Nev., 71-73	151	Greg Condon, Monte Vista, Colo., 73-78; George Marucci Jr., Villanova, Pa., 74-77; Bob Royak, Alpharetta, Ga., 78-73; Jack Kearney, Peachtree City, Ga., 74-77; Larry Corson, Westlake, Texas, 72-79; Chris Hartenstein, Austin, Texas, 71-80; David Nelson, Reno, Nev., 75-76; Michael Dunsmore, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 79-72; Scott Thomas, Chesterfield, Mo., 75-76
145	Michael Hughett, Tulsa, Okla., 74-71		
146	Ken Lee, Manchester, Tenn., 77-69; Don Dubois, Newport Beach, Calif., 71-75; Keith Decker, Martinsville, Va., 74-72; Claud Cooper, Birmingham, Ala., 75-71; David Nocar, Millersville, Md., 77-69; Gene Elliott, West Des Moines, Iowa, 77-69; Russ Perry, Winston-Salem, N.C., 75-71	152	*Bryan Norton, Mission Hills, Kan., 77-75 (4, 3); *Michael Rowley, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 72-80 (4, 3); *Jay Sessa, Garden City, N.Y., 77-75 (4, 3); *Craig Steinberg, Agoura Hills, Calif., 76-76 (4, 3); *Gordon Marshall, Sarasota, Fla., 77-75 (4, 4); *David Szewczul, Farmington, Conn., 77-75 (4, 4); *Scott Smith, Houston, Texas, 75-77 (4, 4)
147	Bart Dornier, Metairie, La., 71-76; T.J. Brudzinski, Columbus, Ohio, 74-73; Jack Hall, Savannah, Ga., 72-75; Larry Clark, Kingston, Ga., 74-73; Ned Zachar, Bedford, N.Y., 72-75; Sean Knapp, Oakmont, Pa., 76-71; Bev Hargraves, Little Rock, Ark., 72-75; Harrison Rutter, Winston-Salem, N.C., 73-74; Kevin Cahill, Waukesha, Wis., 75-72; Bob Cooper, Monroe, La., 73-74		
148	John Pierce, San Antonio, Texas, 74-74; Andrew Fogarty, Ballwin, Mo., 75-73; Robert Polk, Parker, Colo., 77-71; John McClure, Los Angeles, Calif., 75-73; John Fisher, Collierville, Tenn., 75-73; Jeff Hoffman,		* = in playoff

Failed to Qualify

152	*Robert Johnson, Vacaville, Calif., 74-78 (4, 5); *Rusty Brown, Phoenix, Ariz., 75-77 (5); *William Charpek, Red Bank, N.J., 74-78 (5); *Keith Holmes, Macon, Ga., 77-75 (5); *Reid Sheftall, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 74-78 (5)	159	David Whittaker, Duluth, Minn., 81-78; Stu Strang, Olney, Md., 78-81; Lloyd Fisher, Dade City, Fla., 78-81; William Gist, Omaha, Neb., 77-82; Mike Poe, Loudon, Tenn., 80-79; Casey Boyns, Monterey, Calif., 79-80; Rich Rowley, San Jose, Calif., 84-75
153	Rand Mendez, Wilmington, Del., 75-78; Todd Hendley, Greer, S.C., 79-74; Jim Rollefson, Franklin, Wis., 77-76; Chip Holcombe, Saint Johns, Fla., 71-82; Dave Williamson, Crawfordsville, Ind., 74-79; James Smith, Orchard Park, N.Y., 77-76; Stewart Alexander, Auburn, Ala., 77-76; Geno Berchiatti, Greenville, S.C., 78-75; Rafe Johnston, Vernal, Utah, 77-76	160	Gary Havro, Claremont, Calif., 79-81; William Jackson, Oklahoma City, Okla., 82-78; Ted Zurkowski, Chicago, Ill., 82-75; David Brown, Minnetonka, Minn., 82-78; Guy Mertz, Longmont, Colo., 81-79; Ed McDugle, Memphis, Tenn., 79-81; Kelly Denessen, Snohomish, Wash., 82-78; Dean Prince, Paradise, Calif., 79-81
154	Scott Mayne, Harrisburg, Pa., 77-77; Alex Moore, Winnetka, Ill., 76-78; Mike Arter, Lakeville, Mass., 79-75; Mike Bodney, Jacksonville, Fla., 77-77; Tom Brandes, Bellevue, Wash., 78-76; David Ujihara, Brea, Calif., 79-75; Kenneth Coutant, Dallas, Texas, 77-77; Paul Schlachter, Pittsburgh, Pa., 78-76; Jim McNelis, Gig Harbor, Wash., 77-77	161	Vinny Giles, Richmond, Va., 82-79; Iain Macdonald, Fullerton, Calif., 76-85; Stephen Fox, Barboursville, W.Va., 80-81; Kent Spriggs, Fargo, N.D., 82-79
155	Michael Kelly, Odenton, Md., 75-80; Steven Jacobs, Highland Park, Ill., 77-78; Walter Odiorne, Blythewood, S.C., 81-74; Christopher Clauson, Philadelphia, Pa., 81-74; Frank Remmes, Lilburn, Ga., 79-76	162	Keith Wood, Atlanta, Ga., 79-83; Scott Hood, Corona, Calif., 79-83
156	Brad Carey, Lake Oswego, Ore., 78-78; Steven Liebler, Irmo, S.C., 78-78; Roc Irey, Furlong, Pa., 84-72; Jeff Teal, Excelsior, Minn., 76-80; Scott Roser, Ruidoso, N.M., 80-76; John Coles III, Birmingham, Ala., 79-77; Jim Volpenhein, Cincinnati, Ohio, 79-77; Carl Ho, Honolulu, Hawaii, 82-74; Michael Dallmeyer, Jefferson City, Mo., 81-75; Terry Werner, Dyer, Ind., 79-77	163	Thomas Kmak, Scottsdale, Ariz., 80-83; Murphy Mitchell, Scottsdale, Ariz., 81-82; Rod Skyles, Eagle, Idaho, 83-80; Chris Choccola, Harbor Springs, Mich., 85-78; Jerry Hudgins, Tyler, Texas, 84-79
157	Brian Secia, Nantucket, Mass., 79-78; Jeff Britton, Carmel, Calif., 78-79; Monty Guest, Solon, Ohio, 79-78; James Sewell, Cameron Park, Calif., 76-81; Frank Acker, Henderson, Nev., 80-77; Gary Durbin, Houston, Texas, 84-73; Rick Cloninger, Fort Mill, S.C., 76-81; Jeff Holmgard, Rockford, Ill., 76-81; Bill Jackson, McKinney, Texas, 83-74; Thomas Destefani, Western Springs, Ill., 74-83; Bradley Karns, Vancouver, Wash., 78-79	164	Scott Ichimura, Mililani, Hawaii, 81-83; Jorge Cora, Atlanta, Ga., 78-86; Steven Brown, Chandler, Ariz., 85-79
158	Daniel Sivadge, El Cajon, Calif., 79-79; Edward Bugniazet, Harrison, N.Y., 80-78; Mark Vassalotti, Stamford, Conn., 78-80; Mark Guadagni, Hudson, Ohio, 79-79	165	Sam Billmeyer, Ankeny, Iowa, 82-83; Gene Cook, Woodinville, Wash., 82-83
		166	Greg Myers, Twinsburg, Ohio, 85-82
		167	Randall Garber, Lakeville, Minn., 84-84; John Barry, Lakeville, Minn., 85-83; Joel Benes, North Miami Beach, Fla., 86-82
		168	Bradley Niswonger, Elm Grove, Wis., 85-85
		170	Murphy Hart, Benton, Ill., 89-84
		173	Gary Blackwell, Jacksonville, Fla., 79; William Hadden, Manchester Village, VT.
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Championship History

The remarkable growth of senior golf prompted the USGA to establish the Senior Amateur Championship in 1955. Many senior golf associations had been founded on the local, state and regional levels, proving that the competitive instinct among golfers was not diminished by age.

In 1955, the notion of a tournament only for seniors was not a new one. Fifty years earlier, The Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y., had started the oldest senior competition still in existence, which led directly to the formation of the U.S. Senior Golf Association, a private organization not linked to the USGA.

Apawamis extended invitations to golfers 60 years of age and older. When the response was not overwhelming, the age minimum was dropped to 55 to gather a representative field. Thus was the definition of a senior amateur golfer established.

The U.S. Senior Golf Association conducted a fine tournament, but membership in the organization was limited, and a long waiting list developed. Because there was no single event open to all senior amateurs, the USGA was asked to start a true national championship. The Senior Amateur was added to the schedule in 1955. Entries were open to golfers age 55 and over who had handicaps not over 10 strokes.

The addition of the Senior Amateur gave the USGA exactly twice as many championships as it had conducted before World War II, when there were just four: the Amateur, Open and Women's Amateur, started in 1895, and the Amateur Public Links (1922). From World War II until 1955, the USGA added four more: the Junior Amateur (1948), the Girls' Junior (1949), the Women's Open (1953) and the Senior Amateur (1955). The USGA now conducts 14 national championships for individuals, 10 of which are strictly for amateurs.

The first Senior Amateur at Belle Meade Country Club in Nashville, Tenn., drew 370 entries from 30 states and the District of Columbia. J. Wood Platt, 56, the eight-time Philadelphia Amateur champion, defeated George Studinger of San Francisco, 5 and 4, in the final.

In 1959, J. Clark Espie, who also won in 1957, became the Senior Amateur's first two-time champion. Lewis W. Oehmig, a record six-time finalist, is the only three-time winner (1972, 1976, 1985).

Since 1994, O. Gordon Brewer, Bill Shean Jr., Kemp Richardson and Paul Simson have won multiple titles. Richardson's father, John, won the 1987 Senior Amateur, making them the first father/son duo to win USGA championships. Brothers Stan and Louis Lee also won Senior Amateur titles in 2007 and 2011, respectively. George "Buddy" Marucci Jr., the runner-up to Tiger Woods in the 1995 U.S. Amateur, won the 2008 championship. In 2007 and 2009, Marucci captained the USA Walker Cup Teams to victory.

Senior Amateur contestants may ride in carts, a concession not allowed when the championship was first played. Traditionalists, who believed walking was vital to a valid national title, finally gave in because the championship is played in the fall, when it is difficult to obtain caddies. Carts have been allowed since 1963.

Championship Results: 1955 to 2017

1955	(Sept. 26 – Oct. 1) J. Wood Platt d. George Studinger , 5 and 4; Belle Meade C.C., Nashville, Tenn.; Medalist — 72, Martin M. Issler ; Entries: 370	1970	(Sept. 21-26) Gene Andrews d. James Ferrie , 1 up; California Golf Club of San Francisco, South San Francisco, Calif.; Medalist — 147, Bruce N. McCormick ; Entries: 683
1956	(Aug. 20-25) Frederick J. Wright d. J. Clark Espie , 4 and 3; Somerset C.C., St. Paul, Minn.; Medalist — 72, Weller Noble ; Entries: 282	1971	(Sept. 20-25) Tom Draper d. Ernest Pieper Jr. , 3 and 1; Sunnyside G.C., Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; Medalist — 148, Robert E. Cochran ; Entries: 655
1957	(Sept. 30 – Oct. 5) J. Clark Espie d. Frederick J. Wright , 2 and 1; Ridgewood (N.J.) C.C. (West and Center nines); Medalist — 73, Thomas M. Green Jr. ; Entries: 349	1972	(Sept. 18-23) Lewis W. Oehmig d. Ernest Pieper Jr. , 20 holes; Sharon G.C., Sharon Center, Ohio; Medalist — 145, William Hyndman III ; Entries: 617
1958	(Sept. 29 – Oct. 4) Thomas C. Robbins d. John W. Dawson , 2 and 1; Monterey Peninsula C.C., Pebble Beach, Calif.; Medalist — *71, (Dunes Course), J. Clark Espie ; Entries: 370	1973	(Sept. 17-22) William Hyndman III d. Harry Welch , 3 and 2; Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill.; Medalists — 147, Sam Friedman , William Hyndman III ; Entries: 633
1959	(Oct. 5-10) J. Clark Espie d. J. Wolcott Brown , 3 and 1; Memphis (Tenn.) C.C.; Medalists — 73, J. Wolcott Brown , George Dawson ; Entries: 391	1974	(Sept. 23-28) Dale Morey d. Lewis W. Oehmig , 4 and 2; Harbour Town G.L., Hilton Head Island, S.C.; Medalist — 144, Ed Tutwiler ; Entries: 743
1960	(Sept. 19-25) Michael Cestone d. David Rose , 20 holes; Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass.; Medalist — 74, S.S. Rockey ; Entries: 517	1975	(Sept. 22-27) William F. Colm d. Stephen Stimac , 4 and 3; Carmel Valley G. & C.C., Carmel, Calif.; Medalist — 143, William Hyndman III ; Entries: 737
1961	(Oct. 2-7) Dexter H. Daniels d. Col. William K. Lanman Jr. , 2 and 1; Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla.; Medalist — 74, Joseph Morrill Jr. ; Entries: 481	1976	(Sept. 20-25) Lewis W. Oehmig d. John Richardson , 4 and 3; Cherry Hills C.C., Englewood, Colo.; Medalist — 145, Ed Tutwiler ; Entries: 833
1962	(Oct. 1-6) Merrill L. Carlsmith d. Willis H. Blakely , 4 and 2; Evanston G.C., Skokie, Ill.; Medalists — 72, James M. Johnson , Henry L. Robison , William S. Terrell ; Entries: 525	1977	(Sept. 19-24) Dale Morey d. Lewis W. Oehmig , 4 and 3; Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass.; Medalist — 143, Dale Morey ; Entries: 789
1963	(Oct. 7-12) Merrill L. Carlsmith d. William D. Higgins , 3 and 2; Sea Island G.C., St. Simons Island, Ga.; all match play; Entries: 494	1978	(Oct. 2-7) Keith K. Compton d. John Kline , 1 up; Pine Tree G.C., Boynton Beach, Fla.; Medalist — 143, William Stewart ; Entries: 930
1964	(Oct. 5-10) William D. Higgins d. Edward Murphy , 2 and 1; Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore.; Medalist — 150, A.L. "Jim" Miller ; Entries: 357	1979	(Sept. 17-22) William C. Campbell d. Lewis W. Oehmig , 2 and 1; Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill.; Medalists — 143, Dale Morey , William C. Campbell ; Entries: 1,023
1965	(Oct. 4-9) Robert B. Kiersky d. George Beechler , 19 holes; Fox Chapel G.C., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Medalist — 149, Curtis Person Sr. ; Entries: 448	1980	(Sept. 15-20) William C. Campbell d. Keith K. Compton , 3 and 2; Virginia Hot Springs G. & T.C. (Cascades Course), Hot Springs, Va.; Medalist — 147, William C. Campbell ; Entries: 1,000
1966	(Sept. 26 – Oct. 1) Dexter H. Daniels d. George Beechler , 1 up; Tucson (Ariz.) National G.C.; Medalist — 143, Curtis Person Sr. ; Entries: 449	1981	(Sept. 21-26) Edgar R. Updegraff d. Dale Morey , 2 and 1; Seattle (Wash.) G.C.; Medalist — 148, Edgar R. Updegraff ; Entries: 952
1967	(Sept. 25-30) Ray Palmer d. Walter D. Bronson , 3 and 2, Shinnecock Hills G.C., Southampton, N.Y.; Medalists — 153, J. Wolcott Brown , David Goldman , Ray Palmer ; Entries: 563	1982	(Oct. 4-9) Alton Duhon d. Edgar R. Updegraff , 2 up; Tucson (Ariz.) C.C.; Medalist — 142, Roger McManus ; Entries: 1,104
1968	(Sept. 23-28) Curtis Person Sr. d. Ben Goodes , 2 and 1; Atlanta (Ga.) C.C.; Medalist — 146, John C. Tullio ; Entries: 674	1983	(Sept. 19-24) William Hyndman III d. Richard Runkle , 1 up; Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind.; Medalist — 148, Edgar R. Updegraff ; Entries: 1,102
1969	(Sept. 15-20) Curtis Person Sr. d. David Goldman , 1 up; Wichita (Kan.) C.C.; Medalist — 146, David Goldman ; Entries: 576	1984	(Sept. 17-22) Robert Rawlins d. Richard Runkle , 19 holes; Birmingham (Mich.) C.C.; Medalist — 144, William C. Campbell ; Entries: 1,159
		1985	(Sept. 30 – Oct. 5) Lewis W. Oehmig d. Ed Hopkins , 20 holes; Wild Dunes B & R.C., Isle of Palms, S.C.; Medalist — 143, Ed Hopkins ; Entries: 1,345

1986	(Sept. 15-20) R.S. "Bo" Williams d. John Harbottle , 3 and 2; Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn.; Medalist — 149, William Hyndman III ; Entries: 1,362	2004	(Oct. 9-14) Mark Bemowski d. Greg Reynolds , 4 and 3, Bel-Air C.C., Los Angeles, Calif.; Medalist — 144, Ronald Vannelli ; Entries: 2,420
1987	(Sept. 15-20) John Richardson d. James Kite Jr. , 5 and 4; Saucon Valley C.C., Bethlehem, Pa.; Medalist — 145, John Richardson ; Entries: 1,485	2005	(Sept. 17-22) Mike Rice d. Mark Bemowski , 1 up, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga.; Medalist — 134, Billy Clagett ; Entries: §2,498
1988	(Sept. 19-24) Clarence Moore d. Bud Stevens , 5 and 4; Milwaukee (Wis.) C.C.; Medalists — 148, John Harbottle , Richard Goerlich Jr. ; Entries: 1,440	2006	(Sept. 16-21) Mike Bell d. Tom McGraw , 1 up, Victoria National G.C., Newburgh, Ind.; Medalists — 143, Bill Leonard , Paul Simson ; Entries: 2,448
1989	(Sept. 18-23) R.S. "Bo" Williams d. Joe Simpson , 19 holes; Lochinvar G.C., Houston, Texas; Medalist — 147, Frank Tenfel ; Entries: 1,508	2007	(Sept. 1-6) Stan Lee d. Sam Farlow , 4 and 3, Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan.; Medalist — 137, Steve Bogan ; Entries: 2,255
1990	(Oct. 15-20) Jackie Cummings d. Bobby Clark , 3 and 2; Desert Forest C.C., Carefree, Ariz.; Medalist — 150, William Godden ; Entries: 1,658	2008	(Sept. 20-25) George "Buddy" Marucci Jr. d. George Zahringer , 2 up; Shady Oaks C.C., Fort Worth, Texas; Medalist — 140, Paul Simson ; Entries: 2,393
1991	(Sept. 16-21) Bill Bosshard d. Morris Beecroft , 5 and 4; Crystal Downs C.C., Frankfort, Mich.; Medalists — 150, Clarence Moore , Morris Beecroft ; Entries: 1,724	2009	(Sept. 12-17) Marvin "Vinny" Giles III d. John Grace , 1 up; Beverly C.C., Chicago, Ill.; Medalists — 140, Paul Simson , Patrick Tallent ; Entries: 2,182
1992	(Oct. 19-24) Clarence Moore d. Robert Harris , 6 and 4; The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla.; Medalists — 151, John Procter , Bob Hullender ; Entries: 2,058	2010	(Oct. 2-7) Paul Simson d. Patrick Tallent , 2 and 1; Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla.; Medalist — 140, Patrick Tallent ; Entries: 2,287
1993	(Sept. 18-23) Joe Ungvary d. Jerry Nelson , 7 and 6; Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va.; Medalist — 136, John Harbottle ; Entries: 2,275	2011	(Sept. 10-15) Louis Lee d. Philip Pleat , 1 up; Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va.; Medalist — 139, Paul Simson ; Entries: 2,162
1994	(Sept. 19-24) O. Gordon Brewer d. Bob Hullender , 5 and 4; The Champions G.C., Nicholasville, Ky.; Medalist — 141, Bob Hullender ; Entries: 2,046	2012	(Sept. 29 - Oct. 4) Paul Simson d. Curtis Skinner , 4 and 3; Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J.; Medalist — 136, Jim Holtgrieve ; Entries: 2,260
1995	(Sept. 27 - Oct. 2) James Stahl Jr. d. Rennie Law , 2 and 1; Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan.; Medalist — 141, William Erwin ; Entries: 2,069	2013	(Sept. 21-26) Doug Hanzel d. Pat O'Donnell , 3 and 2; Wade Hampton G.C., Cashiers, N.C.; Medalist — 138, Chip Lutz ; Entries: 2,352
1996	(Sept. 7-12) O. Gordon Brewer d. Heyward Sullivan , 2 up; Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass.; Medalist — 141, Bob Wernick ; Entries: 2,131	2014	(Sept. 13-18) Patrick Tallent d. Bryan Norton , 2 and 1; Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif.; Medalist — 137, Alan Fadel ; Entries: 2,252
1997	(Sept. 20-25) Cliff Cunningham d. Ed Bartlett , 5 and 3; Atlantic G.C., Bridgehampton, N.Y.; Medalists — 146, Bill Heldmar , Edward Fletcher ; Entries: 2,140	2015	(Sept. 26 - Oct. 1) Chip Lutz d. Tom Brandes , 5 and 3; Hidden Creek G.C., Egg Harbor Township, N.J.; Medalist — 138, Randal Lewis ; Entries: 2,381
1998	(Sept. 12-17) Bill Shean Jr. d. William King , 5 and 3; Skokie C.C., Glencoe, Ill.; Medalist — 144, Jim Gibbons ; Entries: 2,149	2016	(Sept. 17-22) Dave Ryan d. Matthew Sughrue , 2 up; Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo.; Medalist — 138, Tim Jackson ; Entries: 2,382
1999	(Oct. 2-7) Bill Ploeger d. Gary Menzel , 3 and 2; Portland (Ore.) G.C.; Medalist — 143, Joel Hirsch ; Entries: 2,026	2017	(Aug. 26-31) Sean Knapp d. Paul Simson , 2 and 1; The Mininkahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.; Medalist — 138, David Brown ; Entries: 2,395
2000	(Sept. 23-29) Bill Shean Jr. d. Richard Van Leuvan , 2 and 1; Charlotte (N.C.) C.C.; Medalist — 144, Marvin "Vinny" Giles III ; Entries: 2,265		
2001	(Sept. 8-13) Kemp Richardson d. Bill Ploeger , 2 and 1; Norwood Hills C.C., St. Louis, Mo.; Medalist — 142, Joe Cadle ; Entries: 2,242		* Record qualifying score, 18 holes (1958) • Record qualifying score, 36 holes (2005) § Record entry (2005)
2002	(Sept. 28 - Oct. 3) Greg Reynolds d. Mark Bemowski , 4 and 3; Timuquana C.C., Jacksonville, Fla.; Medalist — 139, Billy Clagett ; Entries: 2,357		
2003	(Sept. 6-11) Kemp Richardson d. Frank Abbott , 19 holes; The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., Medalist — 137, Robert Kulp ; Entries: 2,252		

Records

Age

Oldest Champion

69	Lewis W. Oehmig, 1985
67	William Hyndman III, 1983
66	John Richardson, 1987
66	Marvin "Vinny" Giles III, 2009

Youngest Champion (years/months/days)

55/0/5	Stan Lee, 2007
55/2/0	Louis Lee, 2011
55/3/18	Bill Bosshard, 1991

Oldest Qualifier for Championship

75/10/10	Andy Andreola (79-87, failed to qualify), 1994
75/1/20	Mike Rice (78-74, failed to qualify), 2015
75/1/4	Moot Thomas (85-84, failed to qualify), 2005

Oldest Medalist

71	A.L. "Jim" Miller, 1964
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Champions

Most Victories

3	Lewis W. Oehmig (1972, 1976, 1985)
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Most Consecutive Victories

2	Merrill L. Carlsmith (1962, 1963)
2	Curtis Person Sr. (1968, 1969)
2	William C. Campbell (1979, 1980)

Most Times in Final

6	Lewis W. Oehmig (1972, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1985)
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Winner of U.S. Amateur and U.S. Senior Amateur (2)

William C. Campbell (1964 Amateur; 1979, 1980 Senior Amateur)
Marvin "Vinny" Giles III (1972 Amateur; 2009 Senior Amateur)

Winner of U.S. Amateur, British Amateur and U.S. Senior Amateur (1)

Marvin "Vinny" Giles III (1972 Amateur; 1975 British Amateur; 2009 Senior Amateur)

Winner of U.S. Senior Amateur, British Seniors Amateur and Canadian Men's Senior Amateur (2)

Chip Lutz (2015 U.S. Senior Amateur; 2011, 2012, 2016 British Seniors Amateur; 2011, 2012 Canadian Men's Senior Amateur)
*Paul Simson (2010, 2012 U.S. Senior Amateur; 2006, 2008, 2010 British Seniors Amateur; 2010 Canadian Men's Senior Amateur)
*Won all three championships in same year

Brother Champions

Stan Lee (2007) and Louis Lee (2011)

Father-Son Champions

John Richardson (1987, father) and Kemp Richardson (2001, 2003, son)

Longest Span Between Victories

10 years William Hyndman III (1973, 1983)

Course

Longest Course

7,061 yards Old Warson, C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016

Shortest Course

6,236 yards Monterey Peninsula C.C. (Dunes Course), Pebble Beach, Calif., 1958

Entries

Largest

2,498 (2005)

Smallest

282 (1956)

Match Play

Largest Margin of Victory

8 and 7 Christopher A. Carr d. J. Wood Platt, first round, Ridgewood (N.J.) C.C. (West and Center nines), 1957
8 and 7 George Dawson d. Dewey P. Bowen, first round,

	Memphis (Tenn.) C.C., 1959
8 and 7	Eugene Belleville d. O.M. Masters , first round, Sea Island G.C., St. Simons Island, Ga., 1963
8 and 7	Dr. Gene Toano d. Jay Gaines , first round, Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., 1973
8 and 7	R.S. "Bo" Williams d. Richard Mosman , second round, Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 1986
8 and 7	Frederick Kask d. Dick Christensen , first round, The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla., 1992
8 and 7	Bob Housen d. James Kite , quarterfinals, The Champions G.C., Nicholasville, Ky., 1994
8 and 7	Joe Ungvary d. Lou Clinton , second round, Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan., 1995
8 and 7	Paul Simson d. Brian Sachs , first round, Victoria National G.C., Newburgh, Ind., 2006

Largest Margin of Victory, Final

7 and 6	Joe Ungvary d. Jerry Nelson , Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993
6 and 4	Clarence Moore d. Robert Harris , The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla., 1992

Longest Match

27 holes	Egon F. Quittner d. Maurice R. Smith , first round, Sea Island G.C., St. Simons Island, Ga., 1963
25 holes	Walter Dowell d. Knox Young Jr. , first round, Atlanta (Ga.) C.C., 1968
25 holes	Frank Tenfel d. William Ludwig , first round, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa., 1987
25 holes	Rick Woulfe d. Christopher Veitch , first round, Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010

Longest Final Match

20 holes	Michael Cestone d. David Rose , Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass., 1960
20 holes	Lewis W. Oehmig d. Ernest Pieper Jr. , Sharon G.C., Sharon Center, Ohio, 1972
20 holes	Lewis W. Oehmig d. Ed Hopkins , Wild Dunes B. & R.C., Isle of Palms, S.C., 1985

Most Extra-Hole Matches, Championship

13	The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
11	The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla., 1992
11	Norwood Hills C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2001
11	Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007
11	Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010
11	Hidden Creek G.C., Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 2015
11	Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016

Stroke Play

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

65	Bill Zylstra , first round, Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007
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66	Bob Kulp , first round, The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003
66	Billy Clagett , first round, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
66	Steve Bogan , first round, Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007
66	Stan Kinsey , first round, Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J., 2012
66	Tim Jackson , first round, Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014
66	Tom Brandes , second round, Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014
66	Chris Hall , second round, Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014
67	Mark Bemowski , first round, The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003
67	Paul Simson , second round, Beverly C.C., Chicago, Ill., 2009
67	Brady Exber , second round, Wade Hampton G.C., Cashiers, N.C., 2013
67	Tim Jackson , second round, Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016
67	Steven Liebler , second round, Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016

Lowest Score, 36 Holes

134	Billy Clagett , The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005 (medalist)
136	John Harbottle , Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993 (medalist)
136	Jim Holtgrieve , Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J., 2012 (medalist)
137	Bob Kulp , The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003 (medalist)
137	Steve Bogan , Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007 (medalist)
137	Stan Kinsey , Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J., 2012
137	Alan Fadel , Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014 (medalist)

Most Times Medalist

4	William Hyndman III (1972, 1973, 1975, 1986)
4	Paul Simson (2006, 2008, 2009, 2011)
3	William C. Campbell (1979, 1980, 1984)

Highest 36-Hole Medalist Score

153	J. Wolcott Brown , David Goldman and Ray Palmer , Shinnecock Hills G.C., Southampton, N.Y., 1967
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Lowest Cut Score

(Since stroke play/match play format added in 1964)

5-over (149)	Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014
7-over (151)	Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va., 2011
7-over (149)	Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J.,

	2012
8-over (152)	Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010
8-over (152)	The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn., 2017

Miscellaneous

Most Times Runner-Up

3 **Lewis W. Oehmig** (1974, 1977, 1979)

Brothers in Match

2011 **Louis Lee** defeated his brother **Stan Lee** in 19 holes in the quarterfinal round at Kinloch G.C. in Manakin-Sabot, Va.

Golfers with Disabilities

Frank Culpepper, 60, qualified in 1994 despite losing the lower portion of his right arm 40 years earlier. He used a self-designed prosthesis that clamped to the golf club.

Corbin Cherry, 57, qualified in 1996 despite playing on an artificial left leg. He was wounded while serving as a Chaplain in the Vietnam War. He also made the field for the 1994 U.S. Senior Open.

Holes-in-One (20)

Eugene Brown, 6th hole, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 1964

George Trainor, 16th hole, California G.C., San Francisco, Calif., 1970

Robert S. Johnson, 7th hole, Harbour Town G.L., Hilton Head Island, S.C., 1974

Richard Stackhouse, 16th hole, Wild Dunes B. & R.C., Isle of Palms, S.C., 1985

Ira Templeton, 16th hole, Wild Dunes B. & R.C., Isle of Palms, S.C., 1985

Joe Simpson, 5th hole, Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 1986

Donald Cole, 11th hole, Crystal Downs C.C., Frankfort, Mich., 1991

William King, 6th hole, Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993

James Fitzgerald, 10th hole, Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan., 1995

Bill Ploeger, 14th hole, Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass., 1996

Stan Fischer, quarterfinals, match play, 17th hole, Portland (Ore.) G.C., 1999

Bill Ploeger, second hole, The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003

Steve Bogan, first round, stroke play, 10th hole, Bel-Air C.C., Los Angeles, Calif., 2004

Mike Jonsen, second round, stroke play, 11th hole, Victoria

National G.C., Newburgh, Ind., 2006

Kim Schwencke, first round, match play, 10th hole, Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007

Jeff Burda, first round, stroke play, 13th hole, Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010

Corliss J. Nelson, first round, stroke play, 4th hole, Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010

Cy Kilgore, first round, stroke play, 5th hole, 185 yards, 3-hybrid, Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va., 2011

Tom Brandes, first round, match play, 7th hole, 217 yards, 3-hybrid, Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va., 2011

Dave Ryan, third round, match play, 14th hole, 270 yards, driver, Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016

Double Eagle (1)

Dave Ryan, third round, match play, 14th hole, 270 yards, driver (tee shot), Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016