



## 2015 U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP STORYLINES

**Joey Holley**, 55, of Troy, Ala., is the youngest competitor in the 156-player field. He was born on Sept. 11, 1960, making him eligible 15 days prior to the start of the championship.

The championship's oldest competitor is 2005 U.S. Senior Amateur champion **Mike Rice**, of Houston, who was born on Aug. 6, 1940. At 75 years, 1 month and 20 days old, as of the first day of play (Sept. 26), he is the second-oldest player in the championship's history.

The average age of the U.S. Senior Amateur competitors is 59.63 years old.

Field by age:

- 55-59 – 95
- 60-64 – 40
- 65-69 – 17
- 70-74 – 3
- 75-79 – 1

There are five countries represented in the championship: Canada, England, Hong Kong, Mexico and the United States.

There are 38 states represented in the championship: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The field includes three players from New Jersey and eight from southeastern Pennsylvania: **Don Donatoni**, 67, of Malvern, Pa.; **Mark Ellinger**, 58, of Chester Springs, Pa.; **Thomas Hyland**, 59, of Marlton, N.J.; **Roc Irely**, 63, of Furlong, Pa.; **Adam Kugler**, 57, of Closter, N.J.; **Chip Lutz**, 60, of Reading, Pa.; **George "Buddy" Marucci**, 63, of Villanova, Pa.; **John O'Malley**, 63, of Mantoloking, N.J.; **Brian Rothaus**, 59, of Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; **Glenn Smeraglio**, 55, of Newtown, Pa.; and **Raymond Thompson**, 63, of Drexel Hill, Pa.

There are 15 USGA individual champions in the field:

- **Stewart Alexander**, 62, of Gainesville, Fla. (1986 U.S. Amateur)
- **Kenneth Bakst**, 57, of New York, N.Y. (1997 U.S. Mid-Amateur)
- **Mike Bell**, 68, of Indianapolis, Ind. (2006 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **Vinny Giles**, 72, of Richmond, Va. (1972 U.S. Amateur; 2009 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **Danny Green**, 58, of Jackson, Tenn. (1999 U.S. Mid-Amateur)
- **Doug Hanzel**, 58, of Savannah, Ga. (2013 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **Jim Holtgrieve**, 67, of St. Louis, Mo. (1981 U.S. Mid-Amateur)
- **Tim Jackson**, 56, of Germantown, Tenn. (1994 and 2001 U.S. Mid-Amateur)
- **Randal Lewis**, 58, of Alma, Mich. (2011 U.S. Mid-Amateur)
- **George "Buddy" Marucci**, 63, of Villanova, Pa. (2008 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **Michael Podolak**, 61, of Oxbow, N.D. (1984 U.S. Mid-Amateur)
- **Mike Rice**, 75, of Houston, Texas (2005 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **Paul Simson**, 64, of Raleigh, N.C. (2010 and 2012 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **Patrick Tallent**, 62, of Vienna, Va. (2014 U.S. Senior Amateur)
- **George Zahringer**, 62, of New York, N.Y. (2002 U.S. Mid-Amateur)

Four players in the field have won a USGA Men's State Team title: **Danny Green**, 58, of Jackson, Tenn. (Tennessee, 2003); **Tim Jackson**, 56, of Germantown, Tenn. (Tennessee, 2003); **Bob Kearney**, 59, of Houston (Texas, 1999); and **Bryan Norton**, 56, of Mission Hills, Kan. (Kansas, 2010)

Ten players in the field have competed in the Walker Cup Match: **Stewart Alexander**, 62, of Gainesville, Fla. (1987); **Vinny Giles**, 72, of Richmond, Va. (1969, 1971, 1973 and 1975); **John Grace**, 67, of Fort Worth, Texas (1975); **Danny Green**, 58, of Jackson, Tenn. (2001); **Jim Holtgrieve**, 67, of St. Louis, Mo. (1979, 1981 and 1983); **Tim Jackson**, 56, of Germantown, Tenn. (1995 and 1999); **George “Buddy” Marucci**, 63, of Villanova, Pa. (1995 and 1997); **Michael Podolak**, 61, of Oxbow, N.D. (1985); **Martin West**, 67, of Rockville, Md. (1973 and 1979); and **George Zahringer**, 62, of New York, N.Y. (2003)

Three players in the field have captained the USA Team in the Walker Cup Match: **Vinny Giles**, 72, of Richmond, Va. (1993); **Jim Holtgrieve**, 67, of St. Louis, Mo. (2011 and 2013); and **George “Buddy” Marucci**, 63, of Villanova, Pa. (2007 and 2009)

The following U.S. Senior Amateur competitors have played or will play in a USGA championship in 2015:

- U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, May 2-6, at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, Calif. – *six players*
  - **Kenneth Bakst**, 57, of New York, New York (missed cut with partner Jonathan Doppelt)
  - **Tom Brandes**, 59, of Bellevue, Wash. (lost in Round of 32 with partner Mike Haack)
  - **Brady Exber**, 59, of Las Vegas, Nev. (missed cut with partner Kevin Marsh)
  - **Tim Jackson**, 56, of Germantown, Tenn. (missed cut with partner Todd Burgan)
  - **David Nelson**, 59, of Reno, Nev. (missed cut with partner Roman Mudd)
  - **Bret Pinson**, 56, of Baton Rouge, La. (missed cut with partner and brother Clay Pinson)
  
- U.S. Senior Open, June 25-28, at Del Paso Country Club in Sacramento, Calif. – *seven players*
  - **Randy Haag**, 56, of Orinda, Calif. (missed cut)
  - **Doug Hanzel**, 58, of Savannah, Ga. (missed cut)
  - **Bryan Norton**, 56, of Mission Hills, Kan. (missed cut)
  - **Dave Ryan**, 61, of Taylorville, Ill. (73-72-74-81—300, 72nd)
  - **Patrick Tallent**, 62, of Vienna, Va. (missed cut)
  - **Pat Thompson**, 57, of Asheville, N.C. (missed cut)
  - **Douglas Williams**, 57, of Hong Kong (missed cut)
  
- U.S. Amateur, Aug. 17-23, at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club – *four players*
  - **Doug Hanzel**, 58, of Savannah, Ga. (missed cut)
  - **Bryan Norton**, 56, of Mission Hills, Kan. (missed cut)
  - **David Szewczul**, 61, of Farmington, Conn. (missed cut)
  - **Patrick Tallent**, 62, of Vienna, Va. (missed cut)
  
- U.S. Mid-Amateur, Oct. 3-8, at John’s Island Club’s West Course in Sebastian, Fla. – *seven players\**
  - **Nick Lambos**, 55, of Canton, Ohio
  - **Randal Lewis**, 58, of Alma, Mich.
  - **Bryan Norton**, 56, of Mission Hills, Kan.
  - **Dave Ryan**, 61, of Taylorville, Ill.
  - **Paul Simson**, 64, of Raleigh, N.C.
  - **Glenn Smeraglio**, 55, of Newtown, Pa.
  - **Patrick Tallent**, 62, of Vienna, Va.

*\*The 2015 U.S. Senior Amateur champion will receive an exemption into the 2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur.*

Fifty-two players competed in the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur (click [here](#) for results): Stewart Alexander, Vance Antoniou, Kenneth Bakst, Mike Bell, Tom Brandes, Ben Brundred, Gary Carpendale, Ron Carter, Dave Clement, Rick Cloninger, Frank Dial, Don Dubois, Brady Exber, Buzz Fly, Stephen Fox, John Gibbs, Vinny Giles, Randy Haag, Jack Hall, Doug Hanzel, Todd Hendley, Matthew Horwitch, Michael Hughett, Thomas Hyland, Roc Irely, Tim Jackson, Mickey Jones, Jack Kearney, Cy Kilgore, Adam Kugler, Jim Lehman, Randal Lewis, Chip Lutz, George Marucci, Patrick Murphy, David Nelson, Bryan Norton, Pat O’Donnell, Randy Reifers, Mike Rice, Gary Robinson, Doug Roxburgh, Dave Ryan, Lee Sandlin, Curtis Skinner, Michael Staskus, David Szewczul, Patrick Tallent, Raymond Thompson, Michael Turner, Peter Wegmann and Rick Woulfe.

## **Select Player Notes**

**Stewart Alexander**, 62, of Gainesville, Fla., retired in 2014 from coaching the men's golf team at the University of Florida. The two-time national coach of the year led the Gators to NCAA titles in 1993 and 2001. He won the 1986 U.S. Amateur and was a member of the 1987 USA Walker Cup Team.

**Mike Ameen**, 56, of Shreveport, La., is the chief financial officer at O'Brien Energy Company. He is playing in his first USGA championship.

**Kenneth Bakst**, 57, of New York, N.Y., is the developer and managing member of Friar's Head Golf Club in Riverhead, N.Y. After winning the 1997 U.S. Mid-Amateur, he was paired with Ben Crenshaw, one of the designers of Friar's Head, in the 1998 Masters.

**Mike Bell**, 68, of Indianapolis, Ind., won the 2006 U.S. Senior Amateur at Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Ind., and was a 2009 U.S. Senior Amateur quarterfinalist. In 2005, he won the Indiana Senior Open at age 65. He is a member of the Indiana Golf Association Hall of Fame and National Senior Golf Hall of Fame.

**Steve Bogan**, 67, of Placentia, Calif., carded a hole-in-one on the 10th hole at Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles, Calif., during the 2004 U.S. Senior Amateur. A reinstated amateur, he played in the 1973 U.S. Open at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, won by Johnny Miller.

**Mike Booker**, 60, of The Woodlands, Texas, was the 2014 Texas Senior Player of the Year. A melanoma cancer survivor, he founded the Mike and Pat Booker Melanoma Research Endowment, which has raised more than \$1 million for melanoma research.

**Tom Brandes**, 59, of Bellevue, Wash., is a four-time Pacific Northwest Golf Association and five-time Washington State Golf Association Senior Player of the Year. A 2015 PPGA Hall of Fame inductee, he carded a hole-in-one on the 217-yard seventh hole at Kinloch Golf Club in Manakin-Sabot, Va., during the 2011 U.S. Senior Amateur.

**Ben Brundred**, 63, of Potomac, Md., is a former president of Congressional Country Club, where he also served as the co-chairman of Congressional's U.S. Open committee in 2011.

**Ed Byman**, 65, of Raleigh, N.C., won the 1972 Mexican National Amateur and 1974 Mexican National Open. He is the founder and CEO of Global Value Commerce, an e-commerce golf retailer.

**Dave Clement**, 57, of Henderson, Ky., is the president of Diamond Equipment, a construction equipment company. He survived a bout with throat cancer in the early 2000s.

**Rick Cloninger**, 58, of Fort Mill, S.C., was a semifinalist in the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. A South Carolina Golf Association board member, he made the cut in the 2008 U.S. Senior Open and is a mid-amateur champion in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

**Kenneth Coutant**, 56, of Dallas, Texas, is playing in his first USGA championship since the 1975 U.S. Junior Amateur.

**Kel Devlin**, 55, of Weatherford, Texas, is a golf industry consultant who formerly served as the senior global director of sports marketing for Nike Golf. His father, Bruce Devlin, is a retired professional golfer who won eight PGA Tour events and now designs golf courses worldwide. Kel was named after Kel Nagle, of Australia, who defeated Arnold Palmer in winning the 1960 Open Championship at St. Andrews, and finished runner-up in the 1965 U.S. Open after an 18-hole playoff with Gary Player.

**Brady Exber**, 59, of Las Vegas, Nev., won the 2014 Seniors Amateur Championship conducted by The R&A and finished runner-up in the 2014 Canadian Senior Amateur. The Southern Nevada Golf Hall of Fame member also won the 1991 and 2008 Nevada State Amateur championships and the 2009 Arizona Senior Open.

**Buzz Fly**, 60, of Memphis, Tenn., was a semifinalist in the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur and is a volunteer assistant coach for the University of Memphis golf team. His younger son, Jonathan, was a standout golfer at Memphis. His eldest son, Stephen, was a two-time track and field All-America selection at Auburn.

**Jorge Gaudiana**, 58, of Mexico, is a three-time World Amateur Team Championship competitor (1988, 1992 and 1994).

**Vinny Giles**, 72, of Richmond, Va., won the 1972 U.S. Amateur and 2009 U.S. Senior Amateur, earning him the record for longest span between USGA championship victories at 37 years. Giles competed in four Walker Cup Matches for the USA (1969, 1971, 1973 and 1975) and captained the 1993 Team. President and owner of a golf management firm that represents Tom Kite and Davis Love III as well as other professionals, he and Tim Jackson share the record for most times as low amateur in the U.S. Senior Open with three (1993, 1996, 1997).

**John Grace**, 67, of Fort Worth, Texas, finished runner-up in the 1974 U.S. Amateur and 2009 U.S. Senior Amateur. A Michigan Golf Hall of Fame and Texas Golf Hall of Fame member, he won the 2015 Texas Super Senior Amateur.

**Danny Green**, 58, of Jackson, Tenn., is a 17-time Tennessee state champion who won the 1997 Western Amateur and 1999 U.S. Mid-Amateur championships. An All-America selection in tennis at the University of Tennessee at Martin, he finished runner-up in the 1989 U.S. Amateur and 2001 U.S. Amateur Public Links, and is in the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame. He won the 2003 Men's State Team title for Tennessee with Tim Jackson and current PGA Tour player Brandt Snedeker.

**Monty Guest**, 57, of Solon, Ohio, won the 2015 Northeast Ohio Senior Amateur Championship. He started playing golf right-handed at age 23, but made the switch to lefty at 30. He is playing in his first USGA championship.

**Randy Haag**, 56, of Orinda, Calif., is a six-time Northern California Golf Association Player of the Year (1992, 1994, 1999, 2009, 2010 and 2011). In his spare time, he maintains a golf blog ([randyhaag.com](http://randyhaag.com)), and is involved with a start-up website ([coachlist.com](http://coachlist.com)) that helps connect athletes and coaches.

**Jack Hall**, 58, of Savannah, Ga., is a 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur quarterfinalist who played in the 2012 and 2013 U.S. Senior Open championships. He won the 2015 Canadian Senior Amateur Championship.

**Craig Hammer**, 55, of Saint George, Utah, helped the University of Utah basketball team to the Sweet 16 in the 1981 NCAA Tournament. A long-time high school golf coach, he serves as a school district administrator in the Washington County School District. This is his first USGA championship.

**Doug Hanzel**, 58, of Savannah, Ga., won the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur and is a two-time low amateur in the U.S. Senior Open. Named the No. 1 doctor/golfer by *Golf Digest* in 2006, he is the only player in USGA championship history to make match play in the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur and U.S. Senior Amateur in the same year (2012).

**Tim Hickman**, 56, of Westerville, Ohio, is a firefighter in Columbus, Ohio. He also referees in local youth and adult ice hockey leagues.

**John Hoffman**, 59, of San Diego, Calif., served as president of Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club, site of the 2008 and 2021 U.S. Open Championships. He's also a past president of the San Diego Golf Advisory Council.

**Jim Holtgrieve**, 67, of St. Louis, Mo., is a St. Louis Sports, Missouri Sports and Missouri Golf Hall of Fame member. He won the inaugural U.S. Mid-Amateur in 1981, played on three USA Walker Cup Teams and captained the 2011 and 2013 USA Walker Cup Teams. He earned low-medalist honors in the 2012 U.S. Senior Amateur.

**Matthew Horwitch**, 56, of Northbrook, Ill., is a former Rhodes Scholar nominee and was a two-time All-America selection in tennis at the University of Michigan.

**Michael Hughett**, 57, of Owasso, Okla., is the chief financial officer for the Nordam Group. A University of Nebraska graduate, he is in the Nebraska Golf Hall of Fame, and has won a record 16 Oklahoma State Golf Association championships, including the 2001 Oklahoma State Amateur at age 42.

**Thomas Hyland**, 59, of Marlton, N.J., is a professional blackjack player and Blackjack Hall of Fame inductee.

**Earl Ingarfield**, 56, of Scottsdale, Ariz., played in the National Hockey League from 1979-81 for the Atlanta Flames, Calgary Flames and Detroit Red Wings. His father, Earl Ingarfield, Sr., played 13 seasons in the NHL, most notably for the New York Rangers and Pittsburgh Penguins. He is playing in his first USGA championship.

**Roc Irely**, 58, of Furlong, Pa., served three years on the executive board of the Golf Association of Philadelphia. He won the 2008 Pennsylvania State Senior Amateur Championship.

**Tim Jackson**, 56, of Germantown, Tenn., won the 1994 and 2001 U.S. Mid-Amateur championships, setting a record for longest span between U.S. Mid-Amateur victories. The six-time Tennessee Player of the Year earned medalist honors at the 2009 U.S. Amateur, and shares the record with Vinny Giles as a three-time U.S. Senior Open low amateur (2009-11). In 2009, he set the U.S. Senior Open record for lowest 72-hole amateur score (282) and lowest round by an amateur (66). A Tennessee Golf Association board member since 1988, he was a member of the 1995 and 1999 USA Walker Cup Teams and won the 2003 Men's State Team title for Tennessee with Danny Green and current PGA Tour player Brandt Snedeker.

**Mickey Jones**, 67, of Odessa, Texas, is a past president of the Texas Golf Association who currently serves on the U.S. Mid-Amateur Committee and as a TGA Rules official.

**Jack Kearney**, 60, of Peachtree City, Ga., is a commercial airline pilot for Delta and his son, Patrick, is an air traffic controller. Both are based in Atlanta.

**Stanley Kinsey**, 61, of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., is president of Martian Watches and a former vice president of finance for the Walt Disney Company.

**Adam Kugler**, 57, of Closter, N.J., is a retired executive vice president and treasurer of M&T Bank who won the 2014 Metropolitan Golf Association Senior Open by four strokes.

**Jim Lehman**, 57, of Minnetonka, Minn., is the older brother of PGA and Champions Tour professional golfer Tom Lehman. He is the 2013 and 2014 Minnesota Senior Amateur champion and Minnesota Player of the Year.

**Randal Lewis**, 58, of Alma, Mich., is the oldest champion in U.S. Mid-Amateur history, having won in 2011 at age 54. He also finished runner-up in 1996. He won the 1992 and 1999 Michigan State Amateur championships, was named 1990s Player of the Decade by the Golf Association of Michigan and is a Michigan Golf Hall of Fame member.

**Chip Lutz**, 60, of Reading, Pa., was the stroke-play medalist and a semifinalist in the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. He won the 2011 Canadian Men's Senior Amateur and is a two-time champion of the Seniors Open Amateur, conducted by The R&A (2011-12).

**George "Buddy" Marucci Jr.**, 63, of Villanova, Pa., won the 2008 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship. The four-time Pennsylvania Amateur champion finished runner-up in the 1995 U.S. Amateur, losing to Tiger Woods in the final at Newport (R.I.) Country Club. A member of the 1995 and 1997 USA Walker Cup Teams, he also captained the 2007 and 2009 Teams, the latter at his home course, Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa.

**Dan Meyers**, 59, of Oro Valley, Ariz., is a Certified Public Accountant for Meyers Business Consulting who served as president of The First Tee of Tucson from 2010-15. His son, Chris Meyers, is a freshman on the Stanford golf team.

**Robert Morris**, 68, of Great Falls, Va., is co-founder and vice-chairman of Billy Casper Golf, a golf management company.

**Greg Myers**, 55, of Twinsburg, Ohio, was an Academic All-American baseball pitcher at Cornell University who was inducted into the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994.

**David Nelson**, 59, of Reno, Nev., is president of Hole-in-One U.S.A., a business in Reno that provides hole-in-one insurance for golf tournaments.

**Bryan Norton**, 56, of Mission Hills, Kan., finished runner-up in the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur and helped Kansas win the 2010 USGA Men's State Team Championship. A three-time Kansas Amateur champion (1980, 2002 and 2014), he also finished runner-up in the 2003 U.S. Mid-Amateur.

**Pat O'Donnell**, 61, of Happy Valley, Ore., was runner-up in the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur and is a maintenance analyst for Boeing.

**John O'Malley**, 63, of Mantoloking, N.J., owns Oceanview Title Agency. He is playing in his first USGA championship.

**John Pate**, 55, of Santa Barbara, Calif., is the older brother of former PGA Tour player Steve Pate, who recorded top-five finishes in the U.S. Open, the Masters, and The Open Championship, conducted by The R&A.

**Doug Perry**, 60, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is a left-handed golfer who is playing in his first USGA championship after trying to qualify for 30 years.

**Kenneth Phillips**, 56, of Lancaster, Pa., co-chaired the spectator committee for the 2015 U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club, his home course. An investment banker, he also serves on the Pennsylvania Golf Association executive board and is a Lancaster Golf Association board member.

**Michael Podolak**, 61, of Oxbow, N.D., won the 1984 U.S. Mid-Amateur and represented the USA Team in the 1985 Walker Cup Match. He has won 23 North Dakota State Amateur titles and was the 2002 North Dakota Open champion.

**Jeff Reich**, 58, of Chandler, Ariz., spent 24 years working as a PGA professional in Arizona. A past president and board member of the Junior Golf Association of Arizona, he gained amateur reinstatement in 2009 with the goal of qualifying for the U.S. Senior Amateur. He qualified at the Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder, Colo., the same course where his older brother introduced him to golf 46 years ago. He is competing in his first USGA championship.

**Randy Reifers**, 68, of Columbus, Ohio, is an Ohio Golf Hall of Fame member and father of Kyle Reifers, a member of the 2005 USA Walker Cup Team who has competed on the PGA and Web.com Tours.

**Mike Rice**, 75, of Houston, Texas, won the 2005 U.S. Senior Amateur and is a three-time Texas Senior Amateur champion.

**Ramiro Romo**, 58, of Burlington, Wis., is the father of Tony Romo, quarterback of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys. The 2013 Wisconsin Senior Amateur champion is playing in his first USGA championship.

**Doug Roxburgh**, 63, of Canada, won the 2014 Canadian Senior Amateur; 1972, 1974, 1982 and 1988 Canadian Amateur; and 1970 Canadian Junior championships. A member of the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame, he has represented Canada in six World Amateurs and was a non-playing captain in seven others.

**Dave Ryan**, 61, of Taylorville, Ill., was one of three amateurs to make the cut in the 2015 U.S. Senior Open, where he finished 72nd. The five-time Illinois Senior Player of the Year won the 2009 and 2013 Illinois State Senior Amateur championships.

**Paul Schlachter**, 66, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a four-time Pennsylvania Senior Player of the Year (2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011) and Pennsylvania Senior Amateur champion (2004, 2006, 2010 and 2012). He also won the 1998 Pennsylvania Amateur.

**Paul Simson**, 64, of Raleigh, N.C., swept the Canadian Senior Amateur, Seniors Amateur, conducted by The R&A, and U.S. Senior Amateur in 2010. He also won the 2012 U.S. Senior Amateur and is a four-time North Carolina Amateur champion. The U.S. Senior Amateur record holder for most times as medalist (2006, 2008, 2009 and 2011), he tied for second with Pat Thompson in the 2015 Canadian Senior Amateur.

**Curtis Skinner**, 58, of Lake Bluff, Ill., finished runner-up to Paul Simson in the 2012 U.S. Senior Amateur.

**Michael Staskus**, 58, of Los Altos, Calif., once missed a putt in Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's chambers at the United States Supreme Court. He has coached high school golf for more than 10 years at Menlo-Atherton High School in Menlo Park, Calif.

**Bob Stephens**, 59, of Indianapolis, Ind., won the 2014 Indiana Senior Amateur Championship and is a two-time Indiana Senior Player of the Year.

**Doug Stiles**, 55, of Athens, Ga., coached Little League baseball for 11 years. His son, Cole, is the head professional at Pinehurst No. 8, and his daughter-in-law, Courtney, is the executive director of The First Tee of the Sandhills in Pinehurst.

**David Szewczul**, 61, of Farmington, Conn., is a six-time Connecticut State Senior Amateur Player of the Year (2009-14) and Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame member.

**Patrick Tallent**, 62, of Vienna, Va., was an academic All-America basketball player at George Washington University and was drafted in the sixth round of the 1976 NBA Draft by the Washington Bullets, but never played in the NBA. He is the defending champion for both the U.S. Senior Amateur and the Seniors Amateur, conducted by The R&A.

**Pat Thompson**, 57, of Asheville, N.C., won the 2015 Carolinas Senior Amateur and tied for second with Paul Simson in the 2015 Canadian Senior Amateur.

**Raymond Thompson**, 63, of Drexel Hill, Pa., won the 2007 and 2011 Pennsylvania State Senior Amateur championships.

**Martin West**, 67, of Rockville, Md., competed for the USA Walker Cup Team in 1973 and 1979.

**Douglas Williams**, 57, of Los Angeles, Calif., has helped initiate more than 30 public golf courses in Hong Kong. A two-time Hong Kong Senior Amateur champion (2013-14), he has lived overseas for 35 years, spending time in France, England, Spain, Malaysia, China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore.

**Pete Williams**, 56, of Juno Beach, Fla., has been a pilot with United Airlines for more than 30 years. The 2014 Florida Senior Player of the Year won the 2014 Florida Senior Amateur and 2012 Florida Senior Open.

**Rick Woulfe**, 65, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., defeated Tiger Woods, 4 and 3, in the semifinals of the 1992 Dixie Amateur. He is a three-time Florida State Amateur Player of the Year (2002, 2004 and 2006) and seven-time Florida State Senior Amateur Player of the Year (2005-08 and 2010-12). He has been a member of the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship Committee since 1990 and served on the Florida State Golf Association executive board for seven years, including two years as president (2000-01).

**George Zahringer**, 62, of New York, N.Y., won the 2002 U.S. Mid-Amateur and 2013 Seniors Amateur conducted by The R&A. His best U.S. Senior Amateur performance was in 2008, when he finished runner-up to George "Buddy" Marucci. He also finished runner-up to Tim Jackson in the 2001 U.S. Mid-Amateur and competed for the 2003 USA Walker Cup Team.

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