U.S. Senior Amateur Championship

Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, 2015
Hidden Creek Golf Club, Egg Harbor Township, N.J.
2014 U.S. Senior Amateur Champion

Patrick Tallent

Senior Amateur Championship Trophy
The permanent Senior Amateur Championship Trophy was presented by Frederick L. Dold, of Wichita, Kan., in 1955. Dold had retired from the USGA Executive Committee after five years of service.
61st U.S. Senior Amateur Championship  
Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, 2015  
Hidden Creek Golf Club, Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

**Par:** 36–35—71  
**Yardage:** 6,860 yards (subject to change)  
**Golf Course Architects:** Bill Coore, Ben Crenshaw  
**Opened:** 2002

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2015 Conditions of Play

Entries

Open to amateur golfers who have reached their 55th birthday on or before Sept. 26, 2015, and who have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 7.4. Entries close Aug. 12.

Starting Field

156 players

Schedule of Play

• Saturday, Sept. 26 — First round, stroke play (18 holes)
• Sunday, Sept. 27 — Second round, stroke play (18 holes)

After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 64 scorers, who will advance to match play.

• Monday, Sept. 28 — First round, match play (18 holes)
• Tuesday, Sept. 29 — Second round, match play (18 holes), Third round, match play (18 holes)
• Wednesday, Sept. 30 — Quarterfinals, match play (18 holes), Semifinals, match play (18 holes)
• Thursday, Oct. 1 — Final, match play (18 holes)

Sectional Qualifying

18 holes stroke play, scheduled at 51 sites, between Aug. 18 and Sept. 10.

Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying

• Winners of the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship the last 10 years
• Winners of the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship since 1992, 10 years from the time the player becomes age eligible
• Winners of the U.S. Amateur prior to 1992, 15 years from the time the player becomes age eligible
• Runners-up of the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship the last three years
• Quarterfinalists from the 2015 U.S. Amateur Championship
• Winner of the 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship
• From the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, winners in 2013 and 2014
• Any player in his first year of age eligibility who has won the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
• Playing members of the two most current United States and Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup Teams
• Playing members of the two most current United States World Amateur Teams
• Low eight finishers and ties of the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship
• Winners of the British Amateur Championship the last five years
• Winner of the 2015 British Senior Open Amateur Championship
• Winner of the 2015 Canadian Men’s Senior Amateur Championship
• Winners of the most current Asia-Pacific Amateur, Mexican Amateur, Canadian Men’s Amateur and Latin America Amateur Championships
• From the current Men’s World Amateur Golf Rankings, the top 500 point leaders and anyone tying for 500th place as of August 12, 2015
• Special exemptions as selected by the USGA
Patrick Tallent, of Vienna, Va., defeated Bryan Norton, of Mission Hills, Kan., 2 and 1, to win the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, held at the 6,825-yard, par-72 Big Canyon Country Club.

Tallent, 61, who was playing in his 27th USGA championship, took home his first victory and custody of the Frederick L. Dold Trophy for one year.

The morning started well for the 2010 Senior Amateur runner-up, who won two of the first three holes. He birdied the ninth hole from 12 feet for a 4-up advantage at the turn, Norton, 55, staged a comeback by picking up holes 11, 12 and 14.

“I had no pressure at all,” said Tallent. “After I made that birdie on 9, I thought this is pretty much over, and then I come out and I parred 10 and made a tremendous par on 11, and I’m thinking, that should have shrunk that hole up to about that big after I knocked that putt in for par, and yet he made it [for birdie], and then on 12 it was shocking.”

Tallent was surprised that his tee shot flew the green into a bunker on the par-3 hole that resulted in a bogey. He made another mistake on the 14th hole, hitting his approach over the green.

“I made a bad shot on 14 there,” said Tallent. “I got a little too aggressive; hit it over there to the left [and made bogey].”

While Tallent was hitting a rough patch, Norton saw his chance to rally.

“I felt like it was a matter of Pat getting up early, and for 10 or 11 holes he hit it exactly where he wanted to and it put a lot of pressure on me,” said Norton, who reached the championship match of the 2003 U.S. Mid-Amateur but was forced to default to Nathan Smith after nine holes because of a calf injury. “Kind of like how I was putting pressure on guys in early matches. I was able to get the momentum, but after I got it I wasn’t able to get anything to go in that was meaningful. I had my chances.”

Tallent hit his approach shot over the green on the par-4 14th and was unable to convert a par putt from 5½ feet, which allowed Norton to trim his deficit to one hole.

However, after Norton’s tee shot came up short of the green on the 216-yard, 15th hole, Tallent selected a hybrid club and hit it to 14 feet.

“Man, I hit the best shot you ever saw on that hole, didn’t I?” said Tallent. After Norton pitched up for a conceded par, Tallent sank his putt to restore his 2–up lead.

Both players would struggle with the 546-yard par-5 16th hole, and after Tallent bogeyed, Norton failed to capitalize by missing a par putt from 3½ feet.

“I did a nice job fighting my way back,” said Norton. “When you do that, you can’t make many mistakes and I didn’t on the back, but 16 was certainly a mistake.”

Tallent would complete the match in dramatic fashion on No. 17 by sinking a 30-foot birdie putt with Norton just 3 feet away for his own birdie.

The final was almost a reversal of Tallent’s experience in 2010. Paul Simson built a 4-up lead at the turn, then held on for a 2-and-1 victory at Lake Nona Golf & Country Club in Orlando, Fla.

“I never thought I would win one,” said Tallent. “You know, when I was young and foolish, I thought I might be good enough to do something, and I played pretty well in the Mid-Am a couple times, got to the Round of 16 [in 1995], and Jerry Courville beat me, and he went on to win.”

Tallent, who was the No. 60 seed in the match-play bracket, is the lowest seed to win the title since the USGA began seeding players at the Senior Amateur based on qualifying scores in 1992. Bill Shean was No. 58 in 2000 when he won, and O. Gordon Brewer was No. 53 in 1996.

“This is nerve-racking because we’re not used to playing under conditions like this,” said Tallent. “Although I’ll be honest with you, you can get nervous playing in anything, but it’s certainly more nervous playing in a USGA event, so it’s spectacular, fantastic. I can’t express my joy at having won this event.”
Leaders

Round 1 — Tim Jackson, at 6-under 66, by two strokes over Chip Lutz, James Gallagher, Bob Baker and Scott Mayne.
Round 2 — Alan Fadel was medalist at 7-under 137, by one stroke over Jackson.

Cut

At 5-over 149, with 15-for-13 playoff that lasted two holes to determine the final match-play spots.

Weather

Unseasonably high temperatures in the mid-80s to low-90s and light winds were consistent throughout the week.

Notes

The U.S. Senior Amateur was the second USGA championship conducted at Big Canyon Country Club, following the 2000 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur ... It was the fifth time the event has been held in California, and the 72nd USGA championship conducted in the state ... The 5-over 149 cut score was the lowest since the stroke-play/match-play format was added in 1964 ... Winner Patrick Tallent was the runner-up at the 2010 Senior Amateur ... Tallent was an All-American 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 ... 2013 Senior Amateur champion Doug Hanzel fell, 3 and 2, to Emile Vaughan in the Round of 32 ... 2,252 entries were accepted ... At 74 years, 1 month and 7 days of age, Mike Rice was the oldest competitor ... Mark Nickerson (55 years, 5 days) was the youngest competitor ... The average age of the field was 58.9 years ... Medalist Alan Fadel’s 36-hole score of 137 is tied for third lowest in championship history ... There were 11 USGA champions and seven past Senior Amateur champions in the field: Stewart “Buddy” Alexander (1986 U.S. Amateur); Ken Bakst (1997 U.S. Mid-Amateur); Mike Bell (2006 Senior Amateur); Mark Bemowski (2004 Senior Amateur); Marvin “Vinny” Giles (1972 U.S. Amateur; 2009 U.S. Senior Amateur); Doug Hanzel (2013 Senior Amateur); Tim Jackson (1994 and 2001 U.S. Mid-Amateur); Randal Lewis (2011 U.S. Mid-Amateur); George “Buddy” Marucci (2008 Senior Amateur); Mike Rice (2005 Senior Amateur); Kemp Richardson (2001 and 2003 Senior Amateur) ... Six Senior Amateur players represented the USA in the Walker Cup Match: Alexander (1987), Delcher (1997), Giles (1969, 1971, 1973, 1975), Jackson (1995, 1999), Marucci (1995, 1997), Mike Peck (1979) ... Giles (1993) and Marucci (2007, 2009) served as Walker Cup captains ... Lewis was the only past USGA champion to advance past the Round of 32.

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2014 Championship Notes
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| (137) Alan Fadel, Toledo, Ohio | Fadel | 1 up |  |  |  |
| (149) Stephen Fox, Huntington, W.Va. |  |  |  |  |  |
| (147) Rick Cloninger, Fort Mill, S.C. | Cloninger | 2 and 1 |  |  |  |
| (147) Kemp Richardson, Laguna Niguel, Calif. | 2 and 1 |  |  |  |  |
| (144) Don Reycroft, Norfolk, Mass. | Reycroft | 19 holes |  |  |  |
| (141) John Hornbeck, Saratoga, Wyo. | Hornbeck | 3 and 2 |  |  |  |
| (149) Jim Knoll, Sunnyvale, Calif. | 19 holes |  |  |  |  |
| (146) Adam Kugler, Closter, N.J. | Dial | 1 up |  |  |  |
| (148) Frank Dial, Auburn, Ala. | 1 up |  |  |  |  |
| (141) John McClure, Austin, Texas |  |  |  |  |  |
| (149) James Gallagher, Yorktown, Va. | Gallagher | 2 and 1 |  |  |  |
| (146) Peter Herzog, Norwalk, Conn. | Alexander | 5 and 4 |  |  |  |
| (148) Stewart Alexander, Gainesville, Fla. | 1 up |  |  |  |  |
| (139) Tom Brandes, Bellevue, Wash. | Brandes | 5 and 3 |  |  |  |
| (149) Pat O’Donnell, Happy Valley, Ore. | 5 and 3 |  |  |  |  |
| (146) Doug Roxburgh, Canada | 3 and 2 |  |  |  |  |
| (147) Jeff Bunda, Modesto, Calif. | Bunda | 20 holes |  |  |  |
| (143) Vinny Giles, Richmond, Va. | Bell | 1 up |  |  |  |
| (149) Mike Bell, Indianapolis, Ind. | 1 up |  |  |  |  |
| (145) Michael Turner, Sherman Oaks, Calif. | Turner | 2 and 1 |  |  |  |
| (148) Mark Bemowski, Mukwonago, Wis. | Turner | 2 and 1 |  |  |  |
| (140) Chip Lutz, Reading, Pa. | 6 and 5 |  |  |  |  |
| (149) Patrick Tallent, Vienna, Va. | Tallent |  |  |  |  |
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| (149) Patrick Tallent, Vienna, Va. | 4 and 3 |  |  |  |  |
| (146) Mike Davis, Laguna Niguel, Calif. | Davis |  |  |  |  |
| (147) Conrad Nielmeier, Fresno, Calif. | 4 and 3 |  |  |  |  |
| (149) Kenneth Bakst, Riverhead, N.Y. |  |  |  |  |  |
| (145) Ron Carter, Monticello, Ind. | Carter | 2 and 1 |  |  |  |
| (148) Richard Marlowe, Youngstown, Ohio | Carter | 3 and 2 |  |  |  |
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Par: 36–36–72
Yardage: 6,825
Entries: 2,252

FINAL
Thursday, Sept. 18
Patrick Tallent def. Bryan Norton, 2 and 1
Sept. 13–18, 2014, Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif.
Complete Stroke–Play Results

Failed to Qualify

149  *Michael Hughett, Ovasso, Okla., 71–78 (6); *Jim McNelis, Gig Harbor, Wash., 74–75 (5, 7)
150  Harry Potvin, Angola, Ind., 71–79; Jerry Weinholdt, Johnson City, Tenn., 71–76; Jack Little, Stuttgart, Ark., 72–76; Paul Shafer, St. Louis, Mo., 73–76; Martin Kugler, Closter, N.J., 74–72; Gary Ridge, Lake Worth, Fla., 75–76; Donny Phillips, Suwanee, Ga., 78–73; George Marucci, Jr., Reisterstown, Md., 79–82; Mitch Wilson, Portage, Mich., 79–80; Bill Argus, Fort Wayne, Ind., 73–77; Duke Jenkins, St. Louis, Mo., 73–76; Matthew Horwitch, Northbrook, Ill., 76–74; Jim Quinn, Arlington, Texas, 75–76; Bill Argus, Fort Wayne, Ind., 73–77; Mike Delcher, Buffalo, N.Y., 74–76; Caryn Robinson, Jesup, Ga., 75–76; Derek Waddington, Trinity, Fla., 76–71; David Claflin, Lawrence, Mass., 77–72; Chris Hall, Mableton, Ga., 72–78; Tom Brandes, Bellevue, Wash., 72–74; Don Marsh, Alhambra, Calif., 77–75; David Delich, Colorado Springs, Colo., 78–79; Sean McAvoy, Johns Island, S.C., 77–78; Spike Smith, Pinehurst, N.C., 77–78; Christopher Clauson, Philadelphia, Pa., 77–78; Mike Root, Omaha, Neb., 76–79; Randy Vautravers, Andover, Mass., 75–76; Frank Abbott, Las Vegas, Nev., 77–76; Jack Kearney, Farmington, Conn., 72–72; David Hanzel, Savannah, Ga., 72–73; Jeff New, Scottsdale, Ariz., 73–74; Tim Sorrows, Liberty Twp., Ohio, 73–74; Mike Rice, Houston, Texas, 76–71; Rick Cloninger, Fort Mill, S.C., 72–72; Kemp Richardson, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 69–78; Ronald Lewis, Alma, Mich., 73–74; Alan Small, Horsham Park, N.J., 72–75; Jeff Burda, Modesto, Calif., 75–72; Conrad Nielmeier, Fresno, Calif., 71–76; Randy Haag, San Francisco, Calif., 71–77; Gary Carpendale, Las Vegas, Nev., 69–79; Frank Dial, Auburn, Ala., 74–74; Stewart Alexander, Gainesville, Fla., 73–75; Alan Thietemann, Woodstock, Ga., 72–76; Don Dubois, Newport Beach, Calif., 75–73; Richard Marlowe, Youngstown, Ohio, 74–74; Don Marsh, Alhambra, Calif., 76–72; Mark Nickess, Westlake Village, Calif., 73–75; Ted Zurkowski, Chicago, Ill., 76–72; Mark Bemowski, Mukwonago, Wis., 78–70; Peter Wegmann, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 73–75; Steven Poulsion, North Salt Lake, Utah, 74–74; Doug Snop, Apopka, Fla., 75–73; *Paul Zarek, Burlington, Wis., 75–74 (5, 5); *Gary Van Sickie, Wexford, Pa., 74–75 (5, 5)

* = in playoff
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 13 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 2014

### Conducted as USGA Senior Amateur Championship (1955–2013)

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<td>Keith K. Compton</td>
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<td>Edgar R. Updegraff</td>
<td>Tucson (Ariz.) C.C.</td>
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1984 (Sept. 17–22) Robert Rawlins d. Richard Runkle, 19 holes; Birmingham (Mich.) C.C.; Medalist — 144, William C. Campbell; Entries: 1,159


1986 (Sept. 15–20) R.S. “Bo” Williams d. John Harbottle, 3 and 2; Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn.; Medalist — 145, William Hyndman III; Entries: 1,362

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


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

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

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

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

1993 (Sept. 18–23) Joe Ungvary d. Jerry Nelson, 7 and 6; Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va.; Medalist — 136, John Harbottle; Entries: 2,275


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

1996 (Sept. 7–12) O. Gordon Brewer d. Heyward Sullivan, 2 up; Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass.; Medalist — 141, Bob Wernick; Entries: 2,131

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

1998 (Sept. 12–17) Bill Shea Jr. d. William King, 5 and 3; Skokie C.C., Glencoe, Ill.; Medalist — 144, Jim Gibbons; Entries: 2,149

1999 (Oct. 2–7) Bill Ploeger d. Gary Menzel, 3 and 2; Portland ( Ore.) G.C.; Medalist — 143, Joel Hirsch; Entries: 2,026

2000 (Sept. 23–29) Bill Shea Jr. d. Richard Van Leuven, 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

2002 (Sept. 28 – Oct. 3) Greg Reynolds d. Mark Bemowski, 4 and 3; Tamarac C.C., Jacksonville, Fla.; Medalist — 139, Billy Clagett; Entries: 2,357

2003 (Sept. 6–11) Kemp Richardson d. Frank Abbott, 19 holes; The Virginia G.C., Bristol, Va.; Medalist — 137, Robert Kulp; Entries: 2,252

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

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

2006 (Sept. 16–21) Mike Bell d. Tom McGraw, 1 up, Victoria National G.C., Newburgh, Ind.; Medalists — 143, Bill Leonhard, Paul Simson; Entries: 2,448

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

* Record qualifying score, 18 holes (1958)

• Record qualifying score, 36 holes (2005)

§ Record entry (2005)
## Age

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| 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 |
|                                      | 75/1/4   | Moot Thomas (85–84, failed to qualify), 2005 |
|                                      | 74/11/17 | Paul Ladin (87–90, failed to qualify), 2006 |

| Oldest Medalist                       | 71 | A.L. “Jim” Miller, 1964 |

## Champions

### Most Victories

3 | Lewis W. Oehmig (1972, 1976, 1985)

### 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


### 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)

### Brother Champions

Stan Lee (2007) and Louis Lee (2011)

## Longest Span Between Victories

10 years | William Hyndman III (1973, 1983)

## Course

### Longest Course

6,842 yards | Wade Hampton G.C., Cashiers, N.C., 2013

### 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 | 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: Lewis W. Oehmig d. Ernest Pieper Jr., Sharon G.C., Sharon Center, Ohio, 1972

Most Extra-Hole Matches, Championship

- 13: The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
- 11: The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla., 1992
- 11: Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010

Stroke Play

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

- 66: Billy Clagett, first round, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
- 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

Lowest Score, 36 Holes

- 134: Billy Clagett, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005 (medalist)

Most Times Medalist


Highest 36-Hole Medalist Score


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

Miscellaneous

Most Times Runner-Up


Brothers in Match


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 (19)

- Eugene Brown, 6th hole, Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore., 1964
- George Traver, 16th hole, California G.C., San Francisco, Calif., 1970
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

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