27th U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship

Par: 36-36—72
Yardage: 6,966
Entries: 4,426

[Diagram showing match results and scores]
Sept. 29-Oct. 4, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (Bandon Dunes), Bandon, Ore.

Second course for stroke play:
Bandon Trails
Par: 36-35—71
Yardage: 6,857
Complete Stroke-Play Results

Failed to Qualify

151 * Brian Hoops, Chandler, Ariz., 705-838 (5); *Chris Nahme, Augusta, Ga., 711-806 (4,4,4,5,5,3); *Danny He and Los Angeles, Calif., 713-764 (5); *Dave Segal, Bethpage, N.Y., 717-784 (5); *Gary Wadsworth, 718-774 (5)


153 Andy Cooper, Scranton, Pa., 728-756; Bill Semics, Canada, 731-756; Craig Cooper, Scranton, Pa., 732-756; Dan Green, Valhalla, N.Y., 733-756; David Craghead, Edenton, N.C., 734-756; John Meek, Arizona, 735-756; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 736-756; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 737-756; Kevin Macdonald, London, England, 738-756; Tim Jackson, Winter Park, Fla., 739-756; John Meek, North Carolina, 740-756

154 Allan Smith, Fort Worth, Tex., 741-756; Davis Fellers, Oklahoma, 742-756; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 743-756; John Meek, North Carolina, 744-756; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 745-756; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 746-756; John Meek, North Carolina, 747-756; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 748-756; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 749-756; John Meek, North Carolina, 750-756

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158 Jason Hamptree, Coon Bay, Ore., 710-844; Jonathan Shini, Houston, Texas, 712-844; Steven Hoffman, Bloomington, Ind., 714-844; Tony Beaulieu, New Caney, Texas, 716-844; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 718-844; Nick Jourdenais, Chateau, Calif., 720-844; Thomas Proctor, McSherrysville, Ga., 722-844; Andrew Vann, Shreveport, La., 724-844; David Taylor, Athens, Ga., 726-844; Charles Townsend, Athens, Ga., 728-844; Jay Little, Pinehurst, N.C., 730-844; Derek Brown, Philadelphia, Pa., 732-844; Mike Wilson, Zollikofer, Va., 734-844; Mark Peterson, Orange Beach, Ala., 736-844; Richard Bortleson, Wellsboro, Pa., 738-844; Rick Suenson, Forest Lake, Minn., 740-844; John Meek, North Carolina, 742-844; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 744-844; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 746-844; John Meek, North Carolina, 748-844; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 750-844; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 752-844; John Meek, North Carolina, 754-844; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 756-844; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 758-844; John Meek, North Carolina, 760-844; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 762-844; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 764-844; John Meek, North Carolina, 766-844; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 768-844; Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 770-844; John Meek, North Carolina, 772-844; Michael Heiman, Kansas City, Mo., 774-844

159 Brian Wharton, Houston, Texas, 766-822; Brandon Kerney, Bard, Ore., 771-822; Dan Cooley, Woodstock, Tenn., 773-822; Doug Miron, Dallas, Texas, 775-822; Doug Miron, Dallas, Texas, 777-822; Jay Blumenfeld, Parsippany, N.J., 779-822; Jeff Danieli, Hurst, Tex., 781-822; Stan Purdy, Little Rock, Ark., 783-822; Trent Upton, Dothanville, Ala., 785-822

160 Blake Johnson, Wimington, Ill., 744-766; Dan Henney, Salt Lake City, Utah, 746-766; David Schuler, safest, Cal., 747-776; Douglas Chop, Walnut, Mass., 754-776; Steve Elliott, West Des Moines, Iowa, 757-776; Jeffery Smith, Orlando, Fla., 759-776; Jordan Byrd, Davidson, S.C., 761-776; Ken Karcher, Newbury, Ohio, 762-776; Michael Sparrow, Alpharetta, Ga., 764-776; Patrick Talacker, Vinings, Ga., 766-776; Roger Melanson, Virginia Beach, Va., 768-776; Tim Weiser, Carson City, Nev., 770-776; Fred Mitchell, Bloomington, Ill., 772-776

161 * Brett Robertson, Charleston, S.C., 717-794 (4,4,4); *Jarrad Gimes, Columbia, S.C., 717-794 (3); *Nathan Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa., 741-774 (4,4,4,5,4,4); *Steve Ellis, Cincinnati, Ohio, 766-774 (4,4,4,5,4,4); *Steve White, Jackson, Wyo., 771-774 (4,4,4,5,4,4)"
In 1981, the USGA inaugurated its first new championship in 19 months, the U.S. Mid-Amateur. The Mid-Amateur, for amateur golfers of at least 25 years of age, provides a formal national championship for the post-college amateur, for whom the game is truly an avocation.

Before the arrival of the Mid-Amateur, the post-college player could compete in the Amateur championship, sometimes successfully, but these older amateurs faced greater odds. While they fit their golf around their work and families, they were most often competing against college golfers, for whom the game is close to a full-time activity.

Only about 40 percent of those who qualify for the U.S. Amateur Championship each year are at least 25, although several have been quite successful. For example, Bob Lewis Jr., then 41, reached the Amateur final in 1980, and the semifinals in 1981 and 1986. Jay Sigel won consecutive Amateur titles in 1982 and 1983 (at ages 37 and 38, respectively), then added the Mid-Amateur title in 1983, 1985, and 1987. In 1986, Buddy Alexander, 33, a reinstated amateur, won the U.S. Amateur and in 1993, 41-year-old John Harris won the Amateur.

In general, however, most post-college amateurs found themselves at a disadvantage competing against college golfers. Thus, the Mid-Amateur championship was born.

Played at the Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, the first Mid-Amateur drew 1,638 entries in 1981. The field included three former Amateur champions: Gary Cowan (1966, 1971), Marvin Giles III (1972), and Fred Ridley (1979). Jim Holtgrieve, 33, of Des Peres, Mo., defeated fellow Walker Cupper Bob Lewis Jr., 37, of Warren, Ohio, in the final, 2 up.

In 1983, Jay Sigel, 39, of Berwyn, Pa., became the first golfer in 53 years to win two USGA championships in the same year when he added the Mid-Amateur championship to the U.S. Amateur he had won just 32 days earlier.


In 1985’s first qualifying round, Don Bliss of St. Louis, made holes-in-one on the eighth and 10th holes at Brook Hollow Golf Club in Dallas, Texas. Bliss is the only player to score two holes-in-one in one round of a USGA championship.

Jim Stuart of Macon, Ga., became the first player to win two consecutive Mid-Amateur championships when he won in 1990 and 1991.

The U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship has continued to grow in popularity and in 1989 topped 3,000 entries for the first time.

In its short history, the championship’s unique age qualification has inspired similar tournaments throughout the country and there are now Mid-Amateur events in nearly every state.

In 2001, the final match, for the first time in the history of the championship, was expanded from 18 to 36 holes.