U.S. Senior Amateur Championship
67th Record Book
2022
Gene Elliott Wins the 2021 Championship

Gene Elliott finally owns that elusive USGA title. The 59-year-old from West Des Moines, Iowa, who has been one of the most accomplished amateur golfers in the post-World War II era not to have won a national championship, rallied to defeat Jerry Gunthorpe, 58, of Ovid, Mich., 1 up, in Thursday’s 18-hole final of the 68th U.S. Senior Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Detroit.

Elliott, competing in his 36th USGA championship, never led until Gunthorpe failed to convert an 8-foot par putt on the 18th green. He now joins Chip Lutz and Paul Simson as the only players to have claimed the national senior titles of the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

Earlier this summer, Elliott won the Senior Amateur Championship conducted by The R&A at Ganton Golf Club in England. He previously had won a pair of Canadian Senior Amateur titles, among his many accomplishments that also include victories in the prestigious Porter Cup and Terra Cotta Invitational as well as 15 Iowa state titles, three Iowa Amateurs among them.

He also joins Ed Updegraff (1981) as the only U.S. Senior Amateur champions from the state of Iowa.

Lately, the U.S. Senior Amateur has been claimed by players who have had distinguished careers, competitors such as Doug Hanzel (2013), Simson (2010, 2012), Lutz (2015), Sean Knapp (2017) and Jeff Wilson (2018). Elliott, the medalist in the 1999 U.S. Amateur who has competed in 15 U.S. Mid-Amateurs, fits into that category.

“That match was so tough that I am not sure, did I win?” said Elliott. “I guess it just hasn’t sunk in yet. Just so much goes with that USGA title that maybe that’s why I haven’t won it in the past. It’s just so important and so meaningful to win a USGA championship.

“I’m relieved. I’m very proud. I didn’t do it by myself. I had a lot of help from a lot of different people, so it is a team win, really.”

Gunthorpe was hoping to continue the Michigan mojo that began with Michigan State standout James Piot winning the U.S. Amateur at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club nearly three weeks ago and carried through the Taylor Little League team’s World Series championship in Williamsport, Pa., last Sunday.

Right from the opening hole on another perfect weather day, Gunthorpe showed Elliott he was going to be a tough out, converting a 15-foot par putt to tie the hole.

It stayed close throughout with Elliott tying the match with a birdie on No. 7. Gunthorpe and Elliott swapped winning birdies on Nos. 9 and 10, and Elliott converted a 5-foot birdie on the 130-yard 13th after losing the previous hole with a bogey.

When Elliott missed a 2½-foot par putt on the 16th hole to go 1 down, it appeared Gunthorpe might be poised to put his name on the trophy.

But a wayward drive to the right on the 324-yard, par-5 17th forced Gunthorpe to lay up, and his third shot came up 40 feet short of the flagstick. He left his birdie attempt 5 feet short and missed his par putt, and Elliott converted his 2-footer for par to tie the match.

Another drive to the right on the 421-yard closing hole left Gunthorpe with a tricky approach that had to carry the right-greenside bunker. He caught it flush and the ball caromed over the green. His recovery stopped 8 feet to the right of the flagstick. Elliott’s approach found the middle of the green, and he cozied the 27-footer to within a foot for a conceded par.

When Gunthorpe failed to force the first extra-hole match in a U.S. Senior Amateur final in 18 years, hats came off and emotions flowed from both players.

“Maybe a little nerves there where I couldn’t get the putter to release,” said Gunthorpe of his two missed par putts on 17 and 18, his only two bogeys of the match. “I thought I put a good roll on [the long birdie attempt on 17]. Same thing with the second one [for par], but I might have missed my line just a little bit.”

Elliott hugged his caddie, Adam Hanson, then had a long embrace with his wife, Dalena. He also was congratulated by his short-game coach, John Traub.

It capped off a memorable week for Elliott, who went through a gauntlet of tough opponents, beginning with fellow Iowan and 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion Michael McCoy in the Round of 32, when he converted an 18-foot par putt to force extra holes. He defeated Hanzel, the top senior golfer in the World Amateur Golf Ranking®/WAGR® (Elliott is No. 2) in the Round of 16, Oakland Hills member and local favorite Tom Gieselman in the quarters and Craig Davis, who edged him in a playoff for the 2017 British Senior Amateur title, in the semifinals.

“We both played well. We both should hold our heads high. I said to him earlier, whether I won or lost I was probably going to cry. Just honored to be in the final.”

And now with his name on a USGA trophy.

Notable

As the U.S. Senior Amateur champion, Gene Elliott will likely be paired in the 2022 U.S. Senior Open with reigning U.S. Senior Open champion Jim Furyk and reigning Senior British Open champion Stephen Dodd.

Michael McCoy, who is one of Elliott’s closest friends and U.S. Amateur Four-Ball partner, emailed him on Wednesday night the clip of 1980 USA ice hockey coach Herb Brooks’ speech to the team prior to the “Miracle on Ice” game against the Soviet Union. McCoy said he watched the speech on the eve of his 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur final victory over Bill Williamson.
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Par: 36-36—72
Yardage: 6,901
Entries: 2,565

U.S. Senior Amateur
Complete Stroke-Play Results

Failed to Qualify

149 Robin Bradbury, Berthoud, Colo., 73-76; Elso Capani, Oviedo, Fla., 73-76; Richard Kerper, Oldsmar, Fla., 73-75; Ken Kinkopf, Jupiter, Fla., 73-71; Joe Palmer, Norwalk, Iowa, 73-76; Terry Werner, Dyer, Ind., 76-72; Buddy Bryant, Pee Wee Valley, Ky., 76-73; Preston Edmondson, Morrisville, N.C., 75-74; John Savage, Fremont, Ohio, 75-74

150 Gordy McKeehan, Little Rock, Ark., 74-70; Scott Anderson Sr., Bakersfield, Calif., 75-75; John McGuire, Los Angeles, Calif., 74-76

151 Edward Parnell, Altamont Springs, Fla., 76-74; Doug Stiles, Athens, Ga., 74-76; Frank Vana, Boxford, Mass., 74-76; Timothy Rypien, Spokane, Wash., 73-77

152 Donald Burns, Jamesville, N.Y., 74-78; John Fisher, Opelika, Ala., 75-77; Chris Chocola, Harbor Springs, Mich., 79-73; Rob Bolsten, Hopkins, Minn., 78-74; William Winter II, Portland, Ore., 73-79

153 Mark Gardiner, Ramstein Afb Europe, 78-75; Iain MacDonald, Fullerton, Calif., 73-80; Jeff Wright, San Francisco, Calif., 75-78; Kenneth Coutant, Dallas, Texas, 80-73

154 Scott Cuppett, Vista, Calif., 76-78; Andrew Fogarty, Naples, Fla., 77-77; Gary Ellis, Norwalk, Iowa, 75-75; Andy Gabelman, Barrington, Ill., 72-82; Bryan Norton, Overland Park, Kan., 79-78; Dan Harding, Spokane, Wash., 73-79; Richard Holland, Bethesda, Md., 76-78; Bart Goodwin, Flower Mound, Texas, 80-74

155 Bill Fowler, Lakewood, Colo., 78-77; Darin Eddy, Marshfield, Mass., 75-80; Paul Simson, Raleigh, N.C., 78-77; Tore Carlson, Katonah, N.Y., 77-78

156 Scott Briggs, Burlington, Iowa, 80-76; Dave Ryan, Taylorville, Ill., 76-80; Vance Welch, Scaggsville, Md., 75-81; David Mifie, St. Louis, Mo., 81-75; Blake Gibson, Yukon, Okla., 76-80

157 Jim Reynolds, Denver, Colo., 74-83; Mike Hooper, Fairfield, Conn., 80-77; Joe Shaktman, Coral Springs, Fla., 78-79; Patrick Mahon, Elkhart, Ind., 74-83; Ken Peacock, Brandon, Miss., 80-77; Brian Westveer, Charlotte, N.C., 78-79; Jim Volpenhein, Cincinnati, Ohio, 78-78; Neal Barfield, Dallas, Texas, 80-77; Nick Raffaele, Spicewood, Texas, 80-77; Steve Galing, Burke, Va., 78-79

158 Michael Staskus, Los Altos, Calif., 78-80; John Foster, Woodstock, Ga., 80-78; Anton Salome, Socorro, N.M., 80-78

159 Steve Rogers, Bowling Green, Ky., 77-82; Ronald Kibby, Lakeway, Texas, 79-80; Dana Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah, 75-84

160 Mark Eriksen, Clarkston, Wash., 82-78; Bob Johnston, Emmerson, N.J., 83-78

161 Don Reycroft, Chandler, Ariz., 80-81; Glenn Hogle, Seattle, Wash., 82-78; Toshi Hirata, Japan, 81-80; Lee Kolquist, Geneva, Ill., 87-80; Glenn Smeraglio, Newtown, Pa., 80-81

162 Darryl Osler, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 80-78; Anton Salome, Auvours, France, 80-79

163 Tony Padilla, Sacramento, Calif., 80-78; Tom Lefebvre, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 83-80

164 Robert Polk, Parker, Colo., 81-83; Fred Ridley, Tampa, Fla., 85-79; James Starnes, Fort Myers, Fla., 80-84; Scott Spielmann, Mont Prospect, Ill., 79-85; Vince Price, Portland, Ore., 84-80

165 Tommy Reynolds, Sioux Falls, S.D., 83-83

171 Kevin Hubbs, Denham Springs, La., 85-86

DQ Steve Vensasco, Fort Wayne, Ind., 77-73; Jim Murphy, Crestwood, Ky., 83-83
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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

In 2020, the U.S. Senior Amateur was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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

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

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

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

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


1961 (Oct. 2-7) Dexter H. Daniels d. Col. William K. Lanman Jr., 2 and 1; Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla.; Medalist — 74, J. Wood Platt; Entries: 481

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

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

1964 (Oct. 5-10) William D. Higgins d. Edward Murphy, 2 and 1; Waverley C.C., Portland, Ore.; Medalist — 75, A.L. "Jim" Miller; Entries: 375

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

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


1968 (Sept. 23-28) Curtis Person Sr. d. Ben Goodes, 2 and 1; Atlanta (Ga.) C.C.; Medalist — 146, John C. Tullio; Entries: 674

1969 (Sept. 15-20) Curtis Person Sr. d. David Goldman, 1 up; Wichita (Kan.) C.C.; Medalist — 146, David Goldman; Entries: 576

1970 (Sept. 21-26) Gene Andrews d. James Ferrie, 1 up; California G.C. of San Francisco, South San Francisco, Calif.; Medalist — 147, Bruce N. McCormick; Entries: 683


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

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


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

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

1977 (Sept. 19-24) Dale Morey d. Lewis W. Oehmig, 4 and 3; Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass.; Medalist — 143, Dale Morey; Entries: 789

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

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

1980 (Sept. 15-20) William C. Campbell d. Keith K. Compton, 3 and 2; Virginia Hot Springs G. & C.C., (Cascades Course), Hot Springs, Va.; Medalist — 147, William C. Campbell; Entries: 1,000


1982 (Oct. 4-9) Alton Duhon d. Edgar R. Updegraff, 2 up; Tucson (Ariz.) G.C.; Medalist — 142, Roger McManus; Entries: 1,104


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 — 149, William Hyndman III; Entries: 1,362
1987  (Sept. 15-20) John Richardson d. James Kite Jr., 5 and 4; Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), 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: 2,046
1993  (Sept. 18-23) Joe Ungvary d. Jerry Nelson, 7 and 6; Farmington C.C., Charlotteville, 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: 2,089
1996  (Sept. 7-12) O. Gordon Brewer d. Heyward Sullivan, 2 up; Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass.; Medalist — 141, Bob Wornick; Entries: 2,171
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 Shean 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 Shean 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; Timuqua 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
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 Leonard, 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 G.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
2011  (Sept. 10-15) Louis Lee d. Philip Pleat, 1 up; Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va.; Medalist — 139, Paul Simson; Entries: 2,162
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
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
2016  (Sept. 17-22) Dave Ryan d. Matthew Suggs, 2 up; Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo.; Medalist — 138, Tim Jackson; Entries: 2,382
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* Record qualifying score, 18 holes (1958)

• Record qualifying score, 36 holes (2005, 2021)

§ Record entry (2021)
Age

**Oldest Champion**
- 69/4/25 Lewis W. Oehmig, 1985
- 67/8/30 William Hyndman III, 1983
- 66/8/13 Marvin "Vinny" Giles III, 2009
- 66 John Richardson, 1987

**Youngest Champion (years/months/days)**
- 55/0/5 Stan Lee, 2007
- 55/2/0 Louis Lee, 2011
- 55/2/16 Jeff Wilson, 2018
- 55/3/18 Bill Bosshard, 1991

**Oldest Qualifier for Championship**
- 76/7/20 Marvin "Vinny" Giles III (76-76, failed to qualify), 2019
- 75/10/10 Andy Andreola (79-87, failed to qualify), 1994
- 75/7/21 Marvin "Vinny" Giles III (81-78, failed to qualify), 2018
- 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

Champions

**Most Victories**
- 3 Lewis W. Oehmig (1972, 1976, 1985)
- 2 J. Clark Espie (1957, 1959)
- 2 Dexter H. Daniels (1961, 1966)
- 2 Curtis Person Sr. (1968, 1969)
- 2 William Hyndman III (1973, 1983)
- 2 William C. Campbell (1979, 1980)
- 2 R.S. "Bo" Williams (1986, 1989)
- 2 Paul Simson (2010, 2012)

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**Most Consecutive Victories**
- 2 Merrill L. Carlsmith (1962, 1983)
- 2 Curtis Person Sr. (1968, 1969)
- 2 William C. Campbell (1979, 1980)

Records

**Most Times in Final**

**Winners of U.S. Senior Amateur and U.S. Amateur (2)**
- William C. Campbell (1979, 1980 Senior Amateur; 1964 Amateur)
- Marvin "Vinny" Giles III (2009 Senior Amateur; 1972 Amateur)

**Winner of U.S. Senior Amateur and U.S. Amateur Public Links (1)**

**Winner of U.S. Senior Amateur, U.S. Amateur and British Amateur (1)**
- Marvin "Vinny" Giles III (2009 Senior Amateur; 1972 Amateur; 1975 British Amateur)

**Winners of U.S. Senior Amateur, British Seniors Amateur and Canadian Men’s Senior Amateur (3)**
Gene Elliott (2021 U.S. Senior Amateur; 2021 British Seniors Amateur; 2017, 2019 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**
- 7,130 yards Old Chatham G.C., Durham, N.C., 2019
- 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
Largest Entries

2,565 (2021)
2,498 (2005)
2,466 (2019)

Smallest

282 (1956)

Largest Margin of Victory, Round of 16 Match

8 and 6  Mike Rice d. Jack Vardaman, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
7 and 6  Frederick J. Wright d. James S. Manion, Somerset C.C., St. Paul, Minn., 1956
7 and 6  Alton Duhon d. Dick Giddings, Tucson (Ariz.) C.C., 1982
6 and 5  George Studinger d. Ewing Watkins, Belle Meade C.C., Nashville, Tenn., 1955
6 and 5  James Kite Jr. d. George Holland, Saucon Valley C.C., Bethlehem, Pa., 1987
6 and 5  Bill Ploeger d. Curtis Wagner, Portland (Ore.) G.C., 1999

Largest Margin of Victory, Quarterfinal

8 and 7  Bob Housen d. James Kite Jr., The Champions G.C., Nicholsville, Ky., 1994
7 and 5  Raymond Palmer d. Alan Howard, Ridgewood (N.J.) C.C. (West and Center nines), 1957
7 and 5  Roger McManus d. Ralph Bogart, Seattle (Wash.) G.C., 1981
6 and 5  John W. Dawson d. Harold B. Ryder, Monterey Peninsula G.C., Pebble Beach, Calif., 1958
6 and 5  Ben Goodes d. Henry L. Robison, Atlanta (Ga.) C.C., 1968
6 and 5  Ernest Pieper Jr. d. Dick Giddings, Sharon G.C., Sharon Center, Ohio, 1972
6 and 5  Rennie Law d. Bill Bosshard, Prairie Dunes C.C., Hutchinson, Kan., 1995
6 and 5  Steven Liebler d. Kevin Cahill, Hidden Creek G.C., Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 2015
6 and 5  Bob Royak d. Walter Todd, Old Chatham G.C., Durham, N.C., 2019

Largest Margin of Victory, Semi-final

8 and 6  William C. Campbell d. Robert Willits, Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., 1979
8 and 6  Mike Rice d. Jack Vardaman, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
7 and 6  Frederick J. Wright d. James S. Manion, Somerset C.C., St. Paul, Minn., 1956
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Largest Margin of Victory, Round of 16 Match

8 and 6  Lew Oehmig d. Robert Clarke, Birmingham (Mich.) C.C., 1994
7 and 6  John Jacobs III d. Ronald Moore, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa., 1987

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., 1983
8 and 7  Dr. Gene Taano d. Jay Gaines, first round, Owentsia 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
8 and 7  Paul Royak d. Kenneth Coutant, first round, Old Chatham G.C., Durham, N.C., 2019
8 and 6  George Hagarty d. Henry L. Moore, second round, Evanston G.C., Skokie, Ill., 1962
8 and 6  Merle Getton d. David Goldman Sr., first round, Carmel Valley G. & C.C., Carmel, Calif., 1975
8 and 6  William C. Campbell d. Robert Willits, semifinals, Chicago G.C., Wheaton, Ill., 1979
8 and 6  Lew Oehmig d. Robert Clarke, third round, Birmingham (Mich.) C.C., 1984
8 and 6  Mike Rice d. Jack Vardaman, semifinals, The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
8 and 6  Jerry Greenbaum d. Eddie Bass, first round, Victoria National G.C., Newburgh, Ind., 2006
8 and 6  Mike Bell d. Rene Williams, 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
7 and 6  Greg Reynolds d. Steven Hakes, Bel Air C.C., Los Angeles, Calif., 2004

**Longest Match**

27 holes  Egon F. Quittnner d. Maurice R. Smith, first round, Sea Island G.C., St. Simons Island, Ga., 1980
25 holes  Walter Dowell d. Knox Young Jr., first round, Atlanta (Ga.) C.C., 1982
25 holes  Frank Tenfel d. William Ludwig, first round, Saucon Valley C.C. (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa., 1985
25 holes  Rick Woulfe d. Christopher Veitch, first round, Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando, Fla., 2010
24 holes  J. Clark Espie Jr. d. Larry E. Stage, second round, Memphis (Tenn.) C.C., 1959
24 holes  Anthony Cullinan d. John Harbottle, second round, Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993
23 holes  John Kline d. Ed Tutwiler, semifinals, Pine Tree G.C., Boynton Beach, Fla., 1978
23 holes  Don Kelly d. Milo Novotny, first round, Lochinvar G.C., Houston, Texas, 1989
23 holes  John Harbottle d. Wendell Kop, first round, Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993
23 holes  William King d. Bill Gunderson, first round, Portland (Ore.) G.C., 1999
23 holes  Steve Harwell d. Jeff Wilson, first round, C.C. of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., 2021

**Longest Match, Final**

20 holes  Michael Cestone d. David Rose, Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Mass., 1680
20 holes  Lewis W. Oehmig d. Ernest Pieper Jr., Sharon G.C., Sharon Center, Ohio, 1972
19 holes  Robert B. Kiersky d. George Beechler, Fox Chapel G.C., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1965
19 holes  Kemp Richardson d. Frank Abbott, The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003

**Longest Match, Semifinal**

23 holes  John Kline d. Ed Tutwiler, Pine Tree G.C., Boynton Beach, Fla., 1978
21 holes  Tom Brandes d. Steven Liebler, Hidden Creek G.C., Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 2015
21 holes  Bob Royak d. Jeff Wilson, Old Chatham G.C., Durham, N.C., 2019
20 holes  Lewis W. Oehmig d. William Hyndman III, Sharon G.C., Sharon Center, Ohio, 1972
19 holes  Lewis M. Oehmig d. William Hyndman III, Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass., 1977
19 holes  Robert Rawlins d. Alton Duhon, Birmingham (Mich.) C.C., 1984
19 holes  William King d. Dan Pierre, Skokie C.C., Glencoe, Ill., 1998
19 holes  Matthew Sughrue d. Kevin Cahi, Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016

**Longest Match, Quarterfinal**

22 holes  William D. Higgins d. J. Wolcott Brown, Fox Chapel G.C., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1985
21 holes  Tom Draper d. Truman Connell, Sunnybrook G.C., Plymouth Meeting, Pa., 1971
21 holes  Richard Giddings d. W.W. Sezna, Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., 1973
21 holes  Alton Duhon d. Leo Spooner, Birmingham (Mich.) C.C., 1984
21 holes  Clifford Davis d. Stan Fischer, Portland (Ore.) G.C., 1999
21 holes  Frank Vana d. John Pierce, The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn., 2017

**Longest Match, Round of 16**

24 holes  J. Clark Espie Jr. d. Larry E. Stage, Memphis (Tenn.) C.C., 1959
22 holes  Egon F. Quittnner d. John W. Roberts, Monterey Peninsula C.C., Pebble Beach, Calif., 1958
21 holes  Jerry Nelson d. Jack Hesler, Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993
21 holes  Gary Menzel d. Kenneth Forster, Charlotte (N.C.) C.C., 1984
Most Match-Play Victories

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Caldwell, N.J., 2012 (medalist)

137 Bob Kulp (66-71), The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003 (medalist)

137 Steve Bogan (66-71), Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007 (medalist)


137 Alan Fadel (70-67), Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014 (medalist)

Most Times Medalist


Most Competitors in Playoff

15 Hidden Creek G.C., Egg Harbor Township, N.J. (for 13 places), 2015
14 Eugene (Ore.) C.C. (for 13 places), 2018
13 The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla. (for 11 places), 1992
13 Wade Hampton G.C., Cashiers, N.C. (for six places), 2013

Longest Playoff to Qualify to Match Play


Lowest Stroke-Play Cut

148 (4-over) C.C. of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., 2021
149 (5-over) Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2014
149 (7-over) Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J., 2012
151 (11-over) Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993
151 (9-over) The Virginian G.C., Bristol, Va., 2003
151 (9-over) Flint Hills National G.C., Andover, Kan., 2007
151 (9-over) Beverly C.C., Chicago, Ill., 2009
151 (7-over) Kinloch G.C., Manakin-Sabot, Va., 2011
151 (9-over) Hidden Creek G.C., Egg Harbor Township, N.J., 2015
151 (9-over) Old Warson C.C., St. Louis, Mo., 2016

Highest Stroke-Play Cut

167 (23-over) Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel, Ind., 1983
163 (23-over) Fox Chapel G.C., Pittsburgh, Pa., 1985
163 (23-over) Shinnecock Hills G.C., Southampton, N.Y., 1987
163 (21-over) Harbour Town G.L., Hilton Head Island, S.C., 1974
163 (17-over) Interlachen C.C., Edina, Minn., 1986
163 (19-over) Desert Forest C.C., Carefree, Ariz., 1990
163 (23-over) Crystal Downs C.C., Frankfort, Mich., 1991

Lowest 36-Hole Medalist Score

134 Billy Clagett (66-68), The Farm G.C., Rocky Face, Ga., 2005
134 Tim Hogarth (69-65), C.C. of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., 2021
136 John Harbottle (68-68), Farmington C.C., Charlottesville, Va., 1993
136 Jim Holtgrieve (68-68), Mountain Ridge C.C., West Caldwell, N.J., 2012

Highest 36-Hole Medalist Score

151 Bob Hullender and John Procter, The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter, Fla, 1992

Miscellaneous

Most Times Runner-Up


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 TrEainer, 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
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

Champion and Stroke-Play Medalist (since 1964)
Ray Palmer (1967)
William Hyndman III (1973)
Dale Mory (1977)
William C. Campbell (1979, 1980)
Edgar R. Updegraff (1981)
John Richardson (1987)
Jeff Wilson (2018)