



87TH MGA SENIOR
AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROCKRIMMON COUNTRY CLUB

Stamford, Conn.

May 5 & 6, 2014



Final Field

Name	Club
Steve Abramow	Alpine Country Club
Larry Adler	Gardiners Bay Country Club
John Baer	Century Country Club
Eugene Berger	River Vale Country Club
Leonard Berk	Hollow Brook Golf Club
Bruce Berman	Willow Ridge Country Club
Michael Birmingham	Nassau Players Club
Robert Blozio	Shorehaven Golf Club
Jay Blumenfeld	Mountain Ridge Country Club
Ralph Boccuzzi	Shorehaven Golf Club
Nick Bogannam	Patterson Club
Alan Bolton	Crab Meadow Mens Club
Lewis Bonavoglia	MGA eClub - New York City
Bill Boyle	Metedeconk National Golf Club
William Brightly	Hackensack Golf Club
John Brooks	Seaford Volunteers FD Golf Club
Brian Brown	Southward Ho Country Club
Lou Buttermark	Richmond County Country Club
Juan Campos	Split Rock Men's Club
Alan Channin	Nassau Players Club
Jim Cillo	MGA eClub - New Jersey
Frank Ciulla	Wykagyl Country Club
Warren Cohen	Sands Point Golf Club
Robert Cohn	Fresh Meadow Country Club
Tony Coppola	Oak Hills Golf Club
Matt Corrigan	Nassau Players Club
Jim Craffey	Arcola Country Club
Charles Craig	Round Hill Club
Robert Currey	Winged Foot Golf Club
Gary Cymrot	MGA eClub-West/Fairfield
Douglas Darlington	MGA eClub - New Jersey
Paul D'Ascoli	Hampton Hills Golf & Country Club
Joe DePace	Great Rock Golf Club
Richard Dermer	MGA eClub-West/Fairfield
Tom Dicinti	MGA eClub - New Jersey
William Dober	Brooklawn Country Club
Michael Dolan	Westchester Country Club
Neil Driscoll	MGA eClub - New Jersey
John Ervasti	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
Tom Evans	Siwanoy Country Club
Phil Fabrizio	Knickerbocker Country Club
Thomas Farrell	Huntington Country Club
Richard Feldman	Centennial Golf Club
Alan Finkelstein	Fresh Meadow Country Club
Tim Finnegan	Huntington Country Club
Tom Flanagan	Westchester CC
Tom Fox	Apawamis Club
Neal Fredericksen	Silver Lake Golf Club
Peter Friedes	Wykagyl Country Club
John Fugazy	Winged Foot Golf Club
Gerald Garber	Lake Success Golf Course
John Garland	Latourette Golf Club
Steve Geisler	Cherry Valley Club
Scotty George	Westchester Country Club
Edward Gibstein	Engineers Country Club
Stephen Goldman	Paramount Country Club

Name	Club
James Graham	Winged Foot Golf Club
Tom Graham	Country Club of Fairfield
Jay Green	Alpine Country Club
Drew Greenland	Rockrimmon Country Club
David Greenlaw	Garden City Golf Club
Martin Gregge	Brae Burn Country Club
Jon Groveman	The Connecticut Golf Club
Jim Hamburger	McCann Golf Course
Jerimiah Harrington	Westchester Country Club
Tom Healy	Shorehaven Golf Club
Donald Hendler	Meadow Brook Club
John Hendricks	Plainfield Country Club - West 9
Bill Henry	Forsgate Country Club
John Herbert	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
Bryant Hinnant	Shorehaven Golf Club
Timothy Hultquist	Winged Foot Golf Club
Fred Jones	Architects Golf Club
Michael Josephs	Fenway Golf Club
Edward Kaminsky	Glen Oaks Club
Randall Keleher	Sterling Farms Mens Golf Club
Jack Kiernan	The Stanwich Club
Tw Kim	Paramount Country Club
Ben Kirschenbaum	Old Oaks Country Club
Mark Kitaeff	Lake Success Golf Club
Lukas Konandreas	Sterling Farms Mens Golf Club
Rick Lawrence	Ridgewood Country Club
Frank Laznovsky	Meadow Brook Club
Steve Leblanc	Rockaway Hunting Club
Bob Leftwich	MGA eClub - West/Fairfield
Dan Levinson	Bayonne Golf Club
Charles Levy	Sunningdale Country Club
Rich Linton	Lake Isle Country Club
Donald Lizak	Southampton Golf Club
Ralph Lombardi	Neshanic Valley Golf Course
Donald Lowman	Rolling Hills Country Club
Kenneth Luczaj	Brooklawn Country Club
Tom Maloney	Mahopac Golf Club
John Marchetti	Whippoorwill Club
Michael Marotta	South Shore Golf Club
Ken Martin	Rockaway Hunting Club
Douglas Maxwell	Montauk Downs Golf Club
Kevin McEvoy	Innis Arden Golf Club
Shawn McLoughlin	Ridgewood Country Club
Scott Michels	Hackensack Golf Club
James Miller	Clearview Mens Club
Jeffrey Miller	Mohansic Golf Club
Larry Miller	Lido Golf Course
Robert Miller	Spook Rock Golf Club
Roland Morris	Siwanoy Country Club
Kerry Mucci	Crystal Springs Country Club
Rob Nagy	The Connecticut Golf Club
John Paul Newport	Minisceongo Golf Club
David Norwood	MGA eClub-West/Fairfield
Braulio Oria	Lake Isle Country Club
Timothy Ormsby	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
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Vincent Pancaldo	Rockland Valley Golf Club
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SENIOR AMATEUR

Name	Club
David Pilossoph	Split Rock Men's Club
David Prowler	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
Daniel Prunty	Wykagyl Country Club
Herrol Pryce	Baychester Golf Club
Howard Puhn	North Shore Country Club
Jeff Reissman	Spook Rock Golf Club
George Riehm	Sprain Valley Golf Club
Randy Riley	Baltusrol Golf Club
Jim Romaniello	Shorehaven Golf Club
Steve Rose	Fresh Meadow Country Club
Paul Rosko	MGA eClub - Long Island
Raymond Rudolph	Forsgate Country Club
Peter Rymer	Hamilton Farm Golf Club
Al Sabini	Plainfield Country Club
Al Sala	Latourette Golf Club
Steven Samuels	Rolling Hills Country Club
Nick Saviano	Lake Isle Country Club
David Seidenberg	Edgewood Country Club
Jay Sessa	Cherry Valley Country Club
Steve Shepard	Burning Tree Country Club
Bill Sherry	Dutchess Golf Club
Hugh Shevlin	Scarsdale Golf Club
Richard Siderowf	Century Country Club
Pravin Singh	Kutshers Country Club
Dennis Slezak	Knickerbocker Country Club
Alexander Sloane	Piping Rock Club
Allan Small	Fairmount Country Club
Doug Smolensky	Nassau Players Club
Bill Snouffer	Panther Valley Country Club
Joe Sommers	Winged Foot Golf Club
Ned Steiner	Mountain Ridge Country Club
Roy Stevenson	Shinnecock Hills Golf Club
Rodney Stilwell	Silver Lake Men's Golf Club
Jon Stockel	Anglebrook Golf Club
Ken Strasnick	Trump National Golf Club - Hudson Valley
Rich Tambouri	Pine Barrens Golf Club
Ross Taylor	The Saint Andrew's Golf Club
Frank Tellefsen	Richmond County Country Club
Anthony Tichner	The Woodmere Club
Jon Tingley	Stanton Ridge Golf & Country Club
Tom Trakoval	Port Jefferson Country Club
Stephen Tympanick	Noyac Golf Club
Peter Van Ingen	Deepdale Golf Club
Ron Vannelli	Forsgate Country Club
Gustav Vik	Springdale Golf Club
Michael Volpe	Long Island Players Club
Kevin Walsh	Montclair Golf Club
Guy Warren	North Hills Country Club
Cyrus Whitney Jr.	Hackensack Golf Club
Marty Winkelman	Glen Head Country Club
Barry Winter	Dutchess Golf Club
Rick Woolworth	Round Hill Club
Don Worthley	Shorehaven Golf Club
Tom Yellin	The Stanwich Club
John Zigmunt	Siwanoy Country Club

History of the MGA Senior Amateur

Senior golf in the Met Area has a long and distinguished history, starting in 1905 with a competition created by members of the Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y. That tournament led directly to the founding of the U.S. Seniors Golf Association, which today is administered by the MGA at Golf Central.

This legacy of senior golf was taken a step further in 1928 with the inaugural MGA Senior Amateur Championship. Over the ensuing 80 years, the MGA Senior Amateur has grown in stature to become the premier event for senior amateur golfers (aged 55 years and older). It is one of the most sought-after titles in the Met Area, and has been contested at many of the finest championship courses.

The first player to exert some dominance in the Senior Amateur was Samuel Graham, who won in 1943 and 1944, and then again in 1946. Three years later, Thomas Robbins won the first of his four Senior Amateur titles, the last coming in 1955. He and Mike Mattwell, who dominated the event in the 1980s, are the only players to win four Senior Amateur titles.

Other prominent champions of the Senior Amateur include three-time winner J. Wolcott Brown (1967-69), Mal Galletta Sr. (1984), Jerry Courville Sr. (1992), and Dick Siderowf (1996). The championship consists of 36 holes of stroke play over two days, with the field cut to low 30 and ties after the first round.

Eligibility

The competition is open to male amateur members of MGA member clubs who will have reached their 55th birthday by May 5, 2014, and have a current USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 8.0. All entrants are subject to the Rules and Regulations.

Format of Play

36 holes of stroke play. Field cut after 18 holes to low 40 and ties and any player within 5 shots of the lead.

Age Classifications

Senior: 55-59 years

Super Senior: 60-64 years

Masters: 65-69 years

Legends: 70 years & older

Prizes

Overall

Champion

Runner-up

Third Place

Class Winners

Low Gross and second Low Gross for all age classifications.

**Except for the overall championship winner, all ties will be decided by date of birth. A player may win only one prize.*



About Rockrimmon Country Club



RThe Rockrimmon Country Club was established in 1947. The club is located on the border of North Stanwich, Connecticut, and Pound Ridge, New York, with the clubhouse in Connecticut and most of the golf course in New York.

Robert Trent Jones built the front nine first, then, when adding the back nine, saw the need to install a “Golfalator” between the ninth green and tenth tee, a tram carrying six to eight people up a fifty-foot climb. The tram crosses state lines and is the shortest interstate railroad in the United States.

Rockrimmon gained some notoriety in the mid-1950s when it allowed Jackie Robinson (who had a home nearby) and Joe Louis to play occasionally as guests. This was at a time when most country clubs in Fairfield County had exclusionary policies regarding minorities. It was not an unfamiliar sight to see Robinson and Louis playing with baseball great Al Rosen, with Howard Cosell trailing, “broadcasting the outcome of their game.”

The Rockrimmon course can be very hilly at times, and the holes are all lined by trees. The postcard hole is the par-3 ninth, which requires a shot over a lake and three frontbunkers to the green. Rockrimmon is hosting its first MGA championship.

<i>Founded:</i> 1949
<i>Course Opened:</i> 1949
<i>Architect:</i> Robert Trent Jones
<i>Championship Tees:</i> Par: 72 Yardage: 6,553 Course Rating: 70.0 Slope: 113

86th MGA Senior Amateur Championship

Navesink Country Club, Middletown, N.J.

May 6 & 7, 2013

The first time was a charm for Jon Tingley of Stanton Ridge. Playing in his first MGA event, the Flemington, N.J., resident fired a final round even-par 72 to capture the 2013 MGA Senior Amateur Championship at Navesink Country Club in Middletown, N.J., by three shots over several past champions. His total score of 142 was the second lowest winning score since the event went back to a 36-hole format in 1987. Cyrus Whitney Jr., of Hackensack, who co-led with Tingley entering the final round, finished alone in second after a 3-over 75 (145). 2009 champion Al Small of Fairmount, and three-time winner Steve Rose of Fresh Meadow tied for third with totals of 147.



Final Results

Finish	Name	Club	To Par	Score
1	Jon Tingley	Stanton Ridge	-2	70-72-142
2	Cyrus Whitney Jr.	Hackensack	+1	70-75-145
T3	Allan Small	Fairmount	+3	72-75-147
	Steve Rose	Fresh Meadow	+3	71-76-147
T5	Robert Miller	Spook Rock	+5	76-73-149
	Randy Riley	Baltusrol	+5	75-74-149
7	Steve Leblanc	Rockaway Hunting	+6	77-73-150
T8	Tom Hyland	Pebble Creek	+7	75-76-151
	David Prowler	Bethpage State Park	+7	74-77-151
T10	John O'Malley	Forsgate	+8	79-73-152
	Joe Sommers	Winged Foot	+8	76-76-152
	Jay Blumenfeld	Mountain Ridge	+8	74-78-152
T13	Dan Levinson	Bayonne	+9	78-75-153
	James Graham	Winged Foot	+9	77-76-153
	Stephen Tympanick	Noyac	+9	77-76-153
	Rodney Stilwell	Silver Lake Men's	+9	77-76-153
	Adam Kugler	Alpine	+9	76-77-153
	Mark Kitaeff	Lake Success	+9	76-77-153
	Jay Sessa	Cherry Valley	+9	76-77-153
20	Tom Yellin	Stanwich	+10	73-81-154



Past Champions

Year	Champion	Score	Site
1928	Frank Hoyt	84-83—167	Garden City GC
1929	Hugh Halsell	83-83—165	Hudson River
1930	Charles Cooke	82-82—164	Arcola
1931	T. Henry Clarkson	80-83—163	Garden City GC
1932	Enos Booth	81-81—162	Sleepy Hollow
1933	Alex Gray	78-85—163	Montclair
1934	Morton Downs	83-77—160	Rockaway Hunting
1935	Rex Beach	81-80—161	Saint Andrew's
1936	Dwight Rockwell	76-78—154	Englewood
1937	Bechtel Alcock	80*	Garden City GC
1938	Wilfred Garretson	79	Siwanoy
1939	August Kammer	79	Essex County
1940	Charles Jennings	80	Garden City GC
1941	August Kammer	78	Siwanoy
1942	Charles Burgess	75	Baltusrol
1943	Samuel Graham	79	Garden City GC
1944	Samuel Graham	77	Winged Foot
1945	Charles McMillen	78	Baltusrol
1946	Samuel Graham	80	Seawane Harbor
1947	Ellis Knowles	75	Winged Foot
1948	Ellis Knowles	72	Upper Montclair
1949	Thomas Robbins	72	Seawane Harbor
1950	Thomas Robbins	74	Siwanoy
1951	Jack Brittain Sr.	72	Upper Montclair
1952	Vincent Fitzgerald	76	Wheatley Hills
1953	Thomas Robbins	74	Winged Foot
1954	Carl Timpson	76	Ridgewood (N.J.)
1955	Thomas Robbins	74	Rockaway Hunting
1956	Martin Issler	73	Hudson River
1957	Jack Dowling	73	Mountain Ridge
1958	Edward Smith	75	Upper Montclair
1959	Paul Dunkel	72	Rockaway Hunting
1960	Michael Cestone	76	Sunningdale
1961	Martin Issler	75	Arcola
1962	Jack Mullen	72	Century
1963	John Ledbetter Jr.	75	Rockville Links
1964	Stephen Berrien	77	Knickerbocker
1965	Olin Cerrochi	74	Innis Arden
1966	Anthony Vileno	74	Garden City CC
1967	J. Wolcott Brown	69	Raritan Valley
1968	J. Wolcott Brown	76	Leewood
1969	J. Wolcott Brown	76	Glen Oaks
1970	William Dear Jr.	71	Knickerbocker

Year	Champion	Score	Site
1971	Seymour Holub	76	Apawamis
1972	Ed Majka	72	Rockville Links
1973	Arthur Lefelar	73	Mountain Ridge
1974	James Tingley	72	Mount Kisco
1975	John Humm	68	North Hempstead
1976	Gerold Lauck	78	Canoe Brook
1977	John Rogers	75	Old Oaks
1978	John Humm	74	Rockville Links
1979	Tony Macellaro	72	Sunningdale
1980	Norb Harrer	74	Edgewood
1981	Mike Mattwell	72	North Hempstead
1982	Joseph Donahue	74	Ridgeway
1983	Mike Mattwell	73	Dellwood
1984	Mal Galletta Sr.	73	Woodcrest
1985	Michael LoBosco	74	Glen Ridge
1986	Art Thomas	75	Wee Burn
1987	Mike Mattwell	75-76—151	Huntington
1988	John Farrell Jr.	76-72—148	Suburban
1989	Mike Mattwell	73-78—151	Elmwood
1990	Joe Davis	76-75—151	North Shore
1991	Don Edwards	74-73—147	Hackensack
1992	Jerry Courville Sr.	75-75—150	Westchester Hills
1993	Mario Posillico	71-74—145	Cherry Valley
1994	John French	70-75—145	Spring Brook
1995	William Sala	77-74—151	Sunningdale
1996	Dick Siderowf	75-70—145	Arcola
1997	Bob Housen	74-71—145	Montclair
1998	Robert Navesky	76-72—148	Wheatley Hills
1999	Bob Housen	74-75—149	Brae Burn
2000	Ned Steiner	74-80—154	Crestmont
2001	Shawn McLoughlin	71-78—149	Inwood
2002	Joe Polizzano	72-77—149	Scarsdale
2003	Stephen Rose	72-76—148	Arcola
2004	Douglas Vergith	73-73—146	Glen Head
2005	Stephen Rose	70-76—146	Woodway
2006	Shawn McLoughlin	79-71—150	Mountain Ridge
2007	Jay Blumenfeld	73-71—144	Piping Rock
2008	Ron Vannelli	72-77—149	Wee Burn
2009	Al Small	72-69—141	Preakness Hills
2010	Stephen Rose	77-72—149	North Shore
2011	John Ervasti	73-75—148	Shorehaven
2012	Ron Vannelli	72-77—149	Metedeconk
2013	Jon Tingley	70-72—142	Navesink



Senior Amateur Championship Records

AGE

Oldest Winner

70 – Enos Booth, 1932

SCORING

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

68 – John Humm, 1975

69 – J. Wolcott Brown, 1967

69 – Richard Stancavage, 2001

69 – Al Small, 2009

Lowest Winning Score (18-Hole Tournament)

68 – John Humm, 1975

69 – J. Wolcott Brown, 1967

Lowest Winning Score (36-Hole Tournament)

141 – Al Small, 2009

142 – Jon Tingley, 2013

144 – Jay Blumenfeld, 2007

Largest Margin of Victory (18-Hole Tournament)

7 strokes – Ellis Knowles, 1948

6 strokes – Thomas Robbins, 1949

5 strokes – Ellis Knowles, 1947

5 strokes – J. Wolcott Brown, 1969

5 strokes – Billy Dear, 1970

Largest Margin of Victory (36-Hole Tournament)

9 strokes – Bob Housen, 1997

7 strokes – Dwight Rockwell, 1936

7 strokes – Al Small, 2009

5 strokes – John Farrell Jr., 1988

CHAMPIONS

Most Wins

4 – Thomas Robbins (1949, 1950, 1953, 1955)

4 – Mike Mattwell (1981, 1983, 1987, 1989)

3 – Samuel Graham (1943, 1944, 1946)

3 – J. Wolcott Brown (1967, 1968, 1969)

3 – Stephen Rose (2003, 2005, 2010)

Largest Number of Years Between First and Last Win

8 – Mike Mattwell

7 – Thomas Robbins, Stephen Rose



Three-time (2010, '05, and '03) champ Steve Rose

MISCELLANEOUS

Winners of both the Met Amateur and MGA Senior Amateur

Michael Cestone
Jerry Courville Sr.
Dick Siderowf
Ron Vannelli

Winners of both the MGA Senior Open and MGA Senior Amateur

John Ervasti

Most Times, Host Club

5 – Garden City Golf Club (1928, 1931, 1937, 1940, 1943)
4 – Arcola (1930, 1961, 1996, 2003)



Mal Galletta Sr., 1984 winner,
with Gene Westmoreland



2011 winner John Ervasti is the
only player to have won both the
Senior Am and the Senior Open

Future Sites

2015 — Westchester Country Club, Harrison, N.Y.

2016 — Huntington Country Club, Huntington, N.Y.

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