



The 17th
**MGA SENIOR OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP**

SUNNINGDALE COUNTRY CLUB

SCARSDALE, N.Y.
AUGUST 26 & 27, 2013



2012 Champion Peter Busch

OLDEST WINNER EVER RETURNS FOR DEFENSE OF SENIOR OPEN TITLE

The MGA Senior Open heads to Sunningdale Country Club in Scarsdale, N.Y. on August 26-27 and features a field of 111 talented and veteran professionals and amateurs competing for one of the Met Area's top senior titles and a \$25,000 purse.

After winning his first MGA Senior title in 2012, Peter Busch of Galloping Hills returns to the field looking to defend the trophy he won in a hard fought playoff with 2004 champion Ed Whitman of Knickerbocker. Busch, the oldest player to hold the title, is in top form and qualified for the 2013 U.S. Senior Open, but may have to fend off another

challenge by Whitman following Whitman's solid performance in the 2013 Met Open at Old Westbury.

Relative newcomers to the senior ranks and sure to be a factor in this year's competition are three-time NJPGA Player of the Year and reigning (2013) New Jersey State Open Champion, Frank Esposito of Brooklake, two time Met Open winner Mark Mielke of Mill River, and 2009 Westchester Open champion Craig Thomas of Metropolis, all at the top of their games and a threat in any field.

Also leading the charge will be two time champion Darrell Kestner of Deepdale (2003, 2005) who, in addition to his two MGA Senior Open titles, has the most top ten finishes in this event. He'll join other past MGA champions including 2007 Senior Open winner Bruce Zabriski of Westchester, the youngest winner (2007), 2008 and 2009 Senior Open Champion Bobby Heins of Old Oaks (2008-2009), Bill Britton of Trump National – Colts Neck (2006), Mike Burke of Montammy (2011) and the Senior Open's only amateur winner, John Ervasti of Sleepy Hollow (2010).

The amateur side of the field is exceptionally well represented this year and threatens to add another winner from their ranks. In addition to Ervasti, look for Allan Small of Fairmount, the 2009 MGA Senior Amateur champion, who will be making his 21st appearance in a USGA championship in September at the U.S. Senior Amateur, John Tingley of Stanton Ridge, the 2013 MGA Senior Amateur champion, Robert Howe of Winged Foot, the inaugural MGA Senior Masters champion (2012); ten-time MGA Player of the Year George Zahringer III of Deepdale, 1997 U.S. Mid-Amateur Champion Ken Bakst of Friar's Head, two time MGA Senior Amateur Champion Steve Rose of Fresh Meadow, as well as 2012 and 2008 MGA Senior Amateur Champion Ron Vanelli of Forsgate, who was T-6th in this event in 2012.



Frank Esposito

The MGA Senior Open is contested over two days of stroke play with the field cut after the first round to the low 40 players and ties and anyone within five shots of the lead. It is open to golfers who will have reached their fiftieth birthday by August 12, 2013. Due to a large number of entries for this event, 2013 was the first year that the MGA held a sectional qualifying round to determine the final field.

Sunningdale, a challenging and picturesque Westchester layout, should prove to challenge the field and make for an excellent two days of golf for the 17th edition of the MGA Senior Open.

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FINAL FIELD

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
(a)	Casey Alexander	Nassau Players Club
	Billy Ashford	Mahopac Golf Club
	Greg Baker	Rockaway River Country Club
	Shawn Baker	The Greens at Half Hollow
(a)	Ken Bakst	Friar's Head
	Michael Birmingham	Nassau Players Club
	Stu Blasius	GolfTEC Paramus
	Charles Bolling	Glen Cove Golf Club
(a)	Andre Bolukbas	The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge
	Don Brigham	Battleground Country Club
	Bill Britton	Trump National - Colts Neck
	Mike Burke	Montammy Golf Club
	Peter Busch	Galloping Hill Golf Course
	Delroy Cambridge	Performance Center
(a)	Juan Campos	Split Rock Men's Club
	Mike Caporale	North Hills Country Club
(a)	Joe Collins Sr.	Winged Foot Golf Club
(a)	Matt Corrigan	Nassau Players Club
	Jerry Courville Jr.	Shorehaven Golf Club
(a)	Jim Craffey Jr.	Arcola Country Club
	Chris Dachisen	North Jersey Country Club
(a)	Richard Dermer	Sterling Farms Mens Golf Club
	Mike Diffley	Pelham Country Club
(a)	William Dober	Brooklawn Country Club
(a)	Jon Doppelt	Fresh Meadow Country Club
(a)	Don Enga	Cherry Valley Club
(a)	John Ervasti	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
	Frank Esposito	Brooklake Country Club
(a)	Anthony Fioretti	Crystal Springs Country Club
	Malcolm Galletta	Engineers CC
(a)	Gerald Garber	Lake Success Golf Course
	Sean Garrity	Griff Harris Men's Golf Club
(a)	Edward Gibstein	Engineers Country Club
	Michael Girardi	Fallsview
	Dave Gosiewski	Noyac Golf Club
(a)	James Graham	Winged Foot Golf Club
(a)	Michael Greene	Sunningdale Country Club
(a)	Martin Gregge	Brae Burn Country Club
(a)	Jon Groveman	The Connecticut Golf Club
	Bobby Heins	Old Oaks Country Club
(a)	Donald Hendler	Meadow Brook Club
(a)	Bill Henry	Forsgate Country Club

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
(a)	John Herbert	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
(a)	Robert Howe	Winged Foot Golf Club
	Terence Hughes	Mahopac Golf Club
	Gregory Hurd	North Hempstead Country Club
(a)	Tom Hyland	Pebble Creek Golf Club
	Robert Issler	Toms River Golf Center
	Donny Jarvis	Glen Cove Golf Club
	Tom Joyce	Glen Oaks Club
	Darrell Kestner	Deepdale Golf Club
	Bill King	Spring Lake Golf Club
(a)	Adam Kugler	Alpine CC
	Michael Lanzetta	Mansfield Golf Center
(a)	Frank Laznovsky	Meadow Brook Club
(a)	Steve Leblanc	Rockaway Hunting Club
(a)	Dan Levinson	Bayonne Golf Club
	Nelson Long	Century Country Club
(a)	Dennis Lynch	Nassau Players Club
	Baker Maddera	Rock Spring Club
	Nick Manolios	Mount Kisco Country Club
(a)	Michael Marotta	South Shore Golf Club
	Mark McCormick	Suburban Golf Club
	John McPhee	Waccabuc Country Club
	Peter Meurer	Staten Island Practice Center
	Mark Mielke	Mill River Club
(a)	Robert Miller	Spook Rock Golf Club
	Kelley Moser	Westchester CC
	Kregg Moyer	Centennial Golf Club
(a)	Patrick Obrien	MGA eClub - New Jersey
	Gary Ostrega	Hyatt Hills Golf Complex
	Tom Patri	Friar's Head
(a)	Herb Peterson	Mohansic Golf Club
	Peter Procops	Lawrence Yacht & Country Club
(a)	Tony Procops	Knollwood Country Club
(a)	David Prowler	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
(a)	Michael Reardon	The Tuxedo Club
(a)	George Riehm	Sprain Valley Golf Club
(a)	Randy Riley	Baltusrol Golf Club
(a)	Steve Rose	Fresh Meadow Country Club
(a)	David Roth	The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge
	Phil Rusnack	Nassau Country Club
	John Sanges	West Sayville
	Rob Schaal	Tara Greens Golf Center



	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>
	Peter Serafimoff	Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club
(a)	Jay Sessa	Cherry Valley Club
(a)	Mark Simmons	MGA Eclub - West/Fairfield
(a)	Allan Small	Fairmount Country Club
(a)	Joe Sommers	Winged Foot Golf Club
(a)	Gary Spector	Lawrence Golf Club
	Tom Sutter	Dunwoodie Golf Club
	Kevin Syring	Alpine Country Club
	Craig Thomas	Metropolis Country Club
(a)	Jon Tingley	Stanton Ridge G & CC
	Grant Turner	Siwanoy Country Club
	Jim Turnesa	Westchester Golf Range
	Mike Turnesa Jr.	Rockville Links Club
(a)	Peter Van Ingen	Deepdale Golf Club
(a)	Ron Vannelli	Forsgate Country Club
	Rick Vershure	Quaker Ridge Golf Club
	Martin Vybihal	Shackamaxon
	Jeff Warne	The Bridge
	Bret Watzka	Blue Hill Golf Association
	Ed Whitman	Knickerbocker Country Club
	Cameron Wood	Inwood Country Club
	Brad Worthington	Brooklawn Country Club
	Garnet Wright	Metropolis Country Club
(a)	Tom Yellin	The Stanwich Club
	David Young	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
	Bruce Zabriski	Westchester Country Club
(a)	George Zahringer	Deepdale Golf Club

Quick Facts

Final Field: 111

2012 Champion: Peter Busch, Galloping Hill

Professionals: 60 Amateurs: 51

Format: 36 holes, stroke play. Cut to low 40s and ties after first round

Eligibility

This competition is open to golfers who have reached their 50th birthday by August 27, 2013, and who are:

1. Past Met Open champions
2. Members in good standing in the Metropolitan and New Jersey PGA Sections (A-3 members must have their principal place of residence in the MGA territory)
3. Professionals employed at a golf facility in the MGA territory, who are enrolled in the PGM GPTP
4. Head and assistant professionals at MGA member clubs
5. Professionals who are bona fide members with full golfing privileges at MGA member clubs, have a residence in the MGA territory and a current USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 4.5 under the Men's USGA Handicap System at that MGA member club
6. Amateur members and applicants for Amateur reinstatement at MGA member clubs with a current USGA Handicap Index of 4.5 or less under the Men's USGA Handicap System

2013 Prize Money Breakdown

Total Purse: \$25,000

Place	Money	Place	Money
1	\$5,000	19	330
2	2,500	20	315
3	1,500	21	300
4	1,250	22	300
5	1,000	23	300
6	875	24	300
7	750	25	300
8	675	26	270
9	625	27	270
10	580	28	270
11	540	29	270
12	500	30	270
13	460	31	250
14	440	32	250
15	420	33	250
16	400	34	250
17	375	35	250
18	350		

Note: All professionals who compete and return scores for 36 holes will earn a minimum of \$250.

Amateur Prizes (Gift Certificates)

Low Amateur: \$750
 2nd Place: \$400
 3rd Place: \$300
 4th Place: \$200
 5th Place: \$150

Note: All amateurs who compete and return scores for 36 holes will be awarded a minimum gift certificate of \$100.

Future Sites

2014 — Alpine Country Club
 Demarest, N.J.
 August 25 & 26

2015 — Engineers Country Club
 Roslyn Harbor, N.Y.
 August 31 & September 1



About Sunningdale Country Club



The Sunningdale Country Club was established in November of 1913 by a group of twelve men, the majority of them in the clothing business. The club's early roster included such names as Gimbel, Bamberger, Stern, Rothschild, and Wallach.

Sunningdale's founders leased a ready-made nine-hole golf course in Mt. Vernon, near the intersection of White Plains Road and (what is now) the Cross County Parkway. It had been the second home of the Siwanoy Country Club, which moved to its present site in Bronxville for the 1914 season.

But like Siwanoy, Sunningdale soon felt the need for an 18-hole course, and in midsummer of 1916 purchased the present 175-acre site in Scarsdale, high above the Sprain Brook Parkway. The grand opening took place on Memorial Day, 1918.

Sunningdale's first 18-hole golf course proved unsatisfactory, and in 1920, A.W. Tillinghast was commissioned to make a major revision, giving the club a precise driving course with seven doglegs and six severely-tilting fairways.

The course plays over typically-rolling Westchester terrain, and features three especially picturesque par 3's – one over a pond, another across a deep gully, and the third straight downhill off the face of the earth.



Founded:
1913

Course Opened:
1918

Architects:
Walter Travis
A.W. Tillinghast

Championship Tees:
Par: 71

Yardage: 6,461
Course Rating: 71.6
Slope: 128

16th MGA Senior Open Championship

Garden City Country Club

August 27-29, 2012

For the first time since 2000, the MGA Senior Open was decided in a playoff as veteran New Jersey professionals battled it out at Garden City. Peter Busch of Galloping Hill played his way into the final pairing with a 2-under 68, three strokes behind the competitive course record of 65 shot by Ed Whitman of Knickerbocker. In the final round of the championship, the longtime friends recorded matching scores from the 14th hole on and, following pars on the par-4 18th hole, headed back to the par-4 first hole to battle it out for the trophy. Whitman hit a shot out of a bunker and over the green, but Busch made a routine par to become the oldest winner of the championship at 59 years and two weeks. Al Small of Fairmount was the low amateur with a final score of 2-over 142.



Final Results

Finish	Player	Club	Score	Earnings
1	Peter Busch *	Galloping Hill	68-72—140	\$5,000
2	Ed Whitman	Knickerbocker	65-75—140	\$2,500
3	Tom Sutter	Dunwoodie	71-70—141	\$1,500
T4	Allan Small (a)	Fairmount	69-73—142	Amateur
	Kevin Syring	Alpine	69-73—142	\$1,250
T6	James Graham (a)	Winged Foot	72-71—143	Amateur
	Mike Diffley	Pelham	72-71—143	\$940
	Peter Meurer	S.I. Practice Center	71-72—143	\$940
	Ron Vannelli (a)	Metuchen	70-73—143	Amateur
T10	John DeForest Sr.	Rondout	72-72—144	\$634
	Jerry Courville Jr.	Shorehaven	71-73—144	\$634
	Mike Burke	Montammy	70-74—144	\$634
	Jack Druga	Shinnecock Hills	68-76—144	\$634
	Charles Bolling	Glen Cove	68-76—144	\$634
T15	Dave Gosiewski	Noyac	74-71—145	\$480
	Bret Watzka	Blue Hill	72-73—145	\$480
T17	David Young	Sleepy Hollow	74-72—146	\$430
	Bill King	Spring Lake	74-72—146	\$430

*Won in a playoff



History of the MGA Senior Open

Though it is young as far as MGA championships go, the MGA Senior Open has a



Two-time MGA Senior Open winner
Darrell Kestner

high profile among the top players in the Met Area. The already strong fields who gathered for the championship's early years became even stronger in 2003 with the influx of several very accomplished 50-year-olds, headed by Darrell Kestner of Deepdale, a three-time Met Open champion, who won in his first year of eligibility in 2003 and again in 2005. Other recent champions of note include former PGA Tour winner Bill Britton of Trump National-Colts Neck (2006), two-time Met Open winner Bruce Zabriski (2007), and back-to-back winner Bobby Heins (2008 and 2009). Together with an ever-increasing number of top amateur competitors, these players have produced drama and excitement at recent playings of the Senior Open.

The MGA Senior Open has been held at such storied venues as Tuxedo, Century, Metropolis, Fenway, Fresh Meadow, and Nassau. It is the largest event in local senior golf. The 36-hole event is contested at stroke play over two consecutive days, with the field cut after the first round to the low 40 and ties, and anyone within five shots of the lead.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Score	Site
1997	John Gentile	66-75—141	Tuxedo
1998	Russell Helwig	71-70—141	Preakness Hills
1999	Russell Helwig	72-71—143*	Fresh Meadow
2000	Jim Miller	73-72—145*	Fenway
2001	Carl Pederson	73-70—143	Royce Brook
2002	Peter Famiano	65-73—138	Woodmere
2003	Darrell Kestner	67-71—138	Preakness Hills
2004	Edward Whitman	69-70—139	Century
2005	Darrell Kestner	68-69—137	Tuxedo
2006	Bill Britton	72-70—142	Nassau
2007	Bruce Zabriski	69-71—140	Metropolis
2008	Bobby Heins	70-70—140	Hollywood
2009	Bobby Heins	70-69—139	Woodmere
2010	John Ervasti (a)	72-70—142	Rolling Hills
2011	Mike Burke Jr.	69-71—140	Crestmont
2012	Peter Busch	68-72 —140	Garden City

Senior Open Records

AGE

Oldest Winner:

- 59 years, 2 weeks - Peter Busch, 2012
- 58 years, 7 months – Bobby Heins, 2009
- 57 years, 8 months – Peter Famiano, 2002

Youngest Winner:

- 50 years, 25 days – Bruce Zabriski, 2007
- 50 years, 27 days – Darrell Kestner, 2003

SCORING

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

- 64 – Mike Caporale, 2009, Woodmere
- 65 – Peter Famiano, 2002, Woodmere
- 66 – John Gentile, 1997, Tuxedo
- 66 – Bobby Heins, 2003, Preakness Hills

Lowest Final Round

- 69 – Jim Miller, 1999, Fresh Meadow
- 69 – Darrell Kestner, 2005, Tuxedo
- 69 – Bruce Zabriski, 2007, Metropolis
- 69 – Bobby Heins, 2009, Woodmere

Lowest 36-hole Score

- 137 – Darrell Kestner, 2005, Tuxedo
- 138 – Peter Famiano, 2002, Woodmere
- 138 – Darrell Kestner, 2003, Preakness Hills

Lowest 36 Holes by Amateur

- 141 – John Baldwin, 2002, Woodmere
- 141 – Ron Vannelli, 2005, Tuxedo
- 142 – Richard Jung, 2007, Metropolis
- 142 – John Ervasti, 2010, Rolling Hills

Amateur Winners

- John Ervasti, 2010

Largest Margin of Victory

- 6 strokes – Russell Helwig, 1998
 - 4 strokes – Darrell Kestner, 2003 & 2005
- Largest Lead After 18 Holes
- 6 strokes – Russell Helwig, 1998
 - 5 strokes – Mike Caporale, 2009

CHAMPIONS

Most Wins

- 2 – Russell Helwig, 1998 & 1999
- 2 – Darrell Kestner, 2003 & 2005
- 2 – Bobby Heins, 2008 & 2009

Second Place to First Place in Consecutive Years

- Darrell Kestner – 2004-2005
- Bobby Heins – 2007-2008

Winners of Senior Open and Met Open

- Mike Burke Jr.
- Darrell Kestner
- Bill Britton
- Bruce Zabriski
- Bobby Heins

MISCELLANEOUS

Most Top 5 Finishes

- 8 – Darrell Kestner
- 7 – Bobby Heins
- 6 – Tom Joyce

Purse History

- \$20,000 – 1997-2002
- \$25,000 – 2003-2004, 2010-present
- \$30,000 – 2005-2009

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