



**85TH MGA SENIOR
AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

METEDECONK NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

Jackson, N.J.

May 7 & 8, 2012



Ervasti, Zahringer, Rose Headline MGA Senior Field



John Ervasti will defend his title in 2012

Defending champion John Ervasti of Sleepy Hollow and 167 other golfers ages 55 and over venture to central New Jersey for the 85th MGA Senior Amateur Championship, to be held May 7 & 8 at Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, N.J. The Senior Amateur is the first event on the 2012 MGA calendar and is the MGA's fourth-oldest championship. Last season, Ervasti, 57, became the first player in MGA history to complete the "senior slam" by capturing the 2011 MGA Senior Amateur at

Shorehaven Golf Club in addition to his MGA Senior Open title in 2010.

Each year, the MGA Senior Amateur includes a talented field of accomplished players and past champions of the event. This year, eight former champions, including Ervasti, are in the field of 168 golfers. They include: Three-time champion ('03,'05,'10) Stephen Rose of Fresh Meadow (N.Y.); 2009 champion Al Small of Fairmount (N.J.); 2008 winner Ron Vannelli of Metuchen (N.J.); 2007 champion Jay Blumenfeld of Mountain Ridge (N.J.); two-time ('01,'06) victor Shawn McLoughlin of Ridgewood (Conn.); Ned Steiner (2000) of Mountain Ridge (N.J.); and two-time MGA Senior Amateur champ ('97,'99) and six-time NJSGA Amateur champion Bob Housen of Manasquan River (N.J.).

Other top entrants in the field include 11-time MGA major winner George Zahringer III, 59, who is competing in his first MGA Senior Amateur; last year's MGA Senior Amateur runner-up Bill Henry of Forsgate (N.J.); 2008 MGA Senior Open low amateur Jim Graham of Winged Foot (N.Y.); 2008 MGA Senior Amateur runner-up Joe Sommers of Winged Foot (N.Y.); and

former Westchester Amateur champion Tom Yellin of Stanwich (Conn.). All are looking for their first MGA Senior Amateur title. Robert Lerner and Steve Kahn will represent Metedeconk in the championship and hope to use home-course knowledge to their advantage, while television personality Maury Povich, a frequent competitor in MGA events, will once again be in the field.

Metedeconk is no stranger when it comes to hosting major golf tournaments. The 25-year-old club was the site of the 1996 Ike Championship, 2003 Met Open and inaugural Metedeconk Challenge, which grew into the biennial match play event between the MGA and the Golfing Union of Ireland now known as the Carey Cup. It consists of 27 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and Roger Rulewich. The name Metedeconk derives from the Metedeconk River, a branch of which flows through the club's 1,200-acre property.

The MGA Senior Amateur is open to players 55 years of age or older with USGA Handicap Indexes of 8.0 or lower. The field will play 18 holes of stroke play on Monday, May 7, after which a cut will be made and the low 30 scores and ties will advance to the second round. Prizes will also be awarded to winners in each of four age categories. The championship will conclude with 18 holes of stroke play on Tuesday, May 8.



George Zahringer III

Age Classifications

Senior: 55-59 years

Masters: 65-69 years

Super Senior: 60-64 years

Legends: 70 years & older

Prizes

Overall

Champion

Runner-Up

Third Place

Class Winners

Low Gross and second Low Gross for all age classifications



FINAL FIELD

Player	Club	Player	Club
Baer, John	Century	Fontana, Bob	Newton
Bartell, William	Nassau Players	Fox, Larry	Harbor Links
Batt, Gerald	Greenacres	Fox, Tom	Apawamis
Becker, Robert	Black Oaks	Friedes, Peter	Wykagyl
Beitler, Steve	Bayonne	Friedman, Robert	Pine Hollow
Bender, Chris	Hackensack	Fugazy, John	Winged Foot
Berger, Eugene	River Vale	Garber, Gerald	Lake Success
Bergstol, Eric	Bayonne	Garland, John	Glenwood
Berk, Leonard	Hollow Brook	Gentry, Kevin	H. Smith Richardson
Birmingham, Michael	Nassau Players	Graham, James	Winged Foot
Blumenfeld, Jay	Mountain Ridge	Graham, Tom	Fairfield
Boccuzzi, Ralph	Shorehaven	Gramuglia, Vincent	Leewood
Bogannam, Nick	Patterson	Greenwood, Tom	MGA eClub-N.J.
Bonavoglia, Lewis	LaTourette	Groveman, Jon	Sunningdale
Brightly, William	Hackensack	Halls, Dillon	MGA eClub-N.J.
Britton, Robert	Knob Hill	Hamburger, Jim	McCann
Broms, Peter	Montclair	Hamilton, Tom	Garden City GC
Brown, Mike	Neshanic Valley	Harrington, Jeremiah	Westchester
Bruse, Billy	Lido	Hayes, Peter	Trump Natl-Hudson Valley
Buttermark, Lou	Richmond County	Heid, Ken	Rockville Links
Campos, Juan	Pelham Bay/Split Rock	Hendler, Donald	Meadow Brook
Catlett, William	Neshanic Valley	Hendricks, John	Plainfield
Charney, Laurence	Glen Head	Henry, Bill	Forsgate
Chiminski, Matt	LaTourette	Hirsh, Peter	Engineers
Cioffari, Paul	Innis Arden	Housen, Robert	Manasquan River
Ciulla, Frank	Wykagyl	Howe, Robert	Winged Foot
Cohen, Warren	Sands Point	Hyland, Tom	Pebble Creek
Cohn, Robert	Fresh Meadow	Johnson, Denis	Plainfield
Corrigan, Matt	Nassau Players	Jud, Charlie	Garden City CC
Craig, Bill	Ridgewood (Conn.)	Kahn, Steve	Metedeconk National
Craig, Charles	Round Hill	Kay, Stephen	Manhattan Woods
Cymrot, Gary	MGA eClub-West./CT	Keleher, Randall	Sterling Farms
D'Ascoli, Paul	Montauk Downs	Keller, Peter	Canoe Brook
Daubmann, Walter	Clearview	Kiernan, Jack	The Stanwich
Debow, Nelson	Newton	Kirschenbaum, Ben	Old Oaks
Delserro, Robert	Neshanic Valley	Kitaeff, Mark	Lake Success
DeNapoli, Joe	Shoreview	Kohut, Howard	Mansion Ridge
Dessinger, Philip	Bonnie Briar	Lawrence, Rick	Ridgewood
Dicinti, Tom	MGA eClub-N.J.	Leftwich, Bob	MGA eClub-West./CT
Dietrich, Robert	MGA eClub-N.J.	Lerner, Robert	Metedeconk National
Dittmann, Bill	MGA eClub-N.J.	Lizak, Donald	Southampton
Dolan, Patrick	Wheatley Hills	Luders, Jack	Stanwich
Dolan, Vinny	Baltusrol	Lusto, Thomas	MGA eClub-N.J.
Donovan, Sean	Cherry Creek	Luxenburg, Ronald	MGA eClub-N.J.
Driscoll, Neil	MGA eClub-N.J.	Macken, Tim	Darlington
Duberstein, Donald	Fenway	Malenka, Dennis	LaTourette
Ervasti, John	Sleepy Hollow	Maloney, Tom	Mahopac
Fabrizio, Phil	Knickerbocker	Marchetti, John	Whippoorwill
Farrell, Thomas	Huntington	Marotta, Michael	South Shore
Finkelstein, Alan	Fresh Meadow	Martin, Ken	Rockaway Hunting

Player	Club	Player	Club
Mauer, Steve	Metuchen	Shepard, Steve	Burning Tree
Maxwell, Douglas	Montauk Downs	Sherry, Bill	Dutchess
Mcdonald, Frank	Sterling Farms	Shulha, Robert	Hamlet Wind Watch
Mcgrain, Kevin	MGA eClub-N.J.	Sidorow, Alexander	Rockland
McLoughlin, Shawn	Ridgewood (Conn.)	Sloane, Alexander	Piping Rock
Michels, Scott	Hackensack	Slutsky, Steve	Beekman
Miller, Bill	Spring Lake	Small, Allan	Fairmount
Morison, Peter	Suburban	Smith, Steven	Rockville Links
Mucci, Kerry	Montclair	Sommers, Joe	Winged Foot
Newberg, Marvin	Grossingers	Sommerstad, Ray	Port Jefferson
O'Malley, John	Forsgate	Sorensen, Bob	Jumping Brook
Orchier, Henry	Minisceongo	Spieß, David	Glen Head
Oria, Braulio	Lake Isle	Steinberg, Kenneth	MGA eClub-N.J.
Pancaldo, Vincent	Rockland Valley	Steiner, Ned	Mountain Ridge
Pawlik, James	MGA eClub-West./CT	Sturman, Bill	Ridgewood (Conn.)
Pilossoph, David	Pelham Bay/Split Rock	Tellefsen, Skip	Richmond County
Pistone, Tom	Rockville Links	Timbrell, Richard	Plainfield
Povich, Maurice	Hollywood	Trakoval, Tom	Port Jefferson
Powers, John	Meadow Brook	Tympanick, Stepehn	Noyac
Puhn, Howard	North Shore	Van Ingen, Peter	Deepdale
Rainone, Louis	Beacon Hill	Vannelli, Ron	Metuchen
Reissman, Jeff	Spook Rock	Vilardi, Mario	Casperkill
Riccobono, Mike	Wheatley Hills	Vislocky, Stephen	Blue Hill
Rizzo, Anthony	Nissequogue	Warren, Guy	North Hills
Romaniello, Jim	Shorehaven	Wels, Lorin	Edgewood
Rose, Steve	Fresh Meadow	Wendt, Roger	River Vale
Rymer, Peter	Hamilton Farm	Winkelman, Marty	Glen Head
Sabini, Al	Plainfield	Witkowsky, Ted	Pelham Bay/Split Rock
Salvagno, Mike	Longshore	Wolfberg, Martin	Hamilton Farm
Samerjan, John	Neshanic Valley	Yastrub, Steve	Hamlet Wind Watch
Schuman, Neal	Alpine	Yates, Alan	Glen Head
Schweers, Joe	Monmouth	Yellin, Tom	Stanwich
Scola, Richard	Spring Brook	Zahringer III, George	Deepdale
Sessa, Jay	Cherry Valley	Zuntag, Steve	Richmond County



Founded:
1987

Course Opened:
1987

Architect:
Robert Trent Jones

Championship Tees:
Par: 72 (3/1 nines)
Yardage: 6,860
Course Rating: 73.8
Slope: 139

About Metedeconk National Golf Club

Metedeconk is the culmination of the dreams of Richard Sambol and his son, Herbert. Over nearly 20 years, they accumulated some 1,200 acres destined to become Metedeconk National. Robert Trent Jones and his lead project manager, Roger Rulewich, examined the property, and informed the Sambols that they could build a “world-class” golf course there. After an 18-hole course opened in 1987, a third nine followed in 1998.

Construction began in 1991 on Metedeconk’s contemporary-style clubhouse, a shingle-style building on a promontory behind the 18th green, and concluded in 1997. Two multi-bedroom cottages on the property were added in subsequent years, providing members and guests with a secluded retreat.



84th MGA Senior Amateur Championship

Shorehaven Golf Club, East Norwalk, Conn.

May 9 & 10, 2011

After becoming the first amateur to win the MGA Senior Open in 2010, John Ervasti of Sleepy Hollow completed the MGA “Senior Slam” by winning the Senior Amateur at Shorehaven. Ervasti followed his opening-round 73 with a final-round 75 to earn a three-stroke victory over two-time winner Shawn McLoughlin of Ridgewood (Conn.) and Bill Henry of Forsgate, who tied for second place. Ervasti became the only person in history to win both the MGA Senior Open and the MGA Senior Amateur. Ervasti began the final round with a two-stroke lead over a trio of players and turned in another consistent round to claim his second MGA title. It began what would become a memorable 2011 season for Ervasti, who later earned low amateur honors in the Met Open at his home club.

Final Results

Finish	Name	Club	To Par	Score
1	John Ervasti	Sleepy Hollow	+6	73-75—148
T2	Shawn McLoughlin	Ridgewood (Conn.)	+9	76-75—151
	Bill Henry	Forsgate	+9	76-75—151
4	Peter Van Ingen	Deepdale	+10	77-75—152
5	Steve Leblanc	Rockaway Hunting	+11	78-75—153
T6	Martin Gregge	Metropolis	+12	77-77—154
	Steve Rose	Fresh Meadow	+12	76-78—154
	Frank McDonald	Sterling Farms	+12	76-78—154
	Gerald Garber	Lake Success	+12	75-79—154
	Nelson Debow	Newton	+12	75-79—154
11	Matt Corrigan	Nassau Players	+13	78-77—155
12	Ned Steiner	Mountain Ridge	+14	75-81—156
T13	Robert Housen	Manasquan River	+15	79-78—157
	Tony Tichner	Woodmere	+15	78-79—157
	Jon Groveman	Sunningdale	+15	78-79—157
T16	Jay Green	Alpine	+16	79-79—158
	Douglas Vergith	St George’s	+16	78-80—158
T18	Braulio Oria	Lake Isle	+17	79-80—159
	John Powers	Meadow Brook	+17	78-81—159
	William Dober	H. Smith Richardson	+17	77-82—159
	James Graham	Winged Foot	+17	77-82—159
T22	William Bartell	Nassau Players	+18	79-81—160
	Warren Cohen	Sands Point	+18	76-84—160
Finish	Name	Club	To Par	Score

T24	Denis Johnson	Plainfield - West 9	+19	79-82—161
	Dick Siderowf	Century	+19	79-82—161
	Stephen Goldman	Paramount	+19	78-83—161
	Alan Finkelstein	Fresh Meadow	+19	78-83—161
28	Chris Bender	Hackensack	+21	79-84—163
29	Jon Finger	Osiris	+25	79-88—167
30	Howard Puhn	North Shore	+27	79-90—169
31	Michael Marotta	South Shore	NC	76-NC—NC
32	Ron Vannelli	Metuchen	WD	79-WD—WD



John Ervasti won his first Senior Amateur title in 2011 at Shorehaven Golf 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 J. 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 at Rockaway Hunting Club. 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), two-time winner Bob Housen (1997 & '99), Jerry Courville Sr. (1992), and Richard 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.

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

Year	Champion	Score	Site
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
1971	Seymour Holub	76	Apawamis
1972	Ed Majka	72	Rockville Links
1973	Arthur Lefelar	73	Mountain Ridge
1974	James Tingley	72	Mount Kisco



Al Small, 2009 champion

Mal Galletta Sr., 1984 winner,
with Gene Westmoreland



SENIOR AMATEUR

Year	Champion	Score	Site
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

*Note: 18-Hole Tournament 1937-1986; 36-hole Tournament 1928-1936, 1987-present

Future Sites

2013 — Navesink Country Club
Red Bank, N.J., May 6 & 7

2014 — Siwanoy Country Club
Bronxville, N.Y., April 28 & 29

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 J. Humm, 1975

69 – J. Wolcott Brown, 1967

Lowest Winning Score (36-Hole Tournament)

141 – Al Small, 2009

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Winners of both the Met Amateur and MGA Senior Amateur

Michael Cestone

Jerry Courville Sr.

Dick Siderowf

Ron Vannelli

Most Times, Host Club

5 – Garden City Golf Club (1928, 1931, 1937, 1940, 1943)

4 – Arcola (1930, 1961, 1996, 2003)

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