

The 8th
MGA Mid-Amateur
Championship



Mountain Ridge Country Club
West Caldwell, N.J.
October 7-8, 2014

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Club

Mountain Ridge Country Club
 Winged Foot Golf Club
 Nassau Players Club
 Baltusrol Golf Club
 Nassau Players Club
 Friar's Head
 Mountain Ridge Country Club
 Winged Foot Golf Club
 Richmond County Country Club
 Plainfield Country Club - West 9
 Oak Hills Golf Club
 Arcola Country Club
 Westchester Country Club
 Nassau Players Club
 MGA eClub-Westchester/Fairfield
 Bayonne Golf Club
 Mosholu Golf Club
 Black Oak Golf Club
 Baltusrol Golf Club
 MGA eClub - New Jersey
 Fresh Meadow Country Club
 Emerald Golf Association
 Cherry Valley Club
 Sleepy Hollow Country Club
 Knickerbocker Country Club
 Centennial Golf Club
 Engineers Country Club
 Essex County Country Club
 Pine Hollow Country Club
 Essex Fells Country Club
 The Stanwich Club
 The Saint Andrew's Golf Club
 Sterling Farms Golf Club
 The Woodmere Club
 Baltusrol Golf Club
 Winged Foot Golf Club
 MGA eClub - New York City
 Montclair Golf Club
 Century Country Club
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 Mountain Ridge Country Club
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Dan Levinson

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Dennis Lynch - 2009 & 2010 Champion

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Dan O'Callaghan

Michael O'Connell

Chris O'Keefe

John Olsen

Bryan Pendrick

Patrick Pierson

David Prowler

Herrol Pryce

Trevor Randolph

Michael Reardon - 2007 Champion

Daniel Rifkin

Jim Romaniello

Steven Sclafani

Dave Segot

Jay Sessa

Amit Sharma

John Sheehan

Dennis Slezak

Allan Small

Merv Smith

Peter Sommer

Mike Stamberger

Greg Stebbins

Rodney Stilwell

Joseph Swick

Yohei Takada

Tom Timby

Steve Valahovic

Ron Vannelli

Tom Yellin

Ned Zachar

George Zahringer III

David Zeid

Club

Bayonne Golf Club

Rolling Green Golf Club

Nassau Players Club

Winged Foot Golf Club

The Saint Andrew's Golf Club

Century Country Club

Fenway Golf Club

Bedford Golf & Tennis Club

Arcola Country Club

Bethpage State Park Golf Club

Black Oak Golf Club

Mill River Club

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Bethpage State Park Golf Club

Baychester Golf Club

Arcola Country Club

The Tuxedo Club

The Tuxedo Club

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Nassau Players Club

Cherry Valley Club

Bethpage State Park Golf Club

Pine Ridge Golf Club

Knickerbocker Country Club

Fairmount Country Club

Neshanic Valley Golf Course

MGA eClub - New York City

Spring Lake Golf Club

Essex County Country Club

Silver Lake Men's Golf Club

Bethpage State Park Golf Club

Bethpage State Park Golf Club

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About Mountain Ridge Country Club



In 1912, a group of 25 men from Newark's Progress Club incorporated the Mountain Ridge Country Club and celebrated their grand opening in 1913 with a softball game! The club enjoyed its original layout in West Orange until the late 1920's, when it was compelled to relocate deeper into the countryside, eventually settling at the current site off Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell in April of 1929.

The club turned to Donald Ross to design their new golf course, which was officially opened on June 6, 1931. The course has remained virtually untouched by any other architect.

Mountain Ridge was a well-kept secret until Wes Ellis was hired as head professional in 1960, and his exploits over the next six years kept the club consistently in the regional spotlight. Ellis had won the 1958 Canadian Open and the 1959 Texas Open prior to joining the club, then captured the 1961 Crosby and 1965 San Diego Open. While at the club, Ellis won four consecutive NJPGA Section titles (1961-1964), three Met Opens (two at Plainfield and one at Winged Foot) and a pair of New Jersey State Opens.

Mountain Ridge has hosted three Met Opens, two Met Amateurs, and an Ike Championship, making it one of the very few clubs to have hosted all three MGA major championships. In 1979, the Met Amateur at Mountain Ridge featured a final confrontation between Jerry Courville, Sr. and George Zahringer, with Courville taking the title 2 & 1. Zahringer would return to Mountain Ridge in 1985, though, to win the Met Open as an amateur. In 2012, the club hosted the U.S. Senior Amateur.

History of the MGA Mid-Amateur

The first new event created by the MGA since the Carter Cup in 2003, the Mid-Amateur was played for the first time in 2007 and brought together a field of the best 35-and-over amateur golfers the Met Area has to offer. The two-day, stroke-play event is an invitational, though players can gain entry based on high finishes in select MGA and Met Area events.

The inaugural MGA Mid-Amateur was played at Hudson National Golf Club in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., past site of both the Met Open and Met Amateur. Mike Reardon of Tuxedo claimed his first MGA championship with a three-stroke victory over Greg Rohlf of Winged Foot, who had won his second Met Amateur title just a few months earlier. The championship consists of 36 holes of stroke play, with the field cut after the first round to the low 40 and ties and anyone within five shots of the leader. The champion receives the Westmoreland Cup, named after former MGA Senior Director of Rules & Competitions Gene Westmoreland.



Former MGA Senior Director of Rules & Competitions Gene Westmoreland

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Runner-Up	Site
2013	Michael Karger	Trevor Randolph	Anglebrook
2012	Mark Henderson	Hans Albertsson	Meadow Brook
2011	Niall Handley	Gregg Angelillo	Essex County
2010	Dennis Lynch	Hans Albertsson	GlenArbor
2009	Dennis Lynch	Ron Vannelli	Creek
		Ken Bakst	
		John Ervasti	
		Niall Handley	
2008	Greg Rohlf	John Ervasti	Bayonne
		Alan Specht	
		Mike Stamberger	
2007	Mike Reardon	Greg Rohlf	Hudson National

7th MGA Mid-Amateur Championship

Anglebrook Golf Club, Lincolndale, N.Y.

Michael Karger of Century opened the final round with a bogey and found himself six shots back of first round leader Trevor Randolph of Arcola. Seven birdies, an eagle and a competitive amateur course record 7-under 65 later, Karger found himself the winner of the 7th Mid-Amateur Championship at the picturesque Anglebrook Golf Club in Lincolndale, N.Y. His 36-hole score of 137 tied the event's lowest total ever, set in 2012 by Mark Henderson at the Meadow Brook Club. His 65 is the second lowest round in the championship's history. The month before, Karger won the MGA Father and Son Net Tournament with his father, who caddied for him in the Mid-Am. With the win, Karger became the first player to win both the MGA Mid-Amateur and Westchester Golf Association Mid-Amateur, which he captured in 2012.



Results

1	Michael Karger	Century Country Club	-7	137
2	Trevor Randolph	Arcola Country Club	-6	138
3	Mark Henderson	The Saint Andrew's Golf Club	-3	141
4	Alan Specht	Wheatley Hills Golf Club	-1	143
T5	Niall Handley	Essex Fells Country Club	Even	144
	Michael O'Connell	North Jersey Country Club	Even	144
7	Patrick Pierson	Minisceongo Golf Club	+1	145
T8	Joe Sommers	Winged Foot Golf Club	+4	148
	Nick Desai	Baltusrol Golf Club	+4	148
10	Chris O'Keefe	Bethpage State Park Golf Club	+5	149
T11	Dan Levinson	Bayonne Golf Club	+6	150
	Russ Aue	Bethpage State Park Golf Club	+6	150
	Dennis Lynch	Nassau Players Club	+6	150
	Matt Corrigan	Nassau Players Club	+6	150
T15	Dave Segot	Nassau Players Club	+7	151
	Philip Gutterman	Pine Hollow Country Club	+7	151
	Dan O'Callaghan	Bedford Golf & Tennis Club	+7	151
	Jay Blumenfeld	Mountain Ridge Country Club	+7	151

MGA Mid-Amateur Records

SCORING

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

64 — Mark Henderson, 2012

65 — Michael Karger, 2013

67 — Trevor Randolph, 2013

68 — Hans Albertsson, 2012

68 — Kevin Purcell, 2012

68 — Niall Handley, 2011

Lowest Final Round

(36-Hole Tournament)

64 — Mark Henderson, 2012

65 — Michael Karger, 2013

70 — Niall Handley, 2013

70 — Michael O'Connor, 2013

70 — Gregg Angelillo, 2010

70 — Dennis Lynch, 2009

Highest Final Round By Winner

74 — Dennis Lynch, 2010

73 — Niall Handley, 2011

Lowest Winning Total

137 — Mark Henderson, 2012

137 — Michael Karger, 2013

141 — Niall Handley, 2011

141 — Michael Reardon, 2007

Highest Winning Total

147 — Greg Rohlf, 2008

Largest Margin of Victory

3 strokes — Mark Henderson, 2012

3 strokes — Michael Reardon, 2007

Largest Comeback By Winner

(After 18-Holes)

6 strokes — Michael Karger, 2013

5 strokes — Mark Henderson, 2012

5 strokes — Greg Rohlf, 2007

CHAMPIONSHIP

Most Wins

2 — Dennis Lynch (2009, 2010)

Most Top 10 Finishes

5 — Niall Handley

4 — Ken Bakst

3 — Mike Stamberger

3 — Greg Rohlf

3 — John Ervasti

3 — Dennis Lynch

3 — Edward Gibstein

3 — Hans Albertsson

3 — Nick Desai

3 — Patrick Pierson

AGE

Oldest Winner

49 years, 9 months —

Dennis Lynch, 2010

Youngest Winner

36 years, 3 months —

Mark Henderson, 2012

MISCELLANEOUS

Winners of Mid-Amateur &

Met Amateur

Greg Rohl

(Met Am, 1999 — Mid-Am, 2008)



*2009 & 2010 Champion Dennis Lynch
Holds the Records for the Most Wins*

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