



# History of the Met Open Championship

From its inception in 1905 through the 1940 renewal, the Met Open was considered one of the most prestigious events in golf, won by the likes of Gene Sarazen, Johnny Farrell, Tommy Armour, Paul Runyan, Byron Nelson, and Craig Wood, in addition to the brothers Alex and Macdonald Smith (who together captured seven Met Opens, with Alex winning a record four times).



Martin Bohen won consecutively in 1976 and '77.

After an eight-year hiatus overlapping World War II, the Met Open became more of a regional championship, won by many of the top local club professionals, among them Claude Harmon, Jimmy Wright, Jim Albus, David Glenz, Bobby Heins and Darrell Kestner, not to mention such storied amateurs as Chet Sanok, Jerry Courville Sr., George Zahringer III, Jim McGovern, Johnson Wagner, and Andrew Svoboda. Wagner, who won the Met Open as an amateur in 2001, won the title again in 2002 for his first victory as a professional. In recent years, the Met Open has seen wins by top Met Area professionals including Mark Brown, Danny Balin, and Tyler

Hall, and has also seen strong performances by amateurs, such as Cameron Wilson's runner-up finish in 2013 and Ryan McCormick's in 2012.

The 54-hole event is contested at stroke play, with the field cut after the second round to the low 60 and ties and anyone within eight strokes of the leader. The purse was raised to a record \$150,000 in 2007, giving the championship added importance. The strong fields and world-class venues which characterize the Met Open have made it one of the nation's most coveted regional titles. This year celebrates a major milestone in marking the championship's 100th anniversary.

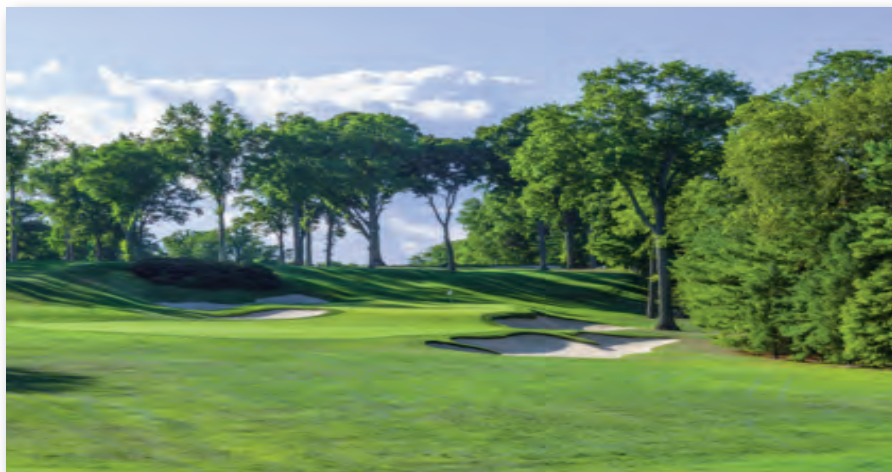


Darrell Kestner won in 1982, '83, and '95

## MGA CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP PRO-AM

Preceding the Met Open, Winged Foot will host the 47th MGA Caddie Scholarship Pro-Am on Monday, August 24. Teams comprised of one professional and three amateurs from the same club will compete for gross and net prizes. The event will raise more than \$50,000 for the caddie scholarship funds of the Long Island, New Jersey, and Westchester Golf Associations, and the WMGA Girls Program. In its 46-year history, the Pro-Am has raised more than \$500,000 for these programs. This year, the Pro-Am received record interest, with over 400 players in the field.

# About Winged Foot Golf Club (East)



Winged Foot traces its roots back to a small group of members within the New York Athletic Club felt the need for a championship course closer to Manhattan than the better courses of the time. The club's founding fathers presented a simple, yet challenging, mandate to the course's architect, Albert W. Tillinghast - "Give us a man-sized course," they demanded.

In May of 1922 Winged Foot purchased a 280-acre site in Mamaroneck, former land of the Mohegan Indians, camping ground for two armies during the Revolutionary War, and adjoining home of novelist James Fenimore Cooper. Tillinghast responded with two magnificent tests of golf, the West Course and its lesser-known sister, the East Course. In his own words, "The holes are like men, all rather similar from foot to neck, but with the greens showing the same varying characters as human faces." The courses, opened for play in 1923, are still rated among the best in the country.

Winged Foot's tournament legacy is impressive, hosting eleven major championships including five U.S. Opens. Highlights of the Opens include Bobby Jones' clutch putt in 1929, the famous "massacre" of 1974, Fuzzy Zoeller's "surrender towel" in 1984, and Phil Michelson's unfortunate blunder in 2006, all occurring on 18-West.

The 100th Met Open will be played on the East Course, also a top-ranked course in the nation. The East Course, which recently was worked on by Gil Hanse, will test the Area's best amateurs and professionals.



*Founded:*  
1921

*Course Opened:*  
1923

*Architect:*  
A.W. Tillinghast

*Championship Tees:*  
Par: 72  
Yardage: 6,664  
Course Rating: 76.8  
Slope: 151



# Sectional Qualifying Results

## New Jersey

Bayonne Golf Club

Date: July 20

Field: 84

Qualifiers: 9

Medalist (70): Sam Bernstein, Century

Qualifying Score Range: 70 - 74



Hackensack Golf Club

Date: July 23

Field: 150

Qualifiers: 16

Medalist (67): (a) Blaine Lafferty, MGA eClub - NJ

Qualifying Score Range: 67 - 72



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## Westchester/Fairfield

Knollwood Country Club

Date: July 20

Field: 148

Qualifiers: 18

Medalist (68): Mario Guerra, Quaker Ridge

Qualifying Score Range: 68 - 72



Brae Burn Country Club

Date: July 20

Field: 139

Qualifiers: 17

Medalist (69): Brian Komline, Black Oak

Qualifying Score Range: 69 - 73



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## Long Island

Plandome Country Club

Date: June 21

Field: 123

Qualifiers: 13

Medalist (65): Jesse Fitzgerald, Garden City Golf Club

Qualifying Score Range: 65 - 70



Port Jefferson Country Club

Date: July 22

Field: 143

Qualifiers: 18

Medalists (71): Jimmy Hazen, St George's

Mike Midgette, Bethpage

Qualifying Score Range: 71 - 75



# Final Field

Past Champions are denoted in **bold**.

Name	Club
(a) Max Adler Colin Amaral Anthony Aruta Kyle Baehler <b>Daniel Balin - 2012</b> Mike J Ballo, Jr. Peter Ballo Brian Bartow Alex Beach <b>Frank Bensel - 2007</b>	Winged Foot Golf Club Metropolis Country Club North Shore Country Club Willow Ridge Country Club Burning Tree Country Club Woodway Country Club Old Oaks Country Club Sunningdale Country Club The Ridgewood Country Club Century Country Club Century Country Club Siwanoy Country Club The Saint Andrew's Golf Club Beacon Hill Golf Club
(a) Sam Bernstein (a) Matthew Bettino Gregory Bisconti Corey Brigham <b>Bill Britton - 1979</b> Andy Brock <b>Mark Brown - 1999, 2013</b> Max Buckley <b>Mike Burke, Jr. - 1997</b> John Bushka Christopher Cappella Jason Carbone Anthony E Casalino Chris Case Stephen Clark (a) Tyler Cline Jerry Courville Jr. Jason Cramer Christopher Ryan DeForest Tony DeMaria Paul Dickinson <b>Mike Diffley - 1991</b> Matthew Dobyns Colin Dolph Michael Durkin (a) Luke Edelman (a) Daniel Eidman (a) Garrett Engel Frank Esposito Jr. Jim Farrell Patrick Fillian Jesse Fitzgerald (a) Brian Flanagan Ray Ford Scott Ford Adam Fuchs Michael Furci	Trump National Golf Club - Colts Neck Metuchen Golf & Country Club Tam O'Shanter Club Westchester Country Club Montammy Golf Club Aspetuck Valley Country Club Hampshire Country Club Baltusrol Golf Club Innis Arden Golf Club Mount Kisco Country Club Sunningdale Country Club The Tuxedo Club Shorehaven Golf Club Copper Hill Country Club Rondout Golf Club Westchester Driving Range Atlantic Golf Club Pelham Country Club Fresh Meadow Country Club North Hempstead Country Club Winged Foot Golf Club Liberty National Golf Club Rockland Country Club Seawane Golf & Country Club Unaffiliated The Creek Echo Lake Country Club Garden City Golf Club Rye Golf Club Rolling Hills Country Club Glen Oaks Club Bethpage State Park Golf Club West Sayville Golf Club

# Final Field

Name	Club
Brian Gaffney	Quaker Ridge Golf Club
Andrew Gai	Longshore Country Club
<b>Mike Gilmore - 2000</b>	Winged Foot Golf Club
<b>Andrew Giuliani - 2009</b>	Trump National Golf Club - Westchester
<b>David Glenz - 1978 &amp; 1986</b>	Black Oak Golf Club
Mitch Gray	Pelham Country Club
(a) Evan M Grenus	Sterling Farms Golf Club
Mario Guerra	Quaker Ridge Golf Club
<b>John Guyton - 2006</b>	Wheatley Hills Golf Club
<b>Tyler Hall - 2011</b>	Upper Montclair Country Club
Jimmy Hazen	St. George's G&CC
Timothy Hegarty	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
<b>Bobby Heins - 1988 &amp; 1989</b>	Old Oaks Country Club
Kyle Higgins	Inwood Country Club
(a) Brendan Hunter	Patriot Hills Golf Club
Tyler Jaramillo	The Saint Andrew's Golf Club
(a) Jin Jeon	Edgewood Country Club
Brett Jones	Due Process Stable
(a) Dawson Jones	MGA eClub - New Jersey
Ryan Kalista	Tamarack Country Club
Peter Kampmann	Manhattan Woods Golf Club
(a) Jordan Kaplan	Pine Hollow Country Club
(a) Max Kern	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
<b>Darrell Kestner - 1982, 1983 &amp; 1995</b>	Deepdale Golf Club
Jamie Kilmer	Wheatley Hills Golf Club
(a) Derrick Bongjun Kim	Rolling Green Golf Club
Sunny Kim	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
(a) Johnson Ko	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
(a) Brian Komline	Black Oak Golf Club
Lou Kubisa	Knob Hill Golf Club
(a) Adam Kugler	Alpine Country Club
(a) Thomas La Morte	Haworth Country Club
Rob Labritz	GlenArbor Golf Club
(a) Blaine Lafferty	MGA eClub - New Jersey
Brian Lamberti	Richter Park Golf Club
Adam Larkin	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
Kevin Lawrence	Fairway Mews Golf Club
(a) Thomas Lee	MGA eClub - New Jersey
(a) Eric LeFante	Colts Neck Golf Club
(a) Brendan Lemp	MGA eClub - New Jersey
(a) Dennis Lynch	Nassau Players Club
(a) Gerry Mackedon	Port Jefferson CC at Harbor Hills
Chris Mazzuchetti	Bayonne Golf Club
John McCarthy	Morris County Golf Club
(a) Aidan McDermott	Pleasantville Country Club
<b>James McGovern - 1987</b>	White Beeches G&CC
(a) Chris Meinke	Longshore Golf Club
Mike Midgette	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
<b>Mark Mielke - 1992 &amp; 2008</b>	Unaffiliated

# Final Field

Name	Club
Bob Miller Jr.	Knollwood Country Club
(a) Michael Miranda	Pine Ridge Golf Club
<b>Kelley Moser - 1981</b>	Westchester Country Club
Dylan Newman	Bonnie Briar Country Club
Matt Noel	Huntington Country Club
Kirk Oguri	The Greens at Half Hollow
(a) Chris O'Keefe	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
(a) Patrick Pierson	Minisceongo Golf Club
Ben Pollard	Deepdale Golf Club
(a) David Prowler	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
(a) Greg Reilly	Country Club of Darien
Jonathan Renza	Mohansic Golf Club
<b>Bob Rittberger - 2010</b>	Garden City Golf Club
Tim Rosenhouse	Engineers Country Club
(a) Joseph Saladino	Huntington Country Club
Kirk Satterfield	Golf Club of Purchase
Jeffrey Michael Schaller	Twaalfskill Golf Club
Chris Scialo	Paramount Country Club
Lawrence Scortichini Jr.	Nissequoque Golf Club
Steve Scott	Paramount Country Club
(a) Chris Sells	Shorehaven Golf Club
Paul Selvaggio	Wykagyl Country Club
(a) Scott Sessions	Knollwood Country Club
Justin Sheehan	Metedeconk National Golf Club
(a) Harrison Shih	Paramount Country Club
Steve Sieg	Navesink Country Club
Matthew Sita	Old Westbury Golf & Country Club
(a) Ryan Snouffer	Essex County Country Club
<b>John Stoltz - 2005</b>	Concord Monster Golf Club
Brent Studer	Metedeconk National Golf Club
<b>Grant Sturgeon - 2014</b>	Winged Foot Golf Club
Kevin Syring	Alpine Country Club
(a) Paul Terminello	Knollwood Country Club
Dylan Thew	Deepdale Golf Club
Abbie Valentine	Bethpage State Park Golf Club
Bill Van Orman	Meadow Brook Club
(a) Ethan Wall	Manasquan River Golf Club
(a) Jeremy Wall	Manasquan River Golf Club
(a) Brian Williams	Winged Foot Golf Club
Pat Wilson	Panther Valley Country Club
Mark Yannotta	Anchor Golf Center
(a) Cameron Young	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
David Young	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
(a) Matthew Yun	Douglaston Golf Course
<b>(a) George J Zahringer III - 1985</b>	Deepdale Golf Club
(a) Jason Zubatkin	Tamarack Country Club
(a) Steven Zychowski	Mendham Golf & Tennis Club

# 99th Met Open

Trump National Golf Club - Bedminster, Bedminster, N.J.  
August 19-21, 2014



Grant Sturgeon turned heads when he ended the second round with a 4-under 68, taking the leaderboard to a whole new level. With two-time Ike Champion Mike Ballo and 17-year-old phenom Cameron Young breathing down his neck in the final grouping, Sturgeon remained stoic throughout the round and carded a 1-under 71, despite the double bogey on his second hole. Three straight birdies on 14, 15, and 16, would be enough to earn the Kentucky native a three shot victory and a spot on the Met Open trophy along with some of the most recognizable names in golf.

## Final Summary:

Starters: 142  
Survivors: 65  
Cut Score: 151

## Leaders:

First Round: Rob Labritz, 68  
Second Round: Mike Ballo, Jr., Grant Sturgeon, 138  
Third Round: Grant Sturgeon, 209

## 2015 Final Results

Final	Player	Club	To Par	Earnings
1	Grant Sturgeon	Winged Foot Golf Club	-7	\$27,500
T2	Timothy Puetz	Huntington Country Club	-4	\$12,500
	Frank Bensel	Century Country Club	-4	\$12,500
T4	Harrison Shih (a)	Alpine Country Club	-3	Amateur
	Cameron Wilson	Shorehaven Golf Club	-3	\$6,500
	Mike J Ballo, Jr.	Woodway Country Club	-3	\$6,500
T7	Chris Scialo	Paramount Country Club	-2	\$4,800
	Sunny Kim	Bethpage Golf Club	-2	\$4,800
	Rob Labritz	GlenArbor Golf Club	-2	\$4,800
	Cameron Young (a)	Sleepy Hollow Country Club	-2	Amateur



# Past Champions

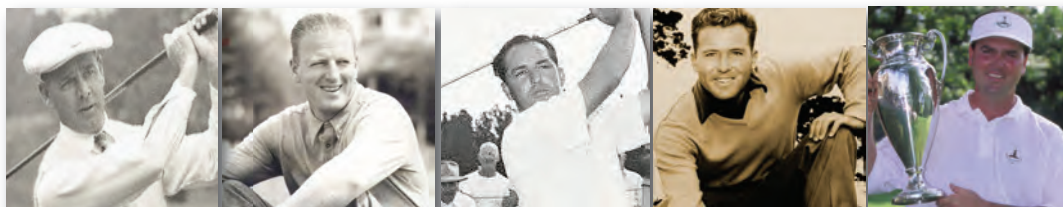
Year	Champion	Score	Runner(s)-up	Score	Site
1905	Alex Smith	300*	Willie Anderson	300	Fox Hills
1906	George Low	294	Alex Smith	296	Hollywood
1907	No Competitions				
1908	Jack Hobens	305	Aleck Campbell	306	Baltusrol
1909	Alex Smith	308	Gil Nichols	310	Wykagyl
1910	Alex Smith	301	Johnny McDermott	303	Deal
1911	Gil Nichols	281	Jack Hobens	289	Englewood
1912	Tom McNamara	293	Gil Nichols	297	Apawamis
1913	Alex Smith	291	Tom McNamara	292	Salisbury Links
1914	Macdonald Smith	278	Willie MacFarlane	287	Scarsdale
1915	Gil Nichols	292*	Bob MacDonald	292	Fox Hills
1916	Walter Hagen	307*	Jim Barnes	307	Garden City GC
			Charles Hoffner	307	
1917-18	No Competitions				
1919	Walter Hagen	294	Emmet French	297	North Shore
1920	Walter Hagen	292*	Jim Barnes	292	Greenwich
1921	Bob MacDonald	294	Pat O'Hara	298	Siwanoy
1922	Marty O'Loughlin	309	Johnny Farrell	312	Lido
1923	Bob MacDonald	295*	Jim Barnes	295	Canoe Brook
1924	Mike Brady	292	Willie MacFarlane	294	Engineers
1925	Gene Sarazen	295	Joe Turnesa	296	Grassy Sprain
1926	Macdonald Smith	286*	Gene Sarazen	286	Salisbury
1927	Johnny Farrell	296	Bobby Cruickshank	297	Wykagyl
1928	Tommy Armour	278	Johnny Farrell	280	Shackamaxon
1929	Bill Melhorn	288	Wiffy Cox	291	Lido
1930	Willie MacFarlane	280*	Johnny Farrell	280	Fairview
1931	Macdonald Smith	285	Gene Sarazen	290	Crestmont
1932	Olin Dutra	282	Walter Kozak	284	Lido
1933	Willie MacFarlane	291	Paul Runyan	292	Winged Foot (West)
1934	Paul Runyan	287	Walter Hagen	288	Echo Lake
			Wiffy Cox	288	
1935	Henry Picard	284	Sid Brews	288	Lakeville
1936	Byron Nelson	283	Craig Wood	285	Quaker Ridge
1937	Jimmy Hines	279	Henry Picard	280	Forest Hill
1938	Jimmy Hines	287	Sam Snead	290	Fresh Meadow



Byron Nelson putts for a full crowd at the 1936 Met Open at Quaker Ridge.

## Past Champions

Year	Champion	Score	Runner(s)-up	Score	Site
1939	Henry Picard	293*	Paul Runyan	293	Metropolis
1940	Craig Wood	264	Ben Hogan	275	Forest Hill
1941-48	No Competitions				
1949	Jack Burke Jr.	274	Gene Sarazen	280	Metropolis
1950	George Stuhler	280	Claude Harmon	281	Garden City CC
1951	Claude Harmon	275	Pete Cooper	277	Forest Hill
1952	Chet Sanok (a)	289	Jim Turnesa	291	Winged Foot (West)
			Dick Mayer	291	
1953	Pete Cooper	284	Pat Cici	288	Rockville
1954	Otto Greiner	290	Jay Herbert	291	The Knoll
1955	Art Doering	285*	Al Brosch	285	Fenway
1956	Doug Ford	288	Mike Turnesa	291	Inwood
1957	Wes Ellis	296	Shelley Mayfield	299	Plainfield
1958	Bob Watson	279	Claude Harmon	282	Metropolis
1959	Jim Turnesa	286	Shelley Mayfield	287	Woodmere



*Mike Brady, Craig Wood, Claude Harmon, Tom Nieporte, and Mike Gilmore are all Winged Foot Professionals who have won the Met Open.*

1960	Al Mengert	272	Wes Ellis	284	Ridgewood
1961	Wes Ellis	289	Claude Harmon	291	Winged Foot (West)
1962	Miller Barber	282*	Tom Nieporte	282	Nassau
1963	Wes Ellis	283	Doug Ford	288	Plainfield
1964	Jack Patroni	284	Al Feminelli	286	Briar Hall
			Wes Ellis	286	
1965	Jerry Pittman	275	Jimmy Wright	278	Woodmere
			Wes Ellis	278	
1966	Tom Nieporte	277	Stan Mosel	280	Mountain Ridge
1967	Jerry Courville Sr. (a)	292	Billy Farrell	296	Winged Foot (West)
			Ron Letellier	296	
			Stan Mosel	296	
			Rick Rhoads	296	
			Terry Wilcox	296	
1968	Jerry Pittman	274	Jimmy Wright	282	Inwood
1969	Jimmy Wright	284	Mike Fetchick	286	Fenway
1970	Jim Albus	288*	Jimmy Wright	288	Ridgewood
1971	Ron Letellier	279	Jimmy Wright	280	Fresh Meadow
1972	Don Massengale	288*	Ron Letellier	288	Stanwich
1973	Peter Davison	286	Tom Joyce	287	Hackensack
1974	Bob Bruno	209	Dave Smith	211	Middle Bay
1975	Carlton White	211	Carl Lohren	214	Metropolis
1976	Martin Bohen	215**	Lloyd Monroe	215	Upper Montclair
			Jimmy Wright	215	
1977	Martin Bohen	214	Austin Straub	216	Meadow Brook
1978	David Glenz	214**	Nick Manolios	214	Quaker Ridge
1979	Bill Britton	216**	George Bullock	216	Plainfield
1980	George Bullock	209**	Dick Siderowf (a)	209	Woodmere

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Year	Champion	Score	Runner(s)-up	Score	Site
1981	Kelley Moser	211	David Glenz	213	Knollwood
1982	Darrell Kestner	207	Jim Albus	211	Montclair
1983	Darrell Kestner	212	Jeff Foxx	216	Old Westbury
			Don Reese	216	
1984	Jim Albus	210	Rick Mesckell	212	Old Oaks
1985	George Zahringer III (a)	210	Bruce Douglass	212	Mountain Ridge
1986	David Glenz	208	Tom Joyce	209	Nassau
1987	Jim McGovern (a)	212	David Glenz	213	Winged Foot (West)
1988	Bobby Heins	210	Tom Joyce	211	Baltusrol (Lower)
1989	Bobby Heins	210**	George Zahringer III (a)	210	Bethpage (Black)
1990	Larry Rentz	204	Mel Baum	210	Westchester
			Tom McGinnis	210	
			Rick Hughes	210	
			Bruce Zabriski	210	
1991	Mike Diffley	205	Jim Albus	208	Hollywood
			Mel Baum	208	
1992	Mark Mielke	207	Rick Vershure	208	Nassau
1993	Bruce Zabriski	204	Larry Rentz	208	Quaker Ridge
1994	Charlie Cowell	208	Rick Hartmann	210	Ridgewood
			Bill King	210	
1995	Darrell Kestner	208**	Bruce Zabriski	208	Atlantic
1996	Bruce Zabriski	208	Charles Bolling	220	Stanwich
			Mike Burke Jr.	220	
			Chris Dachisen	220	
			George Zahringer III (a)	220	
1997	Mike Burke Jr.	214	Rick Hartmann	217	Plainfield
1998	Rick Hartmann	203	Darrell Kestner	204	Creek
1999	Mark Brown	210	Charlie Bolling	212	Tuxedo
			Matt Cannon	212	
2000	Mike Gilmore	207	Jerry Courville Jr. (a)	208	Mountain Ridge
2001	Johnson Wagner (a)	206	Rick Hartmann	209	Bethpage (Black)
2002	Johnson Wagner	207	Rob Labritz	212	Winged Foot (West)
2003	Andrew Svoboda (a)	209	Richard Massey	214	Metedeconk
2004	Rick Hartmann	209	Brian Lamberti	210	Hudson National
2005	John Stoltz (a)	211**	Craig Thomas	211	Old Westbury
2006	John Guyton	210**	Rick Hartmann	210	Canoe Brook (North)
2007	Frank Bensel	207	Rick Hartmann	208	Meadow Brook
			Andrew Svoboda		
			Jim Herman		
			Bob Rittberger		
2008	Mark Mielke	205	Heath Wassem	208	CC of Fairfield
2009	Andrew Giuliani	210	Jerry Courville Jr.	211	Ridgewood
2010	Bob Rittberger	213**	Dan Balin	213	Bethpage (Black)
2011	Tyler Hall	206	Robert Gage	207	Sleepy Hollow
2012	Danny Balin	206	Robert Gage	207	Plainfield
			Morgan Hoffman	207	
			Mike J. Ballo Jr.	207	
			Ryan McCormick (a)	207	
2013	Mark Brown	209**	Cameron Wilson (a)	209	Old Westbury
2014	Grant Sturgeon	209	Timothy Puetz	212	Trump National-Bedminster
			Frank Bensel	212	

\* Won in playoff

\*\* Three-hole aggregate score playoff format, followed by sudden death if necessary

# Met Open Records

## AGE

### Oldest Winner:

56 years, 9 months – Jack Patroni, 1964

### Youngest Winner:

21 years, 5 months – Johnson Wagner, 2001

21 years, 6 months – John Stoltz, 2005



*Bobby Heins at his first Met Open victory in 1988*

## SCORING

### Lowest Score, 18 Holes:

62 – Timothy Hegarty, 2008, CC of Fairfield

63 – Pete Cooper, 1951, Forest Hill

63 – Rick Hartmann, 1998, Creek

63 – Joe Horowitz, 2011, Sleepy Hollow

64 – Craig Wood, 1940, Forest Hill

64 – Jack Burke, 1949, Metropolis

64 – Bob Watson, 1958, Metropolis

64 – Larry Rentz, 1990, Westchester

64 – Mike Diffley, 1991, Hollywood

64 – Brian Lamberti, 2004, Hudson National

64 – John Stoltz, 2005, Old Westbury

### Lowest First Round

62 – Timothy Hegarty, 2008, CC of Fairfield

63 – Pete Cooper, 1951, Forest Hill

64 – Craig Wood 1940, Forest Hill

### Lowest Second Round

63 – Joe Horowitz, 2011, Sleepy Hollow

64 – Jack Burke Jr., 1949, Metropolis

64 – Bob Watson, 1958, Metropolis

64 – Larry Rentz, 1990, Westchester

64 – Mike Diffley, 1991, Hollywood

64 – John Stoltz, 2005, Old Westbury

### Lowest Final Round (54-Hole Tournament)

63 – Rick Hartmann, 1998, Creek

64 – Brian Lamberti, 2004, Hudson National

65 – Mark Brown, 1999, Tuxedo

65 – Robert Gage, 2011, Sleepy Hollow

65 – John Stoltz, 2011, Sleepy Hollow

### Lowest Third Round (72-Hole Tournament)

65 – Jerry Pittman, 1968, Inwood

66 – Macdonald Smith, 1931, Crestmont

### Lowest Final Round (72-Hole Tournament)

65 – Olin Dutra, 1932, Lido

65 – Jimmy Wright, 1965, Woodmere

### Lowest 36-Hole Score

130 – Craig Wood, 1940, Forest Hill

132 – Larry Rentz, 1990, Westchester

133 – Mike Diffley, 1991, Hollywood

133 – Ryan McCormick, 2012, Plainfield

### Lowest 54-Hole Score (54-Hole Tournament)

203 – Rick Hartmann, 1998, Creek

204 – Larry Rentz, 1990, Westchester

204 – Bruce Zabriski, 1993, Quaker Ridge



*1981 Champion Kelly Moser*



**Lowest 54-Hole Score  
(72-Hole Tournament)**

198 – Craig Wood, 1940, Forest Hill  
204 – Wes Ellis, 1960, Ridgewood (N.J.)  
204 – Jerry Pittman, 1965, Woodmere

**Lowest 72-Hole Score (72-Hole  
Tournament)**

264 – Craig Wood, 1940, Forest Hill

**Lowest Last 36 Holes**

132 – Pete Cooper, 1951, Forest Hill  
132 – Larry Rentz, 1990, Westchester  
133 – Olin Dutra, 1932, Lido  
133 – Bruce Zabriski, 1993, Quaker  
Ridge

**Lowest 54 Holes by Amateur**

206 – Johnson Wagner, 2001, Bethpage  
(Black)

**Lowest 72 Holes by Amateur**

289 – Chet Sanok, 1952, Winged Foot  
(West)

**Largest Margin of Victory  
(In 54-Hole Tournament)**

12 strokes – Bruce Zabriski, 1996  
5 strokes – Johnson Wagner, 2002

**Largest Margin of Victory  
(In 72-Hole Tournament)**

12 strokes – Al Mengert, 1960  
11 strokes – Craig Wood, 1940

Al Mengert  
(1960  
Champion)  
still holds the  
record for  
largest margin  
of victory at  
12 strokes.



1991  
Champion  
Mike Diffley

**Largest Lead After 18 Holes**

5 strokes – Macdonald Smith, 1925  
4 strokes – Jim McGovern, 1987

**Largest Lead After 36 Holes**

7 strokes – Larry Rentz, 1990  
6 strokes – Alex Smith, 1909

**Largest Lead After 54 Holes  
(In 72-Hole Tournament)**

9 strokes – Al Mengert, 1960

**Largest Comeback By Winner  
Over Final 18 Holes**

8 strokes – Don Massengale, 1972  
7 strokes – Danny Balin, 2012  
6 strokes – Jim Albus, 1970  
6 strokes – Mike Burke Jr., 1997  
6 strokes – Mark Brown, 1999  
5 strokes – Olin Dutra, 1932  
5 strokes – Rick Hartmann, 1998

**Highest Last Round By Winner**

83 – Marty O'Loughlin, 1922, Lido

**Highest Winning Total (54-Hole  
Tournament)**

216 – Bill Britton, 1979, Plainfield

**Highest Winning Total (72-Hole  
Tournament)**

309 – Marty O'Loughlin, 1922, Lido

*Alex Smith  
still holds the  
record for  
most Met  
Open wins.*



## CHAMPIONS

### Most Wins

- 4 – Alex Smith (1905, 1909, 1910, 1913)
- 3 – Macdonald Smith (1914, 1926, 1931)
- 3 – Walter Hagen (1916, 1919, 1920)
- 3 – Wes Ellis (1957, 1961, 1963)
- 3 – Darrell Kestner (1982, 1983, 1995)

### Wins by an Amateur

- 1952 – Chet Sanok, Winged Foot (West)
- 1967 – Jerry Courville Sr., Winged Foot (West)
- 1985 – George Zahringer III, Mountain Ridge
- 1987 – Jim McGovern, Winged Foot (West)
- 2001 – Johnson Wagner, Bethpage (Black)
- 2003 – Andrew Svoboda, Metedeconk
- 2005 – John Stoltz, Old Westbury

### Home Club Pro Winners

- Alex Smith – Wykagyl, 1909
- Jack Burke – Metropolis, 1949

### Second Place to First in Consecutive Years

- Paul Runyan – 1933-1934
- Claude Harmon Sr. – 1950-1951
- Wes Ellis – 1960-1961
- Jimmy Wright – 1968-1969
- George Bullock – 1979-1980
- Bruce Zabriski – 1995-1996
- Mike Burke Jr. – 1996-1997
- Rick Hartmann – 1997-1998
- Robert Gage – 2011-2012

### Winners of Met Open and PGA Championship

Tommy Armour, Jack Burke Jr., Olin Dutra,  
Doug Ford, Walter Hagen, Henry Picard,  
Paul Runyan, Gene Sarazen, Jim Turnesa

### Winners of Met Open and Met Amateur in the Same Year

- 1985 – George Zahringer III
- 2001 – Johnson Wagner
- 2002 – Johnson Wagner

### Winners of Met Open and Met Amateur

Bill Britton, Mike Burke Jr., Jerry Courville  
Sr., Jim McGovern, Andrew Svoboda,  
Johnson Wagner, George Zahringer III

### Winners of Met Open and Ike in the Same Year

- 1967 – Jerry Courville Sr.
- 2002 – Johnson Wagner

### Winners of Met Open and Ike

Jerry Courville Sr., Mike Diffley, Andrew  
Giuliani, Johnson Wagner, George  
Zahringer III

### Winners of Met Open and U.S. Open

Tommy Armour, Olin Dutra, Johnny Farrell,  
Walter Hagen, Byron Nelson, Gene  
Sarazen, Alex Smith, Craig Wood

### Winners of Met Open and New York State Open in the Same Year

- 1992 – Mark Mielke
- 1999 – Mark Brown
- 2012 – Danny Balin



*1978 and  
1986  
Champion  
David Glenz*

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Most Top 5 Finishes

- 10 – Johnny Farrell
- 10 – Willie MacFarlane
- 9 – Jimmy Wright
- 9 – Jim Albus

### Most Top 5 Finishes by an Amateur

- 4 – George Zahringer III
- 2 – Frank Strafacci
- 2 – Jerry Courville Jr.

### Most Top 10 Finishes

- 14 – Johnny Farrell
- 13 – Willie MacFarlane
- 12 – Jim Albus

### Most Top 10 Finishes by an Amateur

- 8 – George Zahringer III

### Most Times as Low Amateur

- 9 – George Zahringer III
- 6 – Chet Sanok

*George Zahringer III holds the record for most times as Low Amateur.*



### Youngest Low Amateur

- 15 years, 9 months – Cameron Wilson, 2008
- 17 years, 7 months – Sam Bernstein, 2009
- 18 years, 3 months – Jess Sweetser, 1920
- 18 years, 4 months – Jerry Travers, 1905

### Most Times Host Club

- 6 – Winged Foot (1933, '52, '61, '67, '87, 2002)
- 5 – Plainfield (1957, '63, '79, '97, 2012)



*Johnson Wagner set the record for winning all 3 major MGA Championships in a single season when he won the Met Open title in 2002.*

## Future Sites

2016 — Glen Oaks Club, Old Westbury, N.Y  
August 22 - 25

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