



19TH  
MGA SENIOR OPEN  
CHAMPIONSHIP

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ENGINEERS COUNTRY CLUB  
ROSLYN HARBOR, N.Y.  
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

## History of the MGA Senior Open

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

Due to the growing popularity of this event, the MGA added an 18-hole Sectional Qualifying Round for the Senior Open in 2013 to accommodate the growing demand of the championship.



Two-time MGA Senior Open winner Bobby Heins won in 2008 and 2009.



## 2015 Final Field

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
(a) Casey Alexander	Nassau Players Club
George Ancuta	Knoll Country Club
Greg Baker	Rockaway River Country Club
Shawn Baker	The Greens at Half Hollow
Jim Beadle	Essex Golf
Stu Blasius	Lake Murray Golf Course
(a) Jay Blumenfeld	Mountain Ridge Country Club
Charles Bolling	Glen Cove Golf Club
(a) Andre Bolukbas	The Golf Club at Mansion Ridge
Allan Bowman	Cherry Valley Country Club, NJ
(a) Steve Boyd	Baltusrol Golf Club
Mike Burke Jr. - 2011 Champion	Montammy Golf Club
Peter Busch - 2012 Champion	Galloping Hill Golf Course
Mike Caporale	North Hills Country Club
(a) Marc Coleman	Nassau Players 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) Jim D'Antoni	Fairmount Country Club
John Deforest Sr.	Rondout Golf Club
(a) Philip Dessinger	Bonnie Briar Country Club
Mike Diffley	Pelham Country Club
(a) Sean Donovan	Rondout Country Club
(a) Jon Doppelt	Fresh Meadow Country Club
(a) Don Enga	Cherry Valley Club
(a) John Ervasti - 2010 Champion	Sleepy Hollow Country Club
Frank Esposito Jr.	Unaffiliated
Al Fanelli	Crab Meadow Club
(a) Richard Feldman	Centennial Golf Club
Malcolm Galletta Jr.	Engineers CC
(a) Gerry Garber	Engineers Country Club
(a) Scotty George	Westchester Country Club
(a) Edward Gibstein	Engineers Country Club
Mike Gilmore	Winged Foot Golf Club
(a) James Graham	Winged Foot Golf Club
(a) Jon Groveman	The Connecticut Golf Club
(a) Kyle Hardy	West Hills Country Club
Bobby Heins - 2008, 2009 Champion	Old Oaks Country Club
(a) Bill Henry	Forsgate Country Club



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|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|     | Gregory Hurd                        | Western Hills Golf Course      |
| (a) | Tom Hyland                          | Pebble Creek Golf Club         |
|     | Donny Jarvis                        | Wind Watch Golf & Country Club |
|     | Tom Joyce                           | Glen Oaks Club                 |
|     | Darrell Kestner 2003, 2005 Champion | Deepdale Golf Club             |
|     | Bill King                           | Spring Lake Golf Club          |
| (a) | Mark Kosko                          | Darlington G.C.                |
|     | Jon Kudysch                         | The Hamlet Golf & Country Club |
| (a) | Adam Kugler - 2014 Champion         | Alpine County Club             |
|     | Michael Lanzetta                    | Mansfield Golf Center          |
|     | Paul Lejeune                        | Suburban Golf Club             |
| (a) | Dan Levinson                        | Bayonne Golf Club              |
| (a) | Donald Lizak                        | Southampton Golf Club          |
| (a) | Mike LoCastro                       | Rolling Green Golf Club        |
| (a) | Dennis Lynch                        | Nassau Players Club            |
|     | Baker Maddera                       | Rock Spring Club               |
| (a) | Craig Maerki                        | Bethpage State Park Golf Club  |
|     | Mike Mangiaracina                   | Oyster Bay Golf Course         |
| (a) | Michael Marotta                     | South Shore Golf Club          |
| (a) | David Mattana                       | Fresh Meadow Country Club      |
|     | Mark McCormick                      | Suburban Golf Club             |
| (a) | Kevin McEvoy                        | Innis Arden Golf Club          |
|     | James McGovern                      | White Beeches G&CC             |
|     | Peter Meurer                        | TPC Treviso Bay                |
|     | Mark Mielke                         | Unaffiliated                   |
|     | Bob Miller Jr.                      | Knollwood Country Club         |
| (a) | John Morgan                         | Canoe Brook Country Club       |
|     | Gary Ostrega                        | Hyatt Hills Golf Complex       |
| (a) | Kurt Paseka                         | Montauk Downs Golf Club        |
| (a) | Larry Piekarsky                     | North Jersey Country Club      |
| (a) | Patrick Pierson                     | Minisceongo Golf Club          |
|     | Mike Preston                        | Echo Lake Country Club         |
|     | Peter Procops Jr                    | Lawrence Yacht & Country Club  |
| (a) | Tony Procops                        | Knollwood Country Club         |
| (a) | David Prowler                       | Bethpage State Park Golf Club  |
| (a) | Herrol Pryce                        | Baychester Golf Club           |
| (a) | Michael Reardon                     | The Tuxedo Club                |
| (a) | Robert Riefberg                     | Cold Spring Country Club       |
| (a) | Greg Rohlf                          | Winged Foot Golf Club          |
|     | Phil Rusnack                        | Nassau Country Club            |
|     | John Sanges                         | Rockaway Hunting Club          |
| (a) | Peter Scelfo                        | Nassau Players Club            |



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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) Christopher Scott          | Baltusrol Golf Club           |
| Peter Serafimoff               | Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club  |
| (a) Jay Sessa                  | Cherry Valley Club, Inc.      |
| Steve Sieg                     | Navesink Country Club         |
| (a) Scott Singer               | MGA eClub - Long Island       |
| (a) Allan Small                | Fairmount Country Club        |
| Jimmy Smoot                    | Huntington Country Club       |
| (a) Joe Sommers                | Winged Foot Golf Club         |
| (a) Gary Spector               | The Woodmere Club Inc.        |
| (a) Brad Steinthal             | Winged Foot Golf Club         |
| Cary Stephan                   | Whippoorwill                  |
| Charles Stucklen               | Sebonack Golf Club            |
| Brent Studer                   | Metedeconk National Golf Club |
| Michael Summa                  | The Stanwich Club             |
| Tom Sutter                     | Dunwoodie Golf Club           |
| (a) Joseph Swick               | Bethpage State Park Golf Club |
| Kevin Syring                   | Alpine Country Club           |
| Craig Thomas - 2013 Champion   | Metropolis Country Club       |
| (a) Peter Van Ingen            | Deepdale Golf Club            |
| Bill Van Orman                 | Meadow Brook Club             |
| (a) Ron Vannelli               | Forsgate Country Club         |
| Rick Vershure                  | Quaker Ridge Golf Club        |
| Martin Vybihal                 | Apple Ridge Country Club      |
| Stuart Charles Waack           | Silvermine Golf Club          |
| Jim Wahl                       | Whippoorwill Club             |
| (a) Ed Walsh                   | Trump National GC Bedminster  |
| Jeff Warne                     | The Bridge                    |
| Bret Watzka                    | Blue Hill Golf Association    |
| (a) Bart Weissman              | Sterling Farms Mens Golf Club |
| Ed Whitman - 2004 Champion     | Knickerbocker Country Club    |
| (a) Michael Worgul             | Bethpage State Park Golf Club |
| Mark Yannotta                  | Anchor Golf Center            |
| (a) Tom Yellin                 | The Stanwich Club             |
| David Young                    | Sleepy Hollow Country Club    |
| Bruce Zabriski - 2007 Champion | Westchester Country Club      |
| (a) Ned Zachar                 | GlenArbor Golf Club           |



## Eligibility

This competition is open to golfers who have reached their 50th birthday by August 10, 2015, and who are:

1. Past MGA Open Champions
2. PGA members in good standing in the Metropolitan and New Jersey PGA Sections.
3. PGA Apprentices, employed at a golf facility in the MGA territory, who are enrolled in the Professional Golf Management ('PGM').
4. Head and assistant professionals at MGA member clubs.
5. Golf Professionals who are bona fide members, with full golfing privileges, at MGA Member Clubs, have a place of residence in the MGA territory, and a current USGA Handicap Index not to exceed 4.5 under the Men's USGA Handicap System. A Golf Professional may not join an MGA member club for the sole purpose of gaining entry to the MGA Senior Open.
6. Amateur members and applicants for Amateur Reinstatement at MGA Member Clubs with a current USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 4.5 under the Men's USGA Handicap System.

## 2015 Prize Money Breakdown

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.



## About Engineers Country Club



Members of the Engineers Club of Manhattan established Engineers Country Club in 1917. The club purchased the W.R. Willett Manor House and estate in Roslyn Harbor - a 210-acre site that featured a boat house and jetty on Hempstead Bay. The club dedicated 150 acres to an 18-hole golf course, designed by Herbert Strong, and the other 60 acres to homes for members. The rambling brick and frame Manor House, on an eminence overlooking the water, was converted into a clubhouse, but was destroyed by fire just after the club's inaugural ball. Afterwards, an extensive stable facility on the grounds was converted into an unusual, though thoroughly modern, clubhouse.

Within its first four years, Engineers hosted two national championships: the 1919 P.G.A. Championship won by "Long Jim" Barnes and the 1920 U.S. Amateur, with Chick Evans defeating Francis Ouimet in the finals.

The original Engineers failed during the Depression, and the property changed hands and names several times during the ensuing fifteen years, operating at times as a public course. In 1951 members of the Oceanside Golf & Country Club joined with individuals from the north shore to purchase Engineers and form the modern club.

Engineers has been host to many different MGA events, including the 1996 Senior Net Four-Ball, the 1946 MGA Public Links Championship, two Men's Four-Ball Championships, the 2009 Met Junior Championship, the 2007 Father and Son, and the 1924 Met Open won by Mike Brady.



*Founded:*  
1917

*Course Opened:*  
1918

*Architects:*  
Herbert Strong  
Devereux Emmet  
Frank Duane

*Championship Tees:*  
Yardage: 6,839  
Course Rating: 73.3  
Slope: 129

# 18th MGA Senior Open Championship

Alpine Country Club, Demarest, N.J.

August 31- September 1, 2015



Amateur Adam Kugler of Alpine referred to the course knowledge he's collected from his 24 club championship victories at Alpine to dominate the field. Kugler became only the second amateur to win the tournament and did it with a spectacular 36-hole total of 7-under, making it look easy as he carded a total of 7 birdies, one eagle, and two bogeys.

## Final Results

Final Player	Site	Score	Earnings
1 Adam Kugler (a)	Alpine Country Club	137	Amateur
T2 Frank Esposito Jr.	Brooklake Country Club	141	\$3,750
Darrell Kestner	Deepdale Golf Club	141	\$3,750
T4 George J Zahringer III (a)	Deepdale Golf Club	142	Amateur
Gary Ostrega	Hyatt Hills Golf Complex	142	\$1,500
T6 David Young	Sleepy Hollow Country Club	143	\$1,125
Rick Vershure	Quaker Ridge Golf Club	143	\$1,125
T8 Mark McCormick	Suburban Golf Club	Even	\$815
Jerry Courville Jr.	Shorehaven Golf Club	Even	\$815
10 Patrick Pierson (a)	Minisceongo Golf Club	145	Amateur
T11 John DeForest Sr.	Rondout Golf Club	146	\$650
Bill Britton	Trump National - Colts Neck	146	\$650





## Past Champions

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Site</b>
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 CC
2013	Craig Thomas	69-67—136*	Sunningdale
2014	Adam Kugler (a)	69-68—137	Alpine

\* Won in playoff

### Future Site

2016 — Brooklawn Country Club  
Fairfield, Conn.  
August 29 & 30

# Senior Open Records

## AGE

### **Oldest Winners:**

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, 22 days – Craig Thomas, 2013  
 50 years, 25 days – Bruce Zabriski, 2007  
 50 years, 27 days – Darrell Kestner, 2003



Darrell Kestner at his second Senior Open win in 2005 holds the record for most top 5 finishes in the Championship's history.

## 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

### **Amateur Winners**

John Ervasti, 2012  
 Adam Kugler, 2014

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Most Top 5 Finishes**

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

# Senior Open Records

## SCORING

### **Lowest Score, 18 Holes**

- 64 – Mike Caporale, 2009, Woodmere
- 65 – Peter Famiano, 2002, Woodmere
- 65 – Ed Whitman, 2012, Garden City CC
- 65 – Mark Mielke, 2013, Sunningdale
- 66 – John Gentile, 1997, Tuxedo
- 66 – Bobby Heins, 2003, Preakness Hills

### **Lowest Final Round**

- 67 – Craig Thomas, 2013, Sunningdale
- 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**

- 136 – Craig Thomas, 2013, Sunningdale
- 136 – Mark Mielke, 2013, Sunningdale
- 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
- 142 – Allan Small, 2012, Garden City CC

### **Largest Margin of Victory**

- 6 strokes – Russell Helwig, 1998
- 4 strokes – Darrell Kestner, 2003 & 2005
- 4 strokes – Adam Kugler, 2014

### **Largest Lead After 18 Holes**

- 6 strokes – Russell Helwig, 1998
- 5 strokes – Mike Caporale, 2009



John Ervasti was the first amateur to win the Senior Open.

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Cliff Saffron

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Peter Cash

*Golf Professional*  
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