

95th Met Junior Championship



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**NISSEQUOGUE GOLF CLUB**

St. James, N. Y.

July 17-19, 2012



*Mark Reilly*

## MILESTONE YEAR FOR THE MET JUNIOR AT NISSEQUOGUE

After completion of the final sectional qualifier round for the Met Junior Championship, to be played on July 17-19, 2012, at Nissequogue Golf Club in St. James, N.Y., it is quite clear that the 100th anniversary of the championship should be historic. Between the strong field of past champions and the impressive layout of Nissequogue, the level of competition is set high for the 95th playing and 100th anniversary of the Met Junior Championship sponsored by MetLife.

Three out of the four most recent MGA/MetLife Boys champions, Peter Kim of Metuchen, N.J. ('08), Mark Reilly of Babylon, N.Y. ('09), and Theo Humphrey of Greenwich, Conn. ('11) are all contenders in the Junior Championship and look to put themselves in the record books for winning both the Boys and Junior Championships. Most recently, Reilly finished as the runner-up in the 65th MGA/MetLife Public Links Championship at the challenging Black Course at Bethpage State Park.

Other distinguishable players coming into the Junior Championship are Ethan Wall from Brielle, N.J., the 2011 Carter Cup runner-up and medalist of the Met Amateur sectional qualifier at Indian Hills. Earlier this month, Will Bernstein from New York, N.Y. won the LIGA Junior Championship at Cherry Valley Club in Garden City, N.Y., and is ready to take on more rounds of competitive match play. At the Shorehaven qualifying round, 2010 Boys Championship runner-up, David Lee-Tolley from New York, N.Y., finished as a co-medalist for the boys division and seems to be in top form heading into the 95th Met Junior Championship.

In the 1933 tournament, three Strafaci brothers - Frank, Ralph and Tom - reached the semifinals. Ralph won the title, while his brothers lost in the semifinals. Frank came back to win in 1935. Speaking of brotherly history in the Met Junior, Butch and Bill Harmon, and Ralph and Frank Strafaci are the only set of brothers that have successfully won the Met Junior.

Players that have the opportunity to live the legacy of the Strafaci brothers are sectional qualifier and medalist Stephen Pastore of Greenwich, Conn., brother of 2-time champion David Pastore; and John Edler of Fair Haven, N.J., brother of last year's winner, Charlie Edler.

So, the stage is set for 100th anniversary of the Met Junior Championship, the nations oldest Junior Championship. Who will come out as the victor this year? Can Edler or Pastore be the third brother combination to win the Junior? Or will one of the past Boys champions add their names to the record books? Time will tell as the Met Junior returns to Nissequogue Golf Club for the first time since 1978.



*Peter Kim*

## **Quick Facts**

Final Field: 64    Total Entries: 210

2011 Champion: Charles Edler, Fair Haven, N.J.

Exempts: 9    Qualifiers: 55

Format: 18-holes of match play from the first round through the finals

Youngest Player: Bryan Saxon, 9/15/93 (12-years-old)

Oldest Player: Solomon Thompson, 8/18/99 (18-years-old)

12 Boys (under 16) qualified for the 2012 Met Junior

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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>SQR/Exemption</u></b>
Erick Alonso	Haworth, N.J.	77 (NJ)
Gray Barnes	Stormville, N.Y.	74 (HudV)
Will Bernstein	New York, N.Y.	78 (LI)
Corey Birch	Ridgefield, Conn.	73 (W/CT)
Louis Bodine	Flemington, N.J.	75 (NJ)
Christopher Brosi	Stony Brook, N.Y.	72 (LI)
Mark Bugniazet	Rye, N.Y.	71 (W/CT)
Justin Chae (B)	Summit, N.J.	77 (NJ)
Gilbert Chang (B)	Nesconset, N.Y.	76 ((W/CT)
Cameron Chottiner (B)	Westport, Conn.	74 (W/CT)
James Corrigan	Irvington, N.Y.	76 ((W/CT)
Benjamin DeForest	Cottekill, N.Y.	75 (NJ)
Ethan DeForest	Cottekill, N.Y.	75 (HudV)
Michael Ditursi	Rye, N.Y.	76 ((W/CT)
Luke Edelman	Mahwah, N.J.	77 (NJ)
John Edler	Fair Haven, N.J.	72 (NJ)
Will Essigs	New Canaan, Conn.	72 (W/CT)
Christian Fitzgerald	Plandome, N.Y.	78 (LI)
Brian Fitzpatrick	Middlesex, N.J.	77 (NJ)
Christopher Gabriele	Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.	Exempt (5)
Matt Galindo (B)	Smithtown, N.Y.	Exempt (6)
Sean Ginley (B)	Warwick, N.Y.	75 (W/CT)
Kevin Godart	Ridgewood, N.J.	77 (NJ)
Cody Gross	Babylon, N.Y.	76 (LI)
Nick Hallowell	Montvale, N.J.	78 (NJ)
Matthew Hirsh	Hewlett, N.Y.	78 (LI)
Theodore Humphrey	Greenwich, Conn.	Exempt (4)
Sam Ignatuk	Boonton, N.J.	76 (NJ)
Dawson Jones (B)	Howell, N.J.	77 (NJ)
Brian Kehoe	Katonah, N.Y.	73 (W/CT)
Peter Kim	Metuchen, N.J.	Exempt (4)
Scott Kim	River Edge, N.J.	73 (NJ)
Luke Koskovolis	Manhasset, N.Y.	78 (LI)
Thomas La Morte	Haworth, N.J.	75 (W/CT)
Bradley Lankler	Westfield, N.J.	77 (NJ)
David Lee-Tolley (B)	New York, N.Y.	72 (W/CT)

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>SQR/Exemption</u></b>
Cameron Mackay	Redding, Conn.	73 (W/CT)
Arjun Madgavkar	New York, N.Y.	74 (NJ)
Tim Maloney	West Orange, N.J.	78 (NJ)
Armando Olivieri	Greenwich, Conn.	74 (W/CT)
Dan O'Rourke	Milford, N.J.	75 (NJ)
John Pak (B)	Scotch Plains, N.J.	76 ((W/CT)
Vincent Palazzolo (B)	Colts Neck, N.J.	72 (W/CT)
Ian Palfrey	Bronxville, N.Y.	Exempt (4)
Stephen Pastore	Greenwich, Conn.	68 (W/CT)
Kieran Purcell	Nutley, N.J.	75 (NJ)
Mark Reilly	Babylon, N.Y.	Exempt (1)
Travis Ricca	East Northport, N.Y.	79 (LI)
Jack Rosenberg (B)	Laurel Hollow, N.Y.	77 (LI)
Michael Savitt	Greenwich, Conn.	75 (W/CT)
Bryan Saxon	Califon, N.J.	75 (NJ)
Johnny Schob	Huntington, N.Y.	79 (LI)
Mike Shine	River Vale, N.J.	78 (NJ)
Jim Smoot Jr. (B)	Huntington, N.Y.	77 (LI)
Michael Spiegel	Rye, N.Y.	75 (W/CT)
Frank Szucs	Brookside, N.J.	75 (NJ)
Steven Tanen	Syosset, N.Y.	76 (LI)
Solomon Thompson (B)	Scarsdale, N.Y.	76 (W/CT)
Sean Trainor	White Plains, N.Y.	69 (W/CT)
Ethan Wall	Brielle, N.J.	Exempt (3)
Jerry Wall	Brielle, N.J.	Exempt (3)
Cory Wilson	Andover, N.J.	Exempt (3)
Ty Zebrowski	Verona, N.J.	77 (NJ)
Jackson Zepf	Thornwood, N.Y.	76 (W/CT)

### **Exempt Categories**

1. Former winners of the Carter Cup, MGA Junior, and MGA Boys Championships
2. 2011 Junior Champions of the New Jersey State, Connecticut State, New York State, Westchester and Long Island Golf Associations
3. 15 Lowest scores (+ties) in the 2011 Carter Cup
4. Qualifiers for the 2012 USGA Junior Championship
5. 2011 Met Junior semifinalists and 2011 MGA/MetLife Boys runner-up
6. Current Junior Club Champion at Host Club - Nissequoque

## About Nissequogue Golf Club



In 1966, a group of businessmen from the Smithtown area got together to form the Nissequogue Golf Club and to create “the perfect golf course.” The ravined, tree-studded seashore and rolling countryside three miles northeast of Smithtown on a secluded, idyllic peninsula jutting into Smithtown Bay, bordered by St. James Bay and Stony Brook Harbor to the east and the Nissequogue River on the west, gave them every chance to realize their dream.

The new organization purchased the former estate of William Ryan, publisher of the *Literary Digest* during the 1930s and 1940s, and well known for his political commentary at that time. The Ryan mansion, a white-brick, slate-roof country manor, featured chandeliered halls and a winding staircase to the second floor. The mansion still serves as the clubhouse.

For their golf course, the members turned to local builder C.K. Martin, who had built the new Meadow Brook (1955) and Mill River (1965) courses and added the beautiful and challenging 17th and 18th holes at nearby Indian Hills. Martin designed a course that fully utilized the ravines and existing stands of trees, many of them more than a century old. For dramatic effect, he placed three tees and three greens on the bay.

The signature hole at Nissequogue is the 17th, a par 3 that runs parallel to the bay from an elevated tee and over an expanse of wetlands.

This strong layout, renovated in recent years by architect Stephen Kay, has been tested just once prior in a major regional championship, the 1978 Met Junior, won by Martin Vybihal 2 & 1 over Bobby Mattiace. Nissequogue will provide a stunning backdrop for the 100th anniversary of the country’s oldest junior championship.



*Founded:*  
1968

*Course Opened:*  
1968

*Architect:*  
C.K. Martin

*Championship Tees:*

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,659

Course Rating: 72.4

Slope: 132



# 94th Met Junior Championship

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Fairmount Country Club, Chatham, N.J.

July 12-14, 2011

Surviving six rounds of match play to win the nation's oldest junior championship is not easy, even though Charles Edler of Fair Haven, N.J., made it look so on the last day of competition at Fairmount Country Club. Edler never trailed in his final two matches, ending each of them on the 16th hole en route to winning the 94th Met Junior Championship sponsored by MetLife with a 3 & 2 final victory over Dylan Crowley of Glen Cove, N.Y. It was the first MGA title for Edler, 18, who began his freshman year at Dartmouth College last fall.

In the final match against fellow 18-year-old Crowley, an incoming freshman at St. John's University, Edler won the first hole with a par and was off to the races. Following a win by Crowley at the par-3 fourth hole, Edler won the fifth, sixth, and eighth holes to take a commanding 3-up lead which he would not relinquish.

## ~Final~

Charles Edler, Fair Haven, N.J., def. Dylan Crowley, Glen Cove, N.Y., 3 & 2

## ~Semifinals~

Edler def. Matthew Lowe, Farmingdale, N.Y., 4 & 2

Crowley def. Anthony Alex, Wayne, N.J., 1 up

## ~Quarterfinals~

Edler def. Sean Kelly, Staten Island, N.Y., 5 & 3

Lowe def. Jeremy Wall, Brielle, N.J., 3 & 1

Alex def. Peter Kim, Metuchen, N.J., 1 up

Crowley def. Theodore Humphrey, Greenwich, Conn., 2 & 1

## ~Round of 16~

Kelly def. Ian Palfrey, Bronxville, N.Y., 21 holes

Edler def. Max Christiana, White Plains, N.Y., 2 up

Wall def. Harrison Shih, Saddle River, N.J., 3 & 2

Lowe def. Stephen Pastore, Greenwich, Conn., 7 & 6

Crowley def. Ben Alcorn, Chatham, N.J., 3 & 2

Humphrey def. Cody Gross, Babylon, N.Y., 19 holes

Kim def. Clancy Waugh, Manhasset, N.Y., 1 up

Alex def. Louis Bodine, Flemington, N.J., 4 & 3



2011 champion Charles Edler

# History of the Met Junior Championship



The nation's oldest junior championship was founded in 1912 by Leighton Calkins, a former member of the MGA and USGA Executive Committees. Over the ensuing years, the Met Junior has produced a number of winners who have gone on to outstanding achievements on both the regional and national levels.

Frank Strafaci, who won the Met Junior at Apawamis in 1935, later became the only seven-time champion of the Met Amateur. In 1961, Claude Harmon Jr., better known today as Butch, captured the title at Inwood. Seven years later, his younger brother Bill won the Junior at Morris County Golf Club. Both brothers followed in their legendary father's footsteps and became internationally recognized golf instructors. Other well-known Met Area instructors who are former Met Junior champions include Tom Patri Jr. (1976) and Mike Lopuszynski (1982).

More recently, 1994 Junior champion Marc Turnesa won a tournament in his rookie season on the PGA Tour in 2008, and 1997 Junior champion Andrew Svoboda, who captured the 2003 Met Open while still an amateur, plays on the Nationwide Tour. In 2003, Mike Quagliano, of GlenArbor, came within a whisker of winning the Met Amateur two weeks after winning the Junior, losing in the finals on the 37th hole. In 2009, David Pastore captured his second Met Junior title, a feat that only few have accomplished in the event's storied history.

The Junior champion is awarded the esteemed Mandeville Trophy, and it is one of the toughest MGA trophies to win. Sectional qualifying throughout the Met Area narrows a typical entrant pool of 300 junior golfers down to 64, who are then seeded in a match play bracket. The winner must survive a grueling schedule that includes six matches over three days.

The championship is preceded by the MGA/MetLife Pro-Junior, in which the contestants team with Met Area golf professionals in a competition and also have the opportunity to get an up-close look at the venue for the Junior championship. Players and their families are then guests at the traditional Junior Banquet on the eve of the championship.



Current PGA Tour player Marc Turnesa (*near right*) won the Met Junior in 1994; 2003 champion Michael Quagliano (*far right*) is a recent winner on the Gateway Tour.



## Past Champions

<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Site</b>
1912	Stuart Connolly	Philip Carter	7 & 4	Plainfield
1913	Philip Carter	Stuart Connolly	4 & 3	Plainfield
1914	Philip Carter	Vincent Helton	8 & 6	Plainfield
1915	Philip Carter	R.M. Lewis	1-up (19)	Garden City GC
1916	Vincent Helton	Harry Scharff	4 & 2	Englewood
1917-18	No Competitions			
1919	Peter Harmon	George Bomann Jr.	4 & 3	Siwanoy
1920	J.G. McMahon	J. Leonard	3 & 2	Sleepy Hollow
1921	J.A. Fuller	Martin Issler	4 & 3	Belleclair
1922	Charles Pierson	Richard Jones Jr.	2 & 1	Ardsley
1923	Richard Jones Jr.	Wilfred Pomares	3 & 2	Garden City GC
1924	Richard Jones Jr.	Jack Mackie Jr.	4 & 2	Westchester Hills
1925	Eugene Homans	Jack Mackie Jr.	5 & 4	Sleepy Hollow
1926	Eugene Homans	Philips Finlay	4 & 3	Cherry Valley
1927	Sidney Noyes Jr.	Philips Finlay	3 & 2	Sleepy Hollow
1928	Sidney Noyes Jr.	R.A. Moffett	2 & 1	Wheatley Hills
1929	A.F. Kramer Jr.	Hamilton Wright	5 & 4	Morris County
1930	R.A. Moffett	T.S. Tailer Jr.	2-up	Ardsley
1931	T.S. Tailer Jr.	Fred Newton	3 & 1	Lido
1932	Thomas Goodwin	Celestin Durand	5 & 3	Hackensack
1933	Ralph Strafacci	Karl Karch	3 & 1	Sleepy Hollow
1934	August Boyajian	Lloyd Ribner	1-up	Nassau
1935	Frank Strafacci	August Boyajian	2 & 1	Apawamis
1936	Robert Jacobson	Frank Strafacci	2 & 1	Wheatley Hills
1937	Wilson Flohr	William Clark	2 & 1	Englewood
1938	William Clark	Wilson Flohr	3 & 2	Sunningdale
1939	John Humm	Jack Gerlin Jr.	3 & 2	North Hempstead
1940	Robert Kuntz	Stanley Calder	2-up	Montclair
1941	Stanley Calder	William Rohrey	5 & 4	Bonnie Briar
1942-45	No Competitions			
1946	Edward Travis Jr.	George Stuhr Jr.	1-up	Hempstead
1947	William Edwards	Walter Robbins	5 & 4	Essex Fells
1948	William Edwards	William Wallace	5 & 3	Briar Hills
1949	William Edwards	Paul Kelly	3 & 2	Hempstead
1950	William Edwards	Paul Kelly	4 & 3	Upper Montclair
1951	William Edwards	Paul Kelly	2 & 1	Siwanoy
1952	James DePiro	Murray Vernon Jr.	2-up	North Hills
1953	James DePiro	Charles Slicklen Jr.	7 & 6	Forest Hills
1954	Charles Slicklen Jr.	James Fisher	1-up	Ardsley
1955	James Iverson	James Fisher	4 & 3	North Shore
1956	Alan Gilison	Robert Jones Jr.	6 & 5	Morris County
1957	Rick Gleacher	David Mance	3 & 1	Bonnie Briar
1958	Ralph Johnston	Roy Humphreys	2 & 1	Brookville
1959	Ralph Johnston	Peter Bisconti Jr.	2 & 1	Morris County
1960	Thomas Luddy	Martin Schlissberg	1-up (19)	Sleepy Hollow
1961	Claude Harmon Jr.	Mike Turnesa Jr.	8 & 7	Inwood
1962	Dennis Troy	Mike Mallon	1-up	Morris County



## MET JUNIOR

<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Site</b>
1963	Jim Conace	Gordon Harrison	3 & 2	Waccabuc
1964	Richard Spears	Eugene Zachary	7 & 6	North Hempstead
1965	Paul Samanchik	Steve Earle	2 & 1	Morris County
1966	Billy Ziobro	James Dwulet	2 & 1	Apawamis
1967	Richard Spain	Bill Harmon	3 & 2	Rockville Links
1968	Bill Harmon	Donald Jarvis	1-up (19)	Morris County
1969	Bill Furey	Donald Jarvis	2 & 1	Knollwood
1970	Jim Ulozas	Dave DeRosa	1-up (19)	Nassau
1971	Art Silvestrone Jr.	Michael Occi	1 up	Morris County
1972	Michael Occi	William Britton	3 & 2	Apawamis
1973	Bruce Paolini	Jeff Liebler	4 & 3	Inwood
1974	Robert Heidenberg	Tom Kulawiec	1-up (19)	Rockaway River
1975	Bill Newman	Robert G. Lacey	1-up	Ardsley
1976	Tom Patri Jr.	Tom Dee	3 & 2	Whippoorwill
1977	Jon Saxton	Steven White	4 & 3	Rockaway River
1978	Martin Vybihal	Robert Mattiace	2 & 1	Nissequogue
1979	Robert Mattiace	Mark Trauner	4 & 3	Knollwood
1980	Randolph Rogers	Chris Czaja	4 & 3	Rockaway River
1981	Michael Arasin	Donald Edwards	3 & 1	Inwood
1982	Mike Lopuszynski	Brian Tompkins	4 & 2	Brooklawn
1983	Jeff Putman	David Hillman	1-up	Rockaway River
1984	Darrell Bock	Frank Bensel	2 & 1	St. George's
1985	Jerry Springer	Tom Galvin	5 & 3	Apawamis
1986	Adam Spring	James Sears	3 & 2	Essex Fells
1987	Adam Spring	James Sears	6 & 5	Plandome
1988	Robert Fisher	Brian Recher	6 & 4	Ardsley
1989	Peter Dachisen	Dennis Hillman	2 & 1	Rockaway River
1990	Gregory Bisconti	Scott Sherwood	2-up	Wheatley Hills
1991	Michael Gazlay	Kevin Reilly	7 & 6	Apawamis
1992	Rich Jeremiah	Dan Patti	2 & 1	Rockaway River
1993	Bill Olin	Matt Holub	5 & 4	Plandome
1994	Marc Turnesa	Jerome Kim	4 & 3	Mount Kisco
1995	Ken Macdonald	John Olsen	3 & 2	Rockaway River
1996	Taylor Walsh	Nicholas Maselli	5 & 4	Hempstead
1997	Andrew Svoboda	Daniel Lee	2 & 1	Brooklawn
1998	Martin Catalioto	Tyler Hall	3 & 1	Rockaway River
1999	Keith Hendricksen	Brian Fitzpatrick	1-up	Hempstead
2000	Martin Catalioto	Jack Skirkanich	3 & 1	Ardsley
2001	Garett Engel	Devin Drobbin	3 & 2	Rockaway River
2002	John Jamgochian	Marc Issler	6 & 5	St. George's
2003	Michael Quagliano	Andrew Giuliani	6 & 4	Apawamis
2004	Pat Fillian	Sun Ho Kim	5 & 3	Rockaway River
2005	Gene Yang	Jeff Pike	2 & 1	Hempstead
2006	David Pastore	Chris Scialo	1-up	Apawamis
2007	Mark Costanza	Max Bichsel	3 & 2	Brooklawn
2008	Anthony Aloï	Dillon Corbo	1-up (19)	Rockaway River
2009	David Pastore	Pierce Dever	5 & 3	Engineers
2010	Michael Miller	Schuyler Stizer	2 & 1	Ardsley
2011	Charles Edler	Dylan Crowley	3 & 2	Fairmount

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