



The 16th

**MGA SENIOR OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP**

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GARDEN CITY COUNTRY CLUB

Garden City, N.Y.
August 27 & 28, 2012



NEWCOMERS, PAST CHAMPIONS HIGHLIGHT MGA SENIOR OPEN FIELD AT GARDEN CITY

One of the most competitive segments of golf is the over-50 set, and in recent years some very accomplished Met Area champions have reached that age milestone and been able to contend on the senior circuit. This group became even stronger this year with the addition of three prominent names to the field of professionals and amateurs for the 16th MGA Senior Open Championship, to be played August 27 and 28 at Garden City Country Club on Long Island.



Mark Mielke won the Met Open in 1992.

The high-profile newcomers include Mark Mielke of Mill River, who celebrated his 50th

birthday on July 15. Mielke has a long history of Met Area victories, highlighted by his two Met Open victories in 2008 and 1992 and wins at the 2003 and 1992 New York State Open. Mielke also won the 1987 MGA/MetLife Public Links Championship in his amateur days. Other rookies in the Senior Open field are two highly accomplished amateurs: two-time (2010 & '09) MGA Mid-Amateur champion Dennis Lynch of Nassau Players, who also competed on the victorious MGA Carey Cup team in 2011, and Mike Reardon of Tuxedo, the 2007 MGA Mid-Amateur and 2011 MGA Mixed Pinehurst champion.

Along with these high-profile newcomers, eight past champions of the MGA Senior Open, along with several other players who have won MGA titles over the years, make up the field of 168 who will begin play in the 36-hole stroke play championship.

Leading the charge is defending champion Mike Burke Jr. of Montammy, who won this event last year at Crestmont Country Club in West Orange, N.J. Burke, 55, also won the 1997 Met Open and has had one of the best playing careers of any club professional in New Jersey.

There are three people in the field who have won the MGA Senior Open twice, and all figure to be a factor at Garden City. Bobby Heins ('08 & '09) of Old Oaks Country Club is in the midst of yet another great season, as the 61-year-old qualified for this year's U.S. Senior Open and made it to the semifinals of the Met PGA MasterCard Senior Match Play Championship. Fresh off his PGA Championship experience at Kiawah is Darrell Kestner of Deepdale Golf Club ('03 & '05), who is also a three-time (1982, '83, & '95) Met Open champion. The final two-time champion in the field is 1998 and '99 winner Russell Helwig of Essex Fells



2006 champion Bill Britton

Other former champions looking to join the ranks of two-time winners are Bruce Zabriski (2007) of Westchester, Bill Britton (2006) of Trump National - Colts Neck, and 2004 winner Ed Whitman of Knickerbocker.

Leading the amateur contingent into the Senior Open is 2010 champion John Ervasti of Sleepy Hollow Country Club, who is the only amateur to win the Senior Open. Al Small of Fairmount Country Club enters the championship on a roll, following his appearance in the 97th Met Open and his successful qualifying for the 2012 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship. Amateurs in this year's field who played well in last year's event include David Prowler of Bethpage State Park Golf Club, Don Enga of Cherry Valley Club, and Joe Sommers of Winged Foot Golf Club.

The high caliber of the field is matched by the golf course, as Garden City Country Club's Walter Travis design is a classic layout that tests all facets of a player's game. The 6,700-yard, par-70 track will demand the field's best golf, especially when navigating the heavily bunkered and undulating greens. Garden City has played host to the 1950 Met Open, the 1954 Met Amateur—where Frank Strafaci won his seventh Met Am title—and the 1969 Met Amateur.

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Name

Casey Alexander (a)
Bruce Alpert (a)
John Baer
Bruce Berman (a)
Michael Birmingham (a)
Stu Blasius
Dave Boccia (a)
Charles Bolling
Andre Bolukbas (a)
Bill Boyle (a)
Bill Britton
Brian Brown (a)
Mike Buccolo (a)
Mike Burke
Peter Busch
Lou Buttermark (a)
Juan Campos (a)
Mike Caporale
Mike Caputo
Frank Ciulla (a)
Warren Cohen (a)
Marc Coleman (a)
Matt Corrigan (a)
Jerry Courville Jr.
Jim Craffey Jr. (a)
Charles Craig (a)
Chris Dachisen
Jim Dantoni (a)
John DeForest Sr.
Todd Deos (a)
Robert Mercer Deruntz
Philip Dessinger (a)
Tom Dicinti (a)
Mike Diffley
Dan Dinan (a)
Martin Dolan (a)
Sean Donovan (a)
Jon Doppelt
Jack Druga
Don Enga (a)
John Erra (a)
John Ervasti (a)
Al Fanelli
Richard Feldman (a)
Andy Fellows
Anthony Fioretti (a)
Peter Friedes (a)
Robert Gable
Malcolm Galletta Jr.
Sean Garrity
Larry Gellman (a)
Scotty George (a)
Edward Gibstein (a)
James Graham (a)
Tom Greenwood (a)
Martin Gregge (a)
Jon Groveman (a)
Larry Hall
Paul Hamilton (a)

Club

MGA eClub - Long Island
Westhampton
Century
Willow Ridge
Nassau Players
GolfTEC Paramus
Huntington
Glen Cove
Mansion Ridge
Metedeconk National
Trump National-Colts Neck
Southward Ho
Brookville
Montammy
Gallopig Hill
Richmond County
Split Rock
North Hills
Toana Vista
Wykagyl
Sands Point
Nassau Players
Nassau Players
Shorehaven
Arcola
Round Hill
North Jersey
Saint Andrew's
Rondout
West Sayville
Engineers
Bonnie Briar
MGA eClub - New Jersey
Pelham
North Jersey
Ardsley
Tallgrass
Fresh Meadow
Shinnecock Hills
Cherry Valley
Island Hills
Sleepy Hollow
Tallgrass
Centennial
Greenwich
Ballyowen
Wykagyl
Metropolis
Engineers
Griff Harris
Old Westbury
Westchester
Engineers
Winged Foot
MGA eClub - New Jersey
Metropolis
Sunningdale
Packanack
Trump National-Hudson Valley

Name

Dick Hanington (a)
 Jeremiah Harrington (a)
 Bobby Heins
 Russell Helwig
 John Hendricks (a)
 Bill Henry (a)
 Daniel Temple Hollis
 Jerry Horton (a)
 Robert Howe (a)
 Terence Hughes
 Timothy Hultquist (a)
 Gregory Hurd
 Tom Hyland (a)
 Donny Jarvis
 Robert Joyce
 Tom Joyce
 Darrell Kestner
 Bill King
 Jon Kudysch
 Gregory Langell (a)
 Michael Lanzetta
 Dave Laudien
 Nelson Long
 Robert Longo
 Joel Lulla (a)
 Dennis Lynch (a)
 Baker Maddera
 John J Manning III
 Nick Manolios
 John Marchetti (a)
 Skip Marini
 Michael Marotta (a)
 David Mattana (a)
 Kevin McEvoy (a)
 John McPhee
 Steven Memoli (a)
 Rick Meskell
 Peter Meurer
 Jeff Michaels
 Mark Mielke
 Bill Milgrim
 Bob Miller Jr.
 Jerry Moore
 Kelley Moser
 Peter Norwalk
 John O'Malley
 Timothy Ormsby (a)
 Gary Ostrega
 Tom Patri
 John Piekarz
 Tom Pistone (a)
 Peter Procops
 David Prowler (a)
 Douglas Quackenbush
 Michael Reardon (a)
 George Riehm (a)
 Randy Riley (a)
 Eurice Rojas (a)
 Jim Romaniello (a)

Club

Huntington
 Westchester
 Old Oaks
 Essex Fells
 Plainfield
 Forsgate
 Hyatt Hills
 Forsgate
 Winged Foot
 Mahopac
 Winged Foot
 North Hempstead
 Pebble Creek
 Glen Cove
 Southampton
 Glen Oaks
 Deepdale
 Spring Lake
 Crab Meadow
 Glenwood
 Mansfield
 Howell Park
 Century
 Eisenhower Park
 Bethpage State Park
 Nassau Players
 Rock Spring
 Sprain Lake
 Mount Kisco
 Whippoorwill
 Mohansic
 South Shore
 Fresh Meadow
 Innis Arden
 Waccabuc
 Cold Spring
 Meadow Brook
 Staten Island Practice Center
 West Point
 Mill River
 Queensborough
 Knollwood
 Stanton Ridge
 Westchester
 Eisenhower Park
 Forsgate
 Bethpage State Park
 Hyatt Hills
 Friar's Head
 Metuchen
 Rockville Links
 Lawrence
 Bethpage State Park
 Spook Rock
 Tuxedo
 Sprain Valley
 Baltusrol
 White Beeches
 Shorehaven



Name

Michael Romeo (a)
 Brian Schuman (a)
 James Sclafani
 Peter Serafimoff
 Jay Sessa (a)
 Jamie Shapiro (a)
 Steven Sieg
 Scott Singer (a)
 Pravin Singh (a)
 Allan Small (a)
 Billy Smith
 Jim Smoot
 Bill Snouffer (a)
 Robert Sobel (a)
 Joe Sommers (a)
 Gary Spector (a)
 Rodney Stilwell (a)
 Scott Stoner (a)
 Mike Stubblefield
 Tom Sutter
 Kevin Syring
 Skip Tellefsen (a)
 Tommy Thomas
 Anthony Tichner (a)
 Jeffrey Toia (a)
 Tom Trakoval (a)
 Michael Troy (a)
 Grant Turner
 Jim Turnesa
 Mike Turnesa Jr.
 Stephen Tympanick (a)
 Daniel Tzivanis
 Peter Van Ingen (a)
 Ron Vannelli (a)
 Rick Vershure
 Bret Watzka
 Ric Weinstein (a)
 Robert Wenz Jr.
 Ed Whitman
 Marty Winkelman (a)
 Cameron Wood
 Michael Worgul (a)
 Garnet Wright
 Tom Yellin (a)
 Bruce Young
 David Young
 Bruce Zabriski
 Ned Zachar (a)

Club

St. George's
 Colonial Springs
 West Sayville
 Millbrook
 Cherry Valley
 Engineers
 Navesink
 MGA eClub - Long Island
 Kutshers
 Fairmount
 Cedar Brook
 Huntington
 Panther Valley
 Hudson National
 Winged Foot
 Woodmere
 Silver Lake
 Douglaston
 Elmwood
 Dunwoodie
 Alpine
 Richmond
 Inwood
 Woodmere
 Baltusrol
 Port Jefferson
 Stanwich
 Siwanoy
 Knollwood
 Rockville Links
 Noyac
 Rolling Hills
 Deepdale
 Metuchen
 Quaker Ridge
 Blue Hill
 Minisceongo
 Galloping Hill
 Knickerbocker
 Glen Head
 Inwood
 Bethpage State Park
 Metropolis
 Stanwich
 Harkers Hollow
 Sleepy Hollow
 Westchester
 GlenArbor

Quick Facts

Final Field: 168

2011 Champion: Mike Burke Jr., Montammy

Professionals: 79 Amateurs: 89

Format: 36 holes, stroke play. Cut to low 40s and ties after first round

Eligibility

This competition is open to golfers who have reached their 50th birthday by August 27, 2012, and who are:

1. Past Met Open champions
2. Members in good standing in the Metropolitan and New Jersey PGA Sections (A-3 members must have their principal place of residence in the MGA territory)
3. Professionals employed at a golf facility in the MGA territory, who are enrolled in the PGM GPTP
4. Head and assistant professionals at MGA member clubs
5. Professionals who are bona fide members with full golfing privileges at MGA member clubs, have a residence in the MGA territory and a current USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 4.5 under the Men's USGA Handicap System at that MGA member club
6. Amateur members and applicants for Amateur reinstatement at MGA member clubs with a current USGA Handicap Index of 4.5 or less under the Men's USGA Handicap System

2012 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.

Future Sites

2013 — Sunningdale Country Club
 Scarsdale, N.Y., August 26 & 27

2014 — Alpine Country Club
 Demarest, N.J., August 25 & 26



About Garden City Country Club



Garden City Country Club was organized by a group of former and overcrowded Salisbury Links members in 1916. The club leased the estate of Lyman Gordon, west of the Nassau Boulevard railroad station and divided by the railroad tracks, and engaged Walter Travis to design a championship 18-hole golf course that is said to have included holes modeled after prominent Met Area holes.

The golf course opened in 1917, and the following year professionals Walter Hagen and “Long Jim” Barnes and amateurs Jerry Travers and John Anderson played an exhibition match there, with Hagen (76) and Anderson (81) winning 2 & 1.

Garden City’s layout is characterized by highly undulating greens that feature bold ridges and spines. Many greens are surrounded by mounds and tightly guarded by bunkers. The terrain is dominated by the ridge and drainage areas on the front nine, as well as old-fashioned rough, with a touch of love grass.

The membership has included several notable names: George Dunlap, winner of the 1933 U.S. Amateur; Frank Strafaci, who won two of his seven Met Amateurs while a member during the 1950s; singer Don Cherry, runner-up in the 1952 Met Amateur; and singer Perry Como, winner of the club championship in 1954.

Garden City has hosted one Met Open (George Stuhler won in 1950) and two Met Amateurs. Strafaci won his record seventh Met Amateur in 1954, while Dick Siderowf edged Jerry Courville Sr. in the 1969 Met Amateur finals.

This will be the club’s first staging of the MGA Senior Open, one of the most competitive events on the MGA calendar.



Founded:
1916

Course Opened:
1917

Architect:
Walter Travis

Championship Tees:

Par: 70

Yardage: 6,711

Course Rating: 72.6

Slope: 131

15th MGA Senior Open Championship

Crestmont Country Club, West Orange, N.J.

October 17 & 18, 2011

Mike Burke Jr. of Montammy rallied with a birdie on the 36th hole of the championship to shoot a final-round 71 for a total of four-under-par 140, good for a one-stroke victory at the 15th MGA Senior Open at Crestmont Country Club. Burke, who won the 1997 Met Open and 1978 Met Amateur, added a third MGA title to his record, and did it on a course he has played numerous times and called “almost a home game for me.” Burke, 54, brought home the \$5,000 winner’s share of the \$25,000 purse.

The 2011 MGA Senior Open was originally scheduled for August 29-30 but was postponed due to wet course conditions caused by Tropical Storm Irene.



Final Results

Finish	Player	Club	Score	Earnings
1	Mike Burke Jr.	Montammy	69-71—140	\$5,000
T2	Bill Britton	Trump Nat'l.-Colts Neck	68-73—141	\$2,000
	Don Brigham	Battleground	68-73—141	\$2,000
4	Darrell Kestner	Deepdale	69-75—144	\$1,250
T5	Jack Druga	Shinnecock Hills	72-73—145	\$937.50
	Peter Busch	Galloping Hill	72-73—145	\$937.50
7	Dave Laudien	Howell Park	72-74—146	\$750
T8	Chris Dachisen	North Jersey	74-73—147	\$605
	Rick Hartmann	Atlantic	73-74—147	\$605
	Baker Maddera	Rock Spring	73-74—147	\$605
	Cyrus Whitney Jr. (a)	Hackensack	73-74—147	Amateur
	Mike Diffley	Pelham	71-76—147	\$605
T13	Rick Vershure	Quaker Ridge	74-74—148	\$480
	Michael Summa	Stanwich	73-75—148	\$480
T15	Bobby Heins	Old Oaks	76-73—149	\$430
	Russell Helwig	Essex Fells	73-76—149	\$430
T17	David Young	Sleepy Hollow	75-75—150	\$387.50
	Rob Schaal	Tara Greens Golf Center	75-75—150	\$387.50
	David Prowler (a)	Bethpage	72-78—150	Amateur
T20	Don Enga (a)	Cherry Valley	76-75—151	Amateur
	Joe Sommers (a)	Winged Foot	74-77—151	Amateur
	Mike Caporale	North Hills	72-79—151	\$350



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.



Two-time MGA Senior Open winner Darrell Kestner

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Score	Site
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

* Won in playoff

Senior Open Records

AGE

Oldest Winner:

58 years, 7 months – Bobby Heins, 2009
57 years, 8 months – Peter Famiano, 2002

Youngest Winner:

50 years, 25 days – Bruce Zabriski, 2007
50 years, 27 days – Darrell Kestner, 2003

SCORING

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

64 – Mike Caporale, 2009, Woodmere
65 – Peter Famiano, 2002, Woodmere
66 – John Gentile, 1997, Tuxedo
66 – Bobby Heins, 2003, Preakness Hills

Lowest Final Round

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

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

Amateur Winners

John Ervasti, 2010

Largest Margin of Victory

6 strokes – Russell Helwig, 1998
4 strokes – Darrell Kestner, 2003 & 2005

Largest Lead After 18 Holes

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Most Top 5 Finishes

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

Purse History

\$20,000 – 1997-2002
\$25,000 – 2003-2004, 2010-present
\$30,000 – 2005-2009

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