



118th Amateur Championship *July 2 & 3, 2018* *Fox Chapel Golf Club*



AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

- 1899 - George A. Ormiston, Pittsburgh
1900 - B. S. Horne, Allegheny
1901 - E. M. Byers, Pittsburgh
1902 - E. M. Byers, Allegheny
1903 - George A. Ormiston, Pittsburgh
1904 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont
1905 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont
1906 - E. M. Byers, Allegheny
1907 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont
1908 - E. M. Byers, Allegheny
1909 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont
1910 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Allegheny
1911 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Allegheny
1912 - E. M. Byers, Oakmont
1913 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Allegheny
1914 - Lawrence D. Blair, Allegheny
1915 - E. M. Byers, Oakmont
1916 - W. C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont
1917 - Not Played, World War I
1918 - Not Played, World War I
1919 - R. L. James, Pittsburgh Field Club
1920 - J. I. Crawford, Allegheny
1921 - R. A. Lyne, Stanton Heights
1922 - Richard C. Long, Westmoreland
1923 - J. B. Crookston, Oakmont
1924 - J. B. Crookston, Stanton Heights
1925 - Carl Kaufman, Pittsburgh Field Club
1926 - Raymond L. Babcock, Shannopin
1927 - Fred Brand, Jr., South Hills
1928 - Maurice Le Bosquet, Jr., Westmoreland
1929 - John Graham, Oakmont
1930 - Watts Gunn, South Hills
1931 - Denniston St. Clair, Field Club
1932 - Maurice Le Bosquet, Jr., Westmoreland
1933 - Knox M. Young, Jr., Highland
1934 - Jack C. Benson, Pittsburgh Field Club
1935 - John F. Kraft, Jr., South Hills
1936 - Barrett Melvin, Stanton Heights
1937 - Jack C. Benson, South Hills
1938 - Knox M. Young, Jr., Shannopin
1939 - Jack C. Benson, Edgewood
1940 - Toby Lyons, Pittsburgh Field Club
1941 - Fred Brand, Jr., Stanton Heights
1942 - Dr. Regis Wolfe, Westmoreland
1943 - Jack C. Benson, South Hills
1944 - Jack C. Benson, Westmoreland
1945 - Howard Harpster, St. Clair
1946 - Frank S. Souchak, Jr., Edgewood
1947 - Arnold Palmer, Shannopin
1948 - James A. Noble, Chartiers
1949 - Arnold Palmer, Oakmont
1950 - Arnold Palmer, Longue Vue
1951 - Arnold Palmer, Alcoma
1952 - Arnold Palmer, Fox Chapel
1953 - Sam Musico, Allegheny
1954 - Jack C. Benson, Sr., South Hills
1955 - Tommy Smith, Green Oaks
1956 - J. F. Curti, Jr., Pittsburgh Field Club
1957 - Richard H. Semple, Jr., Allegheny
1958 - J. F. Curti, Jr., Fox Chapel
1959 - Hugh Smith, Allegheny
1960 - Bob Reilly, Mt. Lebanon
1961 - Bob Reilly, Chartiers
1962 - Bob Reilly, Lincoln Hills
1963 - Bob Reilly, Greensburg
1964 - Tommy Smith, Green Oaks
1965 - Harry Toscano, Edgewood
1966 - John Birmingham, Churchill Valley
1967 - John Birmingham, Fox Chapel
1968 - John Birmingham, Butler
1969 - James Simons, Edgewood
1970 - James B. Masserio, Rolling Hills
1971 - James B. Masserio, South Hills
1972 - Terry Eisenhute, Valley Brook
1973 - Steve Brewton, Latrobe
1974 - Steve Brewton, Alcoma
1975 - Ron Milanovich, Rolling Hills
1976 - Tom McGinnis, Jr., Edgewood
1977 - Sherman Hostetter, Nemaacolin
1978 - Frank Fuhrer, III, Youghioghenny
1979 - Frank Fuhrer, III, Longue Vue
1980 - Russ Elkan, Shannopin
1981 - Don Totten, Greensburg
1982 - George Benson, Longue Vue
1983 - Marshall Marraccini, Sewickley Heights
1984 - Bobby Friend, Oakmont
1985 - Bobby Friend, Chartiers
1986 - Marshall Marraccini, South Hills
1987 - Tim Dunlavey, Kahkwa
1988 - Sean Knapp, Green Oaks
1989 - Tim Dunlavey, Chartiers
1990 - Marshall Marraccini, Alcoma
1991 - Vince Zachetti, Greensburg
1992 - Vince Zachetti, Indiana
1993 - Jason Tyska, Rolling Hills
1994 - Vince Zachetti, Nemaacolin
1995 - Ralph Litrenta, New Castle
1996 - Brian Tutich, Nevillewood
1997 - Rick Stimmel, Pittsburgh Field Club
1998 - Sean Knapp, Kahkwa
1999 - Sean Knapp, Oakmont
2000 - Sean Knapp, Sunnehanna
2001 - Sean Knapp, Butler
2002 - Sean Knapp, Lake View
2003 - Sean Knapp, Westmoreland
2004 - David Brown, Nemaacolin
2005 - Scott Phillis, Indiana
2006 - William Miller, Fox Chapel
2007 - Nathan Smith, Sunnehanna
2008 - Nathan Smith, Bedford Springs
2009 - Nathan Smith, Allegheny
2010 - Nathan Smith, Sewickley Heights
2011 - David Brown, Oakmont
2012 - Greg Podufal, Kahkwa
2013 - David Brown, Butler
2014 - Trent Karlik, Penn State
2015 - Easton Renwick, St. Clair
2016 - Dan Thompson, Bedford Springs
2017 - Matt Holuta, Sunnehanna

Total entries: 215. The starting field of 84 includes 30 exempt players and another 54 who advanced through qualifying rounds at Lone Pine Country Club, Washington, PA, Chestnut Ridge Resort, Blairsville, PA, The Country Club of Meadville, Meadville, PA, and Nemcolin Country Club in Beallsville, PA. The Championship is 54-holes, with 36 being played on July 1st. The low 32 and ties will play then proceed to compete in the final round on Jul 2nd. The last time the WPGA Amateur Championship was held at Fox Chapel Golf Club was in 2006 when William Miller was the crowned champion with a record 36-hole score of 130. The final round was cancelled due to rain. The defending champion, Matt Holuta, turned professional and is not entered into the field.

Field Profile

Individual WPGA Champions Entered

West Penn Amateur champions

2014—Treant Karlik
2012 - Greg Podufal
2004, 2011, 2013—David Brown
2003, 1988, 1998-2002 (seven)—Sean Knapp
1997—Rick Stimmel
1995—Ralph Litrenta

West Penn Mid-Am champions

89, 91, 94, 95, 99, 08, 10, 12, 15—Sean Knapp
2004, 2005, 2011—Arnold Cutrell
2003, 2014—David Brown
2013 - Darin Kowlaski

West Penn Open Champions

1990—Arnold Cutrell
2002—Rick Stimmel

West Penn Public Links Champions

2011—Sean Knapp
2013, 2016—Erik Bertrand

Spring Stroke Play

1996, 2014—Rick Stimmel
1998, 2000, 2001—Sean Knapp
2006—David Brown
2018—Connor Schmidt

C.R. Miller Junior Match Play champions

2003—Jon Pratkanis
2006—Chuck Nettles
2015, 2017—Palmer Jackson
2016—Brady Pevarnik

West Penn Junior champions

2001—Bennett Smith
2002—Jon Pratkanis
2012—Tom Nettles
2014—Jake Sollon
2016—Cole Hughes

West Penn Boys champions

1980—Arnold Cutrell
1993—Kevin Fajt
2001—Jon Pratkanis
2007—Ian Bangor
2013—Jake Sollon
2016—Palmer Jackson
2017—Adam Lauer
2007, 2008 (13 & Under)—Tom Nettles
2013 (13 & Under)—Brady Pevarnik
2014 (13 & Under)—Palmer Jackson

Youngest: Adam Lauer (15)

Oldest: Dan Reid (69)



Sean Knapp



Started in 1899 and played all but two years, 1917-18, during World War I, the West Penn Amateur is one of the oldest championships in the country. Winners include six USGA champions—Eben Byers, Sewickley, (U.S. Amateur), William C. Fownes, Oakmont, (U.S. Amateur), Carl Kauffmann, Pittsburgh (U.S. Amateur Public Links), Sean Knapp (U.S. Senior Amateur), Jim Masserio, Pittsburgh (U.S. Junior Amateur), Arnold Palmer, Latrobe (U.S. Amateur, U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open), and Nathan Smith, Allison Park (U.S. Mid-Amateur, U.S. Amateur Four-Ball). The most frequent winners are Fownes, 8, Sean Knapp, Pittsburgh National, 7, and Jack Benson, South Hills, 6, Byers, 6, and Palmer 5.

Sean Knapp, the region's most recent National Champion with his victory in the 2017 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, will be competing for his eighth title. His first win came in 1988 at Green Oaks Country Club and his last victory was at Westmoreland Country Club in 2003 to cap a run of six straight titles. Arnold Palmer, 1949-1952, Bob Reilly 1960-1963, and Nathan Smith, 2007-2010 have all won the Championship four times in a row and William C. Fownes, 1909-1911, and John Birmingham, 1966-1968, both won the Fownes trophy three straight times.

In the 2006 WPGA Amateur Championship at Fox Chapel Golf Club, William Miller became the third player to win the championship as a junior. The others were Fred Brand Jr. and Arnold Palmer. Palmer and Brand remain the only players in Association history to win the Amateur and Junior in the same year. Miller did not compete in the 2006 Junior after winning it the previous three years. His 36-hole score of 68-62-130 remains a championship record, and his second round 62 set the course record and also remains the 18-hole championship record. Miller's course record was tied by Olin Browne at the 2012 Champions Tour Senior Players Championship.

Facts about West Penn Amateur

Qualifying took place at four sites in 2016, once the tournament is under way the low 32 and ties makes the cut for the final round which will be played as a single round on June 21st.

Defending Champion –Matt Holuta, Indiana, PA

2017 Top 20 at Sunnehanna Country Club (Par 70)

1. Matt Holuta, Indiana, Pa. - 71-69-68--208 (Won in playoff)
2. Chuck Nettles, McMurray, Pa. - 70-67-71--208
- T-3. Sean Knapp, Oakmont, Pa - 68-68-73--209
- T-3. Mark Goetz, Greensburg, Pa. - 71-67-7--209
5. Arnold Cutrell, Greensburg, Pa. - 72-67-73--212
6. Dave Brown, Ligonier, Pa. - 67-71-75--213
- T-7. Connor Schmidt, Venetia, Pa. - 68-71-75--214
- T-7. Zachary Ford, Cochranon, Pa. - 73-68-73--214
9. Dan Thompson, Johnstown, Pa. - 73-68-75--216
- T-10. Brady Pevarnik, Latrobe, Pa. - 75-70-72--217
- T-10. Darin Kowalski, Bethel Park, Pa. - 70-72-75--217
- T-10. Greg Podufal, Pittsburgh, Pa. - 68-76-73--217
13. Will Wears, Latrobe, Pa. - 72-68-78--218
14. Brett Young, Bethel Park, Pa. - 73-69-76--218
- T-15. Rick Stimmel, Pittsburgh, Pa. - 76-69-74--219
- T-15. Luke Miller, Venetia, Pa. - 74-72-73--219
- T-17. BJ Torau, Ligonier, Pa. - 75-72-73--220
- T-17. Corey Long, McDonald, Pa. - 75-70-75--220
- T-19. Jon Pratkanis, Valencia, Pa. - 76-70-75--221
- T-19. Trent Karlik, Pittsburgh, Pa. - 76-70-75--221

Future Sites:

- 2019 - Oakmont Country Club
- 2020 - Allegheny Country Club



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WPGA Championship Committee

Jim Toras, St. Clair, Chair, George Anderson, Hickory Heights, Paul Bangor, Montour Heights, Bob Barrett, Madison Club, Jim Boughner, Youghiogheny, Dario Cipriani, Kahkwa, Bill Fallon, Oakmont, Ken Flisek, Nevillewood, Frank Fuhrer, III, Pittsburgh Field Club, Claudette Graham, Allegheny, David Malatak, Sewickley Heights, Bob Paris, Lawrence Park, Frank Rosenzweig, Connoquenessing, Tim Slavish, Pittsburgh Field Club, Rob Stoops, Butler, Rud Van Horn, Hickory Heights, John Yerger, Sunnehanna

Winners of West Penn Amateur & West Penn Open

Eben Byers - 6 Amateurs, 1902 & 1906 Open
William C. Fownes - 8 Amateurs, 1904 & 1921 Open
Arnold Palmer - 5 Amateurs, 1957 Open
John Birmingham - 3 Amateurs, 1964 & 1972 Open
Jim Masserio - 2 Amateurs, 1969 & 1971 Open
Ron Milanovich - 1 Amateur, 1982 Open
Frank Fuhrer, III - 2 Amateurs, 1986 Open
Marshall Marraccini - 3 Amateurs, 1981 & 2001 Open
Rick Stimmel - 1 Amateur, 2002 Open
Bob Friend - 2 Amateurs, 2006 Open
Nathan Smith - 4 Amateurs, 2008 Open
Dan Thompson - 2016 Amateur, 3 Opens
Easton Renwick - 1 Amateur, 2017 Open

Won West Penn Amateur & West Penn Open—Same Year

Eben Byers, 1902
William C. Fownes, 1904
Jim Masserio, 1971
Nathan Smith, 2008
*All four are USGA Champions

Most West Penn Amateurs Hosted

(13) Allegheny CC & Oakmont CC
(8) South Hills CC
(6) Westmoreland CC & Pittsburgh Field Club

Playoffs for Championship

(2017) Sunehanna - Matt Holuta* & Chuck Nettles
(2013) Butler - David Brown* & Bo Lustig
(2007) Sunnehanna - Nathan Smith* & Mike VanSickle
(1994) Nemaocolin CC - Vince Zachetti* & Don Erickson
(1990) Alcoma - Marshall Marraccini* & Tim Dunlavey
(1984) Oakmont - Bob Friend* & Kurt Beck

Winners of PA Amateur and West Penn Amateur in the same year

(1910) William C. Fownes (also won US Amateur)
(1924) J. W. Crookston
(1969) Jim Simons
(1985) Bob Friend
(1993) Jason Tyska (also won Tri-State Amateur)
(2009) Nathan Smith

Preliminary qualifying round records

64—Mike Voltz, Iron Masters, 2001
66—Zach Swanson, Lone Pine, 2018
67—Alex Urrea, Lake Shore, 2012
67—Jim Augustine, Lone Pine, 2004
67—Keith Stauffer, Pine Acres, 2014
67—Jordan Kirsch, Latrobe Elks, 2015

Amateur champions also with USGA titles

Eben Byers—1906 Amateur
William C. Fownes—1910 Amateur
Carl Kauffmann—1927-29 Amateur Public Links
Arnold Palmer—1954 Amateur, 1960 Open, 1981 Senior Open
Jim Masserio—1965 Junior Amateur
Nathan Smith—2003, 2009, 2010 & 2012 Mid-Amateur

Entry history—1996-2013—when qualifying began

1996—Nevillewood (150)	1997—Field Club (130)
1998—Kahkwa (150)	1999—Oakmont (260)
2000—Sunnehanna (152)	2001—Butler (160)
2002—Lake View (132)	2003—Westmoreland (157)
2004—Nemaocolin (167)	2005—Indiana (170)
2006—Fox Chapel (192)	2007—Sunnehanna (167)
2008—Bedford Springs (150)	2009—Allegheny (140)
2010—Sewickley Heights (160)	2011—Oakmont (260)
2012—Kahkwa (136)	2013—Butler (155)
2014—Penn State (139)	2015—St. Clair (194)
2016—Bedford Springs (192)	2017—Sunnehanna (196)
2018—Fox Chapel (215)	

This year's entries total 215 is the third highest number of entries that the Amateur has had behind the 2006 & 2011 championships at Oakmont Country Club with 260 each. The average numbers of entries dating back to 2005 are 172 per year

Most victories

William C. Fownes, Oakmont, 8 (1904-16)
Sean R. Knapp, Pittsburgh National, 7 (1988-2003)
Eben Byers, Allegheny, 6 (1901-15)
Jack Benson, South Hills, 6 (1934-54)
Arnold Palmer, Latrobe, 5 (1947 & 49-52)
Bob Reilly, Highland, 4 (1960-63)
Nathan Smith, Pittsburgh, 4 (2007-10)
John Birmingham, Oakmont, 3 (1966-68)
Marshall Marraccini, Youghiogheny, 3 (1983-90)
Vincent Zchetti, Hannastown, 3 (1991-94)
David Brown, St Clair, 3 (2004-13)

Most consecutive victories

Sean Knapp, Pittsburgh National, 6 (1998-2003)
Arnold Palmer, Latrobe, 4 (1949-52)
Bob Reilly, Highland, 4 (1960-63)
Nathan Smith, Pittsburgh, 4 (2007-10)
William C. Fownes, Oakmont, 3 (1909-11)
John Birmingham, Oakmont, 3 (1966-68)

Scoring Records—18 holes

William Miller, 62, Fox Chapel (2006)
Nathan Sutherland, 65, Allegheny (2009)
Sean Knapp, 65 (twice), Rolling Hills (1993), Sunnehanna (2000)
Mike VanSickle, 65, Sunnehanna (2007)
Greg Podufal, 65, Kahkwa (2012)
Easton Renwick, 65, Kahkwa (2012)
Thirteen players at 66

Scoring Records—36 holes

William Miller, 68-62-130, Fox Chapel (2006)
Sean Knapp, 69-65-134, Sunnehanna (2000)
Sean Knapp, 67-67-134 (final two), Westmoreland (2003)
Dan Thompson, 68-66-134 (final two), Bedford Springs (2016)
Sean Knapp, 69-66-135, Kahkwa (1998)
David Brown, 66-69-135 at Nemaocolin (2004)
Jeffrey Varga, 66-69-135, Bedford Springs (2008)
Greg Podufal, 65-70-135, Kahkwa (2012)
Trent Karlik, 69-66-135, Penn State (2014)

Scoring Records—54 holes

David Brown, 66-69-67-202, Nemaocolin (2004)
Sean Knapp, 68-70-67-205, Butler (2001)
Dan Thompson, 71-68-66-205, Bedford Springs (2016)
Trent Karlik, 69-66-71-206, Penn State (2014)
Nathan Smith, 69-70-67-206 (won playoff), Sunnehanna (2007)
Mike VanSickle, 6-5-72-69-206, Sunnehanna (2007)
Nathan Smith, 67-72-68-207, Butler (2001)
Vince Zchetti, 70-69-68-207, Greensburg (1991)
Nathan Smith, 70-68-69-207, Allegheny (2009)
Greg Podufal, 65-70-72-207, Kahkwa (2012)

54 holes in relation to par

Dan Thompson, 11-under, Bedford Springs (2016)	71-68-66
David Brown, 8-under, Nemaocolin (2004)	66-69-67
Nathan Smith, 7-under, Sewickley Heights (2010)	71-70-68
Trent Karlik, 7-under, Penn State (2014)	69-66-71
Sean Knapp, 5-under, Butler (2001)	68-70-67

Highest winning score (1973-2012)

Marshall Marraccini, 76-76-76-228, Sewickley Heights (1983)
David Brown, 68-77-77-222, Oakmont (2011)
Donny Totten, 73-76-71-220, Greensburg (1981)
Ralph Litrenta, 78-69-71-218, New Castle (1995)
In relation to par: Both Marraccini and Brown were 12-over

Lowest 36-hole cut

146—Nemaocolin (2004)
147—Sunnehanna (2017)
148—Penn State (2014), Bedford Springs (2016)

Highest 36-hole cut

158—Oakmont (2011)
156—Oakmont (1999), New Castle (1995)
153—Sewickley Heights (2010)

Champion Ages

Oldest	David Brown—52 (2013)
Youngest	Fred Brand Jr.—17 (1927)
	Arnold Palmer—17 (1947)
	William Miller—17 (2006)

Youngest to make cut	Brady Pevarnik—14 (2015)
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**Multiple WPGA Championships Won
(Including WPGA Amateur and/or WPGA Open championships)**

- (8) **Nathan Smith**—Amateur, Open, Mid-Amateur, Spring Stroke Play, Boys, C. R. Miller, Fred Brand Foursomes, Four-Ball
- (7) **Arnold Cutrell**—Open, Mid-Amateur, Fred Brand Foursomes, Four-Ball, Semple Brothers Foursomes, Boys, C.R. Miller
- (7) **Frank Fuhrer, III**—Amateur, Open, Mid-Amateur, Junior, Four-Ball, Fred Brand Foursomes, C.R. Miller
- (7) **Sean Knapp**—Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Spring Stroke Play, Fred Brand Foursomes, Four-Ball, Public Links, Semple Brothers Foursomes
- (7) **David Brown**—Amateur, Father & Son, Four-Ball, Mid-Amateur, Spring Stroke Play, Semple Brothers Foursomes, Father & Son, Senior Amateur
- (6) **John Jones**—Open, Junior, Mid-Amateur, Four Ball, Fred Brand Foursomes, Father & Son, Senior Four-Ball
- (5) **Marshall Marraccini**—Amateur, Open, Mid-Amateur, Four-Ball, Fred Brand Foursomes, Club Champions
- (5) **John Birmingham**—Amateur, Open, Four-Ball, Fred Brand Foursomes, Father & Son
- (5) **William Miller**—Amateur, Boys, CR Miller, Junior, Spring Stroke Play
- (5) **Rick Stimmel**—Amateur, Open, Four-Ball, Spring Stroke Play, Fred Brand Foursomes
- (4) **Jack Benson**—Amateur, Four-Ball, Father & Son, Fred Brand Foursomes
- (4) **Easton Renwick**—Amateur, Open, C.R. Miller, Boys
- (3) **Arnold Palmer**—Amateur, Open, Junior
- (3) **Bob Reilly**—Amateur, Four-Ball, Brothers
- (3) **Fred Brand, Jr.**—Amateur, Junior, Brothers
- (3) **Tommy Smith**—Amateur, Senior Amateur, Fred Brand Foursomes
- (3) **Mike VanSickle**—Open, C.R. Miller, Father & Son

Total Career W.P.G.A. Championship Wins

Sean Knapp— 38
Nathan Smith— 27
Marshall Marraccini—16
Arnold Cutrell—16
Jack Benson—14
David Brown—14
Frank Fuhrer, III—11



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The WPGA Mission is to promote the interests and true spirit of the game of golf throughout Western Pennsylvania; to lend assistance to the United States Golf Association; to encourage a spirit of cooperation among golf clubs; to promote the interchange of information among Member Clubs; to administer the WPGA Scholarship Fund; to conduct tournaments; to cooperate with other golf organizations; and to coordinate and/or regulate the USGA Handicap System within the area.

The WPGA was founded in 1899 to conduct competitions and it remains one of three primary focuses today. The WPGA conducts individual championships, team championships and qualifying round(s) for USGA championships. Additionally, the WPGA Frank Fuhrer teams represent the Association at two events per year.

The individual championships are the West Penn Open, Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior Amateur, Boys, Junior, Spring Stroke Play, Women's Amateurs, Net Championships, WPGA Senior Series, and the C.R. Miller Junior Match Play.

Partners' championships include Fred Brand and Semple Brothers Foursomes, Father & Son, Parent & Child, Brothers, Four-Ball, and Senior Four-Ball. The Jamison Cup Inter-Club is an invitational for league winners and is open to other clubs at committee discretion.

The WPGA, in conjunction with members of the USGA Committees, conducts sectional & local qualifying on behalf of the USGA for the U.S. Open local, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Junior, U.S. Girls' Junior, U.S. Mid-Amateur, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Senior Amateur, U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, and U.S. Senior Women's Amateur championships.

The Association selects teams for two annual matches: The Palmer Cup vs. the Tri-State PGA; and the Williamson Cup, a junior event conducted with twelve other regional associations. The Teams are funded through the generosity of Frank B. Fuhrer, Jr.