

MET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

In 1898, the MGA's governors voted to establish a championship amateur tournament, an interclub four-ball competition and a handicap event. The first (http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2012/august/metam_final) tournament of historic importance was the Metropolitan Amateur Championship, inaugurated the following year. The Met Am, which is rivaled for longevity in this country only by the U.S. Amateur, was contested for the first time at the Garden City Golf Club. The championship plate was donated by H.B. Hollins, with the condition that it be retired after three victories by representatives of the same club, a feat accomplished for the Nassau Country Club by Findlay Douglas (two wins) and Jerry Travers. The subsequent trophy was the gift of then MGA president, Daniel Chauncey.



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The Met Amateur immediately set a lofty precedence for quality. Its first two winners, Herbert Harriman (1899) and Walter Travis (1900), also were that year's U.S. Amateur champions. Two early rivalries—first between Travis and Douglas, then Travis and Travers—established the tournament as an event of national consequence.

The Met Amateur has always been played at match play, with only slight changes to the format over the years. It remains the Met Area's most important amateur event, a demanding and sometimes grueling test of championship golf with the victor surviving multiple days of 36-hole competition. From Travis and Turnesa to Gardner, Siderowf, and Zahringer, the list of winners is testament to its ability to identify the region's best amateur.

Year	Champion	Runner-up	Final	Site	Results
2016	Stewart Hagestad	Ethan Ng	38 holes	Fairfield	<p>Scores http://www.mgagolf.org/results/2016/metam_fairfield Recap http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2016/august/metam_hagestad</p>
2015	Peter Kim	Ryan Snouffer	1 up	Baltusrol	<p>Scores http://www.mgagolf.org/results/2015/metam Recap http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2015/august/metamfinal</p>
2014	David Pastore	Matthew Lowe	3 & 1	The Creek	<p>Scores http://www.mgagolf.org/results/2014/metam Recap http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2014/august/metamfinalrecap</p>
2013	Pat Wilson	Trevor Randolph	8 & 7	Stanwich	<p>Scores http://www.mgagolf.org/results/2013/metam Recap http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2013/august/metamfinal</p>
2012	Ryan McCormick	Matt Mattare	3 & 2	Hollywood	<p>Scores http://www.mgagolf.org/node/1913 Recap http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2012/august/metam_final</p>

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2011	Mike Miller	Sam Bernstein	3 & 1	Piping Rock	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/987) Recap (http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2011/august/metam_final)
2010	Evan Beirne	Cameron Wilson	7 & 6	Quaker Ridge	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/results/2010/MetAmChampionship-QuakerRidge)
2009	Cameron Wilson	John Ervasti	4 & 3	Hackensack	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/results/2009metarea/MetAmateurChampionship) Recap (http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2009/august/wilsonmetamfinal)
2008	Tommy McDonagh	Joe Saladino	6 & 5	Friar's Head	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/3989)
2007	Greg Rohlf	Marc Issler	5 & 4	Wykagyl	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/4100) Recap (http://www.mgagolf.org/news/2007/august/rohlfwinsmetam)
2006	Tommy McDonagh	Kevin Foley	1 up	Baltusrol	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/4298)
2005	Ronald Vannelli	Patrick Pierson	38 holes	Creek	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/4416)
2004	Andrew Svoboda	Tyler Randol	4 & 3	Stanwich	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/4423)
2003	Michael Stamberger	Michael Quagliano	37 holes	Somerset Hills	Scores (http://www.mgagolf.org/node/4461)
2002	Johnson Wagner	Andrew Svoboda	3 & 2	Piping Rock	
2001	Johnson Wagner	Jack Skirkanich	6 & 5	Hudson National	
2000	David Kwon	Ken Macdonald	2 & 1	Ridgewood	
1999	Greg Rohlf	Ed Gibstein	3 & 2	Deepdale	
1998	Jerry Courville Jr.	Jeff Putman	1 up	Quaker Ridge	
1997	Jerry Courville Jr.	John Lewis Jr.	5 & 4	Baltusrol	
1996	Ken Bakst	Jerry Courville Jr.	2 & 1	Nassau	
1995	Jerry Courville Jr.	Harry Goett	7 & 6	Century	
1994	Dennis Hillman	J.J. Henry	5 & 4	Hackensack	
1993	Jeff Putman	Michael Doud	4 & 2	Sands Point	
1992	Mike Muehr	Jeff Thomas	1 up	Wee Burn	
1991	Dennis Slezak	Larry Tedesco	4 & 3	Mountain Ridge	
1990	John Baldwin	R.J. Nakashian	3 & 2	Piping Rock	
1989	Richard Siderowf	George Zahringer	37 holes	Metropolis	
1988	Jim McGovern	Jeff Thomas	6 & 4	Plainfield	
1987	George Zahringer	Stuart Titus	2 up	Meadow Brook	
1986	George Zahringer	Robert Housen	1 up	Quaker Ridge	
1985	George Zahringer	Clement Miner	2 & 1	Ridgewood	
1984	George Zahringer	John Baldwin	6 & 5	Deepdale	
1983	Mark Diamond	Jeff Thomas	2 & 1	Sleepy Hollow	
1982	George Zahringer	Mike Diffley	3 & 2	Somerset Hills	
1981	Peter Van Ingen	Jeff Thomas	5 & 4	Cherry Valley	
1980	Howard Pierson	George Zahringer	3 & 1	Stanwich	
1979	Jerry Courville Sr.	George Zahringer	2 & 1	Mountain Ridge	
1978	Mike Burke Jr.	Clement Miner	3 & 1	Garden City GC	
1977	Dave Ferrell	Jerry Courville Sr.	1 up	Century	
1976	Bill Britton	David Muraskin	3 & 2	Plainfield	

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1975	Bill Britton	Jack Dalrymple	7 & 5	Wheatley Hills	
1974	Richard Siderowf	Doug Stein	5 & 4	Sunningdale	
1973	Jerry Courville Sr.	George Burns III	2 & 1	Canoe Brook	
1972	George F. Burns III	Jerry Courville Sr.	4 & 3	Deepdale	
1971	Richard Spears	Jerry Courville Sr.	3 & 2	Winged Foot	
1970	Richard Siderowf	Richard Spears	2 up	Upper Montclair	
1969	Richard Siderowf	Jerry Courville Sr.	2 & 1	Garden City CC	
1968	Richard Siderowf	Dick Harmon	5 & 4	Metropolis	
1967	John C. Baldwin	Bill Harmon	3 & 2	Plainfield	
1966	James E. Fisher	Ray Billows	5 & 3	Inwood	
1965	Mark J. Stuart Jr.	James Wilcoxon	1 up	Sleepy Hollow	
1964	Robert W. Gardner	Ralph Johnston	1 up	Hackensack	
1963	Robert W. Gardner	John J. Humm	1 up	Nassau	
1962	Robert W. Gardner	Mark J. Stuart Jr.	7 & 6	Sunningdale	
1961	Robert W. Gardner	Roger Ginsberg	1 up		
1960	Robert W. Gardner	H. Van Gerbig	9 & 8	Meadow Brook	
1959	Paul Kelly	Robert Gardner	5 & 4	Fairview	
1958	Robert W. Gardner	Gordon Scott	1 up	The Knoll	
1957	Paul Kelly	Robert Sweeny	3 & 2	Nassau	
1956	Thomas J. Goodwin	William Turnesa	4 & 3	Century	
1955	Robert W. Kuntz	John H. Boyet	7 & 6	Plainfield	
1954	Frank Strafaci	Joseph Gagliardi	6 & 4	Garden City CC	
1953	Wilson Barnes Jr.	Joseph Gagliardi	2 & 1	Fenway	
1952	Joseph Marra	Don Cherry	1 up	Ridgewood	
1951	Joseph Gagliardi	James McHale Jr.	4 & 3	Hempstead	
1950	Frank Strafaci	Robert Jacobson	7 & 6	Apawamis	
1949	Joseph McBride	Joseph Gagliardi	37 holes	Canoe Brook	
1948	Ray Billows	Robert Sweeny	8 & 6	Winged Foot	
1947	Frank Strafaci	Jack Smith	7 & 6	Meadow Brook	
1946	Frank Strafaci	Douglas Ford	9 & 7	Essex County	
1945	Frank Strafaci	Dom Morano	6 & 5	Garden City GC	
1944	E.H. Driggs Jr.	John F. Dolan	9 & 7	Sleepy Hollow	
1942 - '43	No Competitions - World War II				
1941	Michael Cestone	Martin M. Issler	9 & 8	Montclair	
1940	John P. Burke	Thomas Strafaci	2 & 1	Century	
1939	Frank Strafaci	Richard Chapman	2 & 1	Nassau	
1938	Frank Strafaci	William Turnesa	3 & 1	Ridgewood	
1937	William P. Turnesa	John Parker Jr.	6 & 5	Metropolis	
1936	George Dunlap Jr.	Ray Billows	1 up	Lido	
1935	John Parker Jr.	E.V. Homans	5 & 4	Canoe Brook	
1934	T.S. Tailer Jr.	Mark J. Stuart	5 & 4	Wykagyl	
1933	Mark J. Stuart	W. Rothenburg	4 & 3	Pomonok	
1932	T.S. Tailer Jr.	J.E. Parker Jr.	4 & 3	Plainfield	
1931	Leonard Martin	C.F. Sheldon	5 & 4	Quaker Ridge	
1930	M.J. McCarthy Jr.	P. Miller-Jones	9 & 7	St. Albans	
1929	M.J. McCarthy Jr.	P. Haviland	7 & 6	Montclair	
1928	Eugene Homans	M.J. McCarthy Jr.	4 & 3	Fenimore	
1927	E.H. Driggs Jr.	Lauren Upson	2 up	Nassau	
1926	W.M. Reekie	John G. Anderson	38 holes	Winged Foot	
1925	Jess W. Sweetser	L.M. Lloyd	6 & 5	Hollywood	
1924	W.M. Reekie	E.H. Driggs Jr.	2 & 1	Lido	
1923	F.W. Dyer	H.C. Tippet	6 & 5	Siwanoy	
1922	Jess W. Sweetser	J.E. Hale	10 & 8	Lakewood	
1921	G.W. White	G.A. Peacock	1 up	Garden City GC	
1920	D.E. Sawyer	G.W. White	37 holes	Apawamis	
1919	Oswald Kirkby	A.L. Walker Jr.	2 & 1	Brooklawn	

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1917-'18 No Competitions - World War I					
1916	Oswald Kirkby	F. Herreshoff	3 & 1	Nassau	
1915	Walter J. Travis	John G. Anderson	2 up	Apawamis	
1914	Oswald Kirkby	Walter J. Travis	4 & 2	Englewood	
1913	Jerry D. Travers	A.F. Kammer	8 & 7	Fox Hills	
1912	Jerry D. Travers	Oswald Kirby	9 & 8	Baltusrol	
1911	Jerry D. Travers	Oswald Kirby	4 & 3	Garden City GC	
1910	F. Herreshoff	Jerry D. Travers	4 & 3	Morris County	
1909	Walter J. Travis	F. Herreshoff	3 & 2	Apawamis	
1908	Charles H. Seely	Jerry D. Travers	38 holes	Baltusrol	
1907	Jerry D. Travers	Findlay Douglas	8 & 7	Nassau	
1906	Jerry D. Travers	E.M. Byers	3 & 1	Saint Andrew's	
1905	Charles H. Seely	A. Graham	1 up	Fox Hills	
1904	H. Wilcox	P.R. Pyne II	6 & 4	Garden City GC	
1903	Findlay Douglas	John A. Moller Jr.	10 & 9	Deal	
1902	Walter J. Travis	F.A. Marsellus	11 & 10	Tuxedo	
1901	Findlay Douglas	Charles H. Seely	11 & 10	Apawamis	
1900	Walter J. Travis	H.M. Harriman	3 & 2	Nassau	
1899	H.M. Harriman	R. Brooks	2 & 1	Garden City GC	