

## 2000-2009

**2000:** Pat Carter had more trouble than usual but rallied to beat young Tim Fisher on the final nine holes and stretch his Amateur championship streak to six straight and seven overall. Carter, 32, posted a 284 score to finish two strokes ahead of Fisher, 19, of Statts Mills. Carter took a three-shot lead into the final round on the Greenbrier course but watched it disappear on the first four holes, and Fisher led him by a stroke as they teed off on the 510-yard 12<sup>th</sup> hole. Carter drove into a trap and barely got out but hit a long iron shot onto the green and saved par. “The 2-iron I hit from 238 yards was probably the most crucial shot of the tournament for me,” Carter said. “And fortunately, I kept the momentum on the next couple of holes and grabbed a three-shot lead.” Carter birdied 13 and 14 with short putts while Fisher bogeyed 12 and 14. Fisher cut Carter’s lead to two strokes on 15 but could get no closer. “I knew he was going to be tough at the end and he was,” Fisher said. Eric Snodgrass of Glen Dale shot a 67 on the Old White for the first round lead while Jeff Bostic of Maxwelton had a 67 in the third round. Kirk Satterfield of Bluefield was disqualified after the second round for continuing to play a provisional second ball after finding his first ball in bounds on the first hole. He said he was confused by the rule, thinking he had a choice. Leader by rounds: First, Snodgrass-67, by one; Second, Carter-140, by one; Third, Carter-211, by three.

Pat Carter, Huntington 68-72-71-73—284

Tim Fisher, Statts Mills 68-73-73-72—286

Brad Tweel, Huntington 74-77-68-72—291

C. Anthony Redden, Lewisburg 77-73-70-72—292

Jeff Bostic, Maxwelton 74-74-67-77—292

Bill Sharpe, Cross Lanes 73-73-68-78—292

Jeff Whitman, St. Albans 71-77-73-73—294

Steve Fox, Huntington 71-80-72-72—295

Marty Creed, Hurricane 73-75-72-75—295

Michael Veres, Chapmanville 77-69-73-76—295

**2001:** A late night all-terrain vehicle accident that injured three players cast a pall over the final round of the Amateur and took some of the attention away from Pat Carter’s seventh straight victory. Sam O’Dell of Hurricane, Jeff Whitman of Dunbar and Michael Veres of Chapmanville were injured when their ATV slammed into a tree at a camp on the Greenbrier River. O’Dell, who suffered a serious head injury, and Whitman were hospitalized. O’Dell was tied for second place in the Amateur after the third round. Veres, who suffered scrapes and bruises, was able to play the final round but was still shaken, shooting an 80. The other players teed off with heavy hearts when they heard the news. Carter shot 67s in the last two rounds for a 274 total and won by six strokes for his eighth overall title. His 274 score tied his own record in the two-course format. Burke Spensky, 20, of Huntington also had a final 67 on the Greenbrier course and pushed Carter in the last round. When Spensky birdied the 12<sup>th</sup> hole, he cut Carter’s lead to one stroke. Carter responded with birdies on 12, 13, 17, and 18 while Spensky’s bid ended with bogeys on 16 and 17. Kirk Satterfield, who was DQ’d in the 2000 Amateur, got a fresh start this year by shooting a 67 on the Old White for the first round lead. Leaders by rounds: First, Satterfield-67, by one; Second, Carter and Satterfield-140s; Third, Carter-207, by five.

Pat Carter, Huntington 72-68-67-67—274

Burke Spensky, Huntington 72-69-72-67—280

Bill Sharpe, Cross Lanes 74-73-68-69—284  
 Kirk Satterfield, Bluefield 67-73-72-73—285  
 Jack Forbes, Morgantown 71-76-69-73—289  
 Jared Jones, Kenova 72-74-67-76—289  
 Adam Cyrus, Huntington 70-78-69-74—291  
 Joe Zimmerman, Morgantown 72-77-71-71—291  
 Steve Fox, Huntington 71-72-71-78—292  
 Jamie Whitt, Barboursville 76-75-70-72—293

**2002:** Pat Carter wasn't on top of his game but he still managed to win his eighth straight West Virginia Amateur title and ninth overall. He was forced to rally from two strokes down on the final nine holes to hold off Ryan Whalen, 22, of Bluefield. Whalen took a two-shot lead when he tapped in for a birdie from two feet on the 176-yard 11th hole of the Greenbrier course while Carter flew the green and bogeyed. Carter used a three-shot swing on the 14th hole to take command. He sank a 15-foot putt for a birdie three while Whalen took a double-bogey six when he hit his approach shot into a trap and left himself with a near-impossible shot unto a down-sloping green. "You don't want to see anybody make double-bogey but that's part of golf," Carter said. "Mistakes are what costs people tournaments, and playing well wins tournaments. I was very fortunate to win." Carter upped his lead to three strokes when Whalen's tee shot on No. 15 landed next to a tree root and led to a bogey. "What happened on 14 and 15 took the wind out of my sail," Whalen said. "He outplayed me. The one (at No. 11) was the only mistake he made all day. He definitely was not going to give it to me." Carter wound up winning by two strokes with a 72-hole total of 279, five under par, which included a 66 in the third round on the Old White course. Whalen shot three straight 70s before a 71 in the final round for 281. Coming in third at 284 was Sam O'Dell, who suffered a serious head injury in an all-terrain vehicle accident the night before the final round of the 2001 Amateur. Leaders by rounds: first, Jeff Whitman 69, by one; second, Whalen 140, by one; third, Carter 209, by one.

Pat Carter, Huntington	71-72-66-70_279
Ryan Whalen, Bluefield	70-70-70-71_281
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	71-73-70-70_284
David Bradshaw, Harpers Ferry	74-70-69-72_285
Jared Jones, Kenova	74-74-69-70_287
Jeff Whitman, St. Albans	69-73-72-75_289
Joe Zimmerman, Morgantown	74-75-71-69_289
Burke Spensky, Huntington	72-71-70-76_289
Tim Fisher, Statts Mills	70-71-76-73_290
Patrick Klesel, Parkersburg	71-78-70-73_292

**2003:** Starting off with a record first round score of 63 on the par 70 Old White course, Pat Carter rolled to his ninth straight Amateur championship and his 10th title overall. He set tournament records in every round with his opening 63, a 36-hole mark of 129, a 54-hole mark of 199 and a 72-hole total of 270. He finished 14 under par and won by a whopping 13 strokes. The 35-year-old Carter said he probably played his best golf ever during the week. "I've played farther under par on some local courses, but not on quality courses like the Greenbrier and Old White," he said. The first round saw some of the lowest scores ever in the tournament. Carter

had seven birdies, including five on the back nine, and no bogeys but his lead was just one stroke. Young Jared Jones, 18, of Kenova shot a 64 with eight birdies, two bogeys and eight pars. Another stroke back at 65 was Burke Spensky, 23, of Huntington on a bogey-free round with five birdies. "The course played defenseless today," Carter said. "There was no wind, the pin placements were assessible and the speed on the greens was where you could attack the hole." Carter's 66 in the second round on the par 72 Greenbrier course boosted his lead to seven strokes and the only question after that was who would finish second. Jones fired a 69 in the third round and held on to become the runnerup with a 283 total. Steve VanHorn of Morgantown finished strong with 69 and 70 rounds to come in third at 284. Leaders by rounds: first, Carter 63, by one; second, Carter 129, by seven; third, Carter 199, by nine.

Pat Carter, Huntington	63-66-70-71_270
Jared Jones, Huntington	64-75-69-75_283
Steve VanHorn, Morgantown	72-73-69-70_284
Burke Spensky, Huntington	65-71-74-75_285
Nathan Kinker, Barboursville	70-71-73-76_290
Phillip DiLorenzo, Wellsburg	70-75-70-77_292
Chris Daniels, Beckley	69-74-74-75_292
Brad Tweel, Huntington	71-76-69-78_294
David Jude, Huntington	70-74-69-81_294
Brian Hass, Hurricane	71-70-79-75_295
Ryan Stewart, Barboursville	70-74-70-81_295
Hop White, Scott Depot	72-72-72-79_295

**2004:** Pat Carter extended his national golf record for consecutive victories to 10 straight West Virginia Amateur titles. It was his 11th title overall and tied him with Ed Tutwiler for second place on the Amateur win total behind Bill Campbell's 15 championships. Carter commented on his decade-long dominance, "A decade is a long time. Those are a lot of days of golf. And that makes it special." The Huntington insurance salesman posted a 72-hole total of 276, eight under par, and won by eight strokes over runner-up Tad Tomblin of Charleston. Carter took the first round lead with a 66 on the Old White course but fell behind with a 74 to Tomblin's five-under 67 on the Greenbrier course in the second round. Carter blitzed Old White for a 64 in the third round, making five birdies in the first seven holes, to regain the lead by five strokes over Tamblin. The final round was played in a daylong rain on the Greenbrier course and Carter widened his lead by shooting an even-par 72. He estimated that he went through 20 gloves, changing for every tee shot in an effort to keep his hands dry, and said it was a grind all day. "You know you're going to hit some really bad shots and hopefully, your good shots will offset them," Carter said. Tomblin began the last round with a double-bogey and triple-bogey in the rain but settled down and birdied four holes on the back nine to shoot 75. Tomblin was satisfied with his finish. "If you'd told me I'd shoot even-par for the tournament and finish second, I would have taken it," he said, "(because) we've got one of the premier amateurs in the country right here in our state." Among those giving Carter congratulatory handshakes was basketball legend Jerry West. Leaders by rounds: first, Carter 66, by two; second, Tomblin 138, by two; third, Carter 204, by five.

Pat Carter, Huntington	66-74-64-72_276
Tad Tomblin, Charleston	71-67-71-75_284
Don Jones, Beckley	70-72-73-76_291
Trent Schambach, Glen Dale	73-76-69-74_292
Jamison Conrad, Fayetteville	71-78-68-75_292
Nathan Kinker, Barboursville	70-75-71-77_293
Chris Tipper, Vienna	68-75-74-77_294
Drew Whitten, Hurricane	68-80-75-72_295
Philip Reale, Glenville	71-74-72-78_295
Brian Hass, Hurricane	69-73-72-82_296
John Duty Jr., Morgantown	73-74-69-80_296

**2005:** Tim Fisher birdied all three holes in a dramatic playoff to beat Pat Carter, ending his national-record streak of consecutive West Virginia Amateur titles at 10. Carter parred all three playoff holes in losing for the first time since 1994. But Carter said he didn't feel like he lost it. ""That's the way I wanted it to end, with somebody coming out and beating me, That's exactly what Tim did," Carter said. Fisher was twice runner-up to Carter in past Amateurs but Tim had the hot putter this time, making birdies on five of his last seven holes. They began the final round tied before Fisher took the lead with an eagle on the par-five third hole and held it for most of the day with some superb shots, including driving the green on the 292-yard 10th hole. Fisher was a stroke ahead going into No. 13 but that hole proved unlucky as he took a triple-bogey seven. That dropped him two shots behind Carter but Fisher hit great approach shots to eight feet on No. 15 and to four feet on No. 16 to pull even. A key sand save on the par-three 17th hole and a 75-yard wedge shot over trees on the 18th hole kept Fisher tied and set up the Amateur's first playoff since 1985. Fisher dominated the playoff by sinking birdie putts of 18 and six feet on the first two holes and then reaching the green in two on the 554-yard 18th hole for another birdie. Fisher, 24, said he dreamed about winning the Amateur ""but I never really thought it'd happen." He served notice that it might be his year by firing a 64 on the Greenbrier course in the second round. Leaders by rounds: first, Drew Whitten and Pat Boggs tied, 68s; second, Fisher 139, by two; third, Fisher and Carter tied, 211s.

x-Tim Fisher, Statts Mills,	75-64-72-70_281
Pat Carter, Huntington	73-68-70-70_281
Matt Hicks, Sissonville	76-69-67-71_283
Drew Whitten, Hurricane	68-74-71-72_285
Chris Tipper, Vienna	70-74-70-72_286
Steve VanHorn, Morgantown	72-75-69-73_289
Phil DiLorenzo, Wellsburg	71-75-68-75_289
Michael Mays, Lester	72-72-72-75_291
Anthony Reale, Glenville	72-76-72-72_292
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	73-72-72-75_292

(x-won three-hole playoff)

**2006:** Pat Carter held off Anthony Reale in the final round to capture his 12th West Virginia Amateur title. Carter moved past Ed Tutwiler (11 titles) and is second only to Bill Campbell,

who won the Amateur 15 times. Campbell was among the first to shake Carter's hand after the final hole. "I sure am glad to be back in the winner's circle," said Carter, who had his streak of 10 straight ended in 2005. Reale, a Glenville native who plays college golf for East Carolina, shot a 66 on the remodeled Old White course the first day and held the lead for the first two rounds before sharing it with Carter after the third round. Carter shot a 71 in the final round while Reale had a 73. Carter built up a five-shot lead for enough cushion that he could afford to bogey the last three holes on the Greenbrier course. "The wheels came off there," Carter said. "I was playing not to lose. But my putter did not let me down today." Reale said he was disappointed but "My hat's off to him. He went out and won the tournament today." Carter's winning score of 285 was the highest on The Greenbrier's two courses since 1994 and this was the first time Carter has won there without a round in the 60s. The main reason for the higher scores was the renovation of the Old White course, which made it much tougher. Jared Jones made the best comeback, going from an 82 to a 68 on the Old White and finishing fourth. Leaders by rounds: first, Reale, 66, by two; second, Reale, 139, by five; third, Carter and Reale tied, 214s.

Pat Carter, Huntington	72-72-70-71--285
Anthony Reale, Glenville	66-73-75-73--287
Nathan Kinker, Barboursville	71-74-74-71--290
Jared Jones, Kenova	82-70-68-74--294
Matt Hicks, Sissonville	73-72-80-72--297
Ryan Whalen, Morgantown	77-70-75-75--297
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	81-75-71-71--298
Tad Tomblin, Man	75-73-79-72--299
Christian Brand, Charleston	68-77-78-76--299
Steve VanHorn, Morgantown	76-74-74-76--300
Tim Fisher, Ripley	77-77-69-77--300
Brandon Reece, Charleston	81-70-71-78--300

**2007:** Anthony Reale defeated Matt Hicks by two strokes in a three-hole playoff to capture his first West Virginia Amateur title. Reale, 21, had three pars while Hicks, 21, had a par and two bogeys in the playoff on the Greenbrier course. Reale, a Glenville native now living in Charleston, finished second to Pat Carter in the 2006 Amateur but won this time despite frittering away a six-shot lead with five holes left in regulation. Hicks caught him during a three-hole stretch in which Hicks went par-birdie-birdie while Reale went bogey-bogey-double bogey. The double came when Reale put his approach shot into the lake on the 16th hole. "It wasn't the end of the world when I hit the ball in the water," Reale said. Both players parred 17 and birdied 18, with Hicks blasting from a greenside bunker to within a foot of the cup on 18 while Reale hit a five-wood 255 yards to within 25 feet. Reale called it the best 5-wood he's ever hit. "I felt good going into the playoff. I could have folded like a tent but I hung in there," Reale said. In the playoff, both parred the 16th hole before Reale took the lead on 17 when Hicks put his tee shot into a greenside bunker, blasted out 25 feet past the hole and missed the putt for a bogey. Reale got a break on 18 when his drive bounced off a tree back into the fairway about 150 yards from the tee. His second shot landed under some trees but he hit a low-hooking 5-iron 190 yards to within 30 feet of the cup on the long par-five and saved par. Hicks put his second shot into a greenside

bunker, blasted out 35 feet from the cup and wound up three-putting for a bogey. "My swing kind of went downhill a little bit and I tried to keep it together," Hicks said of the playoff. Jared Jones went into the final round tied with Reale for the lead but shot a 77 to finish tied for fifth with Carter, the 12-time champion who was not a factor this time. Leaders by rounds: first, John Duty, Jr., 69, by one; second, Jones, 138, by three; third, Reale and Jones tied, 210s.

x-Anthony Reale, Charleston	71-70-69-74--284
Matt Hicks, Charleston	73-70-69-72--284
Brandon Reece, Beckley	70-72-73-71--286
Trent Schambach, Glen Dale	71-74-68-73--286
Pat Carter, Huntington	70-74-73-70--287
Jared Jones, Kenova	70-68-72-77--287
John Duty, Jr., Morgantown	69-74-73-73--289
Ben Palmer, Parkersburg	73-71-73-72--289
Ryan Whalen, Morgantown	74-69-72-74--289
Justin Carroll, Bridgeport	72-77-71-72--292
Brian Meador, Morgantown	75-71-74-72--292
x--won three-hole playoff	

2008: Tim Fisher edged defending champion Anthony Reale by one stroke and captured his second West Virginia Amateur title in a two-man shootout at The Greenbrier resort. Fisher and Reale traded the lead back and forth the entire tournament and were tied with two holes left in the final round on the Old White course. Fisher got his winning margin with a birdie on the par-five 17th hole as he reached the green with a five-iron second shot and two-putted. Reale was short and left under a tree on his second shot, put his third shot over the green and wound up with a par. Both players hit their tee shots about 30 feet from the cup on the par-three 18th hole. Reale two-putted for a par, forcing Fisher to make his second putt from about four feet to clinch the victory, which he calmly did. Fisher said winning his second Amateur meant a lot to him. "I didn't want to be a one-hit wonder," said Fisher, who ended Pat Carter's 10-year winning streak in 2005 for his first victory, Fisher is now the 15th multiple winner out of 89 Amateur tournaments. Reale said Fisher definitely earned the victory. "He shot a 68 to win, so hat's off to him," Reale said. Fisher finished six-under par with a 278 total and Reale at 279 was the only other player under par after two rounds each on the par-72 Greenbrier course and the par-70 Old White. Tournament officials decided to change the order of the two courses and have the Amateur finish on the remodeled and tougher Old White. Reale has finished second, first and second in the last three Amateurs. Leaders by rounds: first, Fisher, Reale and Justin Caroli tied, 69s; second, Fisher 138, by one; third, Reale 209, by one.

Tim Fisher, Statts Mills	69-69-72-68--278
Anthony Reale, Glenville	69-70-70-70--279
Justin Caroli, Bridgeport	69-72-72-72--285
Michael Veres, Chapmanville	72-70-70-74--286
Pat Carter, Huntington	71-71-75-70--287
Christian Brand, Charleston	70-71-76-70--287
Bosten Miller, Charleston	72-73-71-71--287

Ben Palmer, Parkersburg 78-71-68-74--291  
 Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg 70-75-74-75--294  
 David Fields, Fort Gay 75-74-74-72--295  
 Sam O'Dell, Hurricane 72-73-73-77--295  
 Matthew Gissy, Weston 73-71-75-76—295

2009: The 90<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Amateur was full of drama yet again, as Tim Fisher stormed from behind to land a 1 shot victory over Pat Carter shooting a one over par four day total of 285 to capture his third title. The week started with a pair of young college players, Brian Anania and Joey Seabright sharing the round 1 lead. Pat Cater led at the halfway point and after 3 rounds. But the morning of the final day saw Tim Fisher fire a front nine 30 to take the lead which he would never surrender to claim his 3<sup>rd</sup> West Virginia Amateur Championship. Fisher made 8 pars and a bogey coming home and held off Carter by one shot. Leaders by round: first, Brian Anania and Joey Seabright 70, second, Pat Carter and Michael Veres 143, third, Pat Carter 215.

Tim Fisher, Statts Mills 75-72-71-67—285  
 Pat Carter, Huntington 73-72-70-71—286  
 Anthony Reale, Glenville 74-70-73-72-- 289  
 Sam O'Dell, Hurricane 72-72-72-74—290  
 Ryan Mason, Bridgeport 73-72-75-71-- 291  
 Michael Veres, Chapmanville 71-72-76-73—292  
 Trent Roush, Mason 76-74-73-70—293  
 JR Jones, Parkersburg 72-79-71-71—293  
 Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg 75-72-74-72—293  
 Brian Anania, Hurricane 70-77-73-73—293  
 Michael Mays, Beckley 75-71-72-75—293