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2010: It didn't come easy for David Bradshaw to defend his West Virginia Open crown, but when the slick downhill 5 footer fell on the 54th hole he tasted victory once again in the states premier championship. Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane was the setting for the 77th West Virginia Open, the first time the club had hosted in eight years and 120 of the states best took to the par 72 layout. Bradshaw came into the final round with a two shot lead over three time WV Amateur champion Tim Fisher, who got within one shot of the lead a the turn but a bogey on the 12th added with a Bradshaw birdie at 10 sent the lead back to three shots. However with 2 holes to play Fisher found the fairway and nearly holed out for an eagle 2 on the 17th hole (nines were switched for the championship), and tapped in for birdie while Bradshaw parred. On the last Fisher drained a 30 foot birdie putt, forcing Bradshaw to make a tough 5 footer for par, which he did to claim the Victory. Leaders by Round: first, Hop White 67, second, David Bradshaw 135.

David Bradshaw, Bakerton	71-64-68—203
a-Tim Fisher, Statts Mills	69-68-67—204
Jason Martin, Wheeling	69-71-71—211
a-Jonathan Bartlett, White Sulphur Springs	69-70-72—211
Barry Evans, Charleston	75-66-71—212
Bob Friend, Morgantown	69-73-71—213
Johnathan Clark, Hurricane	74-68-72—214
Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg	76-70-69—215
a-Michael Veres, Chapmanville	73-73-69—215
Brad Westfall, Grafton	71-72-72—215

2011: David Bradshaw is taking home another West Virginia Open title, but not before putting in some overtime against fellow competitor Bob Friend. The two golfers jockeyed back and forth for the lead all tournament long and the playoff that ensued, seemed almost inevitable.

Friend's first round 66 made him the leader in the clubhouse after day one, but after a one over par 72 on day two, Friend found himself two strokes behind *six* time Open winner Bradshaw. Both men struggled at the beginning of day three, shooting over par through the first 11 holes. However, with the opportunity for victory growing ever closer, Bradshaw and Friend each birdied two of the last four holes, leaving them tied for the tournament. The resulting three-hole aggregate playoff lived up to the expectations set by such an exciting tournament.

Each man returned to the par four, 16th determined to get off to a fast start and each one did, birdying the hole. On the par 3 17th, Friend missed his shot right of the green, while Bradshaw hit a solid shot on the green, about 12 feet short of the hole. Bradshaw's subsequent two putt for par, was good enough to take a one shot lead over Friend, who bogied the hole. With the 18th the only thing between Bradshaw and another WV Open win, he safely made it on the green in two. Despite a great up and down for Friend from off the green, both men pared the last hole, leaving Bradshaw with a one-stroke victory in the playoff and the title of state champion once again.

David Bradshaw, Bakerton	69-67-72--208
Bob Friend, Morgantown	66-72-70--208
Garland Green, Bluefield	70-71-70--211
John Ross, Freeman	72-67-74--213
a-Pat Carter, Huntington	74-71-70--215
Darcy Donaldson, Athens	73-71-71--215
Vincent Zachwieja, Charles Town	73-69-73--215
Jason Robinson, Grafton	74-75-67--216
a-Trent Roush, Mason	71-78-68--217
a-JR Jones, Parkersburg	71-73-73--217
a-Tad Tomblin, Alum Creek	68-75-74—217

2012: Hurricane's Jonathan Clark will now have his name permanently etched in the history of West Virginia golf for the second time. For the first time since 2001, the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club general manager (and former head golf professional) won the West Virginia Open Championship, beginning his final round with six straight 3's en

route to a front nine 29, blowing his competition out of the water by shooting a 54-hole total of 12-under-par. Clark will take home a \$6,000 cut of the \$31,775 purse.

“I played well all week, then last night I got a text from my older daughter that said, ‘Dad, you can do this, you’re going to win,’” he said. “So I looked at the text again this morning and said to myself, you know what? I am going to win.”

The Defending Champion, Harpers Ferry’s David Bradshaw, will share the Runner-up title with first round leader, South Charleston’s Christian Brand, who just turned pro less than two months ago.

Also making a stroke showing this week was Sam O’Dell, also of Hurricane, who took home the Low Amateur award by finishing the week 5-under-par. O’Dell tied with round two leader and Host Professional, Scott Depot’s Craig Berner.

Up-and-coming junior golfer, Chris Williams, of Scott Depot, won the Low Junior award by finishing 3-over-par, while Hurricane’s Scott Davis won the Low Senior award at 1-under-par. Leaders by Round: First, Christian Brand 66, Second, Craig Berner 134.

Johnathan Clark, Hurricane	68-68-65—201
David Bradshaw, Bakerton	70-67-70—207
Christian Brand, Charleston	66-70-71—207
a-Sam O’Dell, Hurricane	67-72-69—208
Criag Berner, Scott Depot	67-67-74—208
Darcy Donaldson, Athens	71-68-70—209
a-Brian Anania, Hurricane	68-71-72—211
Scott Davis, Hurricane	68-73-71—212
a-Bosten Miller, Charleston	69-75-70—214
a-Todd Westfall, Clendenin	68-71-75—214

2013: The West Virginia Golf Association is celebrating its Centennial in 2013, and the West Virginia Open was hosted at one West Virginia’s oldest clubs and to date the largest membership in the WVGA at Parkersburg Country Club. Harpers Ferry’s David Bradshaw won his seventh West Virginia Open title, shooting 11-under-par for the Championship. With his victory, the pro received a \$6,000 cut of the \$30,000 purse. Bradshaw last won the Open when it was hosted by The Pines Country Club in 2011. It wasn’t as easy as the final score made it seem as Amateur Sam O’Dell made quite a run for his money during the final round, moving within 1 shot of Bradshaw’s lead mid way through the front nine, but with an Eagle at the 6th and a birdie a the 9th, Bradshaw was once again in control of the Championship, even when O’Dell got within two shots with just four holes to play, Bradshaw finished the Championship off in grand fashion, by birdieing the final four holes to post a -14 total to win by four shots. O’Dell finished runner-up, four strokes ahead of the nearest competitor. Bradshaw, the Harpers Ferry native made just three bogeys the entire week. Leaders by Round: Ian Patrick and David Bradshaw, 69, Second, David Bradsahw 138.

David Bradshaw, Bakerton	69-69-67—205
a-Sam O’Dell, Hurricane	71-71-67—209
Bob Friend, Morgantown	70-73-70—213
Christian Brand, Charleston	73-71-69—213
a-Bosten Miller, Charleston	75-70-69—214
Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg	72-73-69—214
a-Philip Reale, Charleston	72-73-70—215
a-Woody Woodward, Bridgeport	74-67-75—216
a-Bryan Myers, Wheeling	75-74-68—217
a-Scott Bibbee, Parkersburg	72-71-75—218
a-Brian Anania, Hurricane	75-70-73—218
a-Rob Erwin, Charleston	76-71-71—218

2014: Professional, Christian Brand of Charleston, began his day two shots back of round two leader, Will Evans, an Amateur from Charleston who plays on the Marshall University Golf Team. Like Bradshaw, Brand got hot early as he began his third round with two straight birdies and added two more as he closed out his front nine with a three under, 33. As other players seemed to be stringing pars together on the closing nine, Brand took charge and never looked back. After a birdie on the difficult tenth hole, Brand added birdies on both twelve and fifteen claiming a

three shot lead with just two holes to go. His final round 66, gave Brand a tournament total of 204 (-12) and the victory of the 81st West Virginia Open Championship.

Defending and seven-time West Virginia Open Champion, David Bradshaw, looked as if he was going to stake claim at his eighth title after he began his final round carding four straight birdies on holes two through five. After quickly jumping atop the leaderboard, Bradshaw's birdie streak fizzled as his only other birdie came on the par-5 twelfth hole. Bradshaw's final round of three under-par, 69, gave him a tournament total of nine under-par, 207, and solidified his third runner-up finish. A highlight from the final round included past champion Scott Davis making a hole in one on the par 3 third hole. Leaders by Round: Kenny Hess and Craig Berner 68, second, Will Evans 136.

Christian Brand, Charleston	70-68-66—204
David Bradshaw, Bakerton	70-68-69—207
Craig Berner, Scott Depot	68-69-71—208
a-Will Evans, Charleston	70-66-74—210
Jason Martin, Wheeling	70-71-70—211
Jonathan Bartlett, Charleston	69-74-68—211
Scott Davis, Hurricane	69-76-67—212
a-Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	77-66-69—212
Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg	68-73-71—212
a-Tad Tomblin, Alum Creek	73-72-68—213

2015: Christian Brand entered the final round with a four stroke lead looking to defend his WV Open title that he captured just one year ago at The Resort at Glade Springs. Nipping on his heels just four shots back was seven-time WV Open champion, David Bradshaw from Harpers Ferry, who looked to stage a final round comeback in search for his 8th victory. For the championship the nines were reversed, to stage an exciting finish on the closing par 5.

Looking to continue his hot streak from round two, Brand carded an early birdie on the par-4 second but couldn't quite get things going after that. Making bogeys on six and fifteen, Brand found himself in a battle with Bradshaw coming down the stretch. After making the turn at two-under for his third round, Bradshaw continued to make a push up the leaderboard with back-to-back birdies on twelve and thirteen. After a Brand bogey on the par-4 fifteenth, both players found themselves tied with three holes remaining. Heading into the 18th, Bradshaw found himself with an eagle putt to claim victory after Brand had tapped in for birdie, but Bradshaw's putt rolled just past the edge of the hole and the two players found themselves tied at eight under-par.

Brand and Bradshaw then headed to a three-hole aggregate playoff on holes ten, seventeen, and eighteen. On the first playoff hole Brand carded a par while Bradshaw three-putted for bogey. The pair then headed to the par-four seventeenth where both players made easy pars and headed to the par-five eighteenth. After both hit their second shots, Bradshaw found himself with a fifteen foot eagle putt while Brand's second shot took an unfortunate bounce and found the greenside rough. After a difficult chip, Brand found himself with a twenty foot birdie putt which he left five feet short of the hole. Bradshaw then found himself with an eagle putt to win the tournament but once again rolled it just past the edge of the hole leaving himself a three foot birdie putt coming back for birdie. Brand tapped in for par and Bradshaw stepped up to his birdie putt to extend the playoff. After taking a look at it from all angles Bradshaw made his stroke and it hit the left lip and rolled away giving Brand the victory and back-to-back WV Open Championship victories. John Ross was a great story this week as he opened the championship with a 7 under par 63 to take the first round lead, en route to his tie for third. Leaders by Round: first, John Ross 63, second Christian Brand 132.

**Christian Brand, Charleston	69-63-70—202
David Bradshaw, Bakerton	72-64-66—202
Bob Friend, Morgantown	75-68-70—213
a-Chris Williams, Scott Depot	69-72-72—213
a-Davey Jude, Kermit	69-72-72—213
John Ross, Freeman	63-77-73—213
a-Alan Cooke, Vienna	73-69-71—213
Garland Green, Tazewell	72-67-75—214
a-Ben Palmer, Washington	74-72-69—215

a-Thadd Obecný, Wheeling	74-70-71—215
a-Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	74-70-71—215
Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg	69-69-77—215

**Won in 3 Hole Aggregate Playoff

2016: The final group – seven-time champion David Bradshaw and club members Chris Williams and Sam O'Dell – were on the No. 17 fairway when players and spectators were alerted to hustle back to the clubhouse. The inclement weather that stalled play at 3:29 p.m. during the final round in the 83rd West Virginia Open Championship was only delaying the inevitable, as David Bradshaw held a 4 shot lead at the time and was able to relax on his final couple holes to win his 8th WV Open championship.

“This is the 12th time I’ve contended at the Open and the 11th time I’ve been the blacksheep,” said Bradshaw, who moved to San Diego shortly after turning professional. “It’s fitting that this week we honored a guy (Brad Westfall) by wearing all black.”

Bradshaw referenced Wednesday’s first round when Open competitors honored the five-time champion by wearing black. Westfall, 52, died during a golfing trip to Hilton Head, S.C., in March.

Williams and O'Dell were local favorites, but couldn't maintain pace with Bradshaw, who finished second behind Charleston's Christian Brand in 2014 and 2015.

Following his three-stroke loss to Brand at Glade Springs two years ago, Bradshaw determined he would return to California and teach the game, while taking some time off from playing. “There were a lot of holes that were gettable on the backside,” Bradshaw said. “There are no leads that are comfortable until the ball’s in the hole. You could shoot a low number on the back ... I didn’t, but neither did they.”

Alum Creek's Tad Tomblin, whose first-round 66 propelled him to the lead, was 1-over on Friday, but finished by a stroke ahead of Fincastle Country Club member Garland Green, O'Dell and Williams by virtue of a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 18.

There were two players on Friday shoot under par – Hurricane's Harold Payne, a member of the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame – who was 2-under; and Kermit's Davey Jude, who shot 1-under.

Payne, a lifelong member of Sleepy Hollow, was the focus of many onlookers, who watched the tournament's No. 18 – the course's No. 9 – under the protective cover of the patio roof.

Other fan favorites were Williams and O'Dell. O'Dell birdied No. 16 with a long putt, but bogeyed Nos. 17 and 18. Williams was 1-under after 14 holes, but had a bogey, double bogey and bogey on 15, 16 and 17 respectively to finish at 211.

“On the front nine, I made a couple silly mistakes,” said Williams, who switched to a TaylorMade M1 driver, which sparked a noticeable improvement in distance on Friday. “I missed some greens and a few short putts. I got it to 2, then missed a short birdie putt on 14. Had a few bad shots coming in. I didn’t finish very strong. “Overall, David played great. I’m pretty happy. It was a fun week.”

His missed birdie putt on No. 14 would have given him back-to-back birdies and closed him to two strokes behind Bradshaw. Bradshaw birdied No. 11 and followed by a bogey.

By the time he rolled in a par putt on No. 16, he was four strokes ahead shortly before the bad weather rolled in. When it rolled back out, the finish was a formality. Leaders by Round: first, Tad Tomblin 66, second, David Bradshaw 135.

David Bradshaw, Bakerton	70-65-71—206
a-Tad Tomblin, Alum Creek	66-72-72—210
a-Chris Williams, Scott Depot	68-69-74—211
a-Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	67-70-74—211
Garland Green, Tazewell	67-72-72—211
a-Philip Reale, Charleston	72-71-72—215
a-Harold Payne, Hurricane	73-73-69—215
Christian Brand, Charleston	74-70-73—217
a-Thadd Obecný, Wheeling	72-73-72—217
a-Pat Carter, Huntington	72-73-72—217

2017: Battling through heat and humidity for the third straight day, sixty-two players entered the final round of the 84th WV Open at Edgewood Country Club looking to give them self a chance at hoisting the Joe Taylor trophy in victory. In order to do that, they all had to focus their sights on second round leader David Bradshaw. Bradshaw,

eight-time past champion of this event, wasn't going to give the tournament away though and even through a fifty-six minute rain delay halfway through his round was able to battle off several late chargers from his fellow competitors to capture his ninth title.

Bradshaw started his round slow and steady as he opened up with four straight pars. His first birdie of the round came on the par-5 fifth hole and he followed it up with another one on the par-4 eighth. A bogey on the ninth gave Bradshaw an opening nine of one under par and a four shot lead over Jude who had opened up with a one over-par front nine. Also carding a one under-par front nine was Huntington's Pat Carter who also found himself four shots back heading to the back nine. Bradshaw's back nine was more of the same consistent play except for a double-bogey on the par-4 twelfth hole which brought Jude and Carter to within three shots of the lead. Two back to back birdies on fifteen and sixteen got Bradshaw to twelve under-par and clear of the push from Jude who had birdied fourteen and fifteen and Carter who birdied sixteen and eighteen. Bradshaw's final round of 69 gave him a tournament total of twelve under-par, 201, and his ninth WV Open title. Claiming runner-up honors was Kermit's Davey Jude who finished three shots back at a tournament total of 204. Leaders by Round: first, Bradshaw, Davey Jude and Woody Woodward 66, second, Bradshaw 132.

David Bradshaw, Bakerton	66-66-69—201
Davey Jude, Kermit	66-68-70—204
a-Pat Carter, Huntington	71-66-68—205
Woody Woodward, Bridgeport	66-71-69—206
a-Philip Reale, Charleston	67-72-67—206
a-Thomas Frazier, Huntington	69-71-67—207
a-Chris Williams, Scott Depot	72-69-68—209
Scott Davis, Hurricane	72-69-69—210
a-Alan Cooke, Vienna	73-71-67—211
a-Nick Biesecker, Charleston	74-69-69—212
a-Steve Fox, Huntington	68-72-72—212
Kenneth Hess, Parkersburg	70-69-73—212