

West Virginia Year by Year History

1910s

1913: Julius Pollock, Jr., 28, of Wheeling won the initial West Virginia Amateur held at the Fairmont Country Club. Pollock defeated another Wheeling golfer, Harold Bloch, 7 and 5, in the title match. Semifinals: Pollock def. A.R. Romine, Charleston, 2 and 1; Bloch def. A.B. Scott, Fairmont, 2 up. Qualifying medalist: A.S. Fleming, Fairmont, 75.

1914: Julius Pollock captured his second straight championship by downing Joseph Wells of Newell, 6 and 4, in the 36-hole finals at Parkersburg Country Club. Pollock was a fine all-around athlete although weighing less than 130 pounds. Semifinals: Pollock def. Harold Bloch, 5 and 4; Wells def. Owen Rittenhouse, Parkersburg, 3 and 1. Medalist: Pollock, 167.

1915: Julius Pollock won his third straight Amateur crown and retired the loving cup trophy as a three-time winner. Pollock topped W.E. Rownd of Wheeling, 10 and 8, in the finals at Wheeling CC. Semifinals: Pollock def. Walter Stockley, Fairmont, 5 and 4; Rownd def. Harold Bloch, 3 and 1. Medalist: Pollock, 152.

1916: George Hewitt of Wheeling downed Joseph Wells, 7 and 6, in the title match at White Sulphur Springs. Hewitt was a former Wisconsin state champion. Wells downed Julius Pollock, 2 and 1, in the semifinals. Medalist: Pollock, 76.

1917: No tournament.

1918: Forrest McNeill of Clarksburg took the last four holes and defeated J. Mentor Caldwell of Parkersburg, 7 and 6, in the finals at Wheeling Country Club. Semifinals: McNeill def. Walter Stockley, 19th hole; Caldwell def. George Hewitt, 3 and 1. Medalist: Julius Pollock, 147.

1919: Julius Pollock bested a record field of 112 golfers at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs in earning his fourth Amateur title. Pollock beat George Hewitt, 4 and 2, in the title match. Semifinals: Pollock def. Henry C. Davis, Elkins; Hewitt def. Forrest McNeill. Medalist: McNeill, 80.