

West Virginia Year by Year History

1940s

1940: Ed Tutwiler returned from a year of working in the Oklahoma oil fields to capture a second straight Amateur title on his vacation. He lived up to his “King Tut” nickname by beating Fred Bannerot, 7 and 6, in the finals. Tutwiler shot an even par 70 in the morning and was one over par in the afternoon. Bannerot was 10 over par for the 30 holes. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. John Chenoweth, Charleston, 2 and 1; Bannerot def. Fred Hawkins, Charleston, 1 up. Medalist: Tutwiler, 74-73—147.

1941: Veteran Fred Bannerot had too much experience for Ray Vaughan, Jr., 17, the red-haired son of a Lewisburg golf pro. Bannerot beat Vaughan, 7 and 5, to notch his third Amateur title. Bannerot took a four-up lead in the morning with play “as methodical as a clock.” Ed Tutwiler, working in Oklahoma, did not defend his crown. Semifinals: Bannerot def. George Hoffer, Wheeling, 4 and 3; Vaughan def. Bryan Brown, Hinton, 1 up. Medalist: Vaughan, 68-71—139.

1942-1947: No tournament due to World War II.

1948: The Amateur resumed at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs after a six-year lapse. Ed Tutwiler rolled to his third title by scoring a 4 and 3 victory over Fred Bannerot. Tutwiler fell three down after four holes but rallied to take a two-up lead after 18 holes. He sank two putts of more than 15 feet to increase his lead in the afternoon round. Tutwiler shot 67 and 68 in earlier matches. Governor Clarence Meadows qualified for the championship flight, won one match and then withdrew. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Jack Peck, Logan, 2 up; Bannerot def. P.A. Bennett, Martinsburg, 3 and 2. Medalist: Tutwiler, 70-73—143.

1949: Bill Campbell of Huntington downed Ed Tutwiler, 4 and 3, in the first of several memorable title matches between them. Campbell reached every green in regulation during the 15 afternoon holes and was three under par for that stretch, closing out the match with birdies on the 32nd and 33rd holes. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Jack Peck, 1 up; Campbell def. Tom Bloch, 5 and 4. Medalist: Tutwiler, 68-69—137.