

West Virginia Year by Year History

1990s

1990: While other golfers faltered, Scott Gilmore, 32, kept his game under control on the closing holes and came from behind to capture his second Amateur. Gilmore shot a 76 in the final round on the Greenbrier course but it was good enough to give him a one-stroke victory with a 292 total. Danny Warren led Gilmore by two strokes with three holes remaining but Warren hit into the pond on the 16th hole for a double bogey and then bogeyed the last two holes to wind up fourth. Mike Good of Charleston birdied four holes on the back nine for a 72 round to tie Floyd Shuler for second place. Dave Pope led after the second round but had to drive the 120 miles from Charleston to White Sulphur Springs in 90 minutes to make his third round tee time and never regained his rhythm. Round leaders: First, Shuler-67, by two; Second, Pope-142, by two; Third, Warren-215, by one.

Scot Gilmore 72-76-68-76—292

Mike Good 73-76-72-72—293

Floyd Shuler 67-78-74-74—293

Danny Warren 69-75-71-79—294

Steve Wood 75-73-74-73—295

Harold Payne 75-73-72-75—295

Brian Meade 75-74-71-75—295

Reid Carroll 73-75-72-75—295

Hobe Bauer 69-76-71-79—295

1991: Harold Payne romped to an eight-stroke victory to become a four-time Amateur champion. “It is an honor to win the State Amateur in three decades,” he said. Payne posted a 285 total. Payne’s winning margin was the largest since the two-course format change in 1982. Payne shared the first round lead with Ross Scaggs of Huntington and then led the next three rounds. Payne’s lead was cut to four strokes over Eric Shaffer of Fairmont in the final round. Payne then made a birdie four on the Greenbrier’s 510-year-old 12th hole while Shaffer hit out of bounds and took a double-bogey seven. Round leaders: First, Payne and Scaggs-68s; Second, Payne-140, by six; Third, Payne-210, by seven.

Harold Payne 68-72-70-75—285

Pat Carter 73-73-72-75—293

Mike Good 70-78-71-75—294

Danny Warren 72-74-74-75—295

Eric Shaffer 70-76-71-78—295

Charles Green 69-78-74-75—296

Bill Campbell 70-79-71-78—298

Mike Gocke 76-74-67-81—298

1992: Eric Shaffer, 20, shot a 69 on the par 72 Greenbrier course in the final round to pull away and win by seven strokes. Shaffer, a Marshall University golfer, highlighted his round by holing a 60-foot pitch shot for an eagle on the eighth hole and then finished like a champion with birdies on the last two holes. Shaffer wound up with a 285 total.

Charles Green of Tazewell, Va., playing out of the Fincastle club in Bluefield, also shot a final round 69 and finished second. Round leaders: First, Marty Creed, Mike Owens and Green-68s; Second, Evans Harbour-142, by one; Third, Shaffer-216, by one.

Eric Shaffer 70-73-73-69—285

Charles Green 68-80-75-69—292

Mitchell Roush 71-73-73-78—295

Pat Carter 71-74-77-74—296

Evans Harbour 72-70-76-78—296

Mike Good 73-73-73-77—296

Scott Gilmore 69-74-74-79—296

Larry Spotloe 73-71-76-78—296

1993: Harold Payne, 38, captured his fifth Amateur title in a shootout with Steve Fox and Hobe Bauer. Payne finished with a 72 on the Greenbrier course to win by two strokes with a 288 total. Fox and Bauer both had 75 rounds for 290 totals. Payne said he wasn't putting well but credited his victory to course management. Payne took the lead for good on the 15th hole with a 12-foot birdie putt. Fox shared the lead at the end of the first three rounds. Round leaders: First, Evans Harbour and Fox-69s; Second, Harbour and Fox-143s; Third, Bauer and Fox-215s.

Harold Payne 71-75-70-72—288

Steve Fox 69-74-72-75—290

Hobe Bauer 76-70-69-75—290

Pat Carter 70-77-73-72—292

Eric Shaffer 72-77-71-72—292

Larry Spotloe 71-79-70-73—293

Mike Good 73-76-71-73—293

Jamie Conrad 73-80-69-74—296

Evans Harbour 69-74-77-76—296

1994: Steve Fox got a key birdie on the demanding 16th hole of the Greenbrier course in the final round and that propelled him to his second Amateur title. It was the second time that Fox won the crown the next year after finishing second to Harold Payne. Fox had a final round 74 for a 292 total and a two-stroke victory. Playing in different groups, Fox, Joel Davis of Oak Hill and Chris Boyd of Charles Town were tied for the lead when they played the 16th hole. Boyd hit into a lake, blasted out but touched the water on his backswing for a two-stroke penalty and took an eight on 16. Davis topped his tee shot and made a six. Fox hit an iron shot to five feet for a birdie three. Bill Donahoe of Hurricane was disqualified while leading the tournament after 26 holes because he inadvertently used a putter with an illegal wide-in-the-middle grip. Michael Veres, 16, of Champanville shot a 69 on the Greenbrier course in the second round and became the youngest person ever to lead the Amateur. John Duty, Jr. of Hurricane had a 66 in the third round on the Old White. Round leaders: First, C.J. Pagliaro, Jr.-67, by one; Second, Veres-142, by two; Third, Davis, 215, by one.

Steve Fox 70-74-74-74—292

Jack Forbes 69-76-71-78—294

Eric Keister 74-78-72-71-295

Joel Davis 74-74-67-80—295
Chris Boyd 73-74-73-76—296
Erik Tedder 74-76-75-71—296
Michael Veres 73-69-77-78—297
C.J. Pagliaro, Jr. 67-82-70-78—297
Michael Mays 70-77-78-72—297
John Duty, Jr. 72-79-66-80—297

1995: Pat Carter cruised to his second Amateur title by a nine-stroke margin and became the first golfer to finish under par since the tournament adopted the alternate round format on the par-70 Old White and par-72 Greenbrier courses in 1982. Carter, 27, a Huntington salesman, posted a 283 total—one under par. David Jude of Huntington made a hole-in-one on the Greenbrier's No. 11 hole with a 9-iron while shooting a 68 in the final round. John Duty, Jr. birdied the last two holes to finish second. John Duty, Sr. fired a 69 on the Greenbrier course in the second round. Round leaders: First, Harold Payne and John Duty, Jr.-70s; Second, Carter-142, by three; Third, Carter-211, by six.

Pat Carter 71-71-69-72—283
John Duty, Jr. 70-75-72-75—292
David Jude 73-77-75-68—293
Michael Swiger 73-73-74-74—294
Steve Fox 73-75-69-78—295
Joel Davis 76-72-73-75—296
C.J. Pagliaro 72-73-74-78—297
Harold Payne 70-81-71-76—298
Marty Creed 75-77-70-76—298

1996: Pat Carter broke and tied many records in winning his second straight Amateur and third overall. His 274 total was 10 under par, shattering his own 1995 record by nine strokes. Carter's score was the lowest under the two-course format since 1982 and equaled the previous 274 totals of Barney Thompson (1969) and Bill Campbell (1974) solely on the par-70 Old White. Carter's 11-stroke victory margin over runner-up Michael Swiger was the highest ever, topping Campbell's 10-shot win in 1972. Carter's blistering 64 in the third round tied the best Amateur score ever on the Old White course with Fred Bannerot (1933 qualifying), Thompson (1969) and Scott Davis (1978). Carter hit 56 of 72 greens and didn't three-putt once. Golfers with a Marshall University background have won 18 of the last 21 Amateurs. Evans Harbour holed a 216-yard fairway wood shot for a double eagle two on the Greenbrier's third hole enroute to a final 69. Swiger, Mike Good, Harold Payne and Carl Bailey all had 69s on the Greenbrier in the second round. Round leaders: First, Carter and Swiger-70s; Second, Swiger-139, by two; Third, Carter-205, by seven.

Pat Carter 70-71-64-69—274
Michael Swiger 70-69-73-73—285
Mike Good 72-69-73-75—289
Harold Payne 74-69-70-78—291
Evans Harbour 73-75-75-69—292
Mike Veres 72-77-70-73—292

Eric Kirsch 78-72-69-73—292

Greg McGraw 74-74-69-76—293

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1999: The West Virginia Amateur returned to its traditional home at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs and Pat Carter became the first golfer to capture five straight titles. He broke the record he had shared with Bill Campbell, who won four straight times (1972-75) for the last of his 15 titles. “It’s something I’ll always treasure,” Pat said of his record-breaking effort. It was Carter’s sixth title overall and he did it by a whopping 11-stroke margin. Taking charge in the second round, Carter birdied the first four holes and needed just 25 putts in shooting a sizzling 65 on the Greenbrier course. That gave him a six-stroke lead and he maintained it with an even par 70 in the final round to share second place at 288 with Tim Fisher and Steve VanHorn. Good rounds in the tournament included Ed Morrison’s 67 and Sharpe’s 68 on the Old White and VanHorn’s 68 and Kirk Satterfield’s 69 on the Greenbrier. Mark Reed of Poca took the first round lead with a 69 but then fell back. Leader by rounds: First, Reed-69, by one; Second, Carter-135, by six; Third, Carter-205, by six.

Pat Carter, Huntington 70-65-70-72—277

Bill Sharpe, Cross Lanes 78-72-68-70—288

Tim Fisher, Statts Mills 74-73-70-71—288

Steve VanHorn, Morgantown 73-68-70-77—288

Sam O’Dell, Hurricane 71-73-71-75—290

William Means, Martinsburg 74-76-71-71—292

Kirk Satterfield, Bluefield 72-69-76-76—293

Tad Tomblin, Man 71-76-70-76—293

Marty Creed, Hurricane 77-73-69-75—294

Christopher Fly, Charleston 77-71-72-76—296