

# West Virginia Amateur History

## 1913-Present

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**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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**1920:** Forrest McNeill notched his second Amateur championship with a 12 and 10 victory over Joe Holloway of Wheeling at White Sulphur Springs. McNeill was eight up after 18 holes. Medalists: Julius Pollock, 159, and Joseph Wells, 159.

**1921:** Julius Pollock took home his fifth Amateur crown with a 4 and 3 final victory over former Yale golf captain, Joseph Wells at The Greenbrier. Semifinals: Pollock def.

George Hewitt, 2 and 1; Wells def. Forrest McNeill, 3 and 2. Medalists: Densmore Shute, Huntington, 149, and Pollock, 149.

**1922:** The Amateur tournament was played out of state at the Homestead in Hot Springs, VA, but it had a familiar champion in Julius Pollock. The Wheeling golfer retired another trophy and earned his sixth title by defeating Forrest McNeill in the finals, 5 and 4. Semifinals: Pollock def. Harold Bloch, 5 and 4; McNeill def. W.E. Rownd, 4 and 3. Medalist: Pollock, 148.

**1923:** The tournament was back at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs and Densmore Shute, 18, of Huntington was the youthful victor. Shute bested Vint Rathbone of Parkersburg, 8 and 6, in the finals. Semifinals: Shute def. F.M. Hawkins, Huntington, 5 and 3; Rathbone def. W.E. Rownd, 2 and 1. Medalist: Shute, 149.

**1924:** Claiming his seventh Amateur title, Julius Pollock rallied from three holes down in the morning round to defeat Forrest McNeill in the 36-hole finals, 2 up. Semifinals: Pollock def. Densmore Shute, 1 up; McNeill def. J.A. Bloch, Wheeling, 2 and 1. Medalist: W.W. Rixey, Bluefield, 75-76—151.

**1925:** Densmore Shute rolled to a 10 and 8 victory over George Hewitt in the finals to claim his second Amateur title at age 20. Shute was nine up after the morning round. Shute later turned pro and captured the British Open and the PGA. Semifinals: Shute def. C.A. Ludey, Parkersburg, 5 and 4; Hewitt def. Forrest McNeill, 2 and 1. Medalist: Shute, 72-74—146.

**1926:** Veteran lefthander Forrest McNeill captured his third Amateur by beating Bobby Rownd of Wheeling, 6 and 4, in the finals. Both Bobby and his brother Dan Rownd, were former University of Pennsylvania golf captains. Semifinals: McNeill def. W.W. Rixey, Bluefield, 3 and 1; Bobby Rownd def. Harold Bloch, Wheeling, 5 and 4. Medalist: Dan Rownd, 71-71—142.

**1927:** Dan Rownd of Wheeling defeated Leroy C. Shriver of Morgantown by a 10 and 8 margin in the title match at The Greenbrier. The straight-driving Rownd took a four-up lead in the morning round and kept up the pressure in the afternoon. Semifinals: Dan Rownd def. George Hewitt, 5 and 4; Shriver def. Tom Bloch, Wheeling, 3 and 1. Medalists: Bobby Rownd, Wheeling, 74-83—157, and S.L. Watson, Fairmont, 78-79—157.

**1928:** Julius Pollock sank a seven-foot birdie putt on the 36<sup>th</sup> green to edge Forrest McNeill, 1 up, in the finals and win his eighth Amateur championship. It was Pollock's only birdie of the day. Pollock shot 72 and 80 rounds in the title match while McNeill had 74 and 78. Semifinals: Pollock def. Dan Rownd, 3 and 2; McNeill def. Ned Payne, Jr., Beckley, 5 and 4. Medalist: McNeill, 76-71—147.

**1929:** West Virginia University football and baseball coach Ira Rodgers claimed the Amateur golf title with a 5 and 4 victory over George Hewitt. Rodgers shot 82 and

Hewitt 84 in the morning round. Rodgers was just two over par for 14 holes in the afternoon while Hewitt was six over. Rodgers began playing golf just three years prior to becoming state champion. Semifinals: Rodgers def. Tom Bloch, Wheeling 20<sup>th</sup> hole; Hewitt def. Forrest McNeill, 3 and 2. Medalist: McNeill, 75-77—152.

**1930:** Palmer Stacy of Lewisburg was a 2 and 1 victor over Dick Seibert of Wheeling in the title match. Stacy was four up after 31 holes and held off a late rally by Seibert. Stacy took 150 strokes for the 35 holes. Semifinals: Stacy def. Jack Hobitzell, Parkersburg, 1 up; Seibert def. F.M. Hawkins, Huntington, 4 and 3. Medalist: Hobitzell, 73-75—148.

**1931:** Veteran Julius Pollock, 47, holed an 18-foot putt on the 35<sup>th</sup> green to close out Fred Bannerot, Jr. of Charleston, 2 and 1, and capture his ninth Amateur title. Bannerot consistently outdrove Pollock by 25 to 50 yards, but Pollock was sharper on the greens. Pollock won nine of the first 18 Amateurs. He never lost in the finals. Semifinals: Pollock def. Fred Hawkins, Huntington, 3 and 2; Bannerot def. Forrest McNeill, 6 and 5. Medalist; Pollock 73-74—147.

**1932:** Fred Bannerot again made the finals and won the title this time with a 3 and 2 triumph over Frank M. Crum of Huntington. Semifinals: Bannerot def. Palmer Stacy, 4 and 3; Crum def. WVU football coach Earle “Greasy” Neale, 2 and 1. Medalist: Bannerot, 74-75—149.

**1933:** Fred Bannerot, 25, repeated as the champion. He won a close final match over Bobby Rownd, 1 up. Bannerot carded rounds of 76 and 74 while Rownd had 75 and 77. Bannerot shot a record 64 during qualifying on the par 70 Old White course. Semifinals: Bannerot def. Bobby Lowe, Fairmont, 5 and 3; Rownd def. Alex Larmon, Charleston, 19<sup>th</sup> hole. Medalist: Bannerot, 64-74—138.

**1934:** Tom Bloch of Wheeling overwhelmed Fred Bannerot, 9 and 8, in the championship match. Bloch wielded a hot putter, sinking a 30-footer and several 15-footers. The quarterfinals pitted four righthanders against four lefthanders, with the four southpaws all losing. Semifinals: Bloch def. Bill King, Wheeling, 4 and 2; Bannerot def. Jack Hobitzell, Parkersburg, 2 and 1. Medalist: Bloch, 69-75—144.

**1935:** Tom Brand, 20, of Kingwood gained the title by downing Quinn Morton, 21, of Charleston, 5 and 4. Brand took a big lead in the morning with a 73 while Morton had an 80. Brand played on the Michigan State golf team while Morton was a senior at Princeton. Semifinals: Brand def. Tom Bloch, 19<sup>th</sup> hole; Morton def. Bobby Lowe, 1 up. Medalist: Alex Larmon, Charleston, 69-77—146.

**1936:** Tom Brand defeated Fairmont attorney Bobby Lowe, 6 and 5, to retain his state title. Brand holed an eight-foot birdie putt on the first green and never trailed. Lowe three-putted seven times. A 13-year old Huntington lad, Billy Campbell, competing in his first Amateur, qualified for the second flight. Semifinals: Brand def. Billy King, Wheeling, 5 and 4; Lowe def. Quinn Morton, 2 and 1. Medalist: Brand, 72-71—143.

**1937:** Michigan State golfer Tom Brand, 22, made it three in a row by beating Clarksburg glassworker Alpha Lawson, 4 and 2, in the finals. The champion from Kingwood shot 70 in the morning round to take a two-up lead and held it. Semifinals: Brand def. A.R. O’Neal, Charleston, 1 up; Lawson def. Jack Hobitzell, Parkersburg, 5 and 4. Medalist: Kirk Jackson, Wheeling, 71-73—144.

**1938:** Lefthanded Frank Crum of Williamson wore down Paul Bennett of Martinsburg, 5 and 4, in the title match. Crum, known as the “Pride of Pigeon Creek”, took a four-up lead on the first 18 holes and increased his lead by sinking a 30-foot putt on the 23<sup>rd</sup> hole. Semifinals: Crum def. George Hoffer, Wheeling, 8 and 6; Bennett def. Roy Blizzard, Charleston, 2 and 1. Medalist: Fred Bannerot, 69-75—144.

**1939:** Young Ed Tutwiler, 19, of Mount Hope banged out drives estimated at 260 to 325 yards while defeating Bryan Brown of Hinton, 7 and 6, for the Amateur title. Although often in the rough, Tutwiler took a 2-up lead in the morning round with a 74 score and pulled away in the afternoon. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Ira Eyler, Martinsburg, 4 and 3; Brown def. Fred Bannerot, 4 and 3. Medalists: Alpha Lawson, Clarksburg, 71-72—143, and Bud Rittenhouse, Parkersburg, 73-70—143.

**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 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> holes. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Jack Peck, 1 up; Campbell def. Tom Bloch, 5 and 4. Medalist: Tutwiler, 68-69—137.

**1950:** Bill Campbell won five of the first six holes and rolled to an 8 and 7 victory over Ernie Hoffer of Wheeling in clinching his second Amateur title. Campbell fired a 69 in the morning round, with six holes played in a thunderstorm. Campbell, who hit three drives estimated at 300 yards, was one over par for the 27 holes while Hoffer was 10 over. Semifinalists: Campbell def. Ed Tutwiler, 3 and 2; Hoffer def. Jack Peck, 3 and 2. Medalist: Campbell, 69-65—134 (qualifying record).

**1951:** Bill Campbell made it three in a row but had to go 39 holes to defeat Frank Harned of Huntington in the title match. Campbell parred the 220-yard 39<sup>th</sup> hole while Harned missed a short putt of about a foot for bogey. Campbell took an early four-up lead in the match but Harned caught him on the 30<sup>th</sup> hole. Big Bill was 16 under par for 137 holes in the tourney. Semifinals: Campbell def. Bill Loving, White Sulphur Springs, 1 up; Harned def. Clyde Sarver, Jr., Bluefield, 3 and 2. Medalist: Campbell: 69-68—137.

**1952:** Ed Tutwiler claimed his fourth Amateur crown with a 5 and 4 victory over Bill Campbell. Tutwiler shot a 67 to Campbell's 70 in the morning round for a three-up lead. Campbell had putting troubles and never led. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Arman Fletcher, Bluefield, 21<sup>st</sup> hole; Campbell def. Bill Rendleman, Huntington, 1 up. Medalist: Jack Peck, 72-67—139.

**1953:** Ed Tutwiler, now living in Charleston, again defeated Bill Campbell in the title match, this time by 2 and 1. Both golfers played well, with Tutwiler four under par and Campbell two under. Tut had 11 birdies and Campbell seven birdies. Tut, who often joked with the gallery of several hundred fans, highlighted the match by sinking a 60-foot chip shot on the 27<sup>th</sup> hole. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Bill Miller, Moundsville, 7 and 5; Campbell def. Bill Rendleman, 5 and 4. Medalist: Tutwiler, 69-69—138.

**1954:** For the third straight year, Ed Tutwiler defeated Bill Campbell in the finals and raised his Amateur title total to six. Tut won the match, 4 and 3, and closed it out by knocking in a 40-foot birdie putt on the 33<sup>rd</sup> hole. Tut had eight birdies on the day. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Buddy Cook, Man, 1 up; Campbell def. Tom Stolling, Charleston, 7 and 6. Medalist: Cook, 66 (qualifying changed to 18 holes).

**1955:** Bill Campbell returned to the winner's circle with a 10 and 9 thrashing of Parkersburg's Dave Clovis in the finals. Campbell assured his fourth Amateur title by shooting a sizzling 63 medal score in the morning round for an eight-hole lead. He had

six birdies and sank a 60-foot eagle putt on the 535-yard 12<sup>th</sup> hole. Campbell ran in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 27<sup>th</sup> hole to close out Clovis, a senior at Yale. Semifinals: Clovis def. Ed Tutwiler, 20<sup>th</sup> hole; Campbell def. Tom Bloch, 4 and 2. Medalist: Clovis, 68.

**1956:** Ed Tutwiler and Bill Campbell met for the fifth time in the finals and King Tut came out on top for the fourth time. Tutwiler downed Campbell, 3 and 2, to gain his seventh crown. Both players agreed that it was a good match but neither played his best. Tutwiler was two over par and Campbell four over for the 34 holes. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Herman Hall, Milton, 5 and 4; Campbell def. Jack Freeman, Huntington, 6 and 5. Medalists: Tutwiler 66, and Campbell, 66.

**1957:** Bill Campbell downed Dave Clovis, 6 and 5, in a rematch of the 1955 finals. It was the fifth title for Campbell. He fired a 66 in the morning for a 5-up lead and played par golf in the afternoon. A shoulder injury kept Ed Tutwiler from competing. Semifinals: Campbell def. Dick Foutche, Charleston, 1 up; Clovis def. Lou Cuffaro, Wheeling, 2 up. Medalists: Bob Teyro, Huntington, 69; John Haner, Madison, 69, and Campbell, 69.

**1958:** Ed Tutwiler and Bill Campbell staged one of their closest title matches with Tut winning a titanic 1-up struggle to earn his eighth Amateur title. Tutwiler rammed in an 18-foot birdie putt on the final green to preserve his lead with Campbell just two feet from the hole for a birdie. Campbell played the first nine holes in 30 strokes for a 4-up lead before Tutwiler fought back. Tut finished with a 136 medal score and Campbell with 137, both below par, 140. Tutwiler had a record 29 on the front nine in a semifinal match. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Dick Foutche, Charleston, 7 and 6; Campbell def. Ned Payne, Beckley, 3 and 2. Medalist: Dave Clovis, 68.

**1959:** Bill Campbell steamed to his sixth title with a 3 and 2 victory in the finals over West Virginia University golf captain Adolph Popp of Morgantown. Campbell sank successive putts of 15, 28, 4 and 22 feet early in the afternoon round to go four up. Ed Tutwiler, bothered by a sore arm and side muscles, had an 80 in qualifying and withdrew. Co-medalist Pete Byer of White Sulphur Springs was disqualified because he had worked as a caddie when over 21. There was a record 156 entries. Semifinals: Campbell def. P.T. Taylor, Huntington, 7 and 5; Popp def. Lou Cuffaro, 1 up. Medalists: Byer, 69, and Jim Ward, Huntington, 69.

**1960:** The Amateur was played at the Guyan Country Club in Huntington in September because the usual July dates at The Greenbrier were wiped out by a strike at the hotel. Ed Tutwiler captured his ninth title by edging Bill Campbell, 1 up, in the finals. Tutwiler took the lead on the 35<sup>th</sup> hole when Campbell missed a five-foot putt. Both parred the 36<sup>th</sup> hole. Tutwiler was two under par for the match in beating Campbell on Bill's home course. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. P.T. Taylor, 19<sup>th</sup> hole; Campbell def. Dick Foutche, 6 and 4. Medalist: Bob Teyro, Huntington, 70.

**1961:** The tournament was back at The Greenbrier in July. Swashbuckling Ed Tutwiler picked up title No. 10 with a 6 and 5 triumph over Dave Clovis. Tutwiler, four up after two holes, applied the backbreaker on the 22<sup>nd</sup> hole when he knocked an apparently impossible chip shot out of deep rough to near the hole for a par to halve the hole. Marshall freshman Harry Hoffer, 19, of Hurricane, ousted Bill Campbell on the 19<sup>th</sup> hole in the second round. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Hoffer, 2 up; Clovis def. Roy Blizzard, Charleston, 6 and 4. Medalist: Campbell, 69.

**1962:** Playing steady golf, Bill Campbell dominated Jay Randolph of Clarksburg, 8 and 7, to capture his seventh Amateur title. Campbell went 7 up in the morning round and lost only one hole all day. Campbell was two over par for 29 holes while Randolph was 13 over. Four penalty strokes hampered Randolph, the sportscaster son of Sen. Jennings Randolph. Jim Ward upset Ed Tutwiler, 2 up, in the second round. Semifinals: Campbell def. John Trach, Fairmont, 2 and 1; Randolph def. Ward, 1 up. Medalist: Campbell, 67.

**1963:** Ed Tutwiler, 43, claimed his 11<sup>th</sup> Amateur championship by defeating A.J. Gray, Jr., of Wheeling, 4 and 3. Tut was 2 up after 20 holes, exploded from the sand to halve the 21<sup>st</sup> hole and then won the next three holes. Since his first title in 1939, the Charleston auto dealer won 11 of the 18 Amateurs he entered, including a 6-1 record against Bill Campbell in title matches. The two between them won 16 straight Amateurs since World War II and 18 of the last 19 tournaments. Semifinals: Tutwiler def. Ned Payne III, Beckley, 5 and 3; Gray def. Campbell, 2 up. Medalist: Bob Johnson, Charleston, 68.

**1964:** Huntington schoolteacher Jim Ward, 31, became the first golfer other than Ed Tutwiler or Bill Campbell to win the Amateur since 1941. Ward charged from behind to down A.J. Gray, Jr., 2 and 1 in the finals. Gray was 3 up after 22 holes but Ward tied the match with a dramatic 25-foot downhill birdie putt on the 30<sup>th</sup> hole. Ward then won the next two holes. Tutwiler moved to Indianapolis and didn't defend his state title. Semifinals: Ward def. Ned Payne III, 19<sup>th</sup> hole; Gray def. Campbell, 3 and 2. Medalist: Ward, 69.

**1965:** Bill Campbell played sensational golf to overwhelm A.J. Gray Jr., 10 and 9, and take home his eighth Amateur title. Campbell was six under par for 27 holes. He shot a 68 in the morning to go 6-up and added four more birdies in nine afternoon holes. "Those were the best two rounds I've ever played in a tournament," Campbell said. It was the third straight year that Gray lost in the finals. Semifinals: Campbell def. Mike Good, Huntington, 2 and 1; Gray def. Jim Ward, 3 and 1. Medalist: Jim Hess, Jr., Morgantown, 67.

**1966:** The Amateur format was changed from match play to stroke play for the first championship flight. Barney Thompson, 17, of Barboursville became the youngest player ever to win the state title. Dubbed the "walking one-iron" because of his lanky frame, the 6-foot-5, 195-pound Thompson led from start to finish. He opened with 68 and 67 rounds and wound up with a 284 total to finish eight strokes ahead of runner-up

Jim Ward. Bill Campbell shot 77 in the first round and missed the cutoff for the 24-man championship stroke play flight. Campbell won the first flight at match play. Round leaders: First, Thompson-68, by one; Second-Thompson-135, by five; Third, Thompson-210, by four.

Barney Thompson 68-67-75-74—284

Jim Ward 71-69-74-78—292

Bob Johnson 70-75-72-76—293

Pete Donald 69-73-77-74—293

A.J. Gray, Jr. 69-79-73-75—296

Jim Rogers 70-81-69-77-297

Dick Shepard 73-77-76-72—298

Frank Sexton 72-72-77-79—300

**1967:** A 60-foot birdie putt helped Bill Campbell come from behind in the final round to capture his ninth title. Campbell shot an even par 70 for a 287 total and a four-stroke victory. He trailed Jim Ward by two strokes entering the final round but tied him with the 60-footer on the fourth hole. Campbell took the lead to stay when he parred the fifth hole and Ward three-putted. Ward's 77 dropped him to third place at 292. Fred Garnes, Jr., a Huntington native on leave from the Air Force, carded a 71 to finish second. Round leaders: First, Bob Johnson-67, by two; Second, Campbell-142, by one; Third, Ward-215, by two.

Bill Campbell 69-73-75-70—287

Fred Garnes 72-74-74-71—291

Jim Ward 70-74-71-77—292

Bob Johnson 67-76-74-76—293

Jim Rogers 76-73-70-77—296

Barney Thompson 69-75-73-80—297

Bob King 74-73-76-74—297

Freddie Jefferson 72-74-71-81—298

**1968:** Bill Campbell shook off two double bogeys in his final round and steadied to shoot a 74 and win his 10<sup>th</sup> Amateur title with a 282 total. He finished four strokes ahead of Wheeling veteran Lou Cuffaro, who had a 76 for 286. Albert Cohen, 16, of Huntington birdied all four par-three holes on the Old White course while shooting a 66 in the second round. West Virginia Golf Association President C.M. "Ding" England made the first hole-in-one in Amateur history. England aced the 205-yard ninth hole on the Greenbrier course in a 14<sup>th</sup> flight match. Round leaders: First, Campbell and Cuffaro-69s; Second, Campbell and Cuffaro-138s; Third, Campbell-208, by two.

Bill Campbell 69-69-70-74—282

Lou Cuffaro 69-69-72-76—286

Larry Murphy 73-71-72-72—288

Kenny Bowen 71-74-70-75—290

Albert Cohen 73-66-74-77—290

Barney Thompson 73-70-72-75—290

Fred Garnes 72-75-73-71—291

Eddie Morrison 72-75-74-72—293



**1969:** Barney Thompson fired a record-tying 64 in the first round and wound up with a record 274 total in cruising to his second title. He finished five strokes ahead of runner-up Bill Campbell. Thompson made seven birdies in tying the record 64 round shot by Fred Bannerot in 1933. Barney's 274 total, six under par on the Old White, set the record for stroke play. Kenny Bowen of South Charleston had a 66 in the first round, sinking three 25-foot putts. The huge 200-man field also set a record. Playing in his first Amateur and shooting a credible 77 in his opening round was Harold Payne, 14, of South Charleston. Round leaders: First, Thompson-64, by two; Second, Thompson-133, by six; Third, Thompson-204, by five.

Barney Thompson 64-69-71-70—274

Bill Campbell 69-72-70-68—279

Larry Murphy 71-68-70-74—283

Jim Ward 71-74-74-68—287

Robert King 75-71-73-70—289

Jim Rogers 74-72-71-72—289

Joe Feaganes 73-69-75-75—292

Bob Johnson 74-71-74-74—293

Albert Schwabe 72-74-74-73—293

**1970:** Bill Campbell captured his 11<sup>th</sup> Amateur title to tie Ed Tutwiler's record, and a tip from Tut helped him do it. Tutwiler, visiting from Indiana, spotted a hitch in Campbell's swing on the practice tee and helped him correct it. Campbell took advantage of a final hole collapse by Barney Thompson to win. Thompson led by two strokes going into the 163-yard final hole but missed the green to the left, pitched to 25 feet and three-putted for a double bogey five. That opened the door for Campbell, who birdied two of the last five holes to shoot 72 for a 282 total and a two-stroke victory. Joe Feaganes of Huntington shot a 66 in the third round. Larry Murphy of Wheeling used a rowboat to reach an island in the lake on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole and played his shot from there. Round leaders: First, Thompson, Bob Johnson, Jim Rogers and Brian Kneafsey-70s; Second, Campbell-140, by one; Third, Campbell-210, by three.

Bill Campbell 71-69-70-72—282

Barney Thompson 70-72-72-70—284

Jim Ward 71-73-72-69—285

Jim Rogers 70-71-72-75—288

Joe Feaganes 73-75-66-75—289

Bob Johnson 70-73-70-78—291

Frank Sexton 74-74-78-72—298

Kenny Bowen 73-74-76-75—298

**1971:** Barney Thompson bounced back from his disappointing 1970 finish and nabbed his third Amateur title. Thompson said he learned a lesson: to take his time and think each shot out. It worked. Barney had four solid rounds for a 279 total and won by five strokes over Kenny Bowen of South Charleston. Bowen birdied five holes in an opening 66 and led the first two rounds. Thompson took the lead with three straight birdies for a

69 in the third round. Bill Campbell was unable to defend his title because of throat surgery. Round leaders: First, Bowen-66, by two; Second, Bowen-136, by four; Third, Thompson-209, by three.

Barney Thompson 71-69-69-70—279

Kenny Bowen 66-70-76-72—284

Mike Gocke 75-71-69-77—292

Joe Feaganes 74-76-70-75—295

Fred Garnes 68-73-76-79—296

Brian Kneafsey 75-72-72-77—296

J. Marshall Hawkins 71-75-81-71—298

Jim Ward 73-75-76-77—301

Frank Sexton 74-76-72-79—301

**1972:** Bill Campbell staged a clinic on how to play golf in the rain while romping to a 10-stroke victory and his record 12<sup>th</sup> Amateur title. The tournament was delayed three weeks until late July because of a flood on The Greenbrier courses and then it rained all four days of the Amateur. Because of a third round rainout, the 17 golfers in the championship had to play 36 holes the final day. Campbell began the day with a five-stroke lead and pulled away with steady 72 and 71 rounds for a 280 total. The battle was for second and Jim Ward took that. Barney Thompson turned pro and couldn't defend his title. Henry McCoy of Sistersville made a hole-in-one on the 196-yard 15<sup>th</sup> hole on the Old White during a hard rainstorm. Round leaders: First, Campbell-68, by one; Second, Campbell-137, by five; Third, Campbell-209, by seven.

Bill Campbell 68-69-72-71—280

Jim Ward 73-71-75-71—290

Bob Johnson 70-73-73-76—292

Brian Kneafsey 71-75-71-76—293

Frank Sexton 69-73-77-79—298

Burke Hawkins 71-73-74-80—298

Lee Martina 77-69-77-75—298

Mike Gocke 72-77-74-75—298

**1973:** Bill Campbell captured his 13<sup>th</sup> title but had to work hard to hold off South Charleston dentist Jack Shamblin. Campbell shot a 69 in the final round for a 278 total and a two-stroke victory over Shamblin and Brian Kneafsey of Huntington. Shamblin had a three-foot putt on the 70<sup>th</sup> hole to tie for the lead but the ball hit the edge of the hole and spun out. Campbell needed rulings the first three days because of his young caddie handing him the wrong ball on the green and a question of whether he caused his ball to move in the rough. He didn't. Lefty Bob Johnson of Charleston fired a 66 in the second round, including a 65-yard wedge shot for an eagle two on No. 14. Florida State golfer Barry Fleming of Vienna shot 66 in the third round. Fred Garnes of Huntington aced the 220-yard third hole in the fourth round. Round leaders: First, Shamblin and Kneafsey-68s; Second, Campbell and Larry Spotloe-138s; Third, Fleming-208, by one.

Bill Campbell 71-67-71-69—278

Jack Shamblin 68-74-69-69—280

Brian Kneafsey 68-74-67-71—280

Mike Gocke 72-73-69-67—281  
Jim Ward 71-73-70-71—285  
Harold Payne 70-72-69-75—286  
Barry Fleming 72-70-66-79—287  
Bob Johnson 74-66-69-79—288

**1974:** The Amateur was changed to all stroke play, eliminating match play for the lower flights. Bill Campbell led all the way in bagging title No. 14. He won by nine strokes and tied Barney Thompson's tournament record of 274. Campbell started with a 65, followed it with a 67 in the second round and then featured his third round by holing out a full 150-yard seven-iron shot for an eagle on the 393-yard 13<sup>th</sup> hole. Marshall University golfer Harold Payne, 19, of South Charleston cut Campbell's lead to two strokes before the eagle gave Bill some breathing room. Payne was second to Campbell every day with a solid 283 total. Round leaders: First, Campbell-65, by four; Second, Campbell-132, by seven; Third, Campbell-204, by five.

Bill Campbell 65-67-72-70—274  
Harold Payne 69-70-70-74—283  
Everett Wray 75-69-73-72—289  
Jim Ward 73-73-73-71—290  
Jack Shamblin 75-70-73-73—291  
Bob Johnson 72-70-76-75—293  
Jack Forbes 72-74-73-76—295  
Benny Blake 74-74-72-75—295  
Brian Kneafsey 72-72-80-71—295

**1975:** Bill Campbell, 52, became the first man to win four straight Amateurs and raised his number of titles to 15. The tall gentleman from Huntington in the white cap breezed home the winner by eight strokes with a 282 total for four rounds on the par 70 Old White course. Campbell took the lead with a 68 in the rain in the second round. Campbell captured 15 of the last 27 Amateurs. He won eight titles at match play and seven at stroke play. Marshall University golf coach Joe Feaganes fired a 69 in the final round to take second place ahead of one of his players, Harold Payne. Gary Dent of White Sulphur Springs took 14 strokes on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole when his ball became buried in a bunker. It took him 11 strokes to get out of the trap, including a two-stroke penalty for the ball hitting him. Round leaders: First, David Lester and Jay Guthrie-71s; Second, Campbell-141, by two; Third, Campbell-213, by five.

Bill Campbell 73-68-72-69—282  
Joe Feaganes 77-73-71-69—290  
Harold Payne 73-70-78-71—292  
Jay Guthrie 71-75-73-76—295  
Bob Johnson 73-70-75-77—295  
Jim Ward 73-75-76-73—297  
Jim Passero 76-73-76-74—304  
David Lester 71-74-78-78-301

**1976:** Marshall University golfer Jay Guthrie of Wheeling let a five-stroke lead slip away in the last round but nailed a three-wood shot at the right time to set up a key birdie and nail down his first Amateur title. The lean 6-foot-2, 135-pound Guthrie used his fairway wood to reach the green on the 540-yard 17<sup>th</sup> hole and two-putted for a birdie that helped him win by two strokes with a 289 total. Bunny Mattison of South Charleston tied Guthrie for the lead with five holes left but two late bogeys dropped Mattison to third. Mike Gocke of Morgantown finished second. When favorite Bill Campbell started off with a 77 round, the tournament became a wide-open affair. Round leaders: First, John Elwood-71, by one; Second, Jim Passero-143, by one; Third, Guthrie-213, by five.

Jay Guthrie 72-72-69-76—289

Mike Gocke 75-71-73-72—291

Bunny Mattison 78-71-69-74—292

Benny Bowles 74-71-75-75—295

Bill Campbell 77-74-71-74—296

Jim Ward 75-75-72-74—296

Everett Wray 72-76-75-73—296

Jim Passero 72-71-76-78—297

John Norton 73-72-74-78—297

Dave Cappellari 75-76-69-77—297

**1977:** Jay Guthrie, called “Mandrake the Magician” by his friends for his touch around the greens, repeated as the Amateur champion with a 285 total. Guthrie again took a big lead into the final round. His seven-stroke bulge slipped to three strokes at one point but he wound up winning by four strokes over runner-up Jim Ward. “It’s hard to try and hold a big lead. It really is tough,” Guthrie said. State high school champion Chris Curry, 18, of Morgantown was a surprise first round leader before Guthrie took charge in the second round. Round leaders: First, Curry-69, by one; Second, Guthrie-141, by three; Third, Guthrie-210, by seven.

Jay Guthrie 70-71-69-75—285

Jim Ward 70-75-74-70—289

John Elwood 72-75-70-74—291

Harold Payne 71-78-73-70—292

Bill Campbell 71-73-78-72—294

Frank Sexton 76-72-73-76—297

Jack Forbes 72-80-74-72—298

Eddie Morrison 77-75-75-71—298

Denver Rawlings 78-75-74-71—298

**1978:** Scott Davis of Wheeling shot a 64 in the third round and romped to an eight-stroke victory with a 279 total. His 64 tied the Amateur record set by Fred Bannerot in 1933 and equaled by Barney Thompson in 1969. Davis birdied six of the first 11 holes on the Old White and called it, “my best golf round ever.” Davis was the 1976 NCAA long-driving champion while playing for Marshall. Miami (Ohio) University golfer Jim Fankhauser of Vienna and Kingwood radio announcer Ron Witt tied for second in the Amateur. Round leaders: First, Jay Guthrie and Corky Layman-69s; Second, Davis-141, by one; Third, Davis-205, by nine.

Scott Davis 72-69-64-74—279  
Jim Fankhauser 70-72-72-73—287  
Ron Witt 71-75-69-72—287  
Danny Warren 74-69-74-75—292  
Steve Fox 76-71-73-73—293  
Everett Wray 79-70-72-72—293  
Jim Ward 71-72-71-80—294  
Jack Shamblin 78-72-74-70—294

**1979:** The Amateur was moved from Old White to the Greenbrier course redesigned by Jack Nicklaus for the 1979 Ryder Cup matches. The difficult course and gusty winds gave the golfers fits, and scores were high. Former Marshall golf captain Harold Payne, 24, was the only player to shoot a sub-par round (a 71 in the third round) on the par 72 Greenbrier layout and was the winner by four strokes with a 305 total. Payne hit two balls in the water on the 71<sup>st</sup> hole and took an 80 in the final round but it didn't matter as he held off defending champion Scott Davis. "I'm floating," said Payne, who joined former Marshall teammates Davis and Guthrie as an Amateur champion. Round leaders: First, Payne-73, by one; Second, L.D. Simmons, II-153, by one; Third, Payne-225, by seven. Top finishers:

Harold Payne 73-81-71-80—305  
Scott Davis 78-76-78-77—309  
L.D. Simmons, II 76-77-81-76—310  
Jim Fankhauser 79-80-77-81—317  
Lee Martina 79-81-78-81—319  
Mike Owens 80-85-80-75—320  
Lee Harold 74-81-84-83—322  
Doug Weaver 77-86-80-80—323

**1980:** Ken Frye, 32, of Huntington came from behind on the final day to capture the title on the tough Greenbrier course. Frye shot a 75 in the last round to win by two strokes with a 306 total. Frye grabbed the lead when he birdied the 516-yard 12<sup>th</sup> hole while third round leader Jim Fankhauser of Vienna drove out of bounds and took a triple-bogey eight on the hole. Harold Payne's hopes were crushed by a triple-bogey seven on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole. Round leaders: First, Payne-73, by two; Second, Ty Roush-149, by three; Fankhauser-227, by one.

Kenny Frye 79-76-76-75—306  
Jim Fankhauser 81-73-73-81—308  
Larry Spotloe 81-76-76-76—309  
Harold Payne 73-79-76-82—310  
Everett Wray 80-77-80-73—310  
Ty Neal 83-73-77-78—311  
Denver Rawlings 76-79-79-77—311  
L.D. Simmons, II 75-84-74-79—312  
Danny Warren 76-76-82-78—312

**1981:** Marshall University senior Mike Owens, 21, of Huntington broke a three-way tie on the final three holes and won by four strokes. His 298 total was the best score in the three Amateurs played on the Jack Nicklaus-redesigned Greenbrier course. Danny Warren, Jr., 22, of Beckley and Greg Meade, 20, of Chapmanville were in contention until the final holes and wound up tied for second. Round leaders: First: Owens-74, by two; Second, Owens-145, by four; Third, Warren-223, by one.

Mike Owens 74-71-79-74—298

Danny Warren, Jr. 76-74-73-79—302

Greg Meade 76-75-77-74—302

Matt Cooke 77-74-80-75—306

Chris Curry 79-75-79-74—307

Steve Fox 77-72-81-79—309

Harold Payne 78-74-78-80—310

Bill Ward, Jr. 80-73-79-80—312

Joel Davis 80-74-79-79—312

Bill Campbell 80-73-81-78—312

**1982:** The Amateur changed its format to alternate rounds on the Old White and Greenbrier courses. Marshall University student Greg Meade, 21, of Chapmanville shot par on the first hole of a playoff to defeat South Charleston dentist Jack Shamblin, 44, for the title. Meade put his approach shot on the green and two-putted for his par four. Shamblin hit his second shot 30 yards short, chipped on and two-putted for a bogey. Meade and Shamblin both posted 294 totals. Heavy rains and lightning caused the third round to be suspended for the day with the final two groups on the 16<sup>th</sup> tee. Round leaders: First, Mark Wheaton-69, by one; Second, Meade-144, by one; Third, Meade-207, by one.

Greg Meade 70-74-73-77—294

Jack Shamblin 72-74-72-76—294

Bill Campbell 77-71-70-78—296

Brad Westfall 71-79-73-73—296

Doug Weaver 77-76-70-74—297

Matt Cooke 71-77-76-73—297

Danny Warren 71-76-76-75—298

Steve Fox 75-76-74-73—298

**1983:** For the second straight year, a playoff was needed to decide the winner. Danny Warren, 23, of Beckley defeated high school champion Todd Satterfield, 17, of Bluefield on the third hole of sudden death. Warren parred all three playoff holes while Satterfield bogeyed the par-5 third hole on the Greenbrier course after driving into a hazard to the right of the fairway. Warren sank a 35-foot birdie putt on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to force the playoff. Satterfield shot a 69 in the fourth round on the Greenbrier course. Third round leader Doug Weaver of Madison was five shots ahead with nine holes left but faltered and missed the playoff by one stroke. Round leaders: First, Reid Carroll-69, by one; Second, Weaver-144, by one; Third, Weaver-216, by two.

Danny Warren 75-71-72-72—290

Todd Satterfield 73-73-75-69—290  
Doug Weaver 71-73-72-75—291  
Larry Spotloe 70-75-77-76—298  
Ty Roush 71-78-75-76—300  
Ty Neal 79-76-72-74—301  
Harold Payne 73-75-78-76—302  
Bill Campbell 72-79-73-79—303  
Brian Meade 77-75-75-76—303

**1984:** Steady Scott Gilmore, 26, of Vienna held off a rally by David Wallace, Jr., 20, of Charleston to win by two strokes. Wallace fell five strokes behind in the final round but fought back to tie Gilmore on the 69<sup>th</sup> hole. Gilmore parred the final three holes on the Greenbrier course to capture his first state title while Wallace had sand trap trouble and bogeyed the last two holes. The best round of the tournament was an opening 66 by Wallace on the Old White. Round leaders: First, Wallace-66, by three; Second, Wallace-142, by three; third, Gilmore-216, by one.

Scott Gilmore 72-73-71-74—290  
David Wallace, Jr. 66-76-75-75—292  
Brian Hamric 69-77-74-77—297  
Harold Payne 74-74-75-75—298  
Jim Fankhauser 69-79-75-76—299  
Steve Fox 75-73-72-81—301  
Reid Carroll 70-78-73-80—301  
Mike Tennant 73-74-74-82—303  
Larry Spotloe 74-79-73-77—303

**1985:** Danny Warren roared from six strokes back in the final round to catch Jim Fankhauser of Vienna and then defeated him in a playoff by sinking a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of the Old White course. It was the second time that Warren won the title in a playoff. Warren, 25, shot a 69 in the final round to overtake Fankhauser, who had a 75. Harold Payne missed the playoff by one stroke. David Wallace, Jr. led the first two rounds but then fell back. Joel Davis shot a 69 on the Greenbrier course in the third round. Round leaders: First, Wallace-71, by two; Second, Wallace-143, by one; Third, Fankhauser-217, by four.

Danny Warren 74-73-76-69—292  
Jim Fankhauser 73-71-73-75—292  
Harold Payne 80-69-73-71—293  
Bill Campbell 78-72-75-70—295  
Charles Yanen 75-71-75-75—296  
Jack Shamblin 76-73-74-73—296  
Scott Gilmore 74-80-73-71—298  
Steve Fox 75-72-76-75—298  
Brian Hamric 75-70-83-70—298

**1986:** Wearing his lucky pair of golf knickers, Harold Payne captured his second Amateur crown by a four-stroke margin. Payne moved into the lead by shooting a 70 on

the par-72 Greenbrier course in the third round and stayed ahead with another 70 on the par 70 Old White in the fourth round. Floyd Shuler of Wheeling had a final round 69 to finish second. Bill Campbell fired a 67 on the Old White course in the second round.

Poca postmaster Carl Bailey led the first two rounds before faltering. Round leaders: First, Bailey-70, by two; Second, Bailey-144, by two; Third, Payne-220, by four.

Harold Payne 79-71-70-70—290

Floyd Shuler 77-75-73-69—294

Evans Harbour 75-71-78-71—295

Eddie Morrison 78-72-75-71—296

Jim Fankhauser 74-73-79-70—296

Scott Gilmore 79-75-75-69—298

Steve Fox 74-74-76-75—299

Pat Carter 80-71-74-74—299

**1987:** Harold Payne shot a blistering 65 in the final round on the Old White to edge his brother-in-law, Steve Fox of Huntington, by one stroke and gain his third Amateur title. Payne and Fox were tied going into the par-5 17<sup>th</sup> hole, and Payne eagled the hole for his winning margin. Payne's 65 was his best round ever in the Amateur and his 284 was the lowest score since the tournament went to a two-course format in 1982. Fox played his last three rounds (69,70, and 68) in five under par for a 285 total. Pat Carter, 19, of Lesage fired a 68 in the first round for the best score ever in the Amateur on the Greenbrier course. Round leaders: First, Carter-68, by three; Second, Carter-144, by two; Third, Fox-217, by one.

Harold Payne 73-76-70-65—284

Steve Fox 78-69-70-68—285

Chip Yanen 72-75-71-72—290

Scott Gilmore 76-72-75-70—293

Pat Carter 68-76-78-72—294

Todd Satterfield 77-70-78-70—295

Floyd Shuler 74-72-75-76—297

Jim Fankhauser 77-72-76-73—298

**1988:** Huntington businessman Steve Fox, 34, kept the Amateur trophy in the family by succeeding brother-in-law Harold Payne as the champion. Fox shot a final round 71 and won by two strokes. He outplayed Jim Fankhauser, Chip Yanen and Todd Satterfield in a four-man battle. The key hole was the 417-yard 16<sup>th</sup> on the Old White when Fox sank a 25-foot birdie putt while Yanen hit into the wood and took a double bogey six. Yanen, a former pro who regained his amateur status, fired a 65 on the Old White in the second round. Payne had a 69 on the Greenbrier course in the third round. Round leaders: First, Floyd Shuler-72, by one; Second, Yanen-140, by five; Third, Yanen-216, by three.

Steve Fox 73-74-72-71—290

Jim Fankhauser 77-68-75-72—292

Chip Yanen 75-65-76-77—293

Todd Satterfield 76-72-74-72—294

Reid Carroll 73-77-77-68—295

Harold Payne 81-71-69-75—296



Scott Gilmore 76-72-74-76—298

Mike Mays 75-76-74-74—299

**1989:** Marshall University senior Pat Carter, 21, came from behind with a final round 71 on the Greenbrier course to gain the title. Carter edged Floyd Shuler by one stroke while Todd Satterfield and Jeff Votaw finished two shots back. Carter closed strong with two birdies and then five straight pars on the last seven holes. Shuler just missed a 20-foot putt on the final green when the ball nicked the hole. Satterfield was tied for the lead until he hit into the lake on the 160-yard 17<sup>th</sup> hole for a double-bogey five. Satterfield posted a 66 on the Old White in the third round. Round leaders: First, Scott Gilmore-67, by two; Second, Shuler-142, by two; Third, Shuler and Satterfield-213s.

Pat Carter 70-78-68-71—287

Floyd Shuler 69-73-71-75—288

Todd Satterfield 72-75-66-76—289

Jeff Votaw 72-72-74-71—289

Eric Shaffer 72-75-70-73—290

Scott Gilmore 67-78-73-75—293

Steve Fox 72-75-69-77—293

Jeff Jones 72-74-76-72--294

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**1997:** Pat Carter and Chris Curry waged a close battle for three rounds before Carter pulled away in the fourth round to "three-peat" and take his fourth title overall. Carter started the final round one stroke ahead of Curry but overcame some early problems to shoot an Amateur record 67 on the par-72 Greenbrier course and win by a record 15 strokes. His 275 total was just one shot off his record 274 in the 1996 Amateur. "It's an honor to win three in a row at The Greenbrier," Carter said. Curry battled a hook in the last round and settled for an 81 but managed to hold on to second place with a 290 total. Curry took a three-shot lead on the first day with a 66 on the par-70 Old White course, making 13 straight pars and then five straight threes. Carter fired a 68 in the second round to catch Curry and the duel was on. Carter said the key hole on the final day was the 403-yard second. He sliced his drive into a lake but hit a 4-iron 205 yards over water onto the green and holed a 12-foot putt to save par "when I could have made a seven or eight." Curry bogeyed seven of the first 11 holes to fall back. Johnny Thompson, 18, the son of pro Barney Thompson, had a 70 in the final round to tie for third with Steve Fox. Leaders by rounds: first, Curry 66, by three; second, Carter and Curry tied, 137; third, Carter 208, by one.

Pat Carter, Lesage 69-68-71-67--275

Chris Curry, Huntington 66-71-72-81--290

Steve Fox, Huntington 71-74-71-75--291

Johnny Thompson, Barboursville 74-78-69-70--291

Sam O'Dell, Hurricane 75-75-72-72--294

Michael Veres, Chapmanville 76-71-73-74--294

Brad Greenstein, Huntington 74-74-74-75--297

Jeff Whitman, St. Albans 70-71-79-77--297

Harold Payne, Hurricane 70-79-76-74--299  
Tim Lynch, Hurricane 73-76-74-77--300  
Larry Spotloe, Philippi 76-78-70-76--300

**1998:** The Amateur was played at a different venue, the Pete Dye Golf Club near Bridgeport, but the champion was the same. Pat Carter led after every round and wound up winning by eight strokes for his fourth straight title and fifth overall. "Each one gets sweeter," Carter said. He joined Bill Campbell as the only four in a row victors. It was just the third time since 1919 that the Amateur was held away from The Greenbrier--the others being 1922 at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., and 1960 at the Guyan club in Huntington. The par-72 Pete Dye course played so tough that only two golfers could shoot subpar rounds. Bill Sharpe had a 70 in the third round and Carter fired a 70 in the final round. Carter's winning total was 291--three over par. Carter took a one-stroke lead over Michael Veres into the last round and boosted it to three strokes before a rainstorm stopped play for 94 minutes on their ninth hole. Veres stiffened up in the rain and dropped back with bogeys on the back nine when play resumed. Carter sank a 35-foot putt on the 14th hole to punctuate his victory but the shot of the day belonged to Veres. He holed out a 120-yard wedge shot for a birdie on the 513-yard 15th hole and then tossed the ball into a lake. "That was a consolation shot. It made me feel good," Veres said. Ripley High senior Tim Fisher, 17, finished third in his first Amateur. Leaders by rounds: first, Carter 72, by one; second, Carter 149, by one; third, Carter 221, by one.

Pat Carter, Lesage 72-77-72-70--291  
Michael Veres, Chapmanville 75-75-72-77--299  
Tim Fisher, Statts Mills 78-77-75-74--304  
Jeff Bostic, Maxwellton 73-80-75-78--306  
Steven Shrawder, Huntington 76-75-79-77--307  
Kirk Satterfield, Bluefield 77-81-73-77--308  
Bill Sharpe, Cross Lanes 82-78-70-80--310  
Brad Greenstein, Huntington 79-78-75-78--310  
Jeff Whitman, St. Albans 73-83-77-78--311  
John Rappold, Clarksburg 78-74-78-84--314

**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 third round. Bill Sharpe had a 70 in the final round to share second place 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

**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 an 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 Tomblin. 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 Carter 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

2010: The 91<sup>st</sup> West Virginia Amateur saw a change in dates, as the long standing early August date had to be moved due to the PGA Tour's inaugural Greenbrier Classic, which was set to take place the last week of July. "The Greenbrier has been a terrific partner with the WVGA. We know what a positive impact The Greenbrier Classic will have on The Greenbrier and the entire state. By making the adjustment in dates, we are able to continue the great tradition of holding our West Virginia Amateur Championship there and we couldn't be happier. I am sure the Amateur competitors will be excited to play The Old White just weeks before the Classic, knowing that the world's greatest golfers will be following in their footsteps," said Ken Tackett, executive director of the WVGA. Also to add to the drama filled week, the owner of The Greenbrier, Jim Justice, announced the winner of the West Virginia Amateur would receive an exemption to play in the Greenbrier Classic just a few weeks later. The best players now had extra incentive on this week, but it was a new face to West Virginia golf, Johnathan Bartlett, a reinstated amateur real estate salesman at The Greenbrier Sporting Club who came from behind on the final nine holes to defeat 3-time champion Tim Fisher by one shot and become the Amateur champion and earn an exemption into the first ever Greenbrier Classic. Bartlett and Fisher made the turn on the final round with Fisher holding a 4 shot advantage, but birdies at the 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for Bartlett and bogeys at the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for Fisher made it a one shot advantage. Fisher then bogeyed the 16<sup>th</sup> to tie the championship up and then followed with a wayward tee shot into Howards Creek on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, which led to a bogey 6 and Bartlett made par on the 18<sup>th</sup> to seal the championship Leaders by round: Carson Schambach, 68, second, Tim Fisher, 138, Third, Tim Fisher 207.

Johnathan Bartlett, White Sulphur Springs 71-70-68-69—278  
 Tim Fisher, Statts Millw 72-66-69-72—279  
 Trent Roush, Mason 71-75-68-70—282  
 Michael Veres, Chapmanville 71-75-68-71—285  
 Bosten Miller, Charleston 70-69-70-77—286  
 Hop White, Hurricane 74-70-70-73—287  
 JR Jones, Parkersburg 74-74-73-70—291  
 Bryan Myers, Wheeling 72-73-72-75—292  
 Ryan Mason, Bridgeport 78-69-74-73—294  
 Carson Schambach, Glen Dale 68-74-75-77—294

2011: This year's West Virginia Amateur was not short on drama. From day one the Amateur's 100 participants knew about the special prize that awaited this year's winner: a spot in the Greenbrier Classic. Like last year, West Virginia's top amateur golfer gets the dream opportunity to play in a PGA TOUR, FedEx Cup event. After day one, it was Nathan Begley and Sam O'Dell that had the lead, each shooting rounds of 69.

On day two Christian Brand's name found its way to the leader board after he shot a tournament low round of 67. Brand's two-day total of 138 was tied for the lead with O'Dell. At the end of day two, 43 golfers made it past this year's cut of 153.

The Remaining players were given some exciting news before the start of their third round. Owner of The Greenbrier, Jim Justice, announced that a spot in the 2012 Greenbrier Classic would also be given to the player who finished second in this years amateur.

After day three, Christian Brand looked comfortably on his way to receiving his first ever State Amateur title and a ticket to play in the 2011 Greenbrier classic. His three-day total of 209 had him five shots ahead of second place Sam O'Dell and nine shots ahead of third place Jess Ferrell.

On the final day, O'Dell went seven over through his first six holes and found himself in a fierce battle for second place with Ferrell. When the final group arrived on the par five, 18<sup>th</sup> Ferrell had a one stroke lead over O'Dell. Both made it on the green in two. Ferrell missed a long eagle putt by a few feet, leaving O'Dell an opening which he quickly took advantage of, sinking a twelve footer for eagle. Ferrell made his birdie putt and the two went to a sudden death playoff. The playoff only lasted one hole. Ferrell won the hole and the honor of playing in the 2012 Greenbrier Classic. Before he gets that chance, he will get to watch Brand play in this year's event. Brand parred 18, but still finished the tournament with a nine stroke lead, making him the 2011 WV Amateur champion.

Christian Brand, Charleston	71-67-71-71--280
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	69-69-76-75--289
Jess Ferrell, Fairmont	74-71-73-71--289
Joey Seabright, Wheeling	76-75-72-68--291
Bryan Myers, Wheeling	76-73-71-71--291
Brian Anania, Hurricane	80-69-73-71--293
Jay Woodward, Bridgeport	75-73-73-73--294
Blake S Davis, Huntington	76-75-70-73--294
Trent Roush, Mason	76-74-75-72--297
Ryan Mason, Bridgeport	71-79-72-75—297

2012: Huntington's Pat Carter won his 13th West Virginia Amateur Championship at America's Resort, The Greenbrier. With this title, he received a special exemption into the 2013 PGA Tour FedEx Cup event, The Greenbrier Classic. With victories spanning four decades, Carter is the second most decorated West Virginia Amateur Champion, just behind the pin-ultimate amateur, William C. Campbell. Carter won his first Amateur Championship while he was a member of the Marshall University golf team, at the age of 21, and edged out Wheeling native, Floyd Shuler. From 1994 to 2004, he won an astounding 10 consecutive titles. Prior to this week he last won the Championship in 2006. Trent Roush held the round one lead and as the second round of play moved to the Old White TPC course where the weather did not cooperate, with four lightning delays. The weather did not affect Oak Hill's Winston Canada, who shot the low round of the day at 3-under-par 67. As a result of the many delays, second round play was suspended until Wednesday morning, where five groups had yet to complete their round.

The third round began following the completion of the second round, as Hurricane's Brian Anania catapulted himself into the top five, following a round of 6-under-par 66 on the Greenbrier course. The Marshall University golfer made two eagles on the par-5 5th hole, as well as the par-4 10th, followed by four birdies and just two bogeys. The third round had just two inclement delays, a blessing from the previous, but the wet course provided a 76.7 stroke average—a vast improvement from round one. As the round

concluded, Carter, Woodward and Buckhannon's Jeremy Rogers were each tied for the lead at 1-over-par 215, as Canada sat two strokes back, Anania two back. Winston Canada held the lead for a short stretch on the back nine, but a double hit of the golf ball on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole led to a double bogey 7 and gave Carter the lead which he would not let go of. Leaders by Round: First, Roush 69, Second, Winston Canada and Jay Woodward 143, Third, Jeremy Rogers, Jay Woodward and Pat Carter 215.

Pat Carter, Huntington	71-73-71-73—288
Winston Canada, Beckley	76-67-74-73—290
Jeremy Rogers, Buckhannon	73-72-70-76—291
Brian Anania, Hurricane	78-74-66-74—292
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	74-72-74-72—292
Jay Woodward, Bridgeport	70-73-72-79—294
Chris Williams, Scott Depot	71-73-75-75—294
Tad Tomblin, Alum Creek	76-71-75-72—294
Bosten Miller, Charleston	77-75-72-71—295
Thadd Obecnny, Wheeling	72-76-74-74—296

2013: Sam O'Dell has a special place in West Virginia golf's history books after this week, as he won the 94th West Virginia Amateur Championship. The Hurricane native went 68-66-69-76 to win the Championship at 5-under-par.

After the first round concluded, it was evident O'Dell was out to claim the victory, shooting a 68 on the Old White TPC's par 70 course. He was the only player to post an under-par score that day. As the field moved to The Greenbrier's Greenbrier course for the second round, he scored two strokes better than the day before. Staying on the Greenbrier course the third day, he shot 3-under 69. For his final round today, he slacked off a bit, posting a 4-over-par score, but was still able to seal the Championship by six strokes. O'Dell defeated Fairmont's Woody Woodward and Hurricane's Brian Anania, who tied for second at 1-over-par 285.

Earlier in the week, three-time Champion, Tim Fisher was disqualified from the Championship under rule 15-3, playing a wrong ball. This was the first event Fisher had played in since his three-year suspension in 2010. Leaders by round: First, Sam O'Dell 68, second, O'Dell 134, third, O'Dell 203. O'Dell becomes first wire to wire victor since Pat Carter in 2003.

Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	68-66-69-76—279
Brian Anania, Hurricane	73-72-70-70—285
Woody Woodward, Bridgeport	73-75-70-67—285
Nick Dent, White Sulphur Springs	73-71-69-74—287
Thadd Obecnny, Wheeling	70-71-76-72—289
Alan Cooke, Vienna	71-67-74-78—290
Bosten Miller, Charleston	73-79-67-73—292
Harry Howell, Madison	76-70-71-76—293
Phillip Reale, Charleston	73-75-73-72—293

2014: It was a great couple of weeks for Brian Anania. The Marshall University graduate started off his 2014 championship season with a victory at the State Four-Ball Championship with partner Chris Williams just a few short weeks ago. Now, after finishing runner-up in last year's State Amateur Championship, Anania found himself hoisting the coveted Greenbrier trophy as the 95th West Virginia Amateur Champion as well as an exemption into the 2014 Greenbrier Classic. In what was a back and forth day atop the leaderboard, Anania's steady play paid off as he was able to hold on to a two-stroke victory over Pineville's Evan Muscari during the final round. The week had great weather and another gorgeous day at The Greenbrier Resort, The Old White, TPC once again challenged players as it held players to a final round scoring average of 75.1. Anania entered the final round with a two-stroke lead over Bridgeport's Woody Woodward. After making a bogey on the par-3 third hole, Anania erased it with a birdie on the following. He added to his birdie total after carding a birdie, three, on the par-4 ninth and added another on the par-5, twelfth. His closing round of even par, 70, included three bogeys and three birdies and was all that was needed to secure the title of West Virginia Amateur champion. Leaders by Round: first, Woody Woodward 67, second, Josh Holmes 141, Anania 211.

Brian Anania, Hurricane	72-72-67-70—281
Evan Muscari, Pineville	72-73-69-69—283
Woody Woodward, Bridgeport	67-75-71-72—285
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	73-76-67-71—287
Tad Tomblin, Alum Creek	73-72-72-70—287
Jess Ferrell, Fairmont	75-72-68-74—289
Thadd Obecnay, Wheeling	69-74-73-73—289
Trent Roush, Mason	73-75-71-70—289
Pat Carter, Huntington	71-76-68-76—291
Joey Seabright, Wheeling	70-75-73-73—291
Davey Jude, Kermit	76-77-71-67—291

2015: It was a wire to wire victory again for Hurricane's Sam O'Dell as he captured the 96th West Virginia Amateur Championship by a five shot margin of victory. Weather conditions could not have been more favorable; creating a backdrop worthy of a final round for the state's premier amateur championship. Competing on the 7,042 yard Old White TPC Course players took charge at the 54-hole leader and managed to get within one shot of the lead before O'Dell caught fire on his closing holes and solidified his second West Virginia Amateur Championship (2013 & 2015).

Opening his final round with a birdie on the par-4 first hole, O'Dell looked to be running away with the tournament title before finding trouble on the fourth which resulted in a double-bogey. A bogey on the par-4 fifth and another double-bogey on the par-4 seventh brought several members of the field right back into the mix. After making birdie on the ninth hole, O'Dell started his back nine with a string of five straight pars but felt the pressure of fellow-competitor Christian Casingal as Casingal found himself within one of



the lead after making birdies on holes eleven and twelve. After a Casingal bogey on the drivable par-4, fourteenth, O'Dell took control and proceeded to birdie three consecutive holes (15, 16, 17) increasing his lead back to five shots. On fifteen, O'Dell drained a speedy downhill 37 foot putt for birdie which began the streak. On sixteen, after a well-placed drive, O'Dell hit his approach to 8 feet and calmly rolled it in. Then on the par-5, seventeenth, O'Dell found himself in the left greenside bunker in two and got up and down for birdie to get him back to one-under par for the championship. After a par on the eighteenth, O'Dell officially claimed his second West Virginia Amateur Championship and an exemption into this year's 2015 Greenbrier Classic.

Sam O' Dell, Hurricane	66-70-77-70—283
Christian Casingal, Charleston	72-71-75-70—288
Thadd Obecnycy, Wheeling	71-72-76-70—289
Davey Jude, Kermit	73-71-74-72—290
Philip Reale, Charleston	78-71-72-72—293
Alan Cooke, Vienna	67-75-77-74—293
Alasdair Forsythe, Elkins	74-72-74-76—296
Pat Carter, Huntington	76-73-75-73—297
Jess Ferrell, Fairmont	78-71-74-74—297
Chris Boyd, Charles Town	74-73-78-73—298

2016: Vienna's Alan Cooke managed to achieve something in the final round that he failed to master in the first three of the 97th West Virginia Amateur Presented by Mercedes-Benz – play the par 3s better than even par. As a result, the rising senior at West Virginia University became the fifth first-time winner of the Amateur since 2007 with a steady Thursday on the Old White TPC. He was 4-over par on the par 3s at the Greenbrier course (first and third rounds) and even on the Old White TPC in the second. “I didn't know I did that,” said Cooke, a 2012 graduate of Parkersburg High School who earns an exemption into the seventh Greenbrier Classic July 7-0 at the Old White TPC. “I was just going a shot at a time, hoping to stay level headed.”

He birdied No. 18 where there was parked a 2016 Mercedes-Benz that would have been rewarded to Thursday's first ace – but there wasn't one. He got up and down from a bunker on No. 15 and was 2-under on par 3s in two rounds on the Old White TPC. Huntington's Pat Carter dominated the Amateur from 1995-2006, winning 11 times, including a national-record 10 consecutive (1995-2004). “Deserving win for Alan,” Carter said. “That's what you have to do. You have to play well on the tough course and lapped the field, really.”

While Hurricane's Sam O'Dell claimed the championship in 2013 (his first) and 2015, and Tim Fisher finished on top three times from 2005-09, there has been a range of newcomers topping the leaderboard since Carter seemingly owned the position. Jonathan Bartlett, a native of Ocala, Fla., who was a real estate salesman at The Sporting Club in 2010, won the Amateur that year when the championship offered the first of six exemptions into the Greenbrier Classic. The former University of Mississippi player turned professional shortly thereafter.

Anthony Reale, a native of Gilmer County who resides in North Carolina while pursuing his law degree, won in 2007. His older brother Philip, looking to join Anthony as the first brothers to win the championship, was runner-up, eight strokes back.

“I would’ve had to shoot 64 to keep up (with Cooke),” Reale said. “It was fun to watch. He was in a zone all day.” Finishing in a tie for 9<sup>th</sup> place was 61 year old Harold Payne of Hurricane. Leaders by Round: first, Cole Moore 70, second, Alan Cooke 140, Alan Cooke 216.

Alan Cooke, Vienna	72-68-76-67—283
Philip Reale, Charleston	73-72-73-73—291
Will Evans, Charleston	74-67-77-74—292
Sam O’Dell, Hurricane	73-71-74-75—293
Joey Seabright, Wheeling	71-75-79-70—295
Pat Carter, Huntington	76-70-75-75—296
Davey Jude, Kermit	74-76-76-72—298
Thadd Obecnny, Wheeling	79-75-73-71—298
Jeff McGraw, Princeton	73-68-80-78—299
Harold Payne, Hurricane	72-75-78-74—299

2017: This year, the Amateur left the Greenbrier for just the fifth time in the 98 years it has been contested, putting all four rounds on the same course for only the second time since 1997. The Resort at Glade Springs’ Cobb Course played host due to the devastating floods of June 2016 that wreaked havoc at The Greenbrier.

Sam O’Dell’s steady hand served him well at the 98th West Virginia Amateur Presented by Mercedes-Benz. O’Dell shot a final-round even par 72 to win his third State Amateur, holding off Scott Depot’s Chris Williams at The Resort at Glade Springs’ Cobb Course. His first title came in 2013, his second in 2015, and his third this week. “When you get the opportunity to win a golf tournament like this, you have to take advantage of it,” O’Dell said. “If I didn’t win it again, it would’ve been two years, then it would’ve been three ... if it keeps going you wonder (if it’ll happen again), especially with the kids knocking it by me.”

O’Dell had to fight off West Virginia University graduate Chris Williams, who didn’t play in 2016 while attending classes. He finished 11th in 2015. Williams’ run was brief, but palpable. The former Winfield High School standout had five birdies and two bogeys through 12 holes, but bogeyed three of the next four to fall out of contention. His only hope on No. 18 was to get a birdie and for O’Dell to double bogey, something he hadn’t done the previous 71 holes. “On 14, I hit it a little in the trees and had a punch shot but didn’t hit a good chip,” Williams said. “I hit a really good shot on 15, but three-putted for bogey from about 12 feet. On 17, I hit another good chip shot and missed a 3-footer. Just some putts today.”

The talk of the tournament was 16-year-old Washington High School junior-to-be Christian Boyd. Boyd was in the final group with O’Dell and Hurricane’s Brian Anania, who won the 2014 championship. He trailed by two shots after the third round and closed the gap with a birdie on the par 3 No. 13. However, four consecutive bogeys brought him back toward the field. Number 13 was a 180-yard hole that included a Mercedes-Benz at the tee box. No players could win a car, which was to be awarded to every competitor

who aced the hole during the final round. Boyd came within 10 feet on his tee shot, but that proved to be his final birdie before one on 18, which came too late. Leaders by round: first, Tad Tomblin 69, Christian Boyd 138, third Sam O’Dell 210.

Sam O’Dell, Hurricane	71-68-71-73—283
Chris Williams, Scott Depot	70-70-73-72—285
Christian Boyd, Charles Town	70-68-74-74—286
Brian Anania, Hurricane	72-69-72-74—287
Philip Reale, Charleston	74-74-70-70—288
Will Evans, Charleston	72-68-77-72—289
Joshua Arbaugh, Morgantown	74-72-72-72—290
Jeff McGraw, Princeton	74-73-70-73—290
Thadd Obecnycy, Wheeling	71-75-71-73—290
Tyler Hillyer, Princeton	77-71-73-70—291

2018: The 2001 State Amateur Championship was a long time ago, but the memories stick with Hurricane’s Sam O’Dell. As he won the 99<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Amateur Presented by Mercedes-Benz on Thursday, O’Dell reflected on the time before he won his first – he now has four – and the lost opportunity to play with Pat Carter. “I never played in the final group with Pat,” said O’Dell, who birdied No. 17 to break a tie and earn a two-stroke victory on the Old White TPC at the Greenbrier. On August 8, 2001, prior to the final round of the Amateur, O’Dell was in an all-terrain vehicle accident with friends Jeff Whitman and Michael Veres. O’Dell was tied for second and would have played in the final group with Carter on Thursday, but he remained in critical condition for three days, finally being moved from the intensive care unit the Saturday after. Meanwhile, Carter was winning the seventh of his national record 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive Amateur title. O’Dell recovered, completed dental school at West Virginia University, and has a successful practice in Hurricane a little more than a stone’s throw from his home course of Sleepy Hollow Golf Club.

O’Dell held the lead the entire day until a costly double bogey 6 on the par 4 16<sup>th</sup> hole put him into a day with Carter with just two holes to play. On 17 O’dell birdied and Carter made a bogey 6. Carter said, “(On 17), the pin was front left and I want to be to the right and after I hit it I thought it should be good, then Nick said, ‘I think it’s in the bunker.’ I said, ‘Bunker? I didn’t even know it was there.’ That left me with one of the toughest shots in golf, but I still should’ve made par.” On 18. O’Dell hit his tee shot to the front of the green and two-putted for par to complete the round and his title.

Christian Boyd of Charles Town once again had a strong showing as he won low junior award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, tying this year with Mason Williams of Bridgeport. The pair finished in a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Leaders by Round: first, Pat Carter 67, Sam O’Dell 139, O’Dell 209.

Sam O’Dell, Hurricane	72-67-70-73—282
Pat Carter, Huntington	67-77-67-73—284
Nick Biesecker, Charleston	77-70-68-70—285
Nick Dent, White Sulphur Springs	77-71-66-76—290
Mason Williams, Bridgeport	74-74-73-71—292

Christian Boyd, Charles Town	70-79-71-72—292
Mark Johnson, Morgantown	72-75-69-76—292
Cam Roam, Huntington	75-78-67-74—294
Phillip Reale, Charleston	75-76-71-73—295
Jess Ferrell, Fairmont	78-72-70-77—297

2019: As the West Virginia Amateur returned to The Greenbrier Resort yet again in early August, it just felt different. This was the 100th playing of the championship and the excitement was there when the first tee shot was hit the morning of round 1 and continued throughout the duration of the championship until the final putt dropped, albeit 3 extra holes later, but when the dust settled it was Mason Williams of Bridgeport who came out on top after firing a course record tying 6-under par 64 to shoot a two under par 278 four day total, which tied him with day 3 leader Phillip Reale of Hurricane and Woody Woodward of Bridgeport. Williams was in the next to last group and trailed Reale by 6 strokes beginning the day. Williams jumped out quick with birdies on one and two, followed birdies at the fifth and sixth holes and added another at number 8 to go out in 5-under par and within one stroke of the lead. Williams birdied the 11th and 13th holes to take the lead for the first time outright as Reale bogeyed the par 5 eighth hole. Cam Roam of Huntington got in the mix after birdieing 12,13,15 and 16 to jump into the solo lead but a double bogey 6 at the closing hole doomed Roam and left him out of the playoff. Reale had a chance on the final hole of regulation but his putt moved left just at the last second and he tapped in for a par to make the playoff Reale, Woodward and Williams. The playoff was a three hole aggregate consisting of the par 4's 16th, 17th, and 18th holes, which was the first ever three person playoff in the history of the championship. All three players made par four's on the 16th hole, then Williams struck first on 17 with a birdie to put him into the lead by one. All players found the fairway on 18, but Williams and Reale hit the green as Woodward missed short in the bunker. As Reales putt slid past, Williams had to just two putt from 18 feet and when he tapped in for par he was the 100th West Virginia Amateur champion presented by Mercedes Benz. Williams' comeback (6 strokes behind) was the largest ever final round comeback in the 100 years of the championship. Williams became the youngest champion in 53 years, when Barney Thompson was victorious at the age of 17. This was also William's 7th WVGA championship by the age of 19. Four time champion and defending, Sam O'Dell was absent due to watching his son in the Little League World Series Regionals. Leaders by Round, Chris Williams 67, second Woody Woodward 137, third Philip Reale 208.

Mason Williams, Bridgeport	73-71-70-64—278 (Won 3 hole aggregate playoff)
Philip Reale, Hurricane	68-73-67-70—278
Woody Woodward, Bridgeport	70-67-72-69—278
Cam Roam, Huntington	71-71-70-69—279
Bryan Myers, Wheeling	74-70-71-69—284
Noah Mullens, Milton	70-69-75-71—285
Jacob Nickell, Wheeling	68-76-74-69—287
Thomas Frazier, Huntington	75-77-71-65—288
Tad Tomblin, Alum Creek	70-75-71-72—288
Jess Ferrell, Fairmont	76-71-70-72—289

**2020:** The 101st West Virginia Amateur will be remembered for many things, but mostly for the remarkable golf that was played at The Greenbrier the last four days. After a wild day of golf it was Alex Easthom, of Ravenswood, who reigned supreme and ended up holding the historic Greenbrier Trophy. Easthom finished the championship at 4-under par for the championship which was good enough to hold on to a one stroke victory over Chris Williams of Scott Depot and Mason Williams of Bridgeport. Easthom, who entered his junior season at West Liberty weeks after his victory, came into the day tied for the lead with 13 time champion Pat Carter. Easthom started out hot and then the par 4 10th was made drivable for the final round and Easthom hit a 3-wood to inside of 5 feet and made the putt for eagle, then followed with birdie on the 11th hole which at the time gave him a three stroke lead which eventually grew to four at one point. Then Easthom gave shots away on the 13th and 14th holes, all while Mason Williams and Chris Williams were making their charge. When Pat Carter made birdie on the 17th hole, Easthom held a one stroke lead over Carter, Mason Williams and Chris Williams. Mason Williams and Chris Williams, both fired 5-under par 65's to finish in a tie for Runner-Up. Alex Easthom is one of the longest players in West Virginia but on this final round on the Old White course his short game is what will be remembered for years to come as he only hit one green in his final 6 holes, but fantastic up and downs on 15 & 16 and a bunker shot that the hundreds watching won't soon forget at the finishing par 3 18<sup>th</sup> hole to secure par and the one stroke victory. This year also marked the 50th and final West Virginia Amateur for 5 time champion Harold Payne. Payne who made the cut in this year's championship, finished an amazing career with an unbelievable 49 out of 50 cuts made in the West Virginia Amateur.

Leaders by Round: 1<sup>st</sup>: Mitch Hoffman-67, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Noah Mullens-135, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pat Carter and Alex Easthom- 207

Alex Easthom, Ravenswood	69-68-70-69—276
Chris Williams, Morgantown	72-74-66-65—277
Mason Williams, Bridgeport	68-71-73-65—277
Pat Carter, Huntington	70-69-68-71—278
Jackson Hill, Daniels	70-71-67-72—280
Sam O'Dell, Hurricane	71-71-70-69—281
Cam Roam, Huntington	74-65-72-72—283
Ryan Bilby, Follansbee	69-71-70-73—283
Owen Elliott, Hedgesville	73-71-69-70—283
Jess Ferrell, Fairmont	74-69-70-70—283