

## 2020- Present

**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

**2021:** With too many close calls and missed opportunities to count it was finally time for Philip Reale to get his long awaited West Virginia Amateur Championship. Reale, Hurricane, bided his time as was only two strokes off the first round lead and a single stroke off at the halfway point, then round 3 at The Meadows is when he made his move shooting a 5-under par 65 which was good enough to hold a one stroke lead over Chris Williams heading into the final round. Reale started a bit shaky bogeying the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> holes, however made a birdie at #3 to hold a one stroke lead over Joseph Kalaskey of South Charleston and a 4 stroke lead over Williams as they stood on #6 tee. Reale would proceed to play the final 13 holes in an incredible 6 under par,

capping his historic week with a long birdie putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole en route to shoot his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive 65 and finish the championship at -10 for the week. Reales score of 270 was the lowest in the State Amateur since Pat Carter did the same in 2003. John Francisco tied the course record on the Meadows course by shooting a 3<sup>rd</sup> round 63. This year also marked the 54<sup>th</sup> and final West Virginia Amateur for 2 time champion Steve Fox. Fox who made the cut in this year's championship at the age of 67, finished an amazing career in the West Virginia Amateur. Leaders by Round: 1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah Zaccheo, Hutson Chandler, Alex Easthom- 67, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alex Easthom, Chris Williams- 139 3<sup>rd</sup>: Philip Reale- 205

Philip Reale, Hurricane	69-71-65-65—270
Hutson Chandler, Bridgeport	67-74-69-69—279
Joseph Kalaskey, South Charleston	70-72-66-72—280
Noah Mullens, Milton	69-73-67-72—281
Alex Easthom, Ravenswood	67-72-69-73—281
Chris Williams, Morgantown	68-71-67-75—281
Isaiah Zaccheo, Beckley	67-75-71-70—283
Cam Roam, Huntington	74-73-68-71—286
Christian Boyd, Charles Town	71-74-68-73—286
Ryan Crabtree, Falling Waters	71-73-68-74—286
Howie Peterson, Weirton	70-73-70-73—286
Jonathan Clark, Hurricane	70-71-73-72—286

**2022:** The final round started with four players separated by a single shot and that single shot separated three of those four when the players arrived at the 17<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes respectively. And at that moment playing in the penultimate group, Noah Mullens, of Milton hit one of the most remarkable shots in the 103 year history of the West Virginia Amateur. Mullens laid 37 yards from the flagstick on the par 5 17<sup>th</sup> hole and his pitch shot went in for eagle and as he left into the arms of his caddie everyone on property knew what had just happened as Mullen's lead grew to three strokes with just one hole to go and two holes for Davey Jude and Cam Roam to go. Mullens left the door slightly cracked as he three putted the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and Jude and Roam both birdied the 17<sup>th</sup> hole and that three stroke lead was now back down to just one over Roam as he stood on the tee of the finishing par 3. With a back hole location Roam hit his shot just off the back into the intermediate cut and when his ensuing putt didn't fall for birdie, Noah Mullens became the West Virginia Amateur champion. History was made in round one as Kyle Wensel of Wheeling shot a course record 63 on the Meadows course. His 63 also tied the all time low round ever shot in the West Virginia Amateur. The final couple of days had a major Marshall University feel to it as Mullens was a recent graduate in May, while Jude, Brian Anania, and fellow top 10 finisher and low Senior Pat Carter were all former players and Ryan Bilby who finished in a tie for 4<sup>th</sup> place is currently on the golf team there. Leaders by Round: 1<sup>st</sup>: Kyle Wensel 63 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Bilby and Noah Mullens 135 3<sup>rd</sup>: Davey Jude and Cam Roam- 208

Noah Mullens, Milton	68-67-74-66—275
Davey Jude, Kermit	66-73-69-69—277
Cam Roam, Huntington	71-67-70-69—277
Nick Dent, White Sulphur Springs	72-68-73-70—283

Ryan Bilby, Follansbee	66-69-73-75—283
Cameron Jarvis, Barboursville	68-74-71-71—284
Pat Carter, Huntington	71-73-67-73—284
Brian Anania, Hurricane	72-73-67-73—285
Cory Hoshor, Scott Depot	69-69-74-73—285
Christian McKisic, Buckhannon	68-71-72-75—286