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Dear Tournament Participants:

On behalf of Echo Lake Country Club, its membership and staff, I am very pleased to welcome and congratulate you on qualifying to compete in the New Jersey State Golf Association's 117th Amateur Championship, presented by Provident Bank. We are very excited to host you on our championship golf course.

Echo Lake has a long and storied 120-year history. Designed by Donald Ross, we are also lucky enough to have simultaneous architectural influences from A.W. Tillinghast. More recently, we've undergone a significant, multi-year restoration led by Rees Jones. I trust you will find the shot values and conditions on par with the finest golf courses in New Jersey.

Our relationship with the NJSGA has never been stronger, and we look forward to a continued affiliation with this esteemed institution as they continue to be leaders in the stewardship of the game of golf.

Best of luck, play well, and enjoy your time at Echo Lake Country Club.

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## HOST CLUB PROFILE

# Echo Lake Features Fresh Look and Feel for Amateur Championship

BY MIKE MORETTI

**E**cho Lake Country Club – now playing at par-71 and 7,116 yards – has a rich tournament history, hosting numerous state, regional and national championships. On July 10-12, the Westfield club is hosting the 117th NJSGA Amateur Championship, presented by Provident Bank. This is the first time Echo Lake has hosted the State Amateur since 1967.

The Echo Lake CC that competitors will face will be unfamiliar to most, featuring a newly renovated, fresh look with some holes having been eliminated, others rerouted and even more updated, thanks to a master plan started a decade ago. As a result, local knowledge among the amateurs will be in short supply

### AN IMPRESSIVE CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE

Echo Lake has hosted an array of championships and has a habit of identifying some impressive winners. The 1934 Met Open, for example, was won by World Golf Hall of Famer, Paul Runyon. Current LPGA star Inbee Park captured the 1999 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, while the New



Jersey PGA Section Championship was won in 1969 by local legend Babe Lichardus. Terry Noe hoisted the U.S. Junior Amateur Trophy at Echo Lake in 1994.

Winners of NJSGA Amateurs at Echo Lake were F. Paul Anderson in 1931, Joe McBride in 1949 and Bud Zachary in 1967. Champions from the three NJSGA Opens at Echo Lake included Bill Ziobro in 1970, Gary Ostrega in 1985 and Frank Esposito, Jr., in 1999.

"We're pleased to have the State Amateur back at Echo Lake," offered Jim Gallagher, ELCC president. "What's more, we feel the time is right, given the changes we have made."

### A LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR CHANGE

For nearly 120 years, Echo Lake Country Club has been nestled on a bluff overlooking Mountainside's Echo Lake Park. The Donald Ross-designed course has, since its inception, been considered one of the great courses of the New Jersey golf community, with its rolling hills, challenging layout and pastoral atmosphere.

Former ELCC green chairman Dave Brown, current president Jim Gallagher, since-retired head professional Mike Preston and long-time superintendent Chris Carson spearheaded the Master Plan to fully renovate the golf course. Renowned architect Rees Jones of Montclair was hired to oversee the project.

"The impetus for the Master Plan was an earlier, less-than-satisfactory reworking of the fifth hole, a long-time problem area of the course. We decided early on, that tackling other smaller issues would help build member support and excitement. Once we finally redid the fifth, we had a large amount of member trust in the bank . . . and Rees Jones took to heart our instruction to look upon this hole as a blank canvas," Carson reflected. "The end result is a fine golf hole that solved the earlier problems. Our success here launched us into the last and largest phase of construction, holes one through four," said Carson, who has served for 33 years as Echo Lake's Superintendent.

By taking the 247-yard second hole and turning it into a 500-yard par-5 – and consequently



turning No. 3 into a 140-yard par-3 from a 363-yard par-4 – Echo Lake finally recaptured the championship layout feel it had been searching for. Leveling the hill on No. 2 also eliminated the blind tee shot on the opening hole – which had slowed down rounds for years. The 4th hole was converted from a par-5 to a par-4 during the last phase of the renovation.

Head professional Pat Fillian, who succeeded Preston five years ago, has been instrumental in helping the Master Plan come to fruition.

"When I arrived, I dove right into this project. My first thought was we needed to convert No. 4 to a par-4, and make us play at Par 71 instead of 72," Fillian remembered.

"When I get asked what our signature hole is at Echo Lake, I often describe three or four holes that stick out in my mind. The new par-3 third hole is a favorite. It's a short hole, but demands accuracy as the green is small and trouble lurks on both sides with a severely sloped run off area left and long and two green side bunkers right of the green," Fillian said.

"The scope of what changed is more than



Hole 12



Hole 7



Hole 10

originally conceived. The idea that the Master Plan is finished is not true," reflects Carson. "There are still some green surrounds, bunkers and tee complexes and some smaller projects that we will work on. But the focus of the club, now that the majority of the Plan has come to fruition, is redeveloping the clubhouse."

The newly-renovated course was first tested in the final week of June during the AJGA Polo Junior Golf Classic, one of the most prestigious junior events in the country. Following the NJSGA Amateur Championship, a U.S. Amateur sectional qualifier on July 16 will feature yet another group of standout players.

"I am excited that these events are bringing in some of the best golfers in the state, the United States and the world. They are going to test our course, and we will be able to learn some things," Carson said.

"We'll see what the new competitive course record at Echo Lake may turn out to be. We took some of our weakest holes and now they

are among our strongest. We have solved several issues for the betterment of our golf course.

"An astonishing part of the story is that this is a course that has been at the same site for a century, and I believe we have overcome the issue of 'oldness' and the inertia of growing old. It took a guy named Dave Brown to say 'Let's change,' and that is a mammoth step. I am impressed that the club embraced the concepts and took it to this new level," Carson noted.

The new Echo Lake opened to rave reviews in time for the annual Member-Guest tournament on Memorial Day weekend in 2017.

"There was an understandable reluctance to give up the old golf course, but it's been a real success. People are still getting used to it. The general comments have been those of amazing support. Eyes are still being opened," Carson said.

Another blessed event took place at the club over the past year, something that wasn't on the Master Plan, but has turned out to be a master stroke.

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"We started chopping down the hill on the first and second holes and removing trees. When a magnolia tree fell down behind the 18th green, suddenly we had this magnificent vista of the New York skyline from the patio that we previously didn't know we had. We are blessed with this amazing change," Carson said.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS**

What are Chris Carson's thoughts as to what the golfers can expect this week?

"There is some defense of the golf course in that the greens are undulating. But the course has always rewarded good play. We've removed trees and made it fairer and more open. It remains to be seen what kind of rough we will have, but it will be challenging. I won't be surprised to see some of the golfers play under par; maybe four or five under will win the tournament, but

we will see."

Added head pro Fillian:

"I think the golf course will prove to be a great test of golf during the Amateur Championship. The conditions right now are perfect. The rough is thick and challenging and the greens are firm and fast. Getting the ball in the fairway off the tee and positioning your approach on the correct side of the hole will be crucial.

"The eventual champion will have to play his best golf on the back nine. Holes 13 through 16 are very demanding and often stand in the way of a good score," Fillian said. "We are excited to see some of New Jersey's finest play Echo Lake. The new renovation has been so well received by our membership, we are looking forward to seeing how the contestants enjoy the new holes." ●



Hole 16



Hole 6



Hole 3

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By Mike Moretti



Echo Lake members, from left, John Rochford, Claude Fusco Jr, and Brian Steller

After completing his term as president of the College Men's Club of Westfield, he joined Echo Lake and wanted to continue supporting college-bound students.

"I couldn't have had a better mentor than John Rochford," he said.

Rochford is a former chairman of the New Jersey State Golf Association CSF and served as Echo Lake's representative from 1987 to 2015.

In his years as Echo Lake's CSF representative, Rochford helped raise more than \$850,000 and saw more than 200 Echo Lake caddies receive scholarships to pursue college educations.

"We make an effort to keep the caddie scholars around the members. New members at Echo Lake are made aware of our tradition as a leading contributing club to the CSF," Rochford said.

Two annual events tie the caddies to the club members. At a breakfast for caddie scholars, members interact with scholarship recipients. They discuss their progression and studies at college. At the Opening Night Dinner each spring, caddie scholars speak about their experiences.

### ROCHFORD HONORED BY NJSGA

John Rochford was honored this past October as the winner of the coveted Honey Gantner Award, presented annually to the NJSGA's top volunteer.

"The ability to help top qualified young women and men, who return the favor by getting good grades, graduate and create good careers for themselves and their families, was always of utmost importance to me," he said.

"The caddie scholars are high-quality people and the percentage of those who graduate (96%) is great," said Rochford, who has been honored by the club.

As a token of Echo Lake's appreciation for Rochford's efforts, he was presented a framed flag that had flown on the flagstick on Echo Lake's 18th green.

John Rochford's efforts reflect the pledge that he and his fellow members have made a personal commitment to support one of New Jersey golf's great assets, its caddies.

Echo Lake Country Club and the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Foundation enjoy a wonderful relationship

On June 12, Echo Lake was honored as the Top Par Club at the annual NJSGA Caddie Scholarship Foundation Awards Night at Baltusrol Golf Club. The award is presented annually to the NJSGA club that makes the most donations of \$100 or more to the CSF. 479 Echo Lake members became Par Club donors in 2017.

Last year, Echo Lake members donated \$51,200, the second highest among all clubs in the state. Over the past six years, Echo Lake members have contributed more than \$300,000 toward the NJSGA CSF.

Twelve Echo Lake caddies have been awarded scholarships for the 2018-19 school year from the NJSGA CSF. "The entire staff believes in the program, including the caddie master and the golf professionals. The membership rallies around the program," said Echo Lake's CSF club representative Brian Steller.

"The caddies who receive scholarships are truly qualified. According to NJSGA standards, they must be good people. They have to be worth the investment. What has happened is that the program builds on itself. We get better and better kids coming into our program."

Steller, a former caddie at Spring Lake Golf Club, has been involved with Echo Lake caddies for 12 years.

## Echo Lake is Home to Special NJSGA CSF Scholarships

In addition to the nine general CSF scholarships, Echo Lake is the home of three special caddie scholarships, also administered through the CSF – the Roger Chandler Memorial Scholarship, the Charles Fusco III Memorial Scholarship, and the Vince Gilligan Memorial Scholarship.

The Chandler Scholarship started in May, 1996, by Roger Chandler, a devoted Echo Lake member and a successful executive with Exxon Mobil. Roger was a recipient of a newsboy scholarship in his hometown of Rochester, N.Y., and he never forgot how much that scholarship meant to him and the role it subsequently played in his successful career. He originally funded the scholarship in April, 2007, with significant shares of his own company stock. After his passing, his wife, Beverly, continued yearly contributions that expanded the number of available scholarships.

This year's recipient of the Roger Chandler Memorial Scholarship is Echo Lake caddie John Free, who is still deciding on his college choice.

In 2014, the Claude Fusco III Memorial Scholarship was started, thanks to a generous donation from Claude's father, who also received contributions for the award from others.

"One of my fellow members at Echo Lake, Vince Gilligan, told me what he did to honor his son by naming a caddie scholarship in his honor. To me, it was a no-brainer. It's such a great way to help people, the type of people my son would have loved to help. It's a great way to remember his name and it's a good cause," said Claude Fusco, Jr.

"I had lost my son at 31. I wanted to do something in his memory. Without even a campaign, just by word of mouth, we have been able to get donations. I'm excited about the scholarship," he said.

The Claude Fusco III Memorial Scholarship was awarded this year to Echo Lake caddie Mark Gioioso, who currently remains undecided on where he will go to college.

The Vince Gilligan Memorial Scholarship was created by the family of Vince Gilligan, long-time members of Echo Lake. Vince Gilligan, Jr., had a successful

career that took him all over the world. He conducted his business the same way he led his life, with humor, integrity and honesty. Vince loved golf, Echo Lake, and especially the caddies who worked there.

The 2018-19 recipient of the Vince Gilligan Memorial Scholarship is James Leonardis, a student at St. Joseph's University, Class of 2019.



Echo Lake's Lazzarotti triplets, from left, Matt, Mark and Chris, with mom Ann, all earned NJSGA Caddie Scholarships

### The nine other Echo Lake CSF recipients:

- Andrew Buzzanca, Marist College '19
- Sean Halpin, Rutgers University '19
- Ansh Jhaveri, University of Delaware '19
- Gavin Krebs, Penn State University '21
- Mark Lazzarotti, NJIT '20
- Anders Myhre, undecided
- Charles Shantinsky, Penn State University '19
- Conor Smith, Syracuse University '19
- Eric Valencia, Raritan Valley C.C. '19

# Echo Lake Country Club



1 – Par 4	393 yds.	10 – Par 4	425 yds.
2 – Par 5	500 yds.	11 – Par 5	546 yds.
3 – Par 3	140 yds.	12 – Par 5	582 yds.
4 – Par 4	478 yds.	13 – Par 4	457 yds.
5 – Par 4	395 yds.	14 – Par 3	241 yds.
6 – Par 4	422 yds.	15 – Par 4	458 yds.
7 – Par 3	172 yds.	16 – Par 4	425 yds.
8 – Par 4	427 yds.	17 – Par 3	184 yds.
9 – Par 4	443 yds.	18 – Par 4	428 yds.
<b>Par 35</b>	<b>3,370 yds.</b>	<b>Par 36</b>	<b>3,746 yds.</b>

**TOTAL: Par 71 — 7,116 yds.**



**COURSE ARCHITECT: DONALD ROSS**  
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# THE COURSE

## HOLE-BY-HOLE



### Hole 1 – Par 4

393 yards

The opening hole at Echo Lake is a mid-length par four that plays downhill from tee to green. The entire left side of the hole is guarded with out of bounds. The right side is protected by two large oak trees that obstruct a tee shot in the right rough. A drive placed in the fairway leaves the golfer with a mid-to-short iron to a small green that slopes from back right to front left. The green is guarded with bunkers right and left.



### Hole 4 – Par 4

478 yards

The fourth hole was converted from a short par-5 into a long par-4. Pre-renovation, a birdie on this hole was almost expected. However, Rees Jones had a different idea. Guarded by trees on the right, this hole demands not only an accurate tee shot, but a long one as well. The approach will play downhill and the green is protected by bunkers on both sides. Par on this hole should feel like a birdie.



### Hole 7 – Par 3

172 yards

The seventh hole is a picturesque mid-length par three. Only well struck and precise tee shots will find this tiny green that is guarded by four deep greenside bunkers. The green is small and the most undulated on the course from back to front. The severity of the green will challenge a golfer whose tee shot went over the green. Although not intimidating on the scorecard, this hole can test even the best of players.



### Hole 10 – Par 4

425 yards

The back nine begins with a mid-length par four that measures 425 yards from the back tee. The fairway is guarded by a deep fairway bunker on the left and several overhanging trees on the right. Golfers in the fairway are faced with a mid-iron approach to a green protected by four green side bunkers. The putting surface is one of the flatter greens at Echo Lake, sloping slightly from front right to back left.



### Hole 2 – Par 5

500 yards

Converted from a short par-4 into a mid-length par-5 in the recent Rees Jones renovation, the change in elevation from tee to green adds both length and difficulty. With fairway bunkers and deep rough awaiting wayward tee shots, be sure to take a club that can find the fairway. Longer hitters will have the opportunity to get home in two. The putting surface is sloped from right to left. Putts coming from above the hole will be slippery.



### Hole 5 – Par 4

395 yards

The fifth hole was recently remodeled by Rees Jones and has been praised by the membership. At 395 yards from the back tee, the hole plays uphill from tee to green. The left side of the hole is guarded by out of bounds and two fairway bunkers. The approach shot is straight uphill to a multi-contoured green which is protected by three deep greenside bunkers. The putting surface boasts numerous contours and ridges. Birdies here are rare.



### Hole 8 – Par 4

427 yards

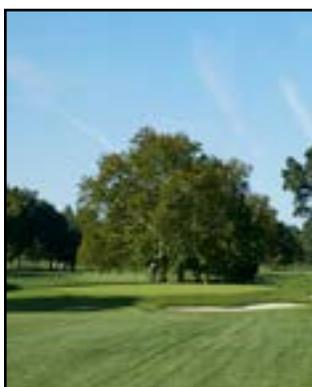
The eighth hole is a dogleg left par four measuring 427 yards from the back tee. Players are forced to shape the ball from right to left or challenge the trees on the left-hand side of the hole to find the fairway. Once in play, golfers are left with a mid-iron shot to a green that is elevated and guarded by a deep greenside bunker right of the green. The putting surface is severely sloped from back to front. It is not uncommon to putt the ball off the front of the green. A par here is a great score.



### Hole 11 – Par 5

546 yards

The 11th hole is the first of back-to-back par fives. At 546 yards the 11th is the shorter of the two. The hole doglegs to the right and has a fairway guarded by three fairway bunker. The green sits perched up above the fairway. Most players will lay up short of the deep fairway bunker in the lay-up zone. The green has two deep greenside bunkers to the left and one to the right. The biggest challenge on the hole is the green. The putting surface is large and has two distinct tiers.



### Hole 3 – Par 3

140 yards

This hole requires one of the most precise shots on the golf course. The green is guarded by bunkers to the right and a steep false front all the way around the green on the left. Pitch shots from the collection areas to the left of the green prove extremely difficult with the green running away from the golfer. Leaving this green with a par should be appreciated.



### Hole 6 – Par 4

422 yards

The No. 1 handicap hole is a dogleg left and plays 422 yards from the back tees. Tee shots need to avoid the left side as scattered trees and two-deep fairway bunkers make it near impossible to reach the green in regulation. After a well-placed tee shot, golfers are faced with a mid-iron shot that plays straight uphill. The putting surface is one of the smallest on the course and is guarded by two deep greenside bunkers. The green is sloped from back to front.



### Hole 9 – Par 4

443 yards

The front nine ends with a long dogleg left par four. Well played tee shots will be long and down the right side of the fairway, avoiding the deep fairway bunker on the left. Once in play, golfers are left with a long iron or fairway wood to a green that is elevated from the fairway. Making the approach even more challenging is the false front that rejects any approach that is not well struck. Surrounding the green are three deep greenside bunkers. The putting surface is sloped heavily from back to front.



### Hole 12 – Par 5

582 yards

The 12th hole is the longest hole at Echo Lake, measuring 582 yards from the back tee. This long par five doglegs slightly from right to left. The tee shot is guarded by fairway bunkers left and right. Most all players will lay up short of the deep fairway bunker on the right, leaving a mid-iron approach. The approach shot is blind from the fairway leaving the three greenside bunkers and the putting surface blind to the players. The green is the most level on the golf course.



## SCORECARD SUMMARY

7,116 YARDS - PAR 71

COURSE RATING - 74.3

SLOPE - 132



**Hole 13 - Par 4**  
457 yards

The 13th hole is the beginning to a trio of difficult holes. Well struck tee shots are vital in order to the green in regulation. The left side of the hole is protected by several deep fairway bunkers that must be avoided. Once in play, the approach shot can land short of the green as the ball typically bounces and releases forward. The green is guarded by three deep greenside bunkers. The putting surface seems subtle, but has many small undulations.



**Hole 16 - Par 3**  
425 yards

The 16th hole is widely considered the signature hole at Echo Lake. The hole is a dogleg from right to left and puts a premium on accuracy off the tee due to overhanging tree limbs on the left and trees on the right. Many players opt to run the ball down the hill to reach the green in regulation. The putting surface is large and is sloped from back to front. A view of the Echo Lake is in sight from the putting green. The sixteenth is both beautiful and problematic.



**Hole 14 - Par 3**  
241 yards

The 14th hole is a picturesque par three that can play as long as 250 yards. Precision is a must as the approach to the green is very narrow and protected by large greenside bunkers both left and right. The putting surface is much like the 13th hole with many small undulations causing putting difficulties. Pars here are few and far between.



**Hole 17 - Par 3**  
184 yards

The 17th hole is a mid-length par three that plays downhill from tee to green. The recent Rees Jones renovation has created a challenging and playable green that is guarded by two bunkers both of them short, left and right. Tee shots that are struck too solidly will run into a collection area over the green. Golfers are challenged by a green that is sloped left to right.



**Hole 15 - Par 4**  
458 yards

The 15th hole is a long straightaway par four. Players need to avoid the out of bounds that guards the left side of the hole and fairway bunkers on the left and right. The long iron approach is to a green that is very elevated from the fairway. Bunkers both left and right guard the green, which has a false front. The green is sloped from right to left and is very challenging.



**Hole 18 - Par 4**  
428 yards

At 18, the tee shot is guarded by out of bounds to the left and fairway bunkers both left and right. From the fairway, golfers are faced with a mid-iron approach that plays slightly uphill. The approach to the green is very narrow, requiring precision to find the green in regulation. Guarding the green are greenside bunkers left and right. The putting surface is relatively subtle but the famous patio of onlookers will be sure to challenge your nerves. Birdies and holed putts are often rewarded with applause.

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Tee	Time	Name / Club	Tee	Time	Name / Club	Tee	Time	Name / Club	Tee	Time	Name / Club	Tee	Time	Name / Club	Tee	Time	Name / Club
1	7:30 am	John Shay Jr., <i>Baltusrol G.C.</i> Thomas Cucci, <i>Fiddler's Elbow C.C.</i> William O'Neill, <i>Spring Brook C.C.</i>	1	8:50 am	Brian Hart, <i>Deal G.&amp;C.C.</i> Connor Bekefi, <i>Eagle Ridge G.C.</i> Kevin Silvestri, <i>Hominy Hill G.C.</i>	1	10:20 am	Linus Yip, <i>Fiddler's Elbow C.C.</i> Max Sorger, <i>Montclair G.C.</i> Robert Vollero, <i>Bayonne G.C.</i>	1	11:50 am	Jack Wall, <i>Manasquan River G.C.</i> Jake Mayer, <i>Plainfield C</i> John Felitto, <i>Echo Lack C.C.</i>						
1	7:40 am	James Arbes, <i>NJSGA E-Club</i> Kevin Guidera, <i>Galloping Hill G.C.</i> Michael Graboyes, <i>Watchung Valley G.C.</i>	1	9:00 am	Drew McMahon, <i>Mercer Oaks G.C.</i> Gregg Angelillo, <i>Baltusrol G.C.</i> Thomas Guy, <i>Eligo Club</i>	1	10:30 am	Carter Nunez, <i>Galloping Hill G.C.</i> Justin Lankler, <i>Fiddler's Elbow C.C.</i> Steven Zychowski, <i>Menham G. &amp; T.C.</i>	1	12:00 pm	Drake Ferriter, <i>Overpeck G.C.</i> Sean Taylor, <i>Echo Lake C.C.</i> Troy Vanucci, <i>Little Mill C.C.</i>						
1	7:50 am	Bob Duenskie, <i>Flanders Valley G.C.</i> Sam Goldenring, <i>Brooklake C.C.</i> William Brett, <i>White Beeches G.&amp;C.C.</i>	1	9:20 am	Michael O'Connell, <i>Arcola C.C.</i> Ron Vannelli, <i>Forsgate C.C.</i> Thomas Collins, <i>Essex County C.C.</i>	1	10:40 am	Gen Nagai, <i>Fiddler's Elbow C.C.</i> Moritz Weigold, <i>Mendham G. &amp; T.C.</i> Sean Vowells, <i>Canoe Brook C.C.</i>	1	12:10 pm	Cody Sumpster, <i>Essex County C.C.</i> Mark Costanza, <i>Hamilton farm G.C.</i> Thomas Lee, <i>Rockleigh G.C.</i>						
1	8:00 am	Brendan Hansen, <i>Spring Lake G.C.</i> Michael Deo, <i>Black Oak G.C.</i> Thomas LaMorte, <i>Haworth C.C.</i>	1	9:30 am	Colin Peters, <i>Mendham G.&amp;T.C.</i> Jeffrey Li, <i>New Jersey National G.C.</i> Nathan Drogin, <i>Mountain Ridge C.C.</i>	1	10:50 am	Brendan Jonland, <i>Arcola C.C.</i> Clark Holle, <i>Mercer Oaks G.C.</i> William Sovak, <i>Darlington G.C.</i>	1	12:20 pm	Jack Irons, <i>Little Mill C.C.</i> James Pak, <i>Edgewood C.C.</i> Jimmy Harcourt, <i>NJSGA E-Club</i>						
1	8:10 am	Douglas Walters, <i>NJSGA E-Club</i> Eric Lasota, <i>Colts Neck G.C.</i> Patrick Ryan, <i>Montclair G.C.</i>	1	9:40 am	Bobby Weise, <i>Eagle Oaks G.&amp;C.C.</i> Robert Winters, <i>Edgewood C.C.</i> Ryan Lee, <i>Valley Brook G.C.</i>	1	11:00 am	Chester Patterson, <i>NJSGA E-Club</i> Dan Joseph, <i>Mercer Oaks G.C.</i> John Havay, <i>High Bridge Hills G.C.</i>	1	12:30 pm	Blaine Lafferty, <i>Little Mill C.C.</i> Mark Benevento Jr., <i>Galloway National G.C.</i> Peter Barron III, <i>Stone Harbor G.C.</i>						
1	8:20 am	Dylan Stein, <i>Stanton Ridge G.&amp;C.C.</i> Matthew Cocorikis, <i>Forsgate C.C.</i> Shawn Blandine, <i>Black Bear G.C.</i>	1	9:50 am	Anthony Colombino, <i>Trump Nat'l - Colts Neck</i> Jack Simon, <i>Lake Mohawk G.C.</i> Ryan Davis, <i>New Jersey National G.C.</i>	1	11:20 am	Brendan Davis, <i>Fiddler's Elbow C.C.</i> Glen Wiggers, <i>Rockleigh G.C.</i> Michael Folignani, <i>Darlington G.C.</i>	1	12:40 pm	Danny Harcourt, <i>Shackamaxon C.C.</i> Quentin Griffith IV, <i>Pennsauken C.C.</i> Vince Kwon, <i>Little Mill C.C.</i>						
1	8:30 am	Chirs Gotterup, <i>Rumson C.C.</i> Erick Alonso, <i>Knickerbocker C.C.</i> Robert McHugh, <i>Darlington G.C.</i>	1	10:00 am	Brian Li, <i>Trump Nat'l - Bedminster</i> Logan Sabins, <i>Jumping Brook C.C.</i> Max Johnson, <i>Heron Glen G.C.</i>	1	11:30 am	Dawson Jones, <i>Jumping Brook C.C.</i> Jeremy Wall, <i>Manasquan River G.C.</i> Trevor Randolph, <i>Arcola C.C.</i>	1	12:50 pm	Joseph Roeder, <i>Little Mill C.C.</i> Michael Brown, <i>Darlington G.C.</i> Roland Massimino, <i>The Ridge at Back Brook</i>						
1	8:40 am	Christopher Housen, <i>Manasquan River G.C.</i> Daniel Macdonald, <i>Arcola C.C.</i> Nick Desai, <i>Baltusrol G.C.</i>	1	10:10 am	Dean Cerimido, <i>Glen Ridge C.C.</i> Matthew Carlson, <i>Ramsey G.&amp;C.C.</i> William Fulton, <i>Panther Valley C.C.</i>	1	11:40 am	Bill Charpek, <i>Navesink C.C.</i> Charles Anttonen, <i>Rumson C.C.</i> Stuart Greenberg, <i>Shackamaxon C.C.</i>	1	1:00 pm	Jason Bataille, <i>Copper Hill C.C.</i> Mike Stamberger, <i>Manasquan River G.C.</i> Tom Gramigna, <i>Tavistock C.C.</i>						

# EXEMPT PLAYERS & EXEMPTION CRITERIA

## THE FIELD — ALPHABETICAL LISTING

Name	Round 1 Tue., 7/10		Round 2 Wed., 7/11		Name	Round 1 Tue., 7/10		Round 2 Wed., 7/11	
	Tee	Time	Tee	Time		Tee	Time	Tee	Time
Alonso, Erick	1	8:30	1	11:30	Joseph, Dan	1	11:00	1	8:10
Angelillo, Gregg	1	9:00	1	12:00	Kwon, Vince	1	12:40	1	9:50
Anttonen, Charles	1	11:40	1	8:40	Lafferty, Blaine	1	12:30	1	9:40
Arbes, James	1	7:40	1	10:30	La Morte, Thomas	1	8:00	1	10:50
Barron III, Peter	1	12:30	1	9:40	Lankler, Justin	1	10:30	1	7:40
Bataille, Jason	1	1:00	1	10:10	Lasota, Eric	1	8:10	1	11:00
Bekefi, Connor	1	8:50	1	11:50	Lee, Ryan	1	9:40	1	12:30
Benevento Jr, Mark	1	12:30	1	9:40	Lee, Thomas	1	12:10	1	9:20
Blandine, Shawn	1	8:20	1	11:20	Li, Brian	1	10:00	1	12:50
Brett, William	1	7:50	1	10:40	Li, Jeffrey	1	9:30	1	12:20
Brown, Michael	1	12:50	1	10:00	Macdonald, Daniel	1	8:40	1	11:40
Carlson, Matthew	1	10:10	1	1:00	Massimino, Roland	1	12:50	1	10:00
Cerimido, Dean	1	10:10	1	1:00	Mayer, Jake	1	11:50	1	8:50
Charpek, Bill	1	11:40	1	8:40	McHugh, Robert	1	8:30	1	11:30
Cocorikis, Matthew	1	8:20	1	11:20	McMahon, Drew	1	9:00	1	12:00
Collins, Thomas	1	9:20	1	12:10	Nagai, Gen	1	10:40	1	7:50
Colombino, Anthony	1	9:50	1	12:40	Nunez, Carter	1	10:30	1	7:40
Costanza, Mark	1	12:10	1	9:20	O'Connell, Michael	1	9:20	1	12:10
Cucci, Thomas	1	7:30	1	10:20	O'Neill, William	1	7:30	1	10:20
Davis, Brendan	1	11:20	1	8:20	Pak, James	1	12:20	1	9:30
Davis, Ryan	1	8:40	1	11:40	Patterson, Chester	1	11:00	1	8:10
Deo, Michael	1	8:00	1	10:50	Peters, Colin	1	9:30	1	12:20
Desai, Nick	1	8:40	1	11:40	Randolph, Trevor	1	11:30	1	8:30
Drogin, Nathan	1	9:30	1	12:20	Roeder, Joseph	1	12:50	1	10:00
Duenskie, Bob	1	7:50	1	10:40	Ryan, Patrick	1	8:10	1	11:00
Felitto, John	1	11:50	1	8:50	Sabins, Logan	1	10:00	1	12:50
Ferriter, Drake	1	12:00	1	9:00	Shay Jr, John	1	7:30	1	10:20
Folignani, Michael	1	11:20	1	9:00	Silvestri, Kevin	1	8:50	1	11:50
Fulton, William	1	10:10	1	1:00	Simon, Jack	1	8:50	1	12:40
Goldenring, Sam	1	7:50	1	10:40	Sorger, Max	1	10:20	1	7:30
Gotterup, Chris	1	8:30	1	11:30	Sovak, William	1	10:50	1	8:00
Graboyes, Michael	1	7:40	1	10:30	Stamberger, Michael	1	1:00	1	10:10
Gramigna, Tom	1	1:00	1	10:10	Stein, Dylan	1	8:20	1	11:20
Greenberg, Stuart	1	11:40	1	8:40	Sumpter, Cody	1	12:10	1	9:20
Griffith IV, Quentin	1	12:40	1	9:50	Taylor, Sean	1	12:00	1	9:00
Guidera, Kevin	1	7:40	1	10:30	Vannelli, Ron	1	9:20	1	12:10
Guy, Thomas	1	9:00	1	12:00	Vannucci, Troy	1	12:00	1	9:00
Hansen, Brendan	1	8:00	1	10:50	Vollero, Robert	1	10:20	1	7:30
Harcourt, Danny	1	12:40	1	9:50	Vowells, Sean	1	10:40	1	7:50
Harcourt, Jimmy	1	12:20	1	9:30	Wall, Jack	1	11:50	1	8:50
Hart, Brian	1	8:50	1	11:50	Wall, Jeremy	1	11:30	1	8:30
Havay, John	1	11:00	1	8:10	Walters, Douglas	1	8:10	1	11:00
Holle, Clark	1	10:50	1	8:00	Weigold, Moritz	1	10:40	1	7:50
Housen, Christopher	1	8:40	1	11:40	Weise, Bobby	1	9:40	1	12:30
Irons, Jack	1	12:20	1	9:30	Wiggers, Glen	1	11:20	1	8:20
Johnson, Max	1	10:00	1	12:50	Winters	1	9:40	1	12:30
Jones, Dawson	1	11:30	1	8:30	Yip, Linus	1	10:20	1	7:30
Jonland, Brendan	1	10:50	1	8:00	Zychowski, Steven	1	10:30	1	7:40

Alonso, Erick – 20	Graboyes, Michael – 5,6,13,16,19	Lee, Ryan – 19	Stamberger, Michael – 2, 19, 20
Barron III, Peter – 3, 5, 13, 19	Gramigna, Tom – 2	Macdonald, Daniel – 19, 21	Stein, Dylan – 19
Brown, Michael – 19, 21	Guidera, Kevin – 11	Mayer, Jake – 6	Taylor, Sean – 23
Charpek, Bill – 7, 19	Hansen, Brendan – 6, 10, 13	McHugh, Robert – 11	Wall, Jack – 9, 18, 20
Davis, Ryan – 6, 20	Johnson, Max – 11	Nagai, Gen – 5	Wall, Jeremy – 5, 17, 19
Deo, Michael – 2	Jones, Dawson – 2, 5, 13	Nunez, Carter – 19	Zychowski, Steven – 5
Desai, Nick – 8	Jonland, Brendan – 19	Patterson, Chester – 21	
Felitto, John – 5, 6, 13	Joseph, Dan – 11	Randolph, Trevor – 3, 5, 13, 21	
Goldenring, Sam – 5	La Morte, Thomas – 2, 5, 13, 19	Roeder, Joe – 22	
Gotterup, Christopher – 19, 20	Lee, Thomas – 5	Ryan, Patrick – 19	

### Exemption Criteria

- Champions of the NJSGA Amateur Championship from 1900-2007.\*
- Champions of the previous ten NJSGA Amateur Championships (2008-2017).
- Champions of the previous five NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championships (2014-2018).
- Amateur Champions of the NJSGA Open Championship in the past ten years (2018-2017).
- Low fifteen finishers (plus ties) from the 2017 Amateur Championship.
- Low five Amateurs at the 2017 NJSGA Open Champion.
- The 2017 NJSGA Senior Amateur Champion.
- The 2017 NJSGA Pre-Senior Amateur Champion.
- The 2017 NJSGA Junior Champion.
- The Champion of the 2017 NJSGA Tournament of Club Champions.
- The low five finishers (plus ties) of the 2017 NJSGA Men's Public Links Championship.
- The low Amateur of the 2018 NJSGA/NJPGA Senior Open Championship.
- Top 10 players from the 2017 NJSGA Player of the Year Standings.
- The 2017 MGA Amateur (Match Play) and 2017 MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Champions.
- The 2017 Gap Amateur (Match Play) and 2017 GAP Patterson Cup (Stroke Play) Champions.
- The 2018 MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Champion.
- The 2018 GAP Amateur (Match Play) Champion.
- The 2018 NJ State High School Champion.
- Players who qualified for the 2017 US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur, US Senior Amateur, and US Junior Amateur.
- Players who qualify for the 2018 US Open (Sect.).
- Players who reach the semifinals of the 2018 NJSGA Mid-Amateur Championship
- The 2017 (SJGA) South Jersey Amateur Champion.
- The reigning Club Champion of Echo Lake Country Club.
- Special invitee of the NJSGA Tournament Committee.

## THE FIELD — QUALIFYING PLAYERS

### QUALIFIER 1:

#### Edgewood CC

*River Vale, NJ*  
**May 31, 2018**  
**(6,694 yards, par 72)**

- Drake Ferriter, Overpeck G.C., 69 (Medalist)
- Blaine Lafferty, Little Mill C.C., 71  
 Robert Winters, Edgewood C.C., 71  
 Brian Li, Trump Nat'l.-Bedminster, 71  
 Drew McMahon, Mercer Oaks G.C., 71  
 Mark Benevento, Jr., Galloway National, 72  
 Anthony Colombino, Trump Nat'l.-Colts N., 72  
 Glen Wiggers, Rockleigh G.C., 72  
 Michael Folignani, Darlington G.C., 73  
 James Pak, Edgewood C.C., 73  
 Colin Peters, Mendham G. & T.C., 73  
 Shawn Blandine, Black Bear G.C., 74  
 Quentin Griffith, IV, Pennsauken C.C., 74  
 Linus Yip, Fiddler's Elbow C.C., 74  
 Matthew Carlson, Ramsey G. & C.C., 74  
 Michael O'Connell, Arcola C.C., 74  
 Max Sorger, Montclair G.C., 74

### QUALIFIER 2:

#### Forsgate CC

*Monroe Twp, NJ*  
**June 7, 2018**  
**(6,603 yards, par 71)**

- Danny Harcourt, Shackamaxon C.C., 66 (Medalist)
- Troy Vannucci, Little Mill C.C., 67  
 Matthew Cocorikis, Forsgate C.C., 69  
 Vince Kwon, Little Mill C.C., 72  
 Thomas Guy, Eligo Club, 72  
 Logan Sabins, Jumping Brook C.C., 73  
 Connor Bekefi, Eagle Ridge G.C., 73  
 R. Massimino, Ridge at Back Brook, 73  
 Douglas Walters, NJSGA E-Club, 73  
 Thomas Cucci, Fiddler's Elbow C.C., 74  
 Brian Hart, Deal G. & C.C., 74  
 Chris Housen, Manasquan River G.C., 74  
 Bobby Weise, Eagle Oaks G.C., 74  
 Jack Irons, Little Mill C.C., 74  
 Bob Duenskie, Flanders Valley G.C., 74  
 Stuart Greenberg, Shackamaxon C.C., 75  
 Moritz Weigold, Mednham G. & T.C., 75  
 Eric Lasota, Colts Neck G.C., 75  
 William Fulton, Panther Valley C.C., 75

### QUALIFIER 3:

#### Watchung Valley GC

*Watchung, NJ*  
**June 12, 2018**  
**(6,549 yards, par 71)**

- Jeffrey Li, NJ National G.C., 72  
 Nathan Drogin, Mountain Ridge C.C., 72  
 Sean Vowells, Canoe Brook C.C., 72 (Medalists)
- Thomas Collins, Essex County C.C., 73  
 Jason Bataille, Copper Hill C.C., 73  
 Mark Costanza, Hamilton Farm G.C., 73  
 Clark Holle, Mercer Oaks G.C., 74  
 John Havay, High Bridge Hills G.C., 74  
 Gregg Angelillo, Baltusrol G.C., 74  
 Charles Anttonen, Rumson C.C., 74  
 Robert Vollero, Bayonne G.C., 74  
 Brendan Davis, Fiddler's Elbow C.C., 74  
 Dean Cerimido, Glen Ridge C.C., 75  
 James Arbes, NJSGA E-Club, 75  
 Jack Simon, Lake Mohawk G.C., 75  
 Cody Sumpter, Essex County C.C., 76  
 Kevin Silvestri, Hominy Hill G.C., 76  
 John Shay, Jr., Baltusrol G.C., 76  
 Justin Lankler, Fiddler's Elbow C.C., 76  
 Jimmy Harcourt, NJSGA E-Club, 76
- William Sovak, Darlington, 76  
 Ron Vannelli, Forsgate C.C., 76  
 William O'Neill, Spring Brook, 76  
 William Brett, White Beeches, 76

# DEFENDING CHAMPION LIKES CHANCES TO REPEAT

by Mike Moretti

Dawson Jones of Jumping Brook needed a little magic to pull off a victory in the 116th Amateur Championship last June at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield. The question now arises: Can he do it again?



The then-19-year-old rising sophomore at the University of Rhode Island made up a near-impossible seven strokes over the final 18 holes by shooting a seven-under-par 65 to win at 274, breaking the State Amateur record of 276 set by Ryan McCormick of Suburban at Baltusrol in 2012. Jones carded two eagles in his final round.

Dan O'Rourke of Oak Hill, who set the course record with a 64 in the third round of the championship, was second at 73-275. The 64 tied the low round ever in the State Amateur, and put O'Rourke, the first and second round co-leader, at 14 under, leading by those seven shots.

That was a lot of ground to make up for Jones, but his great start of birdie-eagle in the final round got him right back into the chase.

"I'm still pretty confident in my game now, so that's the reason I'm going into the State Amateur not really thinking about the pressure of repeating. Whatever happens, happens," he said recently.

"I never had a doubt about winning last year because you never know what can happen when you start making birdies and the other guy bogeys. I was just making great putts. I wasn't hitting any differently than the way I did in the first three rounds, but the putts were dropping.

"Winning the State Amateur was one of the biggest wins in my career. It led to a positive change in my confidence, now that I know what I'm capable of," Jones said.

This past spring at the University of Rhode Island, Jones was an All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection for the second year in a row. He led the team in scoring average and was inside the top 15 in seven of his nine tournaments.

"I've been practicing a lot harder this year, especially on my chipping and putting. I've been watching the pros on TV the past few months and all the guys they show are the ones making their putts," Jones said.

Last month, Jones competed in the Northeast Amateur Invitational at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rhode Island. He also plans on participating in the NJSGA Open, the Met Amateur and a U.S. Amateur qualifier this summer.

"My game has evolved a lot since Tavistock. I have become a more aggressive player, and have spent a lot more time on the most important part of my game, which is my short game. During that week at Tavistock, my short game was the best it has ever been.

"To win something like that, you have to putt well and make a lot of birdies." By the ninth hole of the final round, Jones had caught O'Rourke, who was two-over for eight holes, but O'Rourke's birdie on the par-4 No. 9 gave him a one-shot lead at minus 12.

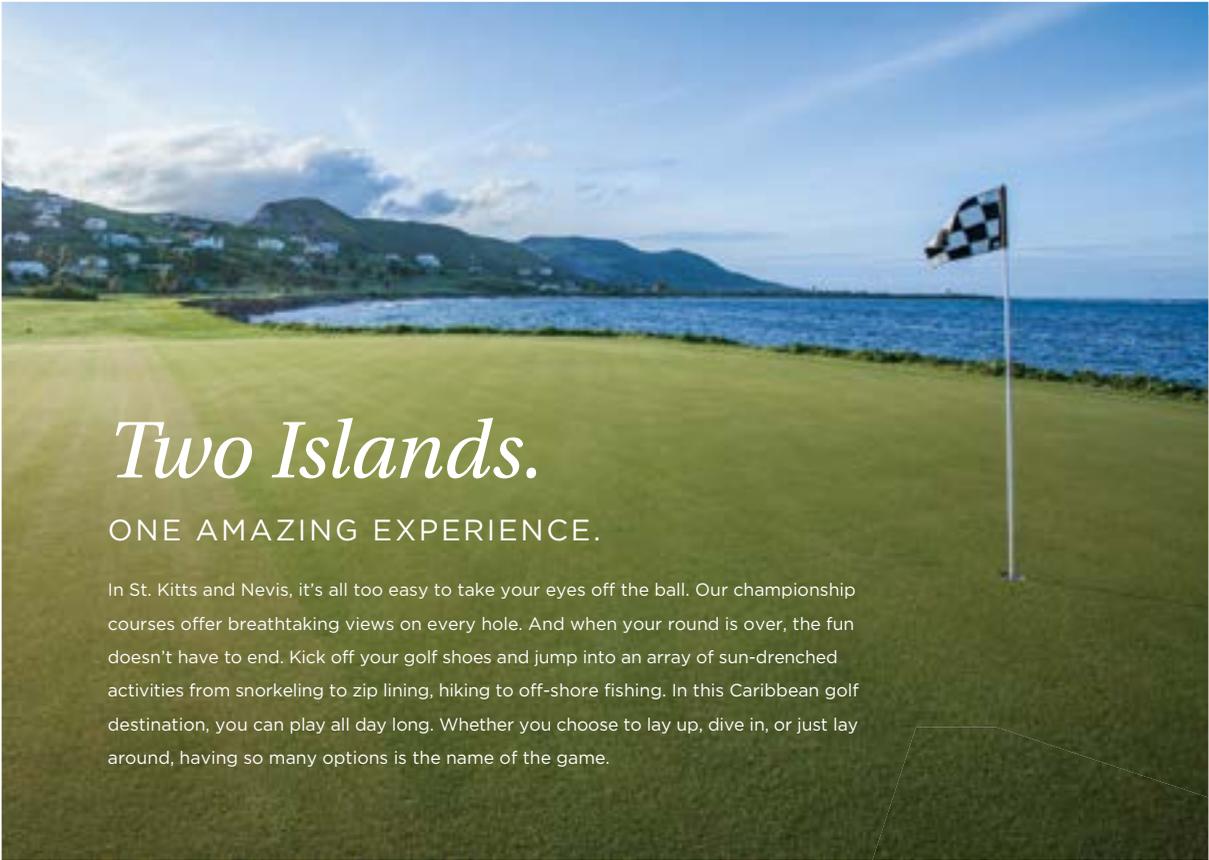
Then the real magic appeared as Jones made the tournament his own with an eagle on the par-five, 489-yard No. 17. His second-shot approach left him 15 feet below the hole and he calmly drained the putt, carding eagle on No. 17 for the third time in four rounds. That gave him a two-shot lead at minus-14.

Then defending champion Thomas La Morte of Haworth finished third at 66-279, Jeremy Wall of Manasquan River (68-281) and Mike Graboyes of Watchung Valley (68-281) tied for fourth and Luke Graboyes of Watching Valley finished sixth at 70-282. Three weeks later, Luke Graboyes won the State Open at Metedeconk National.

"After making that 60-foot putt for eagle on the second hole, I thought maybe I'll be the guy with the low round," said Jones, a Howell resident and former Shore Conference champion. He also won the Met Junior three years ago. "I got really excited. There was a lot of golf left to play. I wanted to keep grinding. That was the biggest win I've ever had."



Dawson Jones, 2017 NJSGA Amateur champion with the Edwin M. Wild trophy



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# NJSGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONS EDWIN M. WILD TROPHY

Year	Champion	Runner(s)-Up	Host Club
1900	Archibald Graham, North Jersey	James. M. Tyng, Baltusrol	Essex County CC
1901	Allan Kennaday, Montclair	W.L. Glenny, Hillside	Englewood GC
1902	Allan Kennaday, Montclair	M.M. Michael, Yountakah	Montclair GC
1903	M.M. Michael, Yountakah	N.B. Cole, Englewood	Baltusrol GC
1904	Murray Olyphant, Englewood	C.H. Blake, Jr., Englewood	Englewood GC
1905	John M. Ward, Montclair	W.M. Sinclair, South Orange	North Jersey CC
1906	Archibald Graham, North Jersey	Joseph Sherman, Westfield	Morris County GC
1907	Jerome D. Travers, Montclair	Max Behr, Morris County	Baltusrol GC
1908	Jerome D. Travers, Montclair	Max Behr, Morris County	Englewood GC
1909	Max Behr, Morris County	M.K. Smith, Morris County	Montclair GC
1910	Max Behr, Morris County	Jerome D. Travers, Montclair	Essex County CC
1911	Jerome D. Travers, Montclair	Oswald Kirkby, Englewood	Englewood GC
1912	Oswald Kirkby, Englewood	Jerome D. Travers, Upper Montclair	Atlantic City CC
1913	Jerome D. Travers, Upper Montclair	Oswald Kirkby, Englewood	Baltusrol GC
1914	Oswald Kirkby, Englewood	Maurice Risley, Atlantic City	Morris County GC
1915	Max R. Marston, Baltusrol	Roy Webb, Englewood	Essex County CC
1916	Oswald Kirkby, Englewood	Max R. Marston, Baltusrol	Englewood GC
1917-18	NO TOURNAMENTS		
1919	Max R. Marston, Baltusrol	Edwin M. Wild, Baltusrol	Deal G & CC
1920	William M. Reekie, Upper Montclair	Frank W. Dyer, Upper Montclair	Arcola CC
1921	Newton C. Mair, Shackamaxon	J.E. Hale, Upper Montclair	Canoe Brook CC
1922	Frank W. Dyer, Montclair	Edwin M. Wild, Baltusrol	Essex County CC
1923	Frank W. Dyer, Upper Montclair	William M. Reekie, Upper Montclair	Essex County CC
1924	August F. Kammer, Baltusrol	Edwin M. Wild, Baltusrol	Shackamaxon G & CC
1925	August F. Kammer, Baltusrol	William M. Reekie, Upper Montclair	Baltusrol GC
1926	August F. Kammer, Baltusrol	Edwin M. Wild, Baltusrol	Deal G & CC
1927	Lauren Upson, Englewood	Thomas Wootton, Atlantic City	Trenton CC
1928	J. Wolcott Brown, Spring Lake	Thomas Wootton, Atlantic City	Glen Ridge CC
1929	Jack Sharkey, Teterboro	Robert N. Pryor, Shackamaxon	Plainfield CC
1930	F. Paul Anderson, Canoe Brook	Kenneth Smith, Montclair	Crestmont CC
1931	F. Paul Anderson, Canoe Brook	Edwin M. Wild, Baltusrol	Echo Lake CC
1932	F. Paul Anderson, Canoe Brook	Jack Sharkey, Crestmont	Upper Montclair CC
1933	Jack Sharkey, Crestmont	Robert A. Lester, Baltusrol	Canoe Brook CC
1934	J. Wolcott Brown, Forsgate	Robert A. Lester, Baltusrol	Ridgewood CC
1935	Dominick Morano, Branch Brook	John E. Parker, Jr., Essex County	Essex County CC
1936	Charles Whitehead, Forsgate	J. Wolcott Brown, Manasquan River	Braidburn CC
1937	Ian MacCallum, Ridgewood	Paul deB. Scott, Essex County	Ridgewood CC
1938	Charles Whitehead, Plainfield	Michael Cestone, Branch Brook	Canoe Brook CC
1939	Charles Whitehead, Plainfield	Robert A. Lester, Baltusrol	Montclair GC
1940	Charles Whitehead, Plainfield	Herbet Hall, Baltusrol	Hackensack GC
1941	Charles Whitehead, Plainfield	Karl Kellerman, Rock Spring	Baltusrol GC
1942	Charles Whitehead, Plainfield	William Y. Dear, Jr., Essex County	Montclair GC
1943	Frank Bedford, Green Brook	Michael Cestone, Jumping Brook	Arcola CC
1944	Myron Friedman, Jumping Brook	Michael Cestone, Jumping Brook	Essex County CC
1945	Lt. Stanley G. Calder, Montclair	Michael Cestone, Crestmont	Canoe Brook CC
1946	Alex Antonio, Shackamaxon	William Y. Dear, Jr., Montclair	Plainfield CC
1947	Chester Sanok, Englewood	Eugene Krautter, Baltusrol	Ridgewood CC
1948	Joseph A. McBride, Arcola	Chester Sanok, Englewood	Upper Montclair CC
1949	Joseph A. McBride, Arcola	J. Wolcott Brown, Manasquan River	Echo Lake CC
1950	Chester Sanok	Robert Jacobson	Montclair GC
1951	William Y. Dear, Jr.	Robert Jacobson	Ridgewood CC
1952	Lt. Stanley G. Calder	Frank Kaminsky	Knoll CC
1953	Lloyd Ribner	William Y. Dear, Jr.	Essex County CC
1954	Chester Sanok	Joseph Birofka	Suburban GC
1955	Robert Jacobson	Jules Gatesy	Knoll CC
1956	Robert Jacobson	Joseph Birofka	Hollywood GC
1957	Joseph A. McBride	William Y. Dear, Jr.	Rock Spring C
1958	Lloyd S. Monroe	Michael Cestone, Jr.	Montclair GC
1959	Norman Jenkins	Lloyd S. Monroe	Upper Montclair CC
1960	Frank Cortazzo	William W. Anderson	Ridgewood CC
1961	Joseph A. McBride	Lloyd S. Monroe	Forest Hill FC
1962	Lloyd S. Monroe	Frank Cortazzo	Essex County CC
1963	William W. Anderson	Tony Aldarelli	Essex Fells CC
1964	Jim DePiro	John Buczek	Somerset Hills CC

Year	Champion	Runner(s)-Up	Host Club
1965	Paul McGowan	Jim Torre	Plainfield CC
1966	Walt Zembriski	Andy Kunshaw	Ridgewood CC
1967	Bud Zachary	Jim DePiro	Echo Lake CC
1968	George E. Haines, Jr.	Frank O'Brien	Hackensack GC
1969	Bud Zachary	George E. Haines, Jr.	Manasquan River GC
1970	Billy Ziobro	Jeff Alpert	Plainfield CC
1971	Jeff Alpert	Jim Ulozas	Suburban GC
1972	David Muraskin, Rutgers	Paul Samanchik, L. James Dwulet, Jr., George E. Haines, Jr.	Fairmount CC
1973	Robert Housen	Michael Preston	Medford Village CC
1974	Chester Sanok, Upper Montclair	Robert Housen, Lakewood	Navesink CC
1975	Chester Sanok, Upper Montclair	Art Silvestrone, Jr., Michael Preston	Upper Montclair CC
1976	Robert Kotz, Jr., Trenton	Jay Blumenfeld, East Orange	Braidburn CC
1977	James Dee, Ridgewood	Craig Nadziejka, Rockaway River ; Douglas Nelson, Preakness Hills	Shackamaxon G & CC
1978	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Glen Staropoli	Colonia CC
1979	George E. Haines, Jr.	Howard Pierson, Kenneth Hardwick	Baltusrol GC
1980	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West; Frank O'Brien, Jr., Fox Hollow	Manasquan River GC
1981	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	James Crowley, Scotch Hills	Canoe Brook CC
1982	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Wayne Bartolacci	Essex County CC
1983	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Martin Vybihal, Beaver Brook	Plainfield CC
1984	Jamie Fordyce, Branch Brook	Howard Pierson, Old Tappan	Hackensack GC
1985	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	James Guerra, Neal Schuman	Alpine CC
1986	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Michael Kavka, Plainfield West	Hollywood GC
1987	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Richard Massey, Emerson	Beaver Brook CC
1988	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Richard Grote, Howell Park; Mark Schaare, Harkers Hollow	Twin Brooks CC
1989	James Kilduff, Plainfield	Robin McCool, Rutgers	Canoe Brook CC
1990	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Matthew Cannon, Lake Mohawk	Hominy Hill GC
1991	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	James Kilduff, Plainfield	Spring Brook CC
1992	Paul Antonucci, Ridgewood	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Shore Oaks GC
1993	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Manasquan River GC
1994	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Robert Housen, Manasquan River	Panther Valley G & CC
1995	Rob Bradley, Oak Hill	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	White Beeches G & CC
1996	Bill McGuinness, Tavistock	Jeffrey Thomas, Plainfield West	Forest Hill FC
1997	James Kilduff, Plainfield West	Michael Deo, Oak Hill	Morris County GC
1998	Michael Hyland, Little Mill	Kenneth Macdonald, Upper Montclair	Baltusrol GC
1999	Lee Richardson, Darlington	Jeffrey Thomas, Oak Ridge; Michael Deo, Oak Hill	Hackensack GC
2000	Ken Macdonald, Upper Montclair	Corey Brigham, Rumson	Essex County CC
2001	Chris Nallen, Panther Valley	Matt Davidson, Peddie School	Canoe Brook CC
2002	Corey Brigham, Rumson	Al Giebler, Gambler Ridge	Hollywood GC
2003	Matt Davidson, Peddie School	Chris Nallen, Panther Valley	Panther Valley G & CC
2004	Allan Small, Fairmount	Tyler Hall, Orchard Hills	Spring Brook CC
2005	Mark McGowan, Montclair	Michael Deo, Stanton Ridge	Mountain Ridge CC
2006	Christopher Gold, Little Mill	Michael Deo, Montclair	Deal G & CC
2007	Bill McGuinness, Tavistock	Tom Gramigna, Tavistock; Roger Hoit, Baltusrol; Ron Vannelli, Metuchen	Rockaway River CC
2008	Tom Gramigna, Tavistock	Michael Hyland, Little Mill	Little Mill CC
2009	Michael Deo, High Bridge Hills	Mike Meisenzahl, Little Mill	Fairmount CC
2010	Brian Komline, High Bridge Hills	Patrick Wilson, Panther Valley	Montclair GC
2011	David Sanders, Laurel Creek	Ben Smith, Little Mill	Trump Nat'l GC-Bedminster
2012	Ryan McCormick, Suburban	Brian Komline, Black Oak; Charlie Edler, Rumson	Baltusrol GC
2013	Michael Stamberger, Spring Lake	Jimmy Dengler, Rumson	Canoe Brook CC
2014	Michael Stamberger, Spring Lake	Trevor Randolph, Arcola; Steven Zychowski, Mendham	Knickerbocker CC
2015	Max Greyserman, Crestmont	John Voetsch, Baltusrol	Morris County GC
2016	Thomas La Morte, Haworth	Max Greyserman, Crestmont	Montammy GC
2017	Dawson Jones, Jumping Brook	Dan O'Rourke, Oak Hill	Tavistock CC

## NEW JERSEY STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

1900–2017  
(Stroke Play 1971–Present)

### Most Championships Won

- 8 – Jeff Thomas (1981, 83, 85, 87, 88, 90, 91, 94)
- 6 – Charles Whitehead (1936, 38–42)
- 6 – Robert Housen (1973, 78, 80, 82, 86, 93)
- 5 – Chester Sanok (1947, 50, 54, 74, 75)
- 4 – Jerome D. Travers (1907, 08, 11, 13)
- 4 – Joseph A. McBride (1948, 49, 57, 61)
- 3 – August F. Kammer (1924, 25, 26)
- 3 – F. Paul Anderson (1930, 31, 32)
- 3 – Oswald Kirby (1912, 14, 16)

### Most Times Runner-up (Stroke Play 1971–Present)

- 5 – Edwin M. Wild (1919, 22, 24, 26, 31)
- 5 – Jeff Thomas (1980, 93, 95, 96, 99)
- 4 – Michael Cestone (1938, 43, 44, 45)
- 4 – William Y. Dear Jr. (1942, 46, 53, 57)
- 4 – Michael Deo (1997, 99, 2005, 06)
- 3 – Robert Lest (1933, 34, 39)
- 3 – Robert Housen (1974, 92, 94)

### Most Consecutive Championships Won

- 5 – Charles Whitehead (1938–42)
- 3 – August F. Kammer (1924–26)
- 3 – F. Paul Anderson (1930–32)

### Most Times in Finals (Stroke Play 1971–Present; First or Second Place)

- 13 – Jeff Thomas (1980, 81, 83, 85, 87, 88, 90, 91, 93–96, 99)
- 9 – Robert Housen (1973, 74, 78, 80, 82, 86, 92–94)
- 6 – Charles Whitehead (1936, 38–42)
- 6 – Jerome D. Travers (1907, 08, 10–13)

### Longest Period Between Victories

- 20 Years – Chester Sanok (1954–1974)
- 11 Years – Bill McGuinness (1996–2007)
- 11 Years – George E. Haines, Jr. (1968–1979)

### Most Consecutive Finals (Stroke Play 1971– Present; First or Second Place)

- 5 – Charles Whitehead (1938–42)
- 4 – Max Behr (1907–10)
- 4 – Jerome D. Travers (1910–13)
- 4 – Oswald Kirkby (1911–14)
- 4 – Jeff Thomas (1993–96)

### Most Championships Hosted

- 9 – Essex County C.C. (1900, 10, 15, 23, 35, 44, 62, 82, 2000)
- 8 – Baltusrol G.C. (1903, 07, 13, 25, 41, 79, 98, 2012)
- 8 – Canoe Brook C.C. (1921, 33, 38, 45, 81, 89, 2001, 13)
- 7 – Montclair G.C. (1902, 09, 39, 42, 50, 58, 2010)
- 6 – Ridgewood C.C. (1934, 37, 47, 51, 60, 66)
- 5 – Englewood G.C. (1901, 04, 08, 11, 16)
- 5 – Plainfield C.C. (1929, 46, 65, 70, 83)
- 4 – Echo Lake C.C. (1931, 49, 67, 2018)
- 4 – Hackensack G.C. (1940, 68, 84, 99)
- 4 – Morris County G.C. (1906, 14, 97, 2015)
- 4 – Upper Montclair C.C. (1932, 48, 59, 75)

### Lowest Score – 72 Holes (Stroke Play 1971–Present)

- 274 (-14) – Dawson Jones (69-70-70-65) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 275 (-13) – Dan O'Rourke (68-70-64-73) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 276 (-12) – Ryan McCormick (68-71-67-70) – Baltusrol G.C. (Upper & Lower), 2012
- 277 (-3) – Max Greyserman (69-74-70-64) – Morris County G.C., 2015
- 279 (-9) – Thomas La Morte (72-71-70-66) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 280 (E) – Thomas La Morte (71-72-69-68) – Montammy G.C., 2016
- 281 (-7) – Jeremy Wall (71-72-70-68) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 281 (-7) – Michael Graboyes (72-72-69-68) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 281 (-3) – Paul Antonucci (66-71-73-71) – Shore Oaks G.C., 1992
- 282 (-6) – Luke Graboyes (73-72-67-70) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 283 (-5) – Robert Bradley (71-69-69-74) – White Beeches G.&C.C., 1995
- 283 (-5) – John Felitto (71-69-75-68) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 283 (-5) – Jared Mactas (73-67-71-72) – Tavistock C.C., 2017
- 283 (-1) – Mike Stamberger (72-68-72-71) – Knickerbocker C.C., 2014

### Lowest Score – 18 Holes (Stroke Play 1971–Present)

- 64(-8) – Dan O'Rourke, Tavistock C.C., 3rd Round, 2017
- 65(-7) – Dawson Jones, Tavistock C.C., 4th Round, 2017
- 64(-6) – Max Greyserman, Morris County G.C., 4th Round, 2015
- 66(-6) – Mike Stamberger, Canoe Brook C.C. (North), 1st Round, 2013
- 66(-6) – Luke Edelman, Canoe Brook C.C. (North), 1st Round, 2013
- 65(-5) – Matt Davidson, Canoe Brook C.C. (South), 3rd Round, 2001
- 65(-5) – Pat Wilson, Montclair G.C., 3rd Round, 2010
- 66(-5) – Paul Antenucci, Shore Oaks G.C., 1st Round, 1992
- 66(-5) – Chris Gold, Deal G. & C.C., 1st Round, 2006
- 67(-5) – Jeff Thomas, Twin Brooks C.C., 1st Round, 1988
- 67(-5) – Harry Goett III, White Beeches G. & C.C., 2nd Round, 1995
- 67(-5) – Michael Hyland, Trump National G.C. – Bedminster (New), 3rd Round, 2011
- 67(-5) – Brandon Dalinka, Baltusrol G.C. (Upper), 1st Round, 2012
- 67(-5) – Ryan McCormick, Baltusrol G.C. (Upper), 3rd Round, 2012

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