

2019

Middle-Amateur Championship



Rolling Green Golf Club
Springfield, Pa.
May 22-23
#GAPMidAm

COURSE INFORMATION

Par: 36-34=70
Yardage: TBD
Course Architect: William S. Flynn
Opened: 1926
Address: 280 N. State Rd., Springfield, PA 19064
Phone: (610) 544-4500
Website: www.rggc.org



2019 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Entries

Open to Member Club golfers who are 25 years of age or over with a GAP/USGA Handicap Index of 7.0 or lower.

Field

The field of 134 players includes the exempt players entered and those who qualified at Middle-Amateur Championship qualifying events held at [Olde Homestead Golf Club](#) on April 13, [Coatesville Country Club](#) on April 23, [North Hills Country Club](#) on April 30 and [Elmhurst Country Club](#) on May 1.

Format

36-hole individual gross stroke play, two-day event. With a cut after the first day to the low 70 and ties. Four-hole aggregate playoff for Championship. Second place ties will receive duplicate prizes, prize money to be split. All other ties to be split evenly.

Tee times

The event officially begins at 7:30 a.m. when groups tee off on Nos. 1 & 10 at Rolling Green. There will be a morning and afternoon wave. To view pairings and tee times for Day One, click [here](#).

Rules of Play

Local rules sheets will be distributed to each participant on the day of the tournament. Automotive transportation is permitted in this event. Pull carts are NOT permitted.

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MICHAEL HYLAND COMPLETES #GAPMIDAM MISSION

HAVERTFORD, Pa. — Competing in the Mid.-Am. on a special exemption necessitated after missing the last two years of GAP tournaments with back issues, a steady Hyland outlasted a talented field en route to the Association's first Major title of the year.

Hyland carded a 73 (2 over) in Thursday's second and final round to finish the 35th Middle-Amateur Championship presented by Callaway Golf at Llanerch Country Club (par 71, 6,780 yards) in 1 over for the 36 holes. Michael McDermott of Merion Golf Club, a four-time Mid.-Am. champion who grew up at Llanerch, finished in second at 4 over. McDermott posted a second-round score of even-par 71. Matt Finger of DuPont Country Club and Eddie Johnson of Llanerch tied for third at 6 over for the two days. Defending champion Ben Feld of Huntingdon Valley Country Club recorded a second-round 78. He finished in a tie for 22nd at 11-over par.

"I'm speechless. It's one that I've been searching for a long time," said Hyland, of Little Mill Country Club, who entered the day as a co-leader after a 1-under 70 yesterday. "Ever since I won the New Jersey Mid.-Am. a few years ago, I had the New Jersey Amateur, New Jersey Mid. and Philly Am [titles]. I've been missing this one. To complete that here at Llanerch Country Club is extremely special. It's a place I fell in love with a long time ago and I've always loved it."

To provide some factual context to Hyland's previous statement, he won the BMW Philadelphia Amateur twice, in 2000 and 2011. His New Jersey State Golf Association victories came in 2015 at the Mid-Amateur and in 1998 at the Amateur.

That Championship mettle Hyland displayed in his previous conquests shined bright, especially down the stretch.

Playing in the final group of the day, he sealed the victory with a spectacular pitching wedge on No. 17 (par 3, 148 yards) that kicked off the left bank next to the green and stopped six feet from the cup. He drained the birdie putt to move three shots clear of the field with one hole remaining.

On the three holes prior, holes his foes struggled to navigate, Hyland registered three solid pars. McDermott and Johnson failed to gain any ground during the stretch, and Finger, who was tied with Hyland, dropped three shots.

"Obviously I'm pleased I came back [after an opening-round 75]. It wasn't quite enough," said McDermott, 43, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. "Kudos to Mike for getting it done down the end.

"My thought coming into the day was if I could shoot 1 under on the front, the back nine could give you some birdies. [I was thinking] maybe 3 under on the back. That would give me a 67 and that might be the right number. I shot my 1 under on the front but on the back [nine] I made some hard to describe mistakes. It set me back to a place where I needed a bit of a miracle coming in."

McDermott cited Nos. 10 (par 4, 446 yards) and 11 (par 4, 457 yards) as the difference makers.

On No. 10, his lob wedge from 90 yards just missed its mark and rolled back down the front hill guarding the green resulting in a bogey. On No. 11, McDermott knocked a 7-iron from 190 yards to 20 feet of the cup but three putted.

Ironically, it was No. 10 that exercised some Hyland early game jitters. His wedge approach bounced off a sprinkler long and left over the green, which slopes severely back to front. The hole location was only a few yards onto the front portion. A bogey would be a great score from there. Anything less a miracle. He flopped his chip shot onto the green, watched it trickle ever so slowly toward the hole and converted the six-foot par try. Incredible.

"The first couple of holes I was nervous. I'll admit it. I couldn't get the ball in the hole," said Hyland, 39, of Medford, N.J. "It was tough to get a yardage with my range finder. I was shaking so much."

Back issues, a job change and family – he has two young children – Logan and Mackenzie – leave the immediate future in question.

Though he did mention trying to conquer the Patterson Cup for a first time after some near misses. On this day, the affable Hyland couldn't help but wonder what just happened.

"I never dreamed I'd be back in this position," he said with a crackling voice. "I've literally given up on competitive golf."

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Name, club	R1-R2—Total
Michael Hyland, Little Mill Country Club	70-73—143
Michael McDermott, Merion Golf Club	75-71—146
Matthew Finger, DuPont Country Club	71-77—148
Eddie Johnson, Llanerch Country Club	71-77—148
Peter Barron, III, Greate Bay Country Club	79-70—149
Michael R. Brown, Jr., Lu Lu Country Club	75-74—149
William Jeremiah, Bidermann Golf Club	73-76—149
Jeff Osberg, Huntington Valley Country Club	75-74—149
Scott McLaughlin, Lu Lu Country Club	72-78—150
Gregor Orlando, Philadelphia Cricket Club	74-76—150
John Samaha, Old York Road Country Club	75-75—150
James Gillespie, Little Mill Country Club	77-74—151
Tom Grady, Radley Run Country Club	70-81—151
Kevin McDermott, Llanerch Country Club	74-77—151
Scott McNeil, Bala Golf Club	72-79—151
Benjamin Smith, Huntington Valley Country Club	76-75—151
Matthew Crescenzo, Philmont Country Club	79-73—152
Clayton Davidson, West Shore Country Club	73-79—152
Stephen Dressel, St. Davids Golf Club	79-73—152
Jarred Texter, Conestoga Country Club	77-75—152
Thomas Timby, Jr., The Bucks Club	72-80—152
Ben Feld, Huntington Valley Country Club	75-78—153
Brian McDermott, Llanerch Country Club	78-75—153
Chris Meares, Running Deer Golf Club	75-78—153
Troy Vannucci, Little Mill Country Club	75-78—153
John Brennan, Philadelphia Cricket Club	78-76—154
Scott Ehrlich, White Manor Country Club	79-75—154
Conrad Von Borsig, Philadelphia Cricket Club	78-76—154
Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley Country Club	79-76—155
Oscar Mestre, Overbrook Golf Club	79-76—155
Stephen Seiden, Llanerch Country Club	73-82—155
Rodney James, Five Ponds Golf Club	78-78—156
Cory Siegfried, Aronimink Golf Club	78-78—156
Robert Good, Merion Golf Club	77-80—157
Kevin Haag, Glenmaura National Golf Club	78-79—157
Dave Marshall, Running Deer Golf Club	76-81—157
Greg O'Conner, Bellewood Country Club	80-77—157
Christopher Reedman, Makefield Highlands Golf Club	77-80—157

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Name, club	R1-R2—Total
Jamie Slonis, Tavistock Country Club	79-78—157
Tom Spano, Llanerch Country Club	79-78—157
Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club	78-79—157
Ashley Brasfield, Rolling Green Golf Club	80-78—158
Mike Korcuba, Medford Village Country Club	75-83—158
Michael Quartermain, Llanerch Country Club	80-78—158
Sean Seese, Huntington Valley Country Club	80-78—158
Christopher Thude, Union League Golf Club at Torresdale	76-82—158
Dan Brown, Llanerch Country Club	81-78—159
Bill Charpek, Merion Golf Club	77-82—159
Ryan Gelrod, Philadelphia Cricket Club	79-80—159
Jason Loehrs, Cobbs Creek Golf Club	77-82—159
David Shields, Flourtown Country Club	77-82—159
Robert Bechtold, Fieldstone Golf Club	79-81—160
Christopher Clauson, Lu Lu Country Club	78-82—160
Thomas Gramigna, Tavistock Country Club	80-80—160
Chris Lange, Jr., Overbrook Golf Club	81-79—160
Rand Mendez, Fieldstone Golf Club	80-80—160
Dan Bernard, Aronimink Golf Club	78-83—161
Andrew Keeling, Hershey's Mill Golf Club	81-80—161
Frank Kohute, Running Deer Golf Club	80-81—161
Grant Skyllas, LedgeRock Golf Club	78-83—161
Glenn Smeraglio, Lu Lu Country Club	80-81—161
Edward Kelly, Jr., Old York Road Country Club	79-83—162
Christopher Lange, Overbrook Golf Club	79-83—162
Frank Petrash, IV, Philadelphia Cricket Club	79-85—164
James Gardas, Glenmaura National Golf Club	80-85—165
David Liotta, Whitemarsh Valley Country Club	81-85—166
Gregory Buliga, Yardley Country Club	80-87—167
Luis Diaz, Rancocas Golf Club	80-87—167
John Moore, Jr., Greate Bay Country Club	81-90—171
Joe April, Waynesborough Country Club	78-WD—78
Clark Holle, Mercer Oaks Golf Course	79-WD—79
Alex Hargaden, Woodcrest Country Club	80-WD—80
Kevin Rossi, Scranton Municipal Golf Course	81-WD—81

To view Day One results, click [here](#).

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CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The Golf Association of Philadelphia's Middle-Amateur started in 1984, three years after the USGA created the U.S. Mid-Am as a formal championship for post-college amateurs. The Association followed suit with the USGA in creating a Mid.-Am., but initially differed in its administration of the tournament in a couple of respects.

The most obvious difference was the age requirement. Prior to 2001, the GAP Middle-Amateur Championship was for players 30 years of age and older. The organization's Executive Committee reviewed and revised that age requirement in 2001 to match the USGA's guidelines of 25 years of age or older for eligible players.

Also at that point, the Committee changed the format of the event to a two-day stroke play tournament (instead of a one-day medal play event) with a cut to the low 70 players and ties after the first round. The field begins with 132 players. Players must have a GAP/USGA Handicap Index of 7.0 or lower.

The Middle-Amateur Championship is the first Major of the Association's tournament season. It is a William Hyndman, III Player of the Year points event. To be included in the Middle-Amateur field, players must either earn an exemption or advance through one of three qualifiers held prior to the Championship proper.

Whitemarsh Valley Country Club hosted the inaugural Middle-Amateur Championship. Member Gene Maginnis, Jr. won with a score of 72.

Past Champions (name, club, score, venue)

- 2018:** Michael Hyland, Little Mill, — 70-73-143, Llanerch
2017: Ben Feld, Huntington Valley, — 69-67-136, Overbrook
2016: *Matt Mattare, Saucon Valley — 71-72-143, Waynesborough
2015: Scott McNeill, Bala — 68-75-143, St. Davids
2014: Peter Barron, III, Stone Harbor — 69-68-137, Gulph Mills
2013: *Michael McDermott, Merion — 71-71-142, Fieldstone
2012: John Brennan, Philadelphia Cricket — 67-74-141, Chester Valley
2011: Glenn Smeraglio, Mercer Oaks — 71-69-140, Laurel Creek
2010: Thomas Gramigna, Tavistock — 70-67-137, Philadelphia Cricket Club (Militia Hill)
2009: *Michael R. Brown, Philadelphia Publinks GA — 71-73-144, Tavistock
2008: Michael McDermott, Merion — 69-75-144, Fieldstone
2007: Chip Lutz, LedgeRock — 70-70-140, Stonewall (North)
2006: Chris Lange, Overbrook — 71-77-148, Commonwealth National
2005: Chris Lange, Overbrook — 71-74-145, Spring Mill
2004: Michael McDermott, Llanerch — 69-70-139, Gulph Mills
2003: Robert Savarese, Jr., Philadelphia Cricket Club — 69-71-140, Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon)
2002: Oscar Mestre, Jr., Overbrook — 72-69-141, Chester Valley
2001: Michael McDermott, Llanerch — 76-72-148, Coatesville
2000: Darrell Clayton, Cavaliers — 72, Jericho National
1999: Neil Gordon, Philmont — 71, Indian Valley
1998: Chip Lutz, Berkshire — 68, Talamore at Oak Terrace
1997: Frank McFadden, Overbrook GC — 70, Overbrook
1996: Richard Umani, Sakima — 69, Spring Ford
1995: Michael Rose, Philmont — 68, Bent Creek
1994: Michael Tash, Atlantic City — 70, Meadowlands
1993: *Carl Everett, Merion — 75, Philmont (North)
1992: *John Elder, Jr., Little Mill — 77, Doylestown
1991: Mark Douglas, Spring Ford — 70, Spring Ford
1990: Chris Terebesi, Chester Valley — 72, Philadelphia Cricket Club
1989: Thomas F. Dillon, Jr., Yardley — 74, Chester Valley
1988: David Brookreson, Huntingdon Valley — 71, Sunnybrook
1987: Robert Levy, Philmont — 70, Old York Road
1986: David Brookreson, Huntingdon Valley — 70, Indian Valley
1985: Gary E. Daniels, Chester Valley — 70, Torresdale-Frankford
1984: Gene Maginnis, Jr., Whitemarsh Valley — 72, Whitemarsh Valley

* — won in playoff