38th Middle-Amateur Championship
May 26-27
Lookaway Golf Club
Buckingham, Pa.

The course

Par: 36-36=72
Yardage: TBD
Course Architect: Rees Jones
Opened: 1999
Address: 4219 Upper Mountain Road, Buckingham, PA 18912
Phone: 215-794-2970
Website: www.lookawaygolf.com

The skinny

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

• Field includes the exempt players entered and those who qualified at Middle-Amateur Championship Qualifying conducted at Five Ponds Golf Club (April 17), Spring Ford Country Club (April 29), Radley Run Country Club (May 3) and Valley Country Club (May 4).

• Format is 36-hole individual gross stroke play. A cut after Day One to the low 70 and ties. Four-hole aggregate playoff for the Championship.

• Automotive transportation is permitted.

• Spectators welcome.

The social network

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The previous rendition

Chris Lange is lonely no more.

Jeff Osberg joined the future GAP Hall of Famer as the second player to complete the career Grand Slam. Osberg captured the elusive final jewel of that quest, the Middle-Amateur Championship, with a clinical performance at LedgeRock Golf Club (par 72, 7,069 yards). The Pine Valley Golf Club power hitter finessed his way to a second-round 68 and 5-under total. Osberg finished two shots clear of second-place finisher, and his playing partner today, Matt Mattare of Saucon Valley Country Club.

“I’m overwhelmed with joy. It’s something I’ve had my sights on now for years since it’s been a possibility. It’s been a big focus of mine,” said Osberg, 36, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. “There have been so many great players in the Philadelphia area. To think I stand on top with Chris Lange, Sr., who is a great friend of mine, is special. Obviously, it goes without saying he’s one of the best players to ever play in Philadelphia. To think there are only two people to ever achieve [this] is really special.”

The GAP Grand Slam consists of the Middle-Amateur, BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship, Open Championship and Joseph H. Patterson Cup. Osberg won the Amateur in 2014, the Open in 2016 and 2019 and the Patterson Cup on three occasions (2010, 2016, 2019). Lange completed his quartet with a victory in the 2004 Open at Philadelphia Country Club. At the time, Lange’s victory marked just the 11th time an amateur had captured the Open in 100 years.

Name, club	Rd 1	Rd 2	Total
Jeff Osberg, Pine Valley Golf Club	71	68	139
Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley Country Club	70	71	141
Andrew Mason, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	69	73	142
Jason Wilson, Olde Homestead Golf Club	69	73	142
Brandon Dalinka, The Ridge at Back Brook	72	71	143
John Samaha, Old York Road Country Club	72	73	145
Christopher Ault, Yardley Country Club	74	72	146
Benjamin Feld, Green Valley Country Club	70	76	146
Matthew Finger, DuPont Country Club	76	71	147
Brian Gillespie, St. Davids Golf Club	73	74	147
Matthew Teesdale, The 1912 Club	71	76	147
William Davenport, Whitemarsh Valley Country Club	73	75	148
Chris Fieger, Sr., Philadelphia Publinks Golf Association	74	74	148
Patrick Knott, Merion Golf Club	76	72	148
Sam Sherrill, Downingtown Country Club	74	74	148
Troy Vannucci, Little Mill Country Club	71	79	150
Stephen Barry, Running Deer Golf Club	70	81	151
Sean Seese, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	80	71	151
Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club	78	73	151
P.J. Acierno, LuLu Country Club	79	73	152
Andrew Keeling, Kennett Square Golf & Country Club	76	76	152
Zach Arsenault, Little Mill Country Club	76	77	153
Adam Armagost, Little Mill Country Club	77	77	154
Michael Carr, Philadelphia Cricket Club	80	75	155
Daniel Charen, Makefield Highlands Golf Club	78	77	155
Andy Kerestesy, Running Deer Golf Club	74	81	155
Brandon Capone, Old York CC at Chesterfield	73	83	156
Bill Jeremiah, Bidermann Golf Club	77	79	156
Connor McNicholas, The 1912 Club	77	79	156
Rich Owsik, Rolling Green Golf Club	78	78	156
Garrett Basalyga, Cedarbrook Country Club	79	78	157
Robert Bechtold, Fieldstone Golf Club	79	78	157
Phil Potter, Radley Run Country Club	79	78	157
Ashley Brasfield, Rolling Green Golf Club	79	79	158
Oscar Mestre, Overbrook Golf Club	81	77	158
Ben Cooley, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	77	82	159
Chris Lange, Jr., Overbrook Golf Club	79	80	159
Keith Matt, Talamore Country Club	76	83	159
Regan Papariello, St. Davids Golf Club	79	80	159
Peter Barron, III, Galloway National Golf Club	79	81	160
Andy Beittel, Manufacturers' Golf & Country Club	84	76	160
Kevin O'Brien, Cedarbrook Country Club	81	80	161
Connor Vanin, Philadelphia Publinks Golf Association	77	84	161
Joseph Fabrizio, Aronimink Golf Club	88	79	167
Lodie van Tonder, Sakima Country Club	85	84	169

The other former champions

2019: *Will Davenport, Whitemarsh Valley — 67-73-140, Rolling Green
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 — 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

The GAP (Golf Association of Philadelphia) Middle-Amateur Championship started in 1984, three years after the USGA created the U.S. Mid-Amateur as a formal championship for post-college amateurs. GAP 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 GAP 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 qualifying events held prior to the Championship proper.

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