
$39^{\text {th }}$ Middle-Amateur Championship
May 24-25
Jericho National Golf Club New Hope, Pa.

## The course

Par: 36-36=72
Yardage: TBD
Course Architect: Dr. Michael Hurdzan/Dana Fry
Opened: 1999
Address: 250 Brownsburg Road East, New Hope, PA 18938
Phone: 215-862-8800
Website: www.jerichonational.com

## The skinny

- Open to male GAP Member Club golfers who are 25 years of age or older with a Handicap Index of 7.0 or lower.
- The field of approximately144 players will consist of the exempt players entered and those who qualified at Middle-Amateur Championship Qualifying conducted at Olde Homestead Golf Club (April 9), Heidelberg Country Club (April 27), Valley Country Club (May 3), and Medford Lakes Country Club (May 4).
- 36-hole individual stroke play, two-day event. The low 70 scores and ties will advance to Day Two.
- Automotive transportation is permitted in this event. Players may take a cart, carry their own bag, take a club caddie, or bring their own caddie. Pull carts are not permitted.


## The social network



## The previous rendition



Scott McNeil opened his Middle-Amateur Championship with a snapped drive into the pond on No. 1. He ended it 36 holes later with a dramatic birdie and a second Mid.-Am. victory to his credit.

In between, the energetic and eccentric
McNeil hit enough quality shots and timely putts to eventually outlast a talented field by a stroke in the season's first Major. McNeil finished 5-under par (70-69) for the two days at Lookaway Golf Club (par 72, 6,888 yards), a shot clear of runner-ups Matt Mattare (7169) of Saucon Valley Country Club and Sean McMonagle (70-70) of Tavistock Country Club.
"It's all about winning No. 2. I feel like anybody can win one. You can always get hot for one or two days. To get that second one means you are there and that you have the game to compete day in and day out. I'm
ecstatic," said McNeil, 35, of Philadelphia, Pa., who won his first title in 2015. "The life of a Mid.-Am. is not always the same year in and year out.
"I switched jobs. I've been able to take a lunch break and hit some balls and get a golf club in my hand a couple times a week, enough that I've learned for myself what it takes to be able to compete with not my A game. [I've been able to] get enough [time with a club] in my hands that if everything fell right I wouldn't crumble under the pressure."

McNeil recently took a position as a Product Manager for Delaware County, Pa.

McNeil, who plays out of the Philadelphia Publinks Golf Association, shined when the spotlight illuminated. On No. 18 (par 4, 434 yard), he knocked a 6-iron from 181 yards to nine feet for the clinching putt.
Name, clubR1-R2-TotalPatrick Knott, Merion Golf ClubBenjamin Feld, Green Valley Country ClubJohn Brennan, Philadelphia Cricket Club
Scott McNeil Philadelphia Publinks Golf Association
Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley Country Club ..... 70-69-139 ..... 71-69-140
Sean McMonagle, Tavistock Country Club ..... 70-70-14070-71-141
70-72-142
Brett Diakon, Commonwealth National Golf Club70-73-143Michael R. Brown, Jr., LuLu Country Club73-71-144
Peter Barron, III, Galloway National Golf Club ..... 68-78-14673-72-145
Ben Keyser, Woodcrest Country Club ..... 72-75-147
Brian Gillespie, St. Davids Golf Club ..... 76-72-148
Andrew Mason, Huntingdon Valley Country Club ..... 72-76-148
Oscar Mestre, Overbrook Golf Club ..... 72-76-148
David Mecca, Wemberly Hills Golf Club ..... 76-73-149
Brandon Dalinka, The Ridge at Back Brook ..... 76-73-149
Jim Sullivan, LuLu Country Club ..... 76-73-149
Tony Peressini, Lookaway Golf Club ..... 76-73-149
John Lalley, Llanerch Country Club ..... 76-73-149
Christopher Ault, Yardley Country Club ..... 75-74-149
John Barone, Glenmaura National Golf Club ..... 74-75-149
Gregor Orlando, Philadelphia Cricket Club ..... 72-77-149
Scott Ehrlich, Waynesborough Country Club ..... 71-78-149
Christopher Clauson, LuLu Country Club ..... 75-75-150
Cory Siegfried, Aronimink Golf Club ..... 74-76-150
Scott Forrester, LuLu Country Club ..... 72-78-150
Eric Williams, Honesdale Golf Club ..... 78-73-151
John Samaha, Old York Road Country Club ..... 75-76-151
Ben Cooley, Huntingdon Valley Country Club ..... 74-77-151
Stewart Rickenbach, Manufacturers' Golf \& Country Club ..... 72-79-151
John Perrine, Medford Village Country Club ..... 75-77-152
Nicholas Vecellio, Moselem Springs Golf Club ..... 74-78-152
Matt Teesdale, The 1912 Club ..... 74-78-152
Dan Bernard, Aronimink Golf Club ..... 73-79-152
Christopher Pitts, Tavistock Country Club ..... 73-79-152
Billy Howard, Applebrook Golf Club ..... 73-79-152
Daniel Charen, LuLu Country Club ..... 71-81-152
Scott Storck, Philadelphia Cricket Club ..... 77-76-153
Jimmy Finnerty, Radley Run Country Club ..... 76-77-153
Sam Pancoast, Radley Run Country Club ..... 76-77-153
Jonathan Radick, Spring Mill Country Club ..... 75-78-153
Name, club ..... R1-R2-Total
Lee Nonnemacher, Steel Club ..... 77-77-154Chris Binder, Riverwinds Golf Club
Ryan McCarty, Huntingdon Valley Country Club ..... 75-79-15475-79-154
Glenn Smeraglio, LuLu Country Club ..... 74-80-154
Mark Czerniakowski, LuLu Country Club ..... 73-81-154
Andy Beittel, Manufacturers' Golf \& Country Club ..... 70-84-154
Robert Bechtold, Fieldstone Golf Club ..... 78-77-155
Cory Reighard, Brookside Country Club ..... 77-78-155
Lodie van Tonder, Sakima Country Club ..... 77-78-155
Addison West, Merion Golf Club ..... 78-78-156
Michael Rogers, Overbrook Golf Club ..... 78-78-156
Sean Seese, Huntingdon Valley Country Club ..... 75-81-156
Kyle Ginty, Talamore Country Club ..... 75-81-156
Jamie Slonis, Tavistock Country Club ..... 70-86-156
Patrick Dougherty, Philadelphia Cricket Club ..... 78-79-157
Sam Sherrill, Downingtown Country Club ..... 78-79-157
Andy Butler, Huntingdon Valley Country Club ..... 78-79-157
Andrew Carnevale, North Hills Country Club ..... 78-79-157
Tom Grady, Radley Run Country Club
Matthew Toto, Woodcrest Country Club ..... 77-80-157
Michael Carr, Philadelphia Cricket Club ..... 76-81-157
Ronan Culligan, Saucon Valley Country Club ..... 74-83-157
Ryan Gelrod, Philadelphia Cricket Club ..... 78-80-158
Jordan Cooper, Woodcrest Country Club ..... 78-80-158
Sean Ryan, Huntingdon Valley Country Club ..... 77-81-158
Drew Garis, North Hills Country Club ..... 77-81-158
Connor McNicholas, The 1912 Club ..... 73-85-158
Luke Smith, Northampton Country Club ..... 77-82-159
Gwinyai Murahwa, North Hills Country Club ..... 75-84-159
Paul Rogowicz, Yardley Country Club ..... 78-82-160
Anthony Saltarelli, Philmont Country Club ..... 77-83-160
Domenick Trentalange, LuLu Country Club ..... 75-85-160
Chris Orlando, Paxon Hollow Country Club ..... 78-83-161
Jeff Long, Riverton Country Club ..... 77-84-161
Jason Wilson, Olde Homestead Golf Club ..... 74-WD-WD

## The former champions

2021: Scott McNeil, Philadelphia Publinks GA - 70-69-139, Lookaway
2020: Jeff Osberg, Pine Valley - 71-68-139, LedgeRock
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 twoday 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.

