

# *110 Years of the Missouri Amateur Championship*

1905 - 2017



Mitch Mather  
2015



Sam Migdal  
2016

## *Recent Champions*



Connor McHenry  
2007



Justin Bardgett  
2008



Brad Nurski  
2010 & 2017



Nick Wilson  
2012



Joey Johnson  
2013, 2014



Skip Berkmeier  
1999, 2009, 2011



Michael Letzig  
2002



Kevin Ward  
2004



Matt Keith  
2005

## Missouri Amateur Records

### Most State Championships (4)

Jim Manion ..... 1917, 1921, 1923, 1926  
 Bob Cochran ..... 1940, 1958, 1962, 1965  
 Tom Watson ..... 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971  
 Jim Jackson ..... 1951, 1954, 1959, 1976  
 Don Bliss ..... 1972, 1983, 1986, 1988

### Most Times in Final Match

8 Jim Jackson  
 6 Jim Tom Blair III  
 6 Bob Cochran  
 6 Skip Berkmeier

### Most Times Medalist

6 Don Bliss  
 4 Don Smith  
 4 Jim Tom Blair III  
 4 Bob Cochran  
 4 Jim Jackson

### Lowest Score, 18 holes

(-8) 62 Matt Bortis, 2005, Millwood  
 (-7) 64 Jace Long, 2009, St. Joseph CC  
 (-7) 65 Don Bliss, 1974, Twin Hills  
 (-7) 65 Don Bliss, 1986, Oakwood

### Lowest Score 36 holes

(-9) 131 Matt Bortis, 2005, Millwood  
 (-8) 138 Grable Duvall, Jr., 1936, Hillcrest

### Lowest Score 9 holes

(-8) 28 Brevin Giebler, 2012, Dalhousie

Brevin Giebler's card:

June 20, 2012

554 554 535 - 40

323 333 434 - 28 - 68

### Highest Score by Medalist

(+7) 147 Jim Jackson, 1950, KCCC  
 (+6) 150 Don Bliss, 1972, Westwood  
 (+5) 149 Payne Stewart, 1979, Wolf Creek

### Lowest 36 hole cut (to 64 players)

(+8) 150 2002 at Twin Oaks  
 (+8) 152 1994 at Milburn

### Highest 36 hole cut (to 64 players)

(+18) 162 2011, Boone Valley CC  
 (+17) 159 2012, Dalhousie CC

### Longest 18 hole match (25 holes)

2015 Mitch Mather d Teddy Jones  
 2015 Connor Knabe d Mitch Rutledge  
 2005 Brent Holmes d Shawn Jasper  
 2001 Mark BcBride d Doug Kreitner.  
 1995 Ron Hubbard d Craig Schnurbusch  
 1980 Wright Beck d Stan Utley  
 1974 Buddy Godwin d Jim Jackson  
 1970 Steve Loyd d George Thompson III  
 1954 Frank Furlong, Jr. d Leland Kramer

### Longest final match

42 holes 1974, Dale Kutz d Beau Jackson  
 39 holes 1966, Jim Patton d Bill Stewart  
 39 holes 1957, Bill Stewart d Jim Tom Blair

### Youngest champion

17 yrs, 2 months James C. (Jay) Ward, 1918  
 17 yrs. 9 months Tom Watson, 1967

### Youngest /Oldest Medalist

16 Colby Robertson, 1994  
 53 Jesse Carleton, 1916  
 53 Wayne Fredrick, 2015

### Oldest Champion

53 Jim Jackson ..... 1976  
 52 Bob Cochran ..... 1965

### Oldest & Youngest to qualify for match play

65 Gerald Siemons ..... 2011  
 64 Ron Eilers ..... 2015

62 Bill Ludwig ..... 1992  
 61 Christian Kenney ..... 1938  
 14 years, 4 months Connor McHenry 2002  
 14 years, 8 months Colby Robertson 1992  
 14 years, 9 months Tom Watson 1964

### Largest winning margin, 18 hole match

9 & 8 Bruce Hollowell d Bill Wear 1970  
 9 & 8 Don Bliss d Ryan Harrington 1995

### Largest winning margin, 36 hole match

11 & 10 Michael Letzig d David Jenkins 2002  
 11 & 9 Bob Cochran d Tom Stephenson 1958

### Most matches won

78 Bob Cochran  
 67 Jim Jackson

### Best winning percentage, matches

.944 Joey Johnson (17-1)  
 .909 Walter Blevins (10-1)  
 .900 Tom Watson (27-3)

### #64 seed defeated #1 seed

3 of 23 (since 1991)

Most recent - Siemons def Groom 3&1, 2002

### Double Eagle

(-3) Michael McGee, 2013, Blue Hills #1

### Hole-in-Ones

2015 Matt Wills, Buffalo Ridge ..... Qualifying  
 2013 Kyle Weldon, Blue Hills ..... 2nd Round  
 2012 Bob Meeh, Dalhousie ..... Qualifying  
 2008 Drew Lethem, Winghaven ..... Qualifying  
 1994 Ron Brewer, Milburn ..... Qualifying  
 1989 Jim Knoesel, Lodge 4 Seasons Quarterfinals  
 1951 Jim Tom Blair, III, Algonquin ..... 3rd Round



Buddy Godwin  
 Champion 1973  
 Medalist 1976



Tyler Shelton  
 Champion 1994



Wayne Fredrick  
 Champion 1996



Matt Murray  
 Champion 1997



Bob Beckmann  
 Champion 1993



Bob Willits  
 Champion 1947



**2016 Missouri Amateur**  
*Jefferson City CC, Par 72*

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Bob Cochran  
Champion 1940,  
1958, 1962, 1965



Jimmy Manion  
Champion 1917,  
1921, 1923, 1926

**Most Often  
Host Club of the  
Missouri Amateur:**

- St. Joseph CC (9) .....1914, 1922, 1937, 1948, 1967, 1976, 1988, 2009, 2017
- Blue Hills (7).....1916, 1939, 1941, 1960, 1968, 2006, 2013
- Milburn (5).....1923, 1930, 1952, 1971, 1994
- Hickory Hills (5) .....1953, 1957, 1980, 1996, 2003
- Sunset (5) .....1920, 1942, 1954, 1978, 2001
- Jefferson City CC (5) .1973, 1983, 1993, 2007, 2016
- Kansas City CC (4) ....1950, 1958, 1982, 1997
- Twin Oaks (4) .....1970, 1985, 2002, 2010



Chuck Greene  
Champion 1998



Jason Schultz  
Champion 1995

**Missouri Amateur:**  
Most matches won

**Match Play Won-lost Records of Missouri Amateur Champions**

Bold Type - active player as of 2016

1.	78-27	Bob Cochran..... St. Louis	1931-1973
2.	67-25	Jim Jackson..... St. Louis	1942-1981
3.	<b>53-14</b>	<b>Skip Berkmeier..... St. Louis</b>	<b>1995-2015</b>
4.	<b>49-25</b>	<b>Don Bliss..... St. Louis</b>	<b>1972-2015</b>
5.	45-18	Bill Stewart..... Springfield	1951-1975
6.	42-12	James Manion..... St. Louis	1916-1946
7.	39-11	Jim Tom Blair III..... St. Louis	1950-1981
8.	34-15	Jim Holtgrieve..... St. Louis	1976-2008
		<b>34-25 Steve Groom..... Raytown</b>	<b>1980-2016</b>
10.	32-19	Bruce Hollowell..... Springfield	1964-1985
	32-20	Buddy Godwin..... Poplar Bluff	1964-1987
	32-20	Tom Stephenson..... Kansas City	1935-1963
13.	31-24	Elliott Whitbread..... St. Louis	1924-1961
14.	<b>28-7</b>	<b>Brad Nurski..... St. Joseph</b>	<b>2006-2016</b>
15.	27-3	Tom Watson..... Kansas City	1964-1971
16.	25-10	Richard Bockenkamp... St. Louis	1920-1935
17.	24-8	Christian Kenney..... St. Louis	1905-1938
		<b>24-10 Ben Godwin..... Poplar Bluff</b>	<b>1997-2015</b>
	24-9	Warren Riepen..... St. Joseph	1932-1955
	24-10	E.D. Imboden..... St. Louis	1951-1967
	24-19	Ken Lanning..... Rolla	1953-1972
22.	23-12	Scott Thomas..... St. Louis	1988-2008
	23-17	Glenn Oatman..... Kansas City	1936-1965
	23-23	Joe Switzer..... St. Louis	1932-1966
25.	22-12	Spencer Sappington..... St. Louis	1964-1984
	22-14	Jack House..... Kansas City	1952-1967
	22-14	Walter Cash..... Springfield	1936-1966
	22-14	Jonas Weiss..... St. Louis	1936-1962
	22-23	Jim Benson..... St. Louis	1936-1968
30.	<b>21-3</b>	<b>Joey Johnson..... Ozark</b>	<b>2012-2016</b>
	21-6	Ted Adams..... Chillicothe	1935-1948
	21-16	Don Smith..... Kansas City	1934-1962
	21-18	Clancy Miller..... St. Joseph	1932-1960
	21-19	Craig Schnurbusch..... Farmington	1979-1998
35.	20-15	B.J. Curry..... Sedalia	1981-2012
36.	19-8	Chester O'Brien..... St. Louis	1926-1940
		<b>19-18 Wayne Fredrick..... Springfield</b>	<b>1983-2016</b>
38.	18-4	Scott Bess..... Columbia	1968-1972
	18-4	Jim Colbert..... Kansas City	1958-1965
	18-7	Robert Hodge..... Kansas City	1909-1921
	18-9	Ed Loeffler..... Jefferson City	1954-1963
	18-9	Bob Beckmann..... St. Louis	1981-2004
43.	17-2	Jay Ward..... Kansas City	1918-1927
44.	<b>16-16</b>	<b>Chuck Greene..... Springfield</b>	<b>1990-2015</b>
	16-12	David Estes..... St. Louis	1989-2004
	16-18	Jim Rollins..... Columbia	1951-1976
47.	15-3	Dennis Goettel..... Carthage	1974-1978



Tom Watson  
Champion 1967,  
1968, 1970, 1971



Jimmy Jackson  
Champion 1951,  
1954, 1959, 1976



Don Bliss  
Champion 1972,  
1983, 1986, 1988



Paul Leslie  
Medalist  
1934, 1954



Jace Long  
Medalist  
2009, 2010



Steve Groom  
Medalist 2002  
Runner-up 2004



Bobby Godwin  
Medalist  
1999

2016	Sam Migdal.....	13-3
2015	Mitch Mather.....	8-1
2013, 2014	Joey Johnson.....	17-3
2012	Nick Wilson.....	7-4
1999, 2009	Skip Berkmeier.....	53-15
2011		
2010, 2017	Brad Nurski.....	28-7
2008	Justin Bardgett.....	11-3
2007	Connor McHenry.....	9-4
2003, 2006	Ben Godwin.....	24-10
2005	Matt Keith.....	13-2
2004	Kevin Ward.....	9-2
2002	Michael Letzig.....	11-2
2000, 2001	Mark McBride.....	13-3
1998	Chuck Greene.....	17-17
1997	Matt Murray.....	12-5
1996	Wayne Fredrick.....	19-18
1995	Jason Schultz.....	10-4
1994	Tyler Shelton.....	7-3
1993	Bob Beckmann.....	18-9
1992	Scott Thomas.....	23-12
1991	Alan Rosen.....	12-5
1990	Marty Sallaz.....	15-8
1989	Greg Gill.....	6-1
1972, 1983	Don Bliss.....	49-25
1986, 1988		
1987	David Lucks.....	15-15
1985	Don Walsworth.....	7-4
1984	John Sherman.....	10-3
1982	John Hayes.....	6-4
1978, 1981	Jim Holtgrieve.....	34-15
1980	Buddy Ludwig.....	12-6
1979	Payne Stewart.....	11-4
1977	Dennis Goettel.....	15-3
1951, 1954	Jimmy Jackson.....	67-25
1959, 1976		
1975	Bruce Hollowell.....	32-19
1974	Dale Kutz.....	6-4
1973	Buddy Godwin.....	32-20
1967, 1968	Tom Watson.....	27-3
1970, 1971		
1969	Scott Bess.....	18-4
1966	Jim Patton.....	10-10
1940, 1958	Bob Cochran.....	78-27
1962, 1965		
1964	Tom Garrity.....	14-3
1963	Jim Colbert.....	18-4
1961	John Inman.....	8-3
1960	Jack House.....	22-14
1953, 1957	Bill Stewart.....	45-18
1956	Bob Barton.....	7-3
1952, 1955	Jim Tom Blair.....	39-11
1948, 1950	Warren Riepen.....	24-9

# Missouri Amateur Champions

( ) = age at the time

- 1905 Normandie, St. Louis .....Harry Allen (30)  
 1906 Glen Echo, St. Louis .....Bart Adams (36)  
 1907 St. Louis CC.....Albert Lambert (31)  
 1908 Normandie, St. Louis .....Christian Kenney (31)  
 1909 Evanston, Kansas City .....Christian Kenney (32)
- 1910 Glen Echo, St. Louis .....Ralph McKittrick (33)  
 1911 Sedalia CC .....Robert Hodge (32)  
 1912 Evanston, Kansas City .....Stuart Stickney (35)  
 1913 Springfield CC .....Raymond Thorne (22)  
 1914 St. Joseph CC.....Alden Swift (28)  
 1915 Glen Echo, St. Louis .....Cyrus More (30)  
 1916 Blue Hills, Kansas City .....Robert Hodge (37)  
 1917 Algonquin, St. Louis .....James Manion (21)  
 1918 Excelsior Springs GC .....James C. Ward (17)  
 1919 Mission Hills, Kansas City .....James C. Ward (18)
- 1920 Sunset, St. Louis .....Christian Kenney (43)  
 1921 Hillcrest, Kansas City .....James Manion (25)  
 1922 St. Joseph CC.....Richard Bockenkamp (21)  
 1923 Milburn, Kansas City .....James Manion (27)  
 1924 Midland Valley, St. Louis .....Donald Anderson (20)  
 1925 Lakewood, Kansas City .....Eddie Held (22)  
 1926 Westborough, St. Louis .....James Manion (30)  
 1927 Meadow Lake, Kansas City .....Harold Wilson (24)  
 1928 Riverview, St. Louis .....Elliott Whitbread (28)  
 1929 Hillcrest, Kansas City .....Elliott Whitbread (29)
- 1930 Milburn, Kansas City .....Richard Bockenkamp (29)  
 1931 Norwood, St. Louis .....Bryan Winter (34)  
 1932 Wood Hill, Kansas City .....Frank Staller (21)  
 1933 Westborough, St. Louis .....Chester O'Brien (27)  
 1934 Hillcrest, Kansas City .....Chester O'Brien (28)  
 1935 Bellerive, St. Louis .....Grable Duvall, Jr. (37)  
 1936 Hillcrest, Kansas City .....Walter Blevins (24)  
 1937 St. Joseph CC.....Glen Oatman (25)  
 1938 Norwood, St. Louis .....Walter Blevins (26)  
 1939 Blue Hills, Kansas City .....Ted Adams (22)  
 1940 Meadowbrook, St. Louis .....Bob Cochran (27)  
 1941 Blue Hills, Kansas City .....Jim Black (25)  
 1942 Sunset, St. Louis .....Don Smith (29)
- No tournaments during WW II
- 1946 St. Louis CC.....Jonas Weiss (29)  
 1947 Mission Hills, Kansas City .....Bob Willits (29)  
 1948 St. Joseph CC.....Warren Riepen (35)  
 1949 Glen Echo, St. Louis .....Jack Geiss (29)
- 1950 Kansas City CC.....Warren Riepen (37)  
 1951 Algonquin, St. Louis .....Jimmy Jackson (28)  
 1952 Milburn, Kansas City .....Jim Tom Blair III (21)  
 1953 Hickory Hills, Springfield .....Bill Stewart (30)  
 1954 Sunset, St. Louis .....Jimmy Jackson (31)  
 1955 Indian Hills, Kansas City .....Jim Tom Blair III (24)  
 1956 Meadowbrook, St. Louis .....Bob Barton (40)  
 1957 Hickory Hills, Springfield .....Bill Stewart (34)  
 1958 Kansas City CC.....Bob Cochran (45)  
 1959 Greenbriar, St. Louis .....Jimmy Jackson (36)
- 1960 Blue Hills, Kansas City .....Jack House (45)  
 1961 Twin Hills, Joplin.....John Inman (32)

- 1962 Normandie, St. Louis .....Bob Cochran (49)  
 1963 Hickory Hills, Springfield .....Jim Colbert (22)  
 1964 Indian Hills, Kansas City .....Tom Garrity (27)  
 1965 Meadowbrook, St. Louis .....Bob Cochran (52)  
 1966 Twin Hills, Joplin.....Jim Patton (36)  
 1967 St. Joseph CC.....Tom Watson (17)  
 1968 Blue Hills, Kansas City .....Tom Watson (18)  
 1969 Old Warson, St. Louis .....Scott Bess (19)
- 1970 Twin Oaks, Springfield .....Tom Watson (20)  
 1971 Milburn, Kansas City .....Tom Watson (21)  
 1972 Westwood, St. Louis .....Don Bliss (20)  
 1973 Jefferson City CC.....Buddy Godwin (36)  
 1974 Twin Hills, Joplin.....Dale Kutz (22)  
 1975 Indian Hills, Kansas City .....Bruce Hollowell (32)  
 1976 St. Joseph CC.....Jimmy Jackson (53)  
 1977 CC of Missouri, Columbia.....Dennis Goettel (23)  
 1978 Sunset, St. Louis .....Jim Holtgrieve (30)  
 1979 Wolf Creek, Kansas City .....Payne Stewart (22)
- 1980 Hickory Hills, Springfield .....Buddy Ludwig (21)  
 1981 Norwood Hills, St. Louis .....Jim Holtgrieve (33)  
 1982 Kansas City CC.....John Hayes (24)  
 1983 Jefferson City CC.....Don Bliss (31)  
 1984 Bellerive, St. Louis .....John Sherman (23)  
 1985 Twin Oaks, Springfield .....Don Walsworth (21)  
 1986 Oakwood, Kansas City .....Don Bliss (34)  
 1987 Westwood, St. Louis .....David Lucks (36)  
 1988 St. Joseph CC.....Don Bliss (36)  
 1989 Lodge 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark ..Gregg Gill (20)
- 1990 Hallbrook, Kansas City .....Marty Sallaz (33)  
 1991 Highland Springs, Springfield ..Alan Rosen (23)  
 1992 CC at the Legends, St. Louis .....Scott Thomas (34)  
 1993 Jefferson City CC.....Bob Beckmann (33)  
 1994 Milburn, Kansas City .....Tyler Shelton (22)  
 1995 St. Albans, St. Louis .....Jason Schultz (21)  
 1996 Hickory Hills, Springfield .....Wayne Fredrick (36)  
 1997 Kansas City CC.....Matt Murray (31)  
 1998 Lake Forest, St. Louis .....Chuck Greene (31)  
 1999 Highland Springs, Springfield ..Skip Berkmeier (25)
- 2000 Oakwood, Kansas City .....Mark McBride (20)  
 2001 Sunset, St. Louis .....Mark McBride (21)  
 2002 Twin Oaks, Springfield .....Michael Letzig (22)  
 2003 Hickory Hills, Springfield .....Ben Godwin (33)  
 2004 Persimmon Woods, St. Louis.....Kevin Ward (22)  
 2005 Millwood, Springfield.....Matt Keith (22)  
 2006 Blue Hills, Kansas City .....Ben Godwin (36)  
 2007 Jefferson City CC.....Connor McHenry (19)  
 2008 Wingham, St. Louis .....Justin Bardgett (21)  
 2009 St. Joseph CC.....Skip Berkmeier (35)
- 2010 Twin Oaks CC.....Brad Nurski (32)  
 2011 Boone Valley CC .....Skip Berkmeier (37)  
 2012 Dalhousie CC.....Nick Wilson (22)  
 2013 Blue Hills CC.....Joey Johnson (19)  
 2014 Norwood Hills CC .....Joey Johnson (20)  
 2015 Buffalo Ridge GC .....Mitch Mather (20)  
 2016 Jefferson City CC.....Sam Migdal (23)  
 2017 St Joseph CC.....Brad Nurski (39)



Christian Kenney  
Champion 1908,  
1909, 1920



Elliott Whitbread  
Champion 1928, 1929

*Winners of  
Multiple  
Missouri  
Amateur  
Championships*



Richard Bockenamp  
Champion 1922, 1930



Jim Holtgrieve  
Champion 1978, 1981



Jay Ward  
Champion 1918, 1919



Chester O'Brien  
Champion 1933, 1934



Warren Riepen  
Champion 1948, 1950



Jim Tom Blair III  
Champion 1952, 1955



Bill Stewart  
Champion 1953, 1957



Mark McBride  
Champion 2000, 2001



Mark McBride  
2000, 2001



Left to right:  
Champions  
Payne Stewart, Bill Stewart  
1979 1953, 1957



Ben Godwin  
2003, 2006

*MGA  
Hall of Fame*

<b>2005</b>	Bob Cochran Jim Jackson Ken Lanning Jim Manion Tom Watson	<b>2006</b>	Bonner Miller Elliott Whitbread K.G. Wells Payne Stewart	<b>2009</b>	Ron Boyce Bill Ludwig Dr. Bill Fricke, Jr. Luther "Buddy" Godwin	<b>2010</b>	Jim Patton Bob Rafferty	<b>2014</b>	Don Bliss Jim Holtgrieve
		<b>2007</b>	Bob Reid Bruce Hollowell			<b>2011</b>	Jim Tom Blair III	<b>2015</b>	Scott Bess Dr. Paul Leslie Bill Stewart
						<b>2012</b>	Christian Kenney		- Induction ceremonies began in 2009.
						<b>2013</b>	Bob Willits		