



113th Massachusetts Amateur Championship Fact Sheet

July 12-16, 2021, Brae Burn Country Club
326 Fuller St. West Newton, MA

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COURSE SETUP

Brae Country Club will be set up at approximately 6,816 yards and will play to a par of 35-37-72. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions. Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ for the Brae Burn Country Club is 74.4 and its Slope Rating® is 143.

BRAE BURN COUNTRY CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	35
Yards	335	362	365	440	570	160	457	225	310	3234

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	4	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	37
Yards	494	466	163	486	555	315	408	255	440	3582

ARCHITECT

Course architect Donald Ross redesigned the first Brae Burn 18-hole course in 1912 and again in 1928 ahead of the 1928 U.S. Amateur at Brae Burn. Ross designed over 400 classic golf courses in the United States during his 48-year career. In the 1960s Geoffrey Cornish helped fix drainage problems near holes 11 and 12. In 1985, Brian Silva restored greens and bunkers and modified others. In recent years, Gil Hanse has also provided restoration and enhancement work, while Ron Forse has developed a master plan for the course.

WHO CAN ENTER

Entries are open to amateur golfers who have an active Mass Golf/GHIN Handicap Index at any public, private, semi-private, municipal or non-real estate Mass Golf member course/club not exceeding 4.4 (as determined by the May 13, 2021 Handicap Revision), or who have completed their handicap certification.

STARTING TIMES & LIVE SCORING

[CLICK HERE](#) for a current list of the 2021 field and their starting times for Round 1 and Round 2.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

July 12 & 13 – Stroke Play (18-holes/day)

- The low 32 players will advance to match play, beginning July 14.
- Any ties for the final Match Play qualifying place(s) will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff, if needed.

July 14 - Round of 32 (a.m.) and Round of 16 (p.m.)

July 15 - Quarterfinals (a.m.) and Semifinals (p.m.)

July 16 – Final Match (36-holes)

QUALIFYING

Qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted at 10 sites in Massachusetts between June 3-June 22. In total, 107 players automatically made it through to qualifying, with alternates added at a late date.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the qualifying results.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the alternates list.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2021 exemptions.

2020 CHAMPION

Coming off his final year at NCAA Division III Emory University, **Matthew Organisak** (Nashawtuc Country Club) won the 2020 Mass Amateur Championship hosted at The Kittansett Club and The Bay Club At Mattapoisett. The left-handed Organisak played all 36-holes against Nick Maccario in the final match at The Kittansett Club, but Organisak won the match, 2-up. Organisak turned professional in the fall and will not be able to defend his title.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

The Massachusetts Cup will be presented to the Champion. The Harry B. McCracken, Jr. medal will be awarded to the stroke play medalist(s). Merchandise certificates will be awarded to the 32 match play qualifiers and are only redeemable at the host site(s).

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 113th Massachusetts Amateur Championship. The Mass Amateur, which was first played in 1903 at Myopia Hunt Club, It not contested for two years (1917-1918) during World War I and for four years (1942-1945) during World War II. The youngest winners of the Mass Amateur are Teddy Adams (1939) and James Driscoll (1996) who both won it at age 18. Driscoll also won again in 1998. The oldest winner is Ed Fletcher, who was 53 when he won his lone title.

Noted past winners include **Francis Ouimet, Frederick J. Wright, Jr., Ted Bishop, James Hallet, Kevin Johnson, James Driscoll, Frank Vana, Jr. and Rob Oppenheim. Jesse Guilford**, who will be inducted into the Mass Golf Hall of Fame in October 2021, is the only player to win the Mass Amateur (1916, 1921, 1924) and the Mass Open (1919, 1929). Guilford won the U.S. Amateur in 1921. Francis Ouimet also won the Mass Amateur (1913, 1914, 1915, 1919, 1922, 1925) and the U.S. Amateur (1914, 1931), as Ted Bishop (Mass Amateur, 1940, 1946, 1961); U.S. Amateur (1946).

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

Most Wins: 6 (Francis Ouimet – 1913, 1914, 1915, 1919, 1922, 1925) & (Frederick J. Wright, Jr. – 1920, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1938)

Most Times as a Host Club: 11 (The Country Club, Brae Burn Country Club)

Youngest Players to Win: Ted Adams (1939, Age 18) & James Driscoll (1996, Age 18)

Oldest Players to Win: Ed Fletcher (1995, Age 53)

Largest Age Differential Between Finalists: 39 years (1956 – Fred Wright (58) and Charles Volpone (19).

Longest Final Match: 40 holes in 1993 (Flynt Lincoln def. Jason Kissell at Essex County Club)

Shortest Final Match: 25 holes in 1922 (Francis Ouimet def. Clark Hodder, 12 and 11, at Kernwood Country Club)

Most Appearances in Championship Proper: 35 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1984-85; 1988-2017, 2020)

Most Consecutive Appearances in Match Play: 22 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1991-2012)

Most Appearances in Match Play: 26 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1985, 1988, 1991-2012; 2015; 2017)

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Last to defend title: Mike Calef, 2013

Last to win three consecutive Mass Amateurs: Frederick J. Wright, Jr., 1929-1931

Last to win four consecutive Mass Amateurs: Frederick J. Wright, Jr., 1928-1931

Last winner younger than 20: Kevin Johnson (1986), 19 years, 1 month, 30 days

Last winner between ages 20-29: Matthew Organisak (2020), 22 years, 5 months, 22 days

Last winner between ages 30-39: Matt Parziale (2017), 30 years, 1 month, 9 days

Last winner over age 40: John Hedges (2010), 49 years, 11 months, 12 days

MASS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BRAE BURN COUNTRY CLUB (Event Winners)

1906 Mass Amateur (Arthur G. Lockwood)

1907 Mass Open (Alex Ross)

1910 Mass Amateur (H.W. Stucklen)

1912 Mass Amateur (Heinie Schmidt)

1913 Mass Open (Tom McNamara)

1914 Mass Amateur (Francis Ouimet)

1916 Mass Open (Mike Brady)

1923 Mass Amateur (Karl E. Mosser)

1926 Mass Amateur (Frederick J. Wright, Jr.)

1929 Mass Junior Amateur (W.H. Donnelly, Jr.)

1930 Mass Open (Joe Turnesa)

1935 Mass Amateur (Edward S. Stimpson)

1950 Mass Amateur (Richard D. Chapman)

1961 Mass Senior Amateur (William O. Blaney)

1969 Mass Amateur (Peter Drooker)

1979 Mass Open (Jay Dolan)

2003 Mass Senior Amateur (James Drohen)

2008 Mass Junior Amateur (Bradley Kushner)

2019 Mass Mid-Amateur (Nick Maccario)

OTHER NOTABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BRAE BURN COUNTRY CLUB

1906 U.S. Women's Amateur (Harriot Curtis)

1919 U.S. Open (Walter Hagen)

1928 U.S. Amateur (Robert Tyre Jones, Jr.)

1958 Curtis Cup (Tie)

1970 Curtis Cup (United States)

1975 U.S. Women's Amateur (Beth Daniel)

1997 U.S. Women's Amateur (Silvia Cavalleri)

PAST CHAMPIONS IN 2021 FIELD

Brendan Hester (2001), **Frank Vana, Jr.** (2004, 2005), **Ben Spitz** (2006), **Bill Drohen** (2009), **Ryan Riley** (2011), **Mike Calef** (2012, 2013), **Nick McLaughlin** (2015), **Matt Parziale** (2017), **Patrick Frodigh** (2018).

MOST MASS AMATEURS HOSTED BY A CLUB

(Includes 2021 championships)

11 – The Country Club, Brookline

11 – Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton

7 – Winchester Country Club, Winchester

7 – Worcester Country Club, Worcester

7 – Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the-Sea

7 – Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg

6 – Charles River Country Club, Newton

6 – Vesper Country Club, Tyngsborough

6 – The Kittansett Club, Marion

5 – Charles River Country Club, Newton

5 – Salem Country Club, Peabody

5 – Longmeadow Country Club, Longmeadow

5 – Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton

5 – Taconic Golf Club, Williamstown

FUTURE MASS AMATEUR SITES (Dates TBD)

2022: Concord Country Club, Concord

2023, Essex County Club, Manchester by-the-Sea

2024: Framingham Country Club, Framingham

MEDIA OPERATIONS

Media members are invited to cover all five days of the Massachusetts Amateur on-site at Brae Burn Country Club. Space in the workroom will be made available for all members of the working media who wish to cover the event. We ask that you inform Mass Golf, if your intention is to be on-site for any of the competition days. Parking is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There will be video interviews and written recaps posted on the MassGolf.org website and on Mass Golf's social media channels (@PlayMassGolf) at the end of each round. All recaps will be distributed to the media after each day of competition. Other unique content will be posted on Mass Golf's social media channels throughout each round.

PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE

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