



# 114th Massachusetts Open Championship

## Fact Sheet

### Championship Information

June 10-12, 2024, Willowbend  
100 Willowbend Dr., Mashpee, MA  
**Championship Central:** [massgolf.org/championshipcentral-2024massopen/](https://massgolf.org/championshipcentral-2024massopen/)  
**Social Media:** @playmassgolf | #MassOpen

### Course Setup

The course will use the Bay (front 9) and Bog (back 9) courses set up around 6,300 yards and will play to a par of 35-35—70. Yardages are approximate and are subject to change.

### Hole by Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	35
Yards	501	407	293	466	207	376	169	301	450	3170

  

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	35
Yards	392	168	416	446	188	448	405	309	476	3248

### Architect

Willowbend offers 27 holes on three meticulously maintained nines (Bay, Bog & Bend). The iconic 9th hole on the Bog course ends with the backdrop of a bucolic red barn and a soon-to-harvest cranberry bog. The original layout, designed by Michael Hurzdan, debuted in the late 1980s, and a few years later Rebook mogul Paul Fireman along with David Southworth in 1991 purchased the golf development.

### Who Can Enter

Entries are open to professionals as well as amateur golfers who have an active Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4 (at the time of registration).

### Starting Times & Live Scoring

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of the 2024 field.  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the starting times for Rounds 1 and 2, and live scoring once the Championship begins.

### Format

54 holes, stroke play (18-holes per day), 156 players, comprised of qualified players and players fully exempt. The 50 lowest scorers & ties or anyone within 7 strokes of the leader after 36-holes will advance to the third round.

## Qualifying

Qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted at six sites in Massachusetts between April 29-May 28. In total, 95 players earned a guaranteed spot into the championship through qualifying, with alternates added at a later date.

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2024 exemptions.

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

## 2023 Champion

After two days of names oscillating atop the leaderboard, victory was anything but assured for David Pastore despite having a two-stroke lead entering the third and final round at TPC Boston. Still, he answered the call, making timely birdies and cleaning up for par when he needed to. With a two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th, Pastore clinched a two-stroke victory finishing with a three day total of 12-under-par 204 and adding his name to a list of other Connecticut natives to capture the title.

## What the Winner Receives

The Clarence G. Cochrane Memorial Trophy and a gold medal will be presented to the Champion, and The Commonwealth Cup will be presented to the Low Amateur Champion. A professional purse of \$75,000 will be distributed to the low fifty (50) finishers and ties, with \$15,000 going to the winner. Merchandise certificates will also be awarded and are only redeemable at the host site.

## Championship History

This is the 114th Massachusetts Open Championship. Beginning in 1905 with Donald Ross' victory at Vesper Country Club, the Mass Open has provided some of the most defining moments in Massachusetts golf history. The event will take place over three days of competition featuring the region's top professional and amateur golfers.

The event has been won by many well-known figures in golf history, both amateurs and professionals alike. Noteworthy names include **Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson, Horton Smith, Julius Boros, Paul Harney, Dana Quigley, Geoffrey Sisk, Rob Oppenheim** and **Evan Harmeling. Francis Ouimet, Jesse Guilford, Don Hoenic, Kevin Johnson, and Kevin Quinn** all won as amateurs. In 1919, Jesse Guilford became the first amateur to win the title, and the 1921 U.S. Amateur champion won it again in 1929. Francis Ouimet, winner of the 1913 U.S. Open, took home his lone Mass Open title in 1932.

## Championship Records

The 2024 Mass Open marks the first time that Willowbend will host the championship.

**Most Wins:** 6 (**Alex Ross** – 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1912) & (**Geoffrey Sisk** – 1995, 1997, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007).

**Youngest Winner:** 19 years (1986 - Kevin Johnson).

**Oldest Winner:** 50 years (2021 - Rob Labritz) & (1965 - Jim Browning).

**Streaks:** 2015-2019 (5 years) - players in their 20s captured the Mass Open title.

**Most recent player to win going through qualifying:** Joe Harney (2015).

## **The Last Time It Happened**

**Last to defend title:** Jason Thresher, 2018  
**Last to win three consecutive Mass Opens:** Jason Thresher, 2016-2018  
**Last to win four consecutive Mass Opens:** Paul Harney, 1967-1970  
**Last champion to win Mass Open on first attempt:** Michael Kartrude (2022)  
**Last amateur to win Mass Open:** Kevin Quinn, 1999  
**Last winner younger than 20:** Kevin Johnson (1986), 19 years, 1 month, 30 days  
**Last winner between ages 20-29:** Michael Martel (2019), 26 years, 4 months, 4 days  
**Last winner between ages 30-39:** David Pastore (2023), 31 years, 5 months, 10 days  
**Last winner age 40-49:** Geoffrey Sisk (2007), 42 years, 3 months, 9 days  
**Last winner aged 50 or over:** Rob Labritz (2021), 50 years, 16 days

## **Previous Championships at Willowbend (Event Winners)**

**1989 Mid-Amateur (w/Club at New Seabury)** — Robert Bradley  
**1990 Mid-Amateur (w/Club at New Seabury)** — Jon Fasick  
**1992 Mid-Amateur (w/Club at New Seabury)** — Joseph Keller  
**1993 Mid-Amateur (w/Club at New Seabury)** — Dick Stimets  
**1994 Mixed Four-Ball for the Stone Cup** — Sueko Hall & Keith Lewis  
**2002 Women's Stroke Play for the Baker Trophy (w/The Ridge Club)** — Kelly Robb  
**2011 Senior Four-Ball (w/Cape Cod Country Club)** — Kevin Carey & Ray Richard  
**2011 Women's Four-Ball for the Townshend Cup** — Elise Lemons & Kristen Macdonald  
**2019 Senior Four-Ball (w/Wianno Club)** — Kevin Carey & Joe Walker  
**2020 Senior Amateur** — Don Foberg  
**2023 Mass Mid-Amateur** — Ricky Stimets

## **Past Champions in the field**

Jason Thresher (2016, 2017, 2018), Ian Thimble (2014), Kyle Gallo (2011), Fran Quinn (1990).

## **Most Mass Opens Hosted by A Club**

(7) Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville	(5) Charles River Country Club, Newton
(7) Worcester Country Club, Worcester	(5) Brae Burn Country Club, Newton
(7) Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg	(5) Belmont Country Club, Belmont
(6) Vesper Country Club, Tyngsborough	(5) Tedesco Country Club, Marblehead

## Future Sites

**2025:** Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston (June 9-11)

**2026:** Oyster Harbors Club, Barnstable (Dates TBA)

## Media Coverage

Media members are invited to cover all three days of the Massachusetts Open on-site at Willowbend. 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.

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

Mass Golf will offer complimentary high-resolution photographs during the Mass Open for editorial use only. Please credit David Colt with all photos.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the page where these photographs will be posted.

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