



# 116th Massachusetts Amateur Championship

## Fact Sheet

### Championship Information

July 8-12, 2024, Framingham Country Club  
16 Gates St., Framingham, MA, 01702

**Championship Central:** [massgolf.org/championshipcentral-massam-2024/](https://massgolf.org/championshipcentral-massam-2024/)

**Social Media:** @playmassgolf | #MassAm

### Course Setup

Framingham Country Club will be set up at approximately 6,682 yards and will play to a par of 72. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

### Hole by Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	36
Yards	481	350	334	396	543	215	357	178	455	3309

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	378	208	510	367	395	399	409	176	531	3373

### Architects

Framingham Country Club's original 1902 course was a 9-hole, 2,300-yard layout designed by Arthur C. Blanchard, with redesigns from Donald Ross, Orrin Smith, and Geoffrey Cornish. William Mitchell designed the back nine in the 1960s. The entire course features strategic bunkering, tree-lined fairways, and a layout that harmonizes with the natural landscape of the area.

### 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 3.6 (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.

### Schedule of Play

July 8 & 9: Stroke Play (18 holes/day)

- The low 32 players will advance to match play, beginning July 10.

- Any ties for the final Match Play qualifying place(s) will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff, if needed, at the conclusion of Round 2.

**July 10:** Round of 32 (a.m.) and Round of 16 (p.m.)

**July 11:** Quarterfinals (a.m.) and Semifinals (p.m.)

**July 12:** Final Match (36 holes)

## Qualifying

Qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted at 11 sites in Massachusetts between June 3 and June 20. In total, 90 players automatically advanced to the championship through 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 2024 exemptions.

## 2023 Champion

Longmeadow teenager **Ryan Downes** (GreatHorse) became the youngest winner of the Massachusetts Amateur by earning the title at age 17. The Vanderbilt University commit won last year's title at Essex County Club in Manchester-by-the-Sea. After shooting 1-over-par over two days of stroke play, he won a pair of close matches on the first day of match play, but won the rest convincingly. He claimed the title by defeating Framingham member **Matthew Naumec** in the 36 hole final, 6&5.

## Championship History

This is the 116th Massachusetts Amateur Championship. The Mass Amateur was first played in 1903 at Myopia Hunt Club, where Arthur G. Lockwood emerged victorious. The Championship has been conducted every year since except for two years (1917-1918) during World War I and for four years (1942-1945) during World War II. The youngest winner is **Ryan Downes** who won the title at age 17. The oldest winner is **Ed Fletcher**, who was 53 when he won his lone title at Concord Country Club in 1995.

Noted past winners include **Francis Ouimet**, **Frederick J. Wright, Jr.**, **Ted Bishop**, **Kevin Johnson**, **James Driscoll**, **Frank Vana, Jr.**, **Rob Oppenheim**, and **Michael Thorbjornsen**. **Jesse Guilford**, who was 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 did Ted Bishop (Mass Amateur, 1940, 1946, 1961); U.S. Amateur (1946).

The 2024 Mass Amateur marks the first time Framingham Country Club has hosted the championship.

## Championship Records

**Most Wins:** 7 (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:** Ryan Downes (2023, Age 17)

**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:** 37 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1984-85; 1988-2017, 2020-21, 2023)

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

**Most Appearances in Match Play:** 28 (Frank Vana, Jr., 1985, 1988, 1991-2012; 2015; 2017, 2021, 2023)

## 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:** Ryan Downes (2023), 17 years, 8 months, 14 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 Framingham (Event Winners)

**1952 Girls' Junior** (Joanne Goodwin)

**1955 Girls' Junior** (Eileen Deschamps)

**1955 Girls' Junior** (Betty Tobin)

**1967 Junior Amateur** (Doug Johnson)

**1978 Junior Amateur** (Steve Minelli)

**1980 Women's Mid-Amateur/Keyes Cup** (Noreen Uihlein)

**1984 Women's Four-Ball/Townshend Cup** (Anne Marie Tobin & Mary Locke)

**1997 Ouimet Memorial Tournament** (Joe Keller)

**2003 Women's Four-Ball/Townshend Cup** (Nancy Murphy & Kirsten Davis)

**2005 Ouimet Memorial Tournament** (Jim Renner/Alison Walshe/Jim Ruschioni)

**2008 Ouimet Memorial Tournament** (Jay Driscoll/Brittany Weddell/Carter Fasick)

**2009 Junior Amateur** (Nick McLaughlin)

**2012 Mid-Amateur** (Frank Vana, Jr.)

**2013 Women's Amateur** (Tara Joy-Connelly)

**2016 Four-Ball Championship** (Matt Parziale & Herbie Aikens)

**2018 Girls' Junior Amateur** (Rebecca Skoler)

**2020 Ouimet Memorial Tournament** (Chris Francoeur/Anne Walsh/Frank Vana, Jr.)

**2022 Senior Amateur Championship** (Frank Vana, Jr.)

## Past Champions in the Field

**Steven Tasho** (1981 & 1985), **Bill Drohen** (2009), **Mike Calef** (2012 & 2013), **John Kelly** (2014), **Nick McLaughlin** (2015), **Matt Parziale** (2017), **Patrick Frodigh** (2018), **Conner Willett** (2022), **Ryan Downes** (2023).

## Most Mass Amateurs Hosted by a Club

(11) The Country Club, Brookline

(11) Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton

(8) Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the-Sea

(7) Worcester Country Club, Worcester

(7) Winchester Country Club,

(6) Charles River Country Club, Newton

(6) Vesper Country Club, Tyngsborough

(6) The Kittansett Club, Marion

(5) Salem Country Club, Peabody

(5) Longmeadow Country Club, Longmeadow

(5) Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton

(5) Taconic Golf Club, Williamstown

**Future Sites**

**2025:** GreatHorse, Hampden

**2026:** Winchester Country Club, Winchester

**2024  
Awards**

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).

**Media  
Operations**

Media members are invited to cover all five days of the Massachusetts Amateur on site at Framingham County 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 extremely limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional overflow parking will be available at Framingham State University's Maple Street Lot (123 Maple Street Framingham, MA).

**Photo Media  
Service**

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.

Mass Golf will offer complimentary high-resolution photographs during the Mass Amateur 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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