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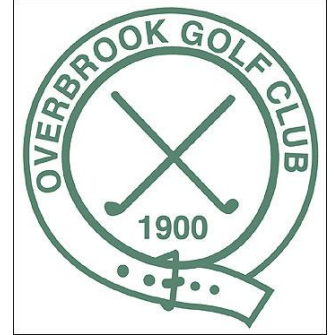
Middle-Amateur Championship presented by Callaway Golf



Overbrook Golf Club
Villanova, Pa.
May 24-25
#GAPMidAm

COURSE INFORMATION

Par: 35-35=70
Yardage: TBD
Course Architect: J.B. McGovern & X.G. Hassenplug
Opened: 1900
Address: 799 Godfrey Road ,Villanova, PA 19085
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2017 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Entries

Open to Member Club golfers who are 25 years of age and over with a USGA Handicap Index of 7.0 or lower.

Field

The field of 134 players includes the exempt players entered and those who qualified at Middle-Amateur Championship qualifying events held at [Golden Oaks Golf Club](#) on April 22, [Hopewell Valley Golf and Country Club](#) on April 27 and [Whitford Country Club](#) on May 1.

Format

36-hole individual gross stroke play, two-day event. With a cut after the first day to the low 70 and ties.

Four-hole aggregate playoff for Championship. Second place ties will receive duplicate prizes, prize money to be split. All other ties to be split evenly.

Tee times

The event officially begins at 7:30 a.m. when groups tee off on Nos. 1 & 10 at Overbrook. There will be a morning and afternoon wave. To view pairings and tee times for Day One, click [here](#).

Rules of Play

Local rules sheets will be distributed to each participant on the day of the tournament. Automotive transportation is permitted in this event. Overbrook allows the use of pull carts.

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SVCC'S MATTARE WINS 2016 MID.-AM. IN PLAYOFF

PAOLI, Pa.—Matthew Mattare's quest for a Major trophy finally ended at the pot of gold the Notre Dame alum has longingly sought. Mattare, of Saucon Valley Country Club, outlasted Michael R. Brown, Jr. of Philadelphia Publincs GA and Matt Finger of DuPont Country Club in a four-hole aggregate playoff for the 33rd Middle-Amateur Championship presented by Callaway Golf at Waynesborough Country Club (par 71, 6,859 yards). Mattare finished the playoff with 14 strokes; Brown had 15 and Finger had 16.

"Finally. As excited as I am, I am more relieved than anything," said Mattare, 30, of Jersey City, N.J. "It's been eight years since the Patterson [Cup] where I came close and Glenn [Smeraglio] edged me out in the end. It's been a long trip to get here. And I'm glad I arrived."

Mattare finished second to Smeraglio in the 2008 Joseph H. Patterson Cup when the 36-hole event was split between St. Davids Golf Club and Waynesborough. Mattare fired a first-round 67 at Waynesborough that year.

"It was good to be back here," said Mattare, who works in wealth management for Morgan Stanley.

The leaderboard was a revolving door all day, but looked closed with Finger holding a one-stroke edge standing on the reachable 18th (par 5, 527 yards) tee. Brown and Mattare had already posted their 1-over-par 143 totals for the two days and Finger, the co-first-round leader, needed just a par to secure the win.



Matthew Mattare, 2016 Middle-Amateur champion

"I didn't really know where I stood going to 18 but I thought I had a one-shot lead," said Finger, 38, of Woolwich Township, N.J. "I took 3-wood off the tee and put it in the right rough. I hit a 5-iron out. And then I hit an 8-iron into the green, which I thought was good, but it kind of shot up and just got stuck in the wind. I had four feet left. I played it a left edge putt and pulled it. I didn't finish. I don't know what else to say. That one is going to hurt."

The playoff rotation was Nos. 1-4-8-9.

All three players parred No. 1 (par 4, 367 yards) in good order before Finger resuscitated his shocked system with a birdie on No. 4 (par 3, 189 yards). He ripped a 6-iron to 12 feet and drained the putt. His two opponents made par to fall a shot back.

On No. 8 (par 4, 371 yards), Finger, who placed a premium on driving accuracy all week, strayed into trouble off the tee similar to the closing hole.

His 2-iron tee shot found the left rough, obscured from the green by a tree. His second shot then rolled into a greenside bunker. He eventually made five. Mattare, on the other hand, stated his title intentions loudly. His 108-yard lob wedge coziered up to three feet.

"As soon as it left the club I knew it was perfect," said Mattare.

Brown, 43, of Maple Shade, N.J., made a miraculous up-and-down after missing the green left, draining a 30-foot putt for par.

Mattare sank his short birdie and now headed to No. 9 (par 4, 438 yards) one stroke clear. Needing one more timely swing, Mattare rocketed a drive center-cut.

"On every shot I was saying 'Be decisive. Don't be tentative.' Yesterday, on the first nine it was just tentative strokes. I kept trying to steer it with my irons. Steer it with the driver. I got up on No. 2, which was my 11th hole, and I had a five-footer for birdie and just waved at it. I said 'Start being decisive,'" said Mattare. "From that point forward before every single shot I said 'Be decisive.' And that's exactly what I did."

Mattare, left with 138 yards to the hole, launched a pitching wedge to the green that rolled out to 25 feet. Brown, in the right rough, smacked a fantastic 9-iron from 151 yards to 30 feet on the same line as Mattare. Finger missed his approach left and then chipped long. Brown's birdie scooted by leaving Mattare needing only a two-putt for the win, which he did.

2016 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Name, club	R1-R2—Total
*Matthew Mattare, Saucon Valley Country Club	71-72—143
Michael R. Brown, Jr., Philadelphia Publinks GA	73-70—143
Matthew Finger, DuPont Country Club	69-74—143
Jeff Osberg, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	71-73—144
Scott McLaughlin, Lu Lu Country Club	74-70—144
Gregor Orlando, Philadelphia Cricket Club	70-74—144
John Brennan, Philadelphia Cricket Club	72-73—145
Michael McDermott, Merion Golf Club	76-70—146
Christopher Ault, Yardley Country Club	75-71—146
Ben Feld, Green Valley Country Club	71-76—147
Michael Hyland, Little Mill Country Club	72-75—147
Benjamin Smith, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	70-77—147
Dan Bernard, Aronimink Golf Club	70-77—147
Dan Rudershausen, Kennett Square Golf & Country Club	73-74—147
Peter Barron, III, Stone Harbor Golf Club	74-74—148
Brian McDermott, Llanerch Country Club	73-75—148
Nathan Sutherland, Heidelberg Country Club	71-77—148
Conrad Von Borsig, Philadelphia Cricket Club	76-72—148
Chris Lange, Jr., Overbrook Golf Club	75-74—149
Matthew Gaffney, Running Deer Golf Club	75-75—150
John Murphy, II, Stone Harbor Golf Club	78-72—150
David Liotta, Whitmarsh Valley Country Club	74-76—150
Stephen Dressel, St. Davids Golf Club	72-78—150
Chip Lutz, LedgeRock Golf Club	69-81—150
Jack Wallace, Philadelphia Cricket Club	77-73—150
William Jeremiah, Bidermann Golf Club	73-77—150
Dan Arison, Applebrook Golf Club	71-79—150
Geoffrey Cooper, North Hills Country Club	76-75—151
Jamie Slonis, Tavistock Country Club	73-78—151
Paul Bickford, Little Mill Country Club	77-74—151
Brian Gillespie, St. Davids Golf Club	78-74—152
Raymond Thompson, Overbrook Golf Club	72-80—152
Christopher Thude, Union League Golf Club at Torresdale	76-76—152
Chris Storck, LedgeRock Golf Club	75-77—152
Sean Seese, Huntingdon Valley Country Club	78-74—152
Tom Grady, Radley Run Country Club	75-77—152
Rodney James, Heidelberg Country Club	74-79—153
James Kania, Jr., Overbrook Golf Club	76-77—153

2016 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Name, club	R1-R2—Total
Ryan Gelrod, Philadelphia Cricket Club	72-81—153
John Robinson, Lu Lu Country Club	71-82—153
Daniel Pinciotti, Jr., Huntingdon Valley Country Club	73-80—153
Thomas Timby, Jr., Mercer Oaks Golf Course	74-80—154
Brendan Borst, Philadelphia Cricket Club	77-77—154
Sean Coyle, Llanerch Country Club	77-78—155
G. Patrick Dougherty, Philadelphia Cricket Club	76-79—155
Scott McNeil, Bala Golf Club	78-77—155
Kevin Haag, Makefield Highlands Golf Club	77-78—155
Michael Tash, Tavistock Country Club	78-78—156
Roc Irely, Lookaway Golf Club	78-78—156
Brian Winters, Spring Ford Country Club	78-78—156
Christopher Clauson, Lu Lu Country Club	75-81—156
Joe Kerrigan, Jr., Llanerch Country Club	77-79—156
Oscar Mestre, Overbrook Golf Club	77-80—157
Thomas Gramigna, Tavistock Country Club	77-80—157
Adam Warner, Tavistock Country Club	77-80—157
Tyler Rae, Bidermann Golf Club	76-81—157
Ari Flaisher, McCall Golf & Country Club	75-83—158
James Gillespie, Little Mill Country Club	76-83—159
Kevin Koch, Spring Ford Country Club	77-82—159
Michael DiMeglio, Mercer Oaks Golf Course	76-83—159
Eddie Johnson, Llanerch Country Club	78-81—159
Paul Liebezeit, Aronimink Golf Club	78-82—160
John Cyb, Makefield Highlands Golf Club	78-82—160
Edward Kelly, Jr., Old York Road Country Club	78-83—161
James O'Connor, Penn Oaks Golf Club	78-83—161
Joe Perese, Philmont Country Club	78-83—161
Patrick Welsh, Makefield Highlands Golf Club	78-84—162
Jeffrey Huntzinger, Philmont Country Club	76-87—163
Perry Landis, Moselem Springs Golf Club	74-90—164
Joseph Dulka, Bellewood Country Club	77-NC—NC
*-determined in four-hole playoff	

To view Day One results, click [here](#).

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CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The Golf Association of Philadelphia's Middle-Amateur started in 1984, three years after the USGA created the U.S. Mid-Am as a formal championship for post-college amateurs. The Association 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 two-day 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 Association's 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 one of three qualifiers held prior to the Championship proper.

Whitemarsh Valley Country Club hosted the inaugural Middle-Amateur Championship. Member Gene Maginnis, Jr. won with a score of 72.

Past Champions (name, club, score, venue)

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 GC — 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