

2017

Open Championship



Philadelphia Country Club
Gladwyne, Pa.
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COURSE INFORMATION

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2017 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Entries

The field will consist of professionals who are active members of the Philadelphia Section PGA in good standing, Head Professionals of GAP Member Clubs, Assistant Professionals of member clubs who are active members of the New Jersey Section PGA and amateurs who are members of member clubs and have handicap index of 7.0 or less.

Field

The field of 135 players includes the exempt players entered and those who qualified at events held at Blue Bell Country Club June 21 and Radnor Valley Country Club June 27. It breaks down into 88 Association amateurs and 47 professionals.

Format

36-hole individual gross stroke play, two-day event. With a cut after the first day to the low 60 and ties. Total purse for the professionals is \$30,000. The low pro will win \$7,000.

Tee times

The event officially begins at 7 a.m. when groups tee off on Nos. 1 & 10. To view pairings and tee times, click [here](#).

Rules of Play

Local rules sheets will be distributed to each participant on the day of the tournament. Automotive transportation is not permitted in this event.

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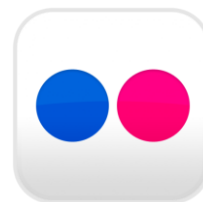
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OSBERG WINS 2016 #GAPOPEN IN PLAYOFF

A little more than 17 years after Rick Osberg's victory in the Open Championship his son Jeff followed suit to become just the second father-duo to accomplish that feat (the first pro-amateur combination).

Early Tuesday morning, Jeff Osberg birdied the last hole to defeat Chris Crawford by a stroke, 17-18, in a four-hole aggregate playoff for the 112th Open Championship at The Ridge at Back Brook (par 71, 7,031 yards). A lengthy weather delay Monday afternoon, forced the two players to return to the site where both finished the 36 holes of regulation at even-par 142.

"It's awesome. I grew up idolizing my dad," said Jeff, 32, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. "Obviously he was one of the better players in the Philadelphia Section for a long time. To have my name on the same trophy as him is pretty incredible."

Rick won his title in 1999 at Waynesborough Country Club, where he was the head golf pro at the time.

The Osbergs join the Griffins as the only father-son duos to earn victories. George and George, Jr., both professionals from Green Valley Country Club, won titles in 1932 and 1953, respectively.

While Rick's victory was pretty comfortable, four strokes, Jeff's was in doubt until the very end.

Crawford of Spring Mill Country Club and Osberg of Huntingdon Valley Country Club were tied at 14 strokes apiece standing on No. 9 (par 4, 410 yards) tee, the last hole of the playoff rotation.

Crawford knocked his 3-wood tee shot right and Osberg ripped driver left, barely flying the fairway bunker. It ended up in the rough.

On Monday, Crawford double-bogeyed No. 9, his final hole of the day to relinquish a two-shot lead to groupmate Osberg. Osberg parred the last hole. Osberg, Crawford and John DiMarco, the professional at Laurel Creek Country Club, were all paired together.

Today, staring at the same yardage, 160 yards, though with a better lie – he was in thicker rough farther to the right on Monday – Crawford knocked an 8-iron to 30 feet. Yesterday, his 9-iron found the left hazard adjacent to the putting green.

Osberg with a "comfortable" distance, 104 yards, lifted his 56-degree wedge from the rough up-and-over the front guarding greenside bunker to four feet.

Crawford's long birdie try came up a little short; Osberg's found the bottom of the cup.

"I tried to not think too much about what it meant," said Osberg. "I pictured my son, honestly, he's seven months old and all he does is laugh non-stop. I kind of thought to myself if he was here watching me, he'd be over in the corner kicking his feet and laughing."

Said Crawford, 22, of Bensalem, Pa., "I got a little lucky that [my drive] kicked into the first cut. The ball was way above my feet. With an 8-iron, it's not a shot that's easy to hit close. I fully expected Jeff to hit something on the green and have a makeable putt. But at the same time I knew I couldn't flirt with the hole too much because it was so easy to produce a pull hook off that lie."

The prior three playoff holes were a bit Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde for both players.

Osberg grabbed a one-stroke lead with a par on No. 6 (par 4, 409 yard), though it could have been more. Crawford, a rising Drexel University senior academically who has exhausted his college playing eligibility, saved bogey after pulling his 9-iron long and left of the green. Osberg watched his six-foot birdie try stay outside the cup.

Both players made good par saves on No. 7 (par 5, 593 yards). Osberg came up short of the green and two putted from about 10 yards short of the green. Crawford went long with his approach, but made a nice up-and-down capped by a 10-foot putt. Osberg led nine strokes to 10.

On No. 8 (par 3, 169 yards), Osberg, with honors pulled his 7-iron tee shot into the left lateral water hazard. He chose to re-tee, this time with a 6-iron, and put his third shot 20 feet from the cup. Crawford put his 7-iron on the front portion of the putting surface, 50 feet shy of the cup. His six-footer for par came up shy of the hole. He made a bogey. Osberg made a double bogey.

"I played a lot of good golf this week," said Crawford. "I played with Jeff all day yesterday and we had a good time battling it out. I'm happy with how I played most of the day, but very disappointed how I played the last 13 holes, if you include the playoff. Jeff is a great champion."

This was the seventh consecutive Open victory by an amateur, an unprecedented streak. From 1903-2007, there were only 12 amateur champions in total, and only twice before were the wins back-to-back.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year	Champion	Score	Venue	Low Amateurs
Format is Medal Play (72 holes)				1921 — J. Wood Platt, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 307
1903	Jack Campbell, Huntingdon Valley CC, 321		Philadelphia Cricket Club	1922 — John J. Beadle, Llanerch CC, 311
Format changed to Match Play				1923 — Maxwell R. Marston, Merion Cricket Club, 316
1904	Jack Campbell, Huntingdon Valley CC, d. Tom Clark, Wilmington CC, 6&5,		Bala CC	1924 — Maurice Risely, CC of Atlantic City, 147
1905	James Campbell, Mt. Airy CC, d. Donald Ball, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 2-up		Huntingdon Valley CC	1925 — J. Wood Platt, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 300
1906	Donald Ball, Philadelphia Cricket Club, d. Jack Campbell, Overbrook GC, 2-up		Mt. Airy CC	1926 — D.C. Corkran, Huntingdon Valley CC, 295
1907	James Campbell, Mt. Airy CC, d. William Robinson, Atlantic City CC, 2-up		Philadelphia Cricket Club	1932 — Rodney Coltart, Roxborough CC, 316
1908	Jack Campbell, Overbrook GC, d. James Campbell, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 1-up		The Springhaven Club	1933 — Arthur Lynch, Winged Foot GC, 307
Format changed to Medal Play (36 holes)				1935 — Edward J. Phillips, Aronimink GC, 310
1909	Gilbert Nichols, Wilmington CC, 146		Philadelphia CC	1936 — J. Wood Platt, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 296
1910	Johnny J. McDermott, Merchantville Field, 146		Philadelphia Cricket Club	1937 — Clarence W. Hackney, Jr., CC of Atlantic City, 308
1911	Johnny J. McDermott, Atlantic City CC, 150		Whitemarsh Valley CC	1938 — David Douglas, Tully-Secane CC
1912	*Gilbert Nichols, Wilmington CC, 149 Playoff: Nichols (71) & Johnny J. McDermott, Atlantic City CC		Huntingdon Valley CC	1939 — Ivan Bash, Philmont CC, 315
Format changed to Medal Play (72 holes)				1940 — George H. Rowbotham, Llanerch CC, 150
1913	Johnny J. McDermott, Atlantic City CC, 305		Merion CC	1941 — J. Wood Platt, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 154
1914	Tom McNamara, Boston, Mass., 302		Whitemarsh Valley CC	1942 — George H. Rowbotham, Llanerch CC, 146
1915	Tom McNamara, Boston, Mass., 296		Philadelphia CC	1949 — James B. McHale, Jr., Overbrook GC, 141
1916	%James Fraser, Seaview GC, 226 Shortened to 54 holes due to inclement weather		Philmont CC (South)	1950 — George H. Rowbotham, Aronimink GC, 144
1917	James Barnes, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 306		Merion CC	1951 — James B. McHale, Jr., Saucon Valley CC, 144
1918	%Pat Doyle, Deal G&CC, & Arthur Reid, Stoneybrook GC, 150 Declared co-champions, two rounds rained out		Huntingdon Valley CC	1952 — Howard Everitt, Atlantic City CC, 144
1919	Emmett French, CC of York, 306		Whitemarsh Valley CC	1953 — Wesley Steinman, White Manor CC, 153
1920	Frank T. MacNamara, Cherry Valley Club, 294		Atlantic City CC	1954 — John Dyniewski, Whitemarsh Valley CC, 145
1921	Willie MacFarlane, Oak Ridge GC, 294		Whitemarsh Valley CC	1955 — William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 142
1922	Charles H. Hoffner, Philmont CC, 301		Merion CC (East)	1956 — William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 146
1923	Clarence W. Hackney, CC of Atlantic City, 298		Pine Valley GC	1957 — William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 140
1924	%Joe Kirkwood, Sr., Rockwood Hall CC, 142 Shortened to 36 holes due to inclement weather		Atlantic City CC	1958 — Jack Penrose, Atlantic City CC, 147
1925	John Farrell, Quaker Ridge GC, 292		Cedarbrook CC	1959 — Howard Everitt, Atlantic City CC & William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 143
1926	Emmett French, Southern Pines, N.C., 292		Philmont CC (North)	1960 — William H. Care, Jr., Atlantic City CC, 143
1927	John Farrell, Quaker Ridge GC, 296		Rolling Green GC	1961 — Robert Batdorff, II Berkshire CC, 141
1928	Tommy D. Armour, Congressional CC, 292		North Hills CC	1962 — William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 142
1929	Ed B. Dudley, Concord CC, 295		Merion CC (East)	1963 — Harvey Smith, Oak Terrace CC, 144
1930	Clarence W. Hackney, CC of Atlantic City, 295		Cedarbrook CC	1964 — John Guenther, Jr., Berkshire CC, 143
1931	%Clarence W. Hackney, CC of Atlantic City, 147 Shortened to 54 holes due to inclement weather		Manufacturers G&CC	1965 — William Care, Jr., Atlantic City CC, 146
1932	George E. Griffin, Sr., Green Valley CC, 291		Paxon Hollow GC	1966 — John Guenther, Jr., Moselem Springs GC, 141
1933	Ed B. Dudley, Concord CC, 288		Philadelphia Cricket Club	1967 — George Griffin, III, Green Valley CC, 141
1934	Herman Barron, Kings Ridge GC, 284		Philmont CC (North)	1970 — Arthur Blank, Philmont CC, 143
1935	Ted Turner, Pine Valley GC, 292		Aronimink GC	1971 — Paul Erhardt, III, Sakima CC & R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 142
1936	*Ed B. Dudley, Philadelphia CC, 286 Playoff: Dudley (69) & Charles Lacey, Lakeville CC (73)		Manufacturers G&CC	1972 — Gary Hardin, Manufacturers G&CC, 148
1937	*Leonard Dodson, Springfield, Mo., 284 Playoff: Dodson (74) & Bruce Coltart, Woodcrest CC (75)		Concord CC	1973 — William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 144
1938	Ted Turner, Pine Valley GC, 286		Torresdale-Frankford CC	1974 — Andrew Shapiro, Berkleigh CC, 149
1939	Sam D. Byrd, Philadelphia CC, 284		Philadelphia Cricket Club	1976 — Paul Erhardt, III, Sakima CC, 145
Format changed to Medal Play (36 holes)				1979 — James Robertson, Llanerch CC, 146
1940	Ed B. Dudley, Philadelphia CC, 142		Whitemarsh Valley CC	1981 — R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 144
1941	Terl Johnson, Pymouth CC, 146		Pine Valley GC	1982 — John Corzilius, Cavaliers CC, 151
1942	Joseph Lewis, Tredyffrin CC, 136		Llanerch CC	1983 — Chris Anderson, Wilmington CC, 146
				1984 — James D. Kania, Overbrook GC, 143
				1985 — Todd Anderson, Wilmington CC, 146
				1988 — George Marucci, Jr., Pine Valley GC, 146
				1989 — William McGuinness, Tavistock CC, 141
				1990 — Bill Kennedy, Cedarbrook CC, 143
				1991 — R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 142
				1992 — Chris Lange, Overbrook GC & R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 142
				1993 — Jim Spagnolo, Lu Lu CC, 68
				1994 — P. Chet Walsh, Philadelphia CC, 147
				1995 — P. Chet Walsh, Philadelphia CC, 140
				1996 — P. Chet Walsh, Philadelphia CC, 147

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year	Champion	Score	Venue
1943	No Contest		
1944	Joe Zarhardt, Jeffersonville GC, 138		Manufacturers G&CC
1945	No Contest		
1946	Matt Kowal, Philmont CC, 141		Philmont CC (North)
1947	Gene Kunes, Englewood GC, 136, Huntingdon Valley CC		
1948	^James B. McHale Jr., Whitemarsh Valley CC, 70-70=140		Atlantic City CC
1949	George Fazio, Unattached, 71-67=138		Philmont CC (North)
1950	Joseph Lewis, Manufacturers G&CC, 73-68=141		Cedarbrook CC
1951	Henry Williams, Jr., Berkleigh CC, 71-70=141		LlanerchCC
1952	George Fazio, Pine Valley GC, 143		North Hills CC
1953	George Griffin, Jr., Green Valley GC, 75-71=146		Green Valley GC
1954	Ralph Hutchinson, Saucon Valley CC, 72-70=142		Torresdale-Frankford CC
1955	*Henry Williams, Jr., Berkleigh CC, 70-69=139 Playoff: Williams (69) & George Fazio, Fairmount Park (71)		Atlantic City CC
1956	George Fazio, Fairmount Park, 73-64=137		Overbrook GC
1957	Jerry Pisano, Overbrook GC, 68-71=139		The Springhaven Club
1958	*George Fazio, Pine Valley GC, 78-69=147 Jack Penrose, Atlantic City CC unavailable for playoff		Merion GC (East)
1959	George Fazio, Philadelphia Cricket Club, 68-74=142		Aronimink GC/Overbrook GC
1960	Robert Riegel, Radnor Valley CC, 65-77=142		Green Valley CC/Philadelphia Cricket
1961	Dick Sleichter, Gettysburg CC, 70-67=137		Merion GC (East/West)
1962	Jerry Pisano, Radnor Valley CC, 71-69=140		Philadelphia Cricket Club/North Hills CC
1963	*Albert Besselink, Philmont CC, 73-71=144 Playoff: Besselink (70); Sam Penecale, Whitemarsh Valley CC (74); Harvey Smith, Oak Terrace CC (75)		Aronimink GC
1964	Pat Schwab, Rock Manor CC, 68-72=140		Philmont CC (North/South)
1965	*Jerry Pisano, Radnor Valley CC, 70-71=142 Playoff: Pisano (75) & Ted McKenzie, Aronimink GC (76)		Tavistock CC/Woodcrest CC
1966	Albert Besselink, Sunny Jim GC, 71-69=140		Sandy Run CC/Cedarbrook CC
1967	John Kennedy, Edgmont CC, 69-71=140		Linwood CC/Atlantic City CC
1968	^William Hyndman, III, Huntingdon Valley CC, 67-75=142		Waynesborough CC/Whitford CC
1969	^William Hyndman, III, Huntindon Valley CC, 66-70=136		Merion GC (East/West)
1970	Dick Smith, Hi-Point Golf Farm, 68-73=141		Philmont CC (North/South)
1971	*Ted McKenzie, Waynesborough CC, 70-70=140 Playoff: McKenzie (70) & Henry McQuiston, Bala GC (76)		Aronimink GC
1972	Dick Hendrickson, PGA Tour, 71-67=138		Heidelberg CC
1973	Dick Hendrickson, PGA Tour, 69-70=139		Atlantic City CC
1974	*Joseph F. Data, Philadelphia CC, 70-72=142 Playoff: Data (73) & Robert Bourne, Jr., Lancaster CC (74)		Torresdale-Frankford CC
1975	^R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 66-71=137		Bidermann GC
1976	Tim DeBaufre, Woodcrest CC, 65-76=141		Philmont CC (North)
1977	^R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 69-71=140		Saucon Valley CC (Old/Grace)
1978	^R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 74-71=145		Merion GC (East)
1979	Jack Connelly, Huntingdon Valley CC, 74-71=145		Philadelphia CC
1980	^R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 68-72=140		Aronimink GC
1981	Dick Hendrickson, Loch Nairn CC, 71-69=140		Whitford CC
1982	Harold Perry, Tall Pines CC, 74-72=146		Wilmington CC (South)
1983	Ed Dougherty, Edgmont CC, 70-68=138		Rolling Green GC
1984	Frank Dobbs, Oak Terrace CC, 68-73=141		Indian Valley CC
1985	James Masserio, Toftrees CC, 70-71=141		Sunnybrook GC
1986	^R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 67-69=136		Torresdale-Frankford CC
1987	^R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC, 68-70=138		Gulph Mills GC
1988	James Masserio, Toftrees CC, 71-69=140		Waynesborough CC
1989	Pete Oakley, Shawnee CC, 68-69=137		Spring-Ford CC
1990	Pete Oakley, Shawnee CC, 68-69=137		Merion GC (East)
1991	Frank Dobbs, Spring-Ford CC, 72-67=139		Cedarbrook CC
1992	^*Frank Dobbs, Spring-Ford CC, 68 Playoff: Dobbs (70), Harold Perry, Jr., Kennett Square G&CC (71), Chris Lange, Overbrook GC (71) & R. Jay Sigel, Aronimink GC (71)		Philmont CC (North)

Low Amateurs

1998 – Michael Gregor, Huntingdon Valley CC, 146
 1999 – James Sullivan, Jr., Huntingdon Valley CC, 143
 2000 – Michael Gregor, Huntingdon Valley CC & Michael McDermott, Llanerch CC, 147
 2001 – Michael Moffat, Philadelphia Publincs GA, 138
 2002 – Chris Lange, Philadelphia CC, 145
 2003 – Michael McDermott, Llanerch CC, 147
 2004 – Mike Lebow, Spring Ford CC, 138
 2005 – Jamie Slonis, Tavistock CC, 141
 2006 – Kyle Davis, Fieldstone GC, 141
 2008 – Michael McDermott, Merion GC, 69
 2009 – Conrad Von Borsig, Concord CC, 138

Notes

The inaugural Open Championship featured a field of 23 players, three of which were amateurs. The entry fee was \$5. Jack Campbell of Huntingdon Valley Country Club won the event and collected the then \$90 purse. The format changed to match play a year later and reverted back to a 36-hole, one day stroke play event in 1909. Amateurs have won the last six editions, 18 overall.

R. Jay Sigel holds the most Open titles at six. He won all those as an amateur.

The Golf Association of Philadelphia serves as the sole administrator of the Open Championship. It increased the field size from 78 players to 135 in 2017.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year	Champion	Score	Venue
1993	#Gene Feiger, Overbrook GC	67	Huntingdon Valley CC
1994	*Stu Ingraham, Overbrook GC	136	Kennett Square G&CC
	Playoff: Ingraham (67) & Harold Perry, Jr., Kennett Square G&CC (72)		
1995	Gene Feiger, Overbrook GC	71-64=135	Laurel Creek CC
1996	Jim Booros, Allentown Municipal Golf Course	73-69=142	Stonewall
1997	#^Michael J. Brown, Old York Road CC	68	Bent Creek CC
1998	Jason Lamp, Blue Heron Pines GC	70-66=136	Aronimink GC
1999	Rick Osberg, Waynesborough CC	68-70=138	Waynesborough CC
2000	*Brian Kelly, Bucknell GC	70-71=141	Torresdale-Frankford CC
	Playoff: Kelly (69), Pete Oakley, The Rookery (72) & Dave Roberts, Cedarbrook CC (73)		
2001	Terry Hertzog, Gulph Mills GC	70-67=137	Cedarbrook CC
2002	*John Appleget, Blue Heron Pines GC	73-71=144	Pine Valley GC
	Playoff: Appleget (72) & John DiMarco, Laurel Creek CC (76)		
2003	Brian Kelly, Bucknell GC	71-72=143	Huntingdon Valley CC
2004	^Chris Lange, Overbrook GC	70-71=141	Philadelphia CC
2005	Graham Dendler, Merion GC	72-70=142	Aronimink GC
2006	*Dave Quinn, Links GC	70-69=139	Llanerch CC
	Playoff: Quinn (1-under) & Mike Ladden, Philadelphia CC (1-over)		
2007	^Mark Miller, Yardley CC	71-69=140	Merion GC
2008	#Greg Pieczynski, Academy Golf School	67	Lookaway GC
2009	Rich Steinmetz, Spring Ford CC	68-64=132	Bent Creek CC
2010	*^Michael R. Brown, Lookaway GC	70-72=142	Philmont CC (North)
	Playoff (Four-hole aggregate): Brown (16) & Greg Farrow, Deerwood CC (16); Brown won one first sudden-death hole with a par compared to a bogey.		
2011	^Andrew Mason, Huntingdon Valley CC	65-70=135	Huntingdon Valley CC
2012	^Andrew Mason, Huntingdon Valley CC	70-74=144	Pine Valley GC
2013	^Brandon Matthews, Glenmaura National GC	70-70=140	Waynesborough CC
	Playoff (Four-hole aggregate): Matthews (15) & Billy Stewart, Golf Galaxy (17).		
2014	^Matthew Teesdale, Commonwealth National GC	68-68=136	Applebrook GC
2015	^Brandon Matthews, Blue Bell CC	66-71=137	Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon)
2016	^* Jeff Osberg, Huntingdon Valley CC	71-71=142	The Ridge at Back Brook
	Playoff (Four-hole aggregate): Osberg (17) & Christopher Crawford, Spring Mill (18).		

^ — Amateur
 * — Won on playoff
 # — Event shortened to 18 holes

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