



112th Massachusetts Open Championship Fact Sheet

June 8-10, 2022, Longmeadow Country Club | 400 Shaker Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01106

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COURSE SETUP

Longmeadow Country Club will be set up at about 6,756 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70.

FORMAT

54 holes, stroke play (18-holes per day), 150 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.

ENTRIES

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), or who have completed their handicap certification.

STARTING TIMES & SCORING LINKS

[CLICK HERE](#) for a current list of the 2022 field and their starting times for Round 1 and Round 2.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the link to scoring updates.

LONGMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	4	35
Yards	436	439	601	134	318	453	185	447	439	3452

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	35
Yards	483	422	449	228	362	401	140	426	393	3304

Note: Yardages subject to change.

ABOUT LONGMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB

Longmeadow Country Club is a historic and challenging private club that was founded in 1922, making this year its centennial anniversary. Traversing subtle and, at times, dramatic terrain, the Donald Ross routing calls for the judicious use of both power and finesse. The course was completed in 1924 followed by the clubhouse in 1926 when Architecture magazine featured Longmeadow including the landscape architecture of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Longmeadow hosted its first Mass Open in 1946, which marked the first playing of the championship since 1942 (event not held 1943-1945 due to World War II). It was also just the second time it was held in Western Massachusetts, following CC of Springfield in 1922. Former tennis professional Ellsworth Vines won the 1946 championship with a 1-stroke victory in an 18-hole playoff against Jerry Gianferante, who was the Longmeadow CC pro at the time. Longmeadow also hosted the Mass Open in 1982 and in 2002, with victories by Dana Quigley and Geoffrey Sisk, respectively.

In its 100 years of existence the membership roster included golf dignitaries such as: Bobby Jones, Roberta Bolduc, Gary Burnett, Flynt Lincoln, and Clarence J. Bennett (past president of Mass Golf). Milton Reach was the course's founder, and his son Milton Reach, Jr., was runner-up in the 1941 Mass Amateur. Milton Reach III is the club's historian.

In addition to hosting the Mass Open, Longmeadow has also hosted the Mass Amateur (1941, 1957, 1972, 1992 and 2013) and the Mass Women's Amateur (1989). In 1995, the club hosted the U.S. Girls' Junior Amateur with Marcy Newton defeating Andrea Cordova, 4 and 3, in the final match. Longmeadow also hosted the 2005 U.S. Junior Amateur with Kevin Tway, who currently competes on the PGA Tour, taking home the title over Brad Johnson, 5 and 3.

QUALIFYING

Playing over 18 holes, qualifying was held at six locations between May 2 and May 26, with 87 qualifiers, plus alternates, joining the exempt field.

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

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2022 exemptions.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2022 alternates.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Wednesday, June 8 through Friday, June 10. If the championship is tied after three rounds, a sudden-death playoff will take place immediately following the conclusion of the third round.

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.

2021 CHAMPION

Rob Labritz, a New York professional, became the second player to win the Mass Open in his 50s as he made five birdies on his first nine holes in the final round to hold off five players by one stroke. Since then, Labritz has earned his card for the PGA Tour Champions (Senior Tour).

TITLE DEFENSE

Since 1984, three players have won consecutive titles (Dana Quigley, 1982-1984; Geoffrey Sisk, 2006-2007; and Jason Thresher, 2016-2018). Quigley won his first Mass Open at Longmeadow in 1982.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

This is the 112th Massachusetts Open Championship. Out of all Mass Golf events, the Mass Open is the only one that includes professional golfers and has a professional purse.

The first Massachusetts Open was played at Vesper Country Club in Tyngsborough in 1905 and was won by famed golf course architect Donald Ross. The Massachusetts Golf Association (MGA) hosted the event until 2017. In 2018, the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts (WGAM) merged into the MGA to form Mass Golf.

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 Hoenig, 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.

During the early years of the event, it was considered a touring event by professionals across the country. Though Labritz won the title at age 50 last year, young golf professionals have dominated the event, with the five champions from 2015-2019 being golfers in their 20s.

The youngest winner of the Mass Open is Kevin Johnson, who won the 1986 championship at the age of 19. Jim Browning who won the 1965 Mass Open at age 50, is the oldest winner. Browning also won it in 1953.

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: Rob Labritz, 2021

Last amateur to win Mass Open: Kevin Quinn, 1999

Last winner to birdie the 54th hole: Jason Thresher, 2016

Last winner to birdie the 54th hole to force playoff: Jason Thresher, 2016

Last to win with two rounds in the 70s: Ian Thimble, first and third rounds, 2015

Last to win with all three rounds in the 60s: Michael Martel, 2019

Last player to win after being in qualifying: Joe Harney, 2015

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: Brian Quinn (2003), 37 years

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

Last defending champion to miss the cut: Ian Thimble, 2015

MASS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LONGMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB

1941 Mass Amateur (Leo Martin)

1946 Mass Open (Ellsworth Vines)

1957 Mass Amateur (David Sullivan)

1936 Mass Open Amateur (Harold "Jug" McSpaden)

1948 Mass Open (Jerry Gianferante)

1972 Mass Amateur (Gary Burnett)

1982 Mass Open (Dana Quigley)

1989 Mass Women's Amateur (Cari Wood)

1992 Mass Amateur (Trevor Gliwski)

2013 Mass Amateur (Mike Calef)

OTHER NOTABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT LONGMEADOW COUNTRY CLUB

1948 Tri-State Matches (Team Connecticut)

1985 Endicott Cup & Women's Tri-State Matches (Leslie Shannon; Team Connecticut)

2014 Girls' Junior Inter-City Team Matches (Team New York)

2018 New England Junior Amateur (Team Connecticut)

2022 Griscom Cup (*Team Massachusetts*)

PAST CHAMPIONS IN 2022 FIELD

Andy Morse – 1989, 1992

Jim Renner – 2008

Kyle Gallo – 2011

Ian Thimble – 2014

Joe Harney – 2015

Jason Thresher – 2016, 2017, 2018

Mike Martel – 2019

MOST MASS OPENS HOSTED BY A CLUB

7 – Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville

7 – Worcester Country Club, Worcester

7 – Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg

6 – Vesper Country Club, Tyngsborough

5 – Charles River Country Club, Newton

5 – Brae Burn Country Club, Newton

5 – Belmont Country Club, Belmont

5 – Tedesco Country Club, Salem

FUTURE MASS OPEN SITES

2023: TPC Boston, Norton (June 12-14)

2024: Willowbend, Mashpee (TBD)

MEDIA OPERATIONS

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

PHOTOS

Mass Golf will offer complimentary high-resolution photographs during the final two rounds of the Mass Open (Thursday & Friday) 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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