



# 119th Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship Fact Sheet

## Championship Information

August 15-19, 2022, Orchards Golf Club  
18 Silverwood Terrace, South Hadley, MA

**Championship Central:** [massgolf.org/championshipcentral-2022masswomensamateur](http://massgolf.org/championshipcentral-2022masswomensamateur)  
**Social Media:** @playmassgolf | #MassAm

## Course Setup

Orchards Golf Club will be set up at approximately 6,044 yards and will play to a par of 36-36—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   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 36    |
| Yards | 405 | 342 | 481 | 372 | 155 | 360 | 131 | 369 | 490 | 3105  |

| Hole  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | Total |
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| Par   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 3   | 4   | 36    |
| Yards | 158 | 349 | 323 | 448 | 330 | 377 | 444 | 140 | 370 | 2939  |

## Architect

Orchards Golf Club is one of more than 400 courses that course architect Donald Ross designed throughout his 48-year career. The club commissioned Ross to create the original course design, which was composed of nine holes, in 1922. Ross also oversaw the design of the back nine in 1927.

## Who Can Enter

Entries are open to female 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 18.0 (as determined by the August 11, 2022 Handicap Revision), or who have completed their handicap certification.

## Starting Times & Live Scoring

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of the 2022 field.

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

## Schedule of Play

**August 15 & 16:** Stroke Play (18 holes/day)

- The low 32 players will advance to match play, beginning August 17.

- Any ties for the final Match Play qualifying place(s) will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff, if needed, on August 16.

**August 17:** Round of 32 (a.m.) and Round of 16 (p.m.)

**August 18:** Quarterfinals (a.m.) and Semifinals (p.m.)

**August 19:** Final Match (18 holes)

## What the Winner Receives

The Amateur Champion is awarded the Championship Bowl. The Amateur Finalist receives the Curtis Memorial Trophy. The stroke-play medalists(s) are awarded. The low net qualifier for match play receives the Osgood Memorial Cup. Merchandise certificates will be awarded and are redeemable at the host site.

**2021 Champion** **Catie Scherneck** (The Country Club) won the 2021 Mass Women's Amateur at Plymouth Country Club. Scherneck defeated 2018 Champion **Shannon Johnson** (Thorny Lea Golf Club) 5&4 in the final round to secure the victory. Scherneck, who competed in her first season on the Harvard University women's golf team during the 2021-22 year, is in the field to defend her title.

**Championship History** The Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship is the oldest championship conducted by Mass Golf. The first Massachusetts Women's Amateur, played in 1900 at Oakley Country Club, was conducted for a total of 54 golfers. **Grace Keyes**, a pioneer for women's amateur golf in the Bay State, was the first Mass Women's Amateur Champion. The championship has been contested every year except for 1918 and 1943-45 due to World War I and World War II, respectively.

Notable past champions include **Margaret Curtis** (1901, 1907, 1908, 1914), **Harriot Curtis** (1920), **Anne Marie Tobin** (1988, 1991-1995, 2000), **Joanne Goodwin** (1954, 1956 1958, 1961), and **Tara Joy Connelly** (2003, 2013), all of whom have been inducted into the Massachusetts Golf Hall of Fame.

The 2022 Mass Women's Amateur marks the second time that Orchards Golf Club has hosted the championship. In 1995, the Orchards was the site of Tobin's sixth overall and fifth consecutive win.

**Championship Figures**

- Size of Field:** 71
- Average Age of Players:** 22.8 years
- Average Competitor Handicap Index:** 2.08
- Number of Players 18 and Under:** 33
- Youngest Player:** Ryley Regan (Orchards Golf Club) [11 years, 6 months, 8 days]
- Oldest Player:** Danielle Lee (Renaissance) [63 years, 5 months, 23 days]
- Number of Mass Golf Member Clubs and Organizations Represented:** 46
- Most Represented Mass Golf Member Clubs and Organizations:** MIAA (6), Winchester Country Club (4), KOHR Golf Center (3), Nashawtuc Country Club (3), Boston Golf Club (3), The Country Club (3)

**The Last Time It Happened**

- Last to win two consecutive Mass Women's Amateurs:** Isabel Southard (2014-2015)
- Last to win three consecutive Mass Women's Amateurs:** Anne Marie Tobin (1993-1995)
- Last to win four consecutive Mass Women's Amateurs:** Anne Marie Tobin (1992-1995)
- Last winner younger than 20:** Catie Scherneck, 19 years, 1 month, 2 days (2021)
- Last winner between ages 20-29:** Hannah Ghelfi, 20 years, 8 months, 13 days (2017)
- Last winner between ages 30-39:** Shannon Johnson, 35 years, 7 months, 15 days (2018)
- Last winner over age 40:** Pam Kuong, 49 years, 5 months (2010)

**Mass Golf Championships at Orchards GC (Event Winners)**

- 1990 Four-Ball Championship** (Ed Gunderson and Kevin Heffron)
- 1991 Women's Stroke Play Championship** (Justine Richards)
- 1994 Junior Amateur Championship** (Justin Peters)
- 1995 Women's Amateur Championship** (Anne Marie Tobin)
- 2000 Endicott Cup and Tri-State Matches** (Anne Marie Tobin)
- 2001 Amateur Championship** (Brendan Hester)
- 2010 Senior Four-Ball Championship** (Paul Murphy and Jim Finnerty)
- 2017 Junior Amateur Championship** (Dillon Brown)
- 2021 Girls' Junior Amateur Championship** (Annie Dai)

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| <b>Other Notable Championships &amp; Events</b>    | <p>1984 Junior Inter-City Team Matches (Philadelphia)</p> <p>1987 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship (Michelle McGann)</p> <p>2002 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship (Methodist University)</p> <p>2004 U.S. Women's Open Championship (Meg Mallon)</p> <p>2017 LaBonte <i>Four-Ball</i> Tournament (MJ O'Neill and Mary Marengi)</p>  |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
| <b>Past Champions in the Field</b>                 | <p><b>Tracy Welch</b> (1998, 2006), <b>Chelsea Curtis</b> (2005), <b>Mary Chamberlain</b> (2009), <b>Angela Garvin</b> (2019), <b>Allison Paik</b> (2020), <b>Catie Scherneck</b> (2021)</p>  |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
| <b>Most Mass Women's Amateurs Hosted by a Club</b> | <table> <tr> <td>(15) Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton</td> <td>(6) Salem Country Club, Salem</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(9) The Country Club, Brookline</td> <td>(6) Oakley Country Club, Watertown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(8) Charles River Country Club, Newton</td> <td>(5) Concord Country Club, Concord</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(7) Weston Golf Club, Weston</td> <td>(5) Wollaston Golf Club, Milton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(7) Winchester Country Club, Winchester</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(7) Belmont Country Club, Belmont</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>  | (15) Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton | (6) Salem Country Club, Salem | (9) The Country Club, Brookline | (6) Oakley Country Club, Watertown | (8) Charles River Country Club, Newton | (5) Concord Country Club, Concord | (7) Weston Golf Club, Weston | (5) Wollaston Golf Club, Milton | (7) Winchester Country Club, Winchester |  | (7) Belmont Country Club, Belmont |  |
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| (7) Winchester Country Club, Winchester            |   |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
| (7) Belmont Country Club, Belmont                  |   |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
| <b>Future Sites</b>                                | <p>2023: TBD</p> <p>2024: Taconic Golf Club, Williamstown</p> <p>2025: TBD</p>  |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
| <b>Media Operations</b>                            | <p>Media members are invited to cover all five days of the Massachusetts Women's Amateur on site at Orchards Golf 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-served basis.</p> <p>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.</p> |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
| <b>Photo Media Service</b>                         | <p>Mass Golf will offer complimentary high-resolution photographs during the Massachusetts Women's Amateur for editorial use only. Please credit David Colt with all photos.</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to access the page where these photographs will be posted.</p>   |  |                               |                                 |                                    |  |                                   |                              |                                 |   |  |                                   |  |
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