101ST NJSGA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 19-21, 2021
SPRING BROOK COUNTRY CLUB
Dear Contestants and Guests,

On behalf of the New Jersey State Golf Association’s trustees, staff and volunteers, welcome to Spring Brook Country Club, host for the 101st NJSGA Open Championship. Our Open Championship has a long and exciting history of bringing together the best professional and amateur golfers throughout the state; and I’m sure that this year’s event will be no exception.

We are privileged to hold this year’s Open Championship at Spring Brook, as 2021 represents not only the 100th anniversary of the first NJSGA Open Championship, but also the 100th anniversary of the founding of this historic club. Spring Brook has a great history of hosting NJSGA Championships, and this will be the sixth time our Open is contested over the club’s challenging Walter Travis designed golf course.

Mark Costanza, winner of last year’s Open Championship, will be back to defend the title he won at Knickerbocker Country Club. Costanza will be tested by a strong field of competitors who can expect a stern test on this beautiful course with its superb green complexes and famous stretch of par-3 holes in the middle of the round.

We would particularly like to thank the members of Spring Brook; the Club’s General Manager, David Bachman; Head Professional, Tony Santillo; Superintendent, Joseph Scioscia; and the Club’s board members and staff for their support of this event. Thanks to their efforts, this will be a great championship on a magnificently conditioned course that will test the skills of all contestants and produce a worthy champion.

Eric Houseknecht
President
New Jersey State Golf Association
Al Mengert, a three-time champion of the New Jersey State Golf Association Open Championship, former head golf professional at Echo Lake Country Club (1956-60), and New Jersey PGA Section Hall of Famer, passed away Tuesday, April 6, at the age of 91.

Mengert, who prior to his death was the oldest living NJSGA Open Champion, was a native of Spokane, Washington. During his distinguished career, he played in 27 majors – including eight consecutive appearances in The Masters. He was the only player to compete in The Masters while being on active military duty, serving with the U.S. Air Force.

In addition to his three NJSGA Open titles (1957, '58, '60), Mengert also won the U.S. National Junior Championship in 1946 and '47, the U.S. Armed Services Championship in 1951, and was the No. 1 ranked amateur in the country in 1952 and a member of that year's Walker Cup team.

Mengert accomplished the first local “trifecta” in 1960 when he won the NJSGA Open, MGA Open, and NJPGA Championships. He remains one of only three men to win both the NJSGA Open and the Met Open in the same season (Wes Ellis in 1963 and David Glenz in 1986). When he won the ’60 Met Open, he did so by 12 strokes, setting a 72-hole record. After he won the Met Open, he was given the nickname, “The Jersey Slammer,” in recognition for that year winning the New Jersey PGA, NJSGA Open, the NJPGA Pro-Pro with Wes Ellis, and finally the Met Open.

That year, Mengert appeared on the televised Ed Sullivan Show and was honored as the 1960 New Jersey Professional Athlete of the Year, over Montclair resident Yogi Berra of the Yankees.

Beyond New Jersey, Mengert won state open titles in Washington (four times), Idaho (twice), and Arizona, Missouri and Ohio (once each) as an amateur. In total, he won open championships in eight different states plus 10 PGA section championships, including New Jersey. He played at a high level well-into his sixties, playing in several tournaments on the Senior PGA Tour in the 1980s, and was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Association’s Hall of Fame in 2001.
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The 101st New Jersey State Golf Association Open Championship will be contested at Spring Brook Country Club in Morristown on July 19-21. For Spring Brook, the 101st Open is part of the club's yearlong celebration of its milestone 100th anniversary, and it will be the sixth time that the club has hosted the NJSGA's flagship competition.

Spring Brook was founded on June 1, 1921 by a group of Morristown businessmen. The course was leased on approximately 180 acres of land on Spring Brook Farm, a 750-acre piece of property owned by Robert Dumont Foote, at the time the president of the National Iron Bank. The lease specified that the contract could be renewed every 20 years, as long as the property remained a private club.

The course formally opened for play on July 4, 1922. Carl V. Vogt, an attorney, was elected as Spring Brook's first President, and William J. Glancey was hired as the club's first Golf Professional. Glancey later added the job of greenskeeper.

The golf course was initially designed by Walter Travis, although he was not officially recognized as the architect until 2008, after a club member discovered articles in two different local newspapers from the early 1920s which noted that Travis visited the Foote estate in May of 1921. Both articles mentioned Travis was on-site, observing the grounds, and designing a tentative course of 6,000 yards. Tony Santillo, the PGA Head Professional at Spring Brook, acknowledged, "The most obvious Travis characteristics are the greens. Travis was one of the most imaginative builders of greens in the history of golf architecture."

Plans were approved in 1922 to construct a clubhouse and build tennis courts. The clubhouse opened on September 27, 1922, and was furnished mostly by Robert Foote. Foote also financed the installation of the clubhouse’s entrance road, and he was responsible for convincing Morris Township to redevelop and maintain Old Brick Road (which is now Spring Brook Road). Foote died in 1924, but his legacy lives on at Spring Brook through the name of the club newsletter, "Foote-Notes."

The first meeting of Spring Brook’s membership was held in April, 1923, and a month later, the club became a member of the New Jersey State Golf Association and the USGA. Throughout the years, Spring Brook has hosted many celebrities, including World Golf Hall of Famers Sam Snead and Gary Player. Frequent visitors to Spring Brook, Snead and Player wowed the members with their prowess at navigating "The Gauntlet," the golf course's famous stretch of three consecutive Par 3s surrounding Armstrong Pond.

Over the years, Spring Brook has renovated and redeveloped many of its facilities. In 1954, a competition-sized swimming pool was installed, and it was upgraded in 1999 with a new pool house and snack bar. In 1996, the original clubhouse was damaged by a severe blizzard, and in November 1998, a new clubhouse opened.

The golf course has been influenced and renovated several times by celebrated course architects. Hal Purdy, whose local design highlights are the nearby Fairmount Country Club (in Chatham) and Navesink Country Club (in Middletown), redeveloped many of the greens to include subtle contours. In 2000, architect Ken Dye renovated the golf course, and while the loca-
tion and order of the holes remained intact, the overall result was a more consistent look and feel throughout the course.

Spring Brook’s front nine is relatively open, highlighted by a pair of reachable par-5s and capped with Armstrong Pond’s initial test, the par-3 9th. The pond remains in play at No. 10 and No. 11, and the 12th hole is a short, dog-leg left par-4. The final six holes are played across Spring Brook Road. No. 15 and No. 16 test the golfer’s accuracy off the tee, while the short par-5 17th offers a wonderful scoring opportunity for the players coming in. The 18th hole is a long par-4 into a sand-surrounded, elevated green.

Current Head Golf Professional Tony Santillo is the ninth head golf professional in the club’s history. He has worked at the club for 26 years, of which the last 14 as head professional. Santillo notes that Spring Brook’s toughest attributes are the par 3’s and challenging greens. “The greens here are extremely tricky; there are a lot of subtle breaks you do not see. And, the par-threes are the signature of Spring Brook,” said Santillo.

Spring Brook has hosted numerous New Jersey State Golf Association events over the years, including the Open Championship in 1955, 1958, 1965, 1973, and 2010, the Amateur Championship in 1991 and 2004, and most recently, the Women’s Amateur Championship in 2014.
The names of three consecutive holes at Spring Brook Country Club — “Graveyard,” “Bowl,” and “Last Hope” — bring to mind many, mostly ominous, things: “Is there a burial ground nearby?” “Did something bad happen there?” “Why is this my last hope?” The answer to those questions, from a non-golf standpoint, is “no.” But for those who’ve played the Walter Travis-designed 9th, 10th and 11th holes over the years, the answer to the second question is almost certainly “yes.”

This three-hole sequence of par 3s surrounding Armstrong Pond — collectively referred to as “The Gauntlet” — are what beautiful Spring Brook is best known for. If the past is any indicator, The Gauntlet will be a major factor in deciding the 101st New Jersey State Golf Association Open Championship when it is held at the Morristown club July 19-21.

Based on the daunting names assigned to each of these three holes, it is clear what was on architect Walter Travis’ mind as he designed the course — he wanted to take full advantage of Armstrong Pond and make the best use of the surrounding terrain and swirling winds. Early on, Spring Brook’s members learned that the three holes posed unique challenges. By the 1930s, members had named the 11th hole “Last Hope” because it was the last chance for par on The Gauntlet – and redemption.

As Spring Brook celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2021, its membership – as well as this year’s NJSGA Open contestants – embark on a second century of searching for ways to successfully navigate The Gauntlet.

There are distinct differences between these three short holes; which one is most difficult is the source of constant debate.

The Gauntlet Explained

The Gauntlet wreaks havoc on Spring Brook’s faithful, whether it be on regular days or during major events. Since the three holes play clockwise either around or across Armstrong Pond, and with a location in a valley where the wind swirls dramatically — even on a calm day — it’s nearly impossible to predict the impact of the wind.
Despite the obvious challenge, there is one person who isn’t intimidated by at least three-putt on No. 9 from 12 feet, and a bogey on No. 11, it might have been his name on the C.W. Badenhausen Trophy.

Thirty-one years later, in the 2004 NJSGA Amateur Championship, Allan Small, then age 52 and only months into his recovery from double-knee replacement surgery, found himself tied with a young Tyler Hall after 72 holes. For Small, the final day of the Amateur Championship was the first time he had played 36 holes in one day since his surgery, and those 36 holes quickly became 40. The three-hole playoff was slated for holes 7, 8, and 9. When both players bogeyed the ninth, the playoff remained deadlocked, so the pair moved onto hole No. 10 in sudden death. There, Hall’s tee shot missed the green long and right; he then chipped on. Small was on the green but 30 feet from the hole; he lagged a putt to within tap-in range and converted his par. Hall, lying two, and six feet from the hole, missed his par putt wide right. With that, The Bowl defined the 1973 Amateur Champion – and the Edwin M. Wild Championship Trophy belonged to the eventual NJSGA Hall of Famer, Small. (Not all was lost for Hall, as he later turned professional and won the 2015 and 2016 NJSGA Open Championships.)

Only a few years later, in July of 2010, Spring Brook was the site of the 90th Open Championship. Once again, regulation would not be enough to decide a champion, and Brian Gaffney (then of Rumson Country Club, now the head professional at Essex Fells Country Club) met Bobby Gage, an assistant professional at Forsgate Country Club, in a playoff at 2-under-par for the championship. Just as in 2004, the three hole aggregate playoff was played on holes 7 through 9. The stage was set for a showdown at Graveyard when Gaffney arrived at No. 9 with a two-stroke advantage. Gaffney had birdied the par-4 No. 7 while Gage had a par; that was followed by a Gage bogey versus a Gaffney par on the par-4 eighth hole. The lead afforded Gaffney the luxury of playing No. 9 conservatively, and after keeping his ball dry on his tee shot, he tapped in a bogey putt for the championship with his family watching nearby.

As the excited Spring Brook membership looks forward to a memorable celebration of its centennial, and the sixth edition of the NJSGA Open at its magnificent course, the question isn’t whether The Gauntlet will impact the championship – it is instead how much drama Graveyard, Bowl, or Last Hope will provide in July.
SPRING BROOK FRONT NINE
No. 1 Par 4 - 410 yards
No. 2 Par 3 - 224 yards
No. 3 Par 5 - 536 yards
No. 4 Par 4 - 385 yards
No. 5 Par 4 - 414 yards
No. 6 Par 5 - 545 yards
No. 7 Par 4 - 410 yards
No. 8 Par 4 - 426 yards
No. 9 Par 3 - 189 yards
Par 36 3,539 yards

SPRING BROOK BACK NINE
No. 10 Par 3 - 179 yards
No. 11 Par 3 - 198 yards
No. 12 Par 4 - 346 yards
No. 13 Par 4 - 434 yards
No. 14 Par 3 - 202 yards
No. 15 Par 4 - 419 yards
No. 16 Par 4 - 421 yards
No. 17 Par 5 - 467 yards
No. 18 Par 4 - 407 yards
Par 34 3,073 yards

TOTAL: Par 70 - 6,612 yards
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7. **THE CORNER**
   PAR 4 - 410 YARDS
   It is a "must" to aim the tee shot to the left side of the fairway to avoid being blocked-out on the second shot if too far right. The green has a left-to-right slope, and a miss left of the green and into the bunker is sure to be a difficult recovery.

8. **EDGEWATER**
   PAR 4 - 426 YARDS
   The play on No. 8 is to aim the tee shot to the right side, away from the fairway bunker. However, out of bounds to the right – which stretches the length of the hole – demands precision from the tee. The approach shot is also a challenge, as a ball over the green could land in Armstrong Pond. An approach shot too far right will lead to a difficult up-and-down, as the green slopes from the right to left.

9. **GRAVEYARD**
   PAR 3 - 189 YARDS
   No. 9 is first of three consecutive par-three's in what is known as the famous "The Gauntlet". The 9th plays over the left edge of Armstrong Pond, and is especially demanding because the green sits at a diagonal from short-left to back-right away from the golfer. An alcove of water intrudes toward the green which makes the hole play longer, and if the tee shot is too far right, it must have enough club to avoid the water.

10. **BOWL**
    PAR 3 - 179 YARDS
    The tee shot is all carry over Armstrong Pond, and the hole plays very true to the yardage – however, beware of the wind which swirls unpredictably around the water. The green has two levels, one left and one right, with a gradual slope in the middle. Avoid going over the green, as a new bunker awaits.

11. **LAST HOPE**
    PAR 3 - 198 YARDS
    The third leg of "The Gauntlet" historically plays the toughest, and is all uphill. There are three bunkers on the right, so accurate yardage and club selection are critical. If the hole location is left, avoid missing left, as getting up-and-down is nearly impossible.

12. **ROADSIDE**
    PAR 4 - 346 YARDS
    No. 12 is the shortest par-four on the course and is a classic risk/reward hole. Club selection off the tee is important to take advantage of a good birdie opportunity. The ideal tee shot is 220 yards, aimed slightly left of the right-side fairway bunkers. The second shot is into a relatively small, flat green that is well-protected by Spring Brook Road (which is out of bounds), Armstrong Pond (long and left of the green), and two deep bunkers on either side of the green. Some players may try to drive the green and "cut the corner," but the greenside bunkers present a definite risk.
13
"THE WILLOWS"
PAR 4 - 434 YARDS
One of the hardest holes on the course, No. 13 is arguably the best hole on the course and is named for willow trees that used to be at the front and back sides of the pond. A tee shot which favors the left side of the fairway is preferred, leading to the ideal angle for the second shot across Hippo's Pond into a very elevated green. Any second shot which is short, or lands on the front of the green will roll back down the fairway. The green is the most severe on the course, as it has numerous breaks – some more obvious than others. Players must beware when putting back to a front hole location.

14
"SWAN’S NEST"
PAR 3 - 202 YARDS
One of the most scenic holes on the course, the tee shot is into a well-guarded green. There are bunkers to the left and back right, Hippo’s Pond in front of and down the left side, as well as a collection area short and to the right. Any ball left of the green and not in the bunker will almost always find the water. There is a back-right tier on this green with a ridge running in the shape of an “L” around it. Years ago, the hole was located closer to the road but was moved to ensure safe passage for vehicles on the roadway.

15
"SIDE HILL"
PAR 4 - 419 YARDS
The fairway slopes from right to left, so the ideal tee shot is aimed toward the telephone pole on the right side, as the ball will kick back to the left. The second shot can be a challenge as the ball is normally above your feet. The green is well guarded by three bunkers on the sides, and anything that hits into the front edge of the green will come back into the fairway. The green is one of the flattest and smallest, but the subtle breaks are difficult to read. The fairway narrows drastically from 100 yards into the green, so the second shot must be accurate.

16
"DOGS LEG"
PAR 3 - 179 YARDS
One of the hardest holes on the course, No. 16 features a dogleg-left and out of bounds to the right. Also, a well-placed fairway bunker is hard to carry except for the longer hitters. The second shot can be tricky since there are two levels to this green, front and back. The green slopes right to left.

17
"SPRING BROOK"
PAR 5 - 467 YARDS
A short par-five, a risk/reward option exists for the longer hitters who can go over the three, right-side fairway bunkers. The tee shot is critical and a shot which “shapes” the ball around the bunkers will leave an opportunity to reach the green in two. Any player who tries to do so has room to “run it up” onto the putting surface, but must carefully guide the ball between the new green-side bunkers. The small green slopes from left to right, making for a tough recovery for any shot that misses left.

18
"HOME"
PAR 4 - 407 YARDS
This is a great finishing hole. The fairway is a slight dogleg-right, with out of bounds right, two newly added bunkers right, and a penalty area along the left tree line. The ideal tee shot is aimed toward a tree just beyond the landing area on the left side. From there, a second shot should work the ball from the left to the right, onto the green. The second shot is uphill to a green that is 40 yards long and surrounded by deep bunkers – except in the front. Par is always a good score on this “home” hole.
New Jersey State Golf Association
Open Championship records
1921-2020

Most Championships Won

- Babe Lichardus (4) 1952, 65, 69, 71
- David Glenz (4) 1984, 86, 88, 90
- Ed Whitman (4) 1991, 95, 96, 2004
- Al Mengert (3) 1957, 58, 60
- Clarence W. Hackney (3) 1924, 25, 26
- Jack Kiefer (3) 1975, 76, 83
- Jack Mitchell (3) 1941, 46, 48
- Johnny Golden (3) 1927, 28, 29
- Johnny Kinder (3) 1931, 32, 40
- Vic Ghezzi (3) 1937, 43, 44

Amateur Championships Won

- Mark Costanza - 2020
- Chris Gottoterup - 2019
- Max Greyserman - 2014
- Benjamin Smith - 2012
- Kenneth Macdonald - 1998
- Billy Ziobro - 1970
- Chester Sanok - 1956 and 1951
- David Baldwin - 1954

Champions of NJSGA Open & Amateur

- Max Greyserman
- Brian Komline
- Charles Whitehead
- Chester Sanok
- Billy Ziobro
- Kenneth Macdonald

NJSGA Open & US Open Champions

- Byron Nelson
- Johnny Farrell
- Jim Barnes
- Craig Wood

Consecutive NJSGA Open Wins

- Clarence W. Hackney (3) 1924, 25, 26
- Johnny Golden (3) 1927, 28, 29
- Al Mengert (2) 1957, 58
- Jack Kiefer (2) 1975, 76
- Johnny Kinder (2) 1931, 32
- Art Silvestrone (2) 1972, 73
- Emery Thomas (2) 1949, 50
- Greg Hamilton (2) 1993, 94
- Vic Ghezzi (2) 1943, 44
- Tyler Hall (2) 2015, 16
## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

**Lowest winning total score (36 holes) 1921-1927, 1943-1945**

- 15 strokes Wesley Ellis, 1962
- 12 strokes Wesley Ellis, 1963
- 10 strokes Stan Mosel, 1955
- 10 strokes Ed Whitman, 1991

**Lowest winning total score (54 holes) 1921-1927, 1943-1945**

- 198 (-15) Tyler Hall, Galloping Hill 2016
- 205 (-8) Baker Maddera, Shackamaxon 2002
- 205 (-11) Tyler Hall, Rockaway River 2015
- 205 (-8) Baker Maddera, Shackamaxon 2002

**Most times host club**

- Plainfield CC (7) 1940, 52, 61, 68, 75, 90, 2007
- Montclair GC (7) 1926, 43, 44, 71, 80, 93, 2018
- Spring Brook CC (6) 1955, 58, 65, 73, 2010, 21
- Essex County CC (6) 1951, 54, 57, 76, 87, 2014
- Crestmont CC (5) 1931, 35, 45, 97, 2004
- Forest Hill FC (5) 1933, 41, 48, 59, 67
- Shackamaxon &GCC (5) 1922, 25, 37, 72, 2002

**Longest period between victories**

- Frank Esposito (14) 1999 - 2013
- Babe Lichardus (13) 1952 - 1965
- Frank Esposito, Jr. (14) 1999 - 2013
- Johnny Kindler (8) 1932 - 1940
- Jack Kiefer (7) 1976 - 1983
- Lou Garbaro (6) 1953 - 1959
- Jack Mitchell (5) 1941 - 1946
- Chester Sanok (5) 1951 - 1956

**Host Club Pro Winner**

- 1984 David Glenn - Morris County
- 1982 Russell Helwig - Essex Fells
- 1940 Johnny Kindler - Plainfield
- 1933 Clarence Clark - Forest Hill

**Most runner ups**

- Shackamaxon G&CC (5) 1922, 25, 37, 72, 2002
- Forest Hill FC (5) 1940, 52, 61, 68, 75, 90, 2007
- Crestmont CC (5) 1931, 35, 45, 97, 2004
- Essex County CC (6) 1951, 54, 57, 76, 87, 2014
- Spring Brook CC (6) 1955, 58, 65, 73, 2010, 21
- Forest Hill FC (5) 1933, 41, 48, 59, 67
- Shackamaxon &GCC (5) 1922, 25, 37, 72, 2002

**Father & Son Winners**

- Bob and Marc Issler
- Johnny and Bob Farrell
- Art and Art Silvestrone Jr.

**EXEMPT PLAYERS & EXEMPTION CRITERIA**

- **EXEMPT PLAYERS**
  - Greg Baker - 5, 24
  - Peter Barron (a) - 5
  - Nick Bova - 21, 24
  - Michael Brown (a) - 3, 5, 22
  - Mark Costanza (a) - 2, 5, 18, 22
  - Brandon Dalinka (a) - 5
  - Mark DeLaura - 24
  - Bryan Dougherty - 24
  - Frank Esposito, Jr. - 2, 4, 21, 24
  - Gregory Farrow - 1
  - Pat Fillian - 4, 5, 21, 24
  - Brian Gaffney - 4, 5, 24
  - Nick Bova - 21
  - Sam Goldenring - 5
  - Peter Kozubal (a) - 14
  - Lou Kubisa - 24
  - Davis Weil (a) - 5
  - Troy Vannucci (a) - 5
  - Grant Sturgeon - 11, 21, 24
  - Troy Vannucci (a) - 5
  - David Quinn - 5, 23
  - Trevor Randolph (a) - 5
  - Tony Santillo - 27
  - Craig Smith - 21
  - Michael Stamberger (a) - 3, 5
  - John Meyers (a) - 5
  - James Mongey (a) - 28
  - Mike Muehr (a) - 29
  - Trent Paladino - 24
  - Tony Perla - 5, 21, 24
  - Paul Poindl - 21
  - Brent Paladino - 24
  - Tony Santillo - 27
  - Cam Smith - 21
  - Mike Stavern - 11, 21, 24
  - Marc Issler - 2, 24
  - Sam Kang - 4, 24
  - Louis Kelly - 5
  - Davis Weil (a) - 5

- **EXEMPTION CRITERIA**
  - 1. Champions of the NJSGA Open Championship from 1921-2007.*
  - 2. Champions of the previous ten NJSGA Open Championships (2011-2020).*
  - 5. Low 25 finishers (plus ties) from the 2020 NJPSGA Open Championship.
  - 6. The 2020 Champion of the NJPSGA Senior Amateur Championship.
  - 7. The 2020 Champions of the:
    - a. MGA Amateur (Match Play)
    - b. MGA Open Championship.
  - 8. The 2020 Champion of the GAP Patterson Cup (Stroke Play).
  - 10. The 2020 Champion of the NJPSGA Senior Championship.
  - 11. The 2020 Champion of the NJPSGA Fall Finale.
  - 12. The 2020 Champion of the NJPGA Senior Match Play Championship.
  - 13. The 2021 Champion of the NJPSGA Mid-Amateur Championship.
  - 14. The 2021 Champion of the NJPSGA / NJPGA Senior Open Championship.
  - 15. The 2021 Champion of the NJPSGA Match Play Championship.
  - 16. The 2021 Champion of the NJPSGA Charity Clambake.
  - 17. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Head Professional Championship.
  - 18. The 2021 Champion of the MGA Ike (Stroke Play) Championship.
  - 20. The 2021 Champion of the GAP Open Championship.
  - 21. NJPSGA member club professionals who qualify for the 2021 National Club Professionals Championship via their finish in their respective 2020 PGA Section Championship.
  - 22. The top five from the 2020 NJPSGA Player of the Year Points List.
  - 23. Philadelphia PGA Section Professionals who are employed full time as a golf professional in the State of New Jersey that finished in the top twenty (20) of the final 2020 Philadelphia Section Player of the Year Points List.
  - 24. The reigning Club Champion of Spring Brook Country Club, or the club’s designee.
  - 25. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Head Professional Championship.
  - 26. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Match Play Championship.
  - 27. The 2021 Champion of the NJPGA Open Championship.
  - 29. Special Invitee of the NJPGA Committee.

* - Beginning with the 2008 Open Championship, the Champion was granted a ten year exemption from qualifying. This replaces the former lifetime exemption granted to Champions between 1900 – 2007. All Champions during this time period retain their lifetime exemption status, as per conditions present during those years.
### THE FIELD — QUALIFYING PLAYERS

#### QUALIFIER 1:
**Little Mill Country Club**
Marlton, N.J.
June 23, 2021
(6,841 yards, par 72)
- Tyler Lee (a), Ridgewood CC, 70 (-2)
- Thomas Lee (a), NJSGA E-Club, 70 (-2)
- Pat Wilson (a), Hamilton Farm GC, 71 (-1)
- Keith Prokop, White Beeches G & CC, 73 (+1)
- Patrick Ryan (a), Essex County CC, 73 (+1)
- Jack Sterbenz (a), Little Mill CC, 73 (+1)
- Daniel Buzgon (a), Little Mill CC, 74 (+2)
- Anthony King, Liberty National GC, 74 (+2)
- Tom Collins (a), Essex County CC, 74 (+2)
- Carter Nunez (a), NJSGA E-Club, 74 (+2)

#### QUALIFIER 2:
**Lake Mohawk Golf Club**
Sparta, N.J.
June 28, 2021
(6,298 yards, par 70)
- Max O'Hagan (a), NJSGA E-Club, 68 (-2)
- Nicholas Taylor (a), Navesink CC, 70 (E)
- Tyler Galantini (a), Montclair GC, 72 (+2)
- Matthew Scozzari (a), Hawk Pointe GC, 72 (+2)
- Niall Handley (a), Knoll GC, 72 (+2)
- Joe Gothmann, Anchor Golf Center, 73 (+3)
- Al Tenembaum (a), Rockland Country Club, 74 (+4)
- Christoff Eils, Mountain Ridge CC, 75 (+5)
- Andrew Choi (a), Rockleigh GC, 75 (+5)
- Gus Steiger (a), Newton CC, 75 (+5)

#### QUALIFIER 3:
**Watchung Valley Golf Club**
Watchung, N.J.
June 29, 2021
(6,597 yards, par 72)
- Marshall Bailey, Battleground CC, 72 (+2)
- Jake Morales, Edgewood Country Club, 72 (+1)
- Johnny Bush (a), Plainfield Country Club, 71 (E)
- Lowell Miller, Rockaway River CC, 72 (E)
- Devon Moore, Watchung Valley GC, 73 (+1)
- Steve Shellock, Suneagles GC, 71 (-1)
- Robert Fenton, The Bedens Brook Club, 72 (+2)
- Marshall Bailey, Battleground CC, 72 (+2)

#### QUALIFIER 4:
**Forsgate Country Club**
Möven, N.J.
July 1, 2021
(6,659 yards, par 71)
- Brett Inserro (a), NJSGA E-Club, 67 (+4)
- Barry Dear, Blue Heron Pines, 71 (E)
- Zachary Brown (a), NJSGA E-Club, 71 (E)
- William O'Neill (a), Spring Brook CC, 71 (E)
- Elliot Parker (a), Suburban GC, 71 (E)
- Stephen Wentz (a), Baltusrol GC, 72 (+1)
- Mac Bredahl (a), Fairmont CC, 72 (+1)
- Steven Tarasaka, The Ridgewood CC, 72 (+1)
- Brennan Haley (a), Echo Lake CC, 72 (+1)
- Shane Quinn (a), New Jersey National GC, 72 (+1)
- Garrett Carpenter, Canoe Brook CC, 72 (+1)
- Michael McCrone (a), Stanton Ridge G & CC, 72 (+1)

#### QUALIFIER 5:
**Forsgate Country Club**
Möven, N.J.
July 7, 2021
(6,659 yards, par 71)
- Lowell Miller, Rockaway River CC, 70 (-1)
- Johnny Bush (a), Plainfield Country Club, 71 (E)
- Don McCabe, Plainfield Country Club, 72 (+1)
- Jake Morales, Edgewood Country Club, 72 (+1)
- Jefferey Cai (a), TPC Jasna Polana, 72 (+3)
- Robert Fenton, The Bedens Brook Club, 73 (+2)
- Marshall Bailey, Battleground CC, 72 (+2)

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