History & Honour Roll –
Australian Men's Stroke Play and Amateur Championship

History

In 1894 the Melbourne Golf Club (later known as the Royal Melbourne Golf Club) began holding an annual event known as the Victorian Golf Cup, held at the Lions of Caulfield. The 1894 event was played on 5, 7 and 9 November and was won by Louis Whyte, playing off a handicap of 6, with two woods, three lofting irons and a putter.

After the formation of the Australian Golf Union (AGU) in 1898, the Victorian Golf Cup became the Amateur Championship of Australia and was held under the AGU's auspices. Winners of the Victorian Golf Cup were recognised officially to be Australian Amateur Champions.

Currently, the original Victorian Golf Cup trophy is awarded to the winner of the Victorian Amateur Championship.

In 1906 the first 16 amateurs in the Open Competition played off for the Amateur Championship of Australia. The competition format was match play, each match being played over 18-holes up until the semi-finals and finals, which were played over 36-holes.

In that year the first prize for the Championship was a gold medal and such trophy as may be provided by the AGU. Second prize was a trophy valued at two pounds and two shillings.

In 1921, the Challenge Cup, presented by The Right Honourable Lord Forster, was awarded to the Australian Amateur Champion.

In the early post World War II years there were no qualifying rounds, and all entrants played match play. In 1948, 149 players competed in the event.

From 1959 to 1995 the format was 36-holes stroke play qualifying, followed by match play for the top 64 players. In 1971 the field was reduced to 32 players for the match play rounds.

From 1996 until 2011 the qualifying rounds were played over 72-holes. In 2012, qualifying rounds reduced to 36-holes, with the leading 64 players qualifying for the match play rounds.

In 2007, the formation of Golf Australia (the amalgamation of the AGU and Women's Golf Australia) led to the Australian Men's Amateur Championship being played at the same venue and time as the Australian Women's Amateur Championship.

The Ross Herbert National and International Teams Trophies were introduced in 2006 (initially in conjunction with the Australian Women's Stroke Play). They were not played in 2007 or 2008, but were reintroduced in 2009, where from that point on, the teams comprised two men and two women and are played in conjunction with the qualifying rounds of the Australian Amateur Championships.

Honour Roll & Venue – Australian Men's Amateur

Year	Champion	Venue	Score
2020	J Morgan (QLD)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	5/3
2019	C Purcell (IRE)	Woodlands GC, VIC	37th
2018	K Nakajima (JPN)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	4/3
2017	M Sanchez (VIC)	Yarra Yarra GC, VIC	1up
2016	C Syme (SCO)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	3/2
2015	C H Davis (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	37th
2014	T Koh (NZL)	The Grange GC (East), SA	6/5
2013	C Smith (QLD)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	3/2
2012	M Schneider (GER)	Woodlands GC, VIC	37th
2011	M Stieger (NSW)	The Victoria GC, VIC	1up
2010	M Jager (WA)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	8/7
2009	S Arnold (NSW)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	3/1
2008	A Kristiansen (NOR)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	7/6
2007	R Blizard (NSW)	New South Wales GC, NSW	3/2
2006	T A Stewart (NSW)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	1 up
2005	E T Ramsay (Sco)	Royal Melbourne (West) GC, VIC	6/5
2004	A D Martin (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2/1
2003	J Doherty (Sco)	Mount Lawley GC, WA	5/4
2002	K Barnes (NSW)	Indooroopilly GC(West), QLD	2/1
2001	A N Buckle (QLD)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	7/6
2000	B P Lamb (VIC)	Tasmania GC, TAS	2 up
1999	B M Jones (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	2/1
1998	B M Rumford (WA)	Grange GC, SA	1 up
1997	K Felton (WA)	Lake Karrinyup CC WA	8/7
1996	D C Gleeson (QLD)	Brisbane GC, QLD	1 up
1995	M C Goggin (TAS)	Huntingdale GC, VIC	3/2
1994	W Bennett (Eng)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2/1
1993	G J Chalmers (WA)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	6/5
1992	M S Campbell (NZ)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	4/3
1991	L J K Parsons (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup CC WA	2/1
1990	C D Gray (WA)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	3/2
1989	S J Conran (NSW)	Victoria GC, VIC	2 up
1988	S N Bouvier (QLD)	Royal Canberra GC, ACT	2/1
1987	B Johns (TAS)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	3/2

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1986	D J Ecob (NSW)	Glenelg GC, SA	37th
1985	B Ruangkit (Thai)	Royal Perth GC, WA	2/1
1984	B P King (WA)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	1 up
1983	W J Smith (WA)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	37th
1982	E M Couper (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	8/6
1981	O D Moore (QLD)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	8/7
1980	R J Mackay (WA)	Tasmania GC, TAS	3/1
1979	J A Kelly (VIC)	Royal Perth GC, WA	37th
1978	M A Clayton (VIC	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	1 up
1977	A Y Gresham (NSW)	Victoria GC, VIC	40th
1976	P J Sweeney (VIC)	New South Wales GC, NSW	5/4
1975	C S Bonython (SA)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	1 up
1974	T R Gale (WA)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	8/7
1973	R A Jenner (VIC)	Lake Karrinyup CC WA	4/2
1972	C R Kaye (NSW)	Gailes GC, QLD	37th
1971	G R Hicks (VIC)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	5/4
1970	P A Bennett (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	2 up
1969	R A Shearer (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	6/5
1968	R E Stott (TAS)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	3/1
1967	J A Muller (WA)	Royal Perth GC, WA	1 up
1966	W J Britten (VIC)	Brisbane GC, QLD	2/1
1965	K L Donohoe (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	4/2
1964	B J Baker (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	2/1
1963	J O Hayes (SAf)	Kingston Heath GC, VIC	8/7
1962	D W Bachli (VIC)	Kooyonga GC, VIC	7/6
1961	T L Crow (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	3/2
1960	E A Ball (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup GC, WA	5/4
1959	B W Devlin (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2 up
1958	K W Hartley (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	39th
1957	B W Warren (NSW	Commonwealth GC, VIC	3/1
1956	H W Berwick (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	1 up
1955	J N Rayner (QLD)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	4/2
1954	P A Toogood (TAS)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	5/4
1953	P F Heard (NSW)	New South Wales GC, NSW	8/7
1952	R F Stevens (SA)	Lake Karrinyup CC WA	7/6
1951	P F Heard (NSW	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	4/3

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1950	H W Berwick (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	4/3
1949	W D Ackland-Horman (SA)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	38th
1948	D W Bachli (VIC)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	7/6
1947	H W Hattersley (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	1 up
1946	A N Waterson (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2/1
1940-45	Not Played		
1939	J B Ferrier (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	6/5
1938	J B Ferrier (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	8/6
1937	H L Williams (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	1 up
1936	J B Ferrier (NSW)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	9/8
1935	J B Ferrier (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2/1
1934	T S McKay (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	5/4
1933	W L Hope (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Black Rock VIC	6/5
1932	R H B Bettington (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2/1
1931	H L Williams (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	3/2
1930	H W Hattersley (NSW)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	3/1
1929	M J Ryan (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2/1
1928	L Nettlefold (TAS)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	4/2
1927	W S Nankivell (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Sandringham VIC	38th
1926	L Nettlefold (TAS)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2 up
1925	H R Sinclair (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	12/10
1924	H R Sinclair (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, Sandringham VIC	2/1
1923	I H Whitton (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	3/2
1922	I H Whitton (VIC)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	3/2
1921	C L Winser (SA)	Royal Melbourne GC, Sandringham VIC	6/5
1920	E L Apperly (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	4/3
1914-19	Not Played		
1913	A R Lempriere (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	2/1
1912	H D Morrison (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	3/1
1911	J D Howden (VIC)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	4/3
1910	Hon. M Scott (VIC)	Adelaide GC, SA	10/8
1909	Hon. M Scott (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Sandringham VIC	37th
1908	C Pearce (TAS)	The Australian GC, Kensington NSW	10/8
1907	Hon. M Scott (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Sandringham VIC	318
1906	E A Gill (QLD)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	5/4
1905	Hon. M Scott (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Sandringham VIC	347

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1904	J D Howden (VIC)	The Australian GC, Botany NSW	3/2
1903	D G Soutar (NSW)	Adelaide GC, SA	3/1
1902	H C Macneil (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	
1901	H A Howden (VIC)	The Australian GC, Botany NSW	352
1900	L A Whyte (VIC)	Adelaide GC, SA	382
1899	C E S Gillies (NZ)	Sydney GC, Bondi NSW	314
1898	H A Howden (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Caulfield VIC	360
1897	H A Howden (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Caulfield VIC	348
1896	H A Howden (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, Caulfield VIC	1 up
1895	R A A Balfour-Melville (VIC)	Melbourne GC, Caulfield VIC	
1894	L A Whyte (VIC)	Melbourne GC, Caulfield VIC	6 down

Honour Roll & Venue – Australian Men's 72-Hole Stroke Play (Medal)

Note: from 1996 to 2011 the event was played over 72-holes

Year	Champion	Venue	Score
2019	D Micheluzzi (VIC)	Woodlands GC & Spring Valley GC	127
2018	C McKinney (WA) & Darcy Boyd (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup & Wanneroo GC, WA	135
2017	K Yuan (NSW)	Yarra Yarra & Peninsula-Kingswood GCs, VIC	138
2016	C Pilon (QLD)	Metropolitan & Peninsula-Kingswood GCs, VIC	138
2015	N Marsh (GBR)	The Australian & The Lakes GCs, NSW	136
2014	R Evans (GBR)	The Grange GC, SA (East & West Course)	135
2013	B Watt (WA)	Commonwealth & Woodlands GC, Vic	136
2012	C Smith (Qld)	Woodlands & Huntingdale GC, Vic	141
2011	C Smith (Qld)	Victoria & Woodlands GC, Vic	275
2010	M Jager (WA)	Lake Karrinyup & Mount Lawley GC, WA	276
2009	B MacPherson (VIC)	Royal Queensland & Virginia GC, QLD	280
2008	D Willett (ENG)	Royal Adelaide & Grange (East) GC, SA	285
2007	A Dodt (QLD)	New South Wales GC, NSW	276
2006	J Day (QLD)	Royal Hobart GC & Tasmania GC, TAS	275
2005	S Kang (KOR)	Royal Melbourne GC & Woodlands GC, VIC	273
2004	B Iles (NZ)	Royal Adelaide GC & Glenelg GC, SA	282
2003	M Brown (NSW)	Mount Lawley GC & Royal Perth GC, WA	280
2002	A Buckle (QLD)	Indooroopilly GC (East & West), QLD	277
2001	S Bowditch (QLD)	Metropolitan GC & Kingston Heath GC, VIC	283
2000	W Dews (NSW)	Tasmania GC & Royal Hobart GC, TAS	287
1999	B Bone (TAS) & B Jones (NSW)	The Australian GC & The Lakes GC, NSW	288

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1998	K Felton (WA)	Grange GC (East & West), SA	284
1997	D Gaunt (VIC) & T Pilkadaris (WA)	Lake Karrinyup CC & Cottesloe GC, WA	281
1996	J Crow (VIC)	Brisbane GC & Indooroopilly GC, QLD	279
1995	D Anderson (NSW) & M Wheelhouse (NZ)	Huntingdale & Metropolitan, VIC	142
1994	J Dawes (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC & The Australian GC, NSW	142
1993	S Collins (WA) & A Toogood	Royal Hobart GC & Tasmania GC, TAS	138
1992	S Leaney (WA)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	138
1991	L Parsons (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	140
1990	S Tait	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	140
1989	T Mills & J Wade	Victoria GC & Keysborough GC, VIC	145
1988	J Wade & R Willis	Royal Canberra GC & Yowani CC, ACT	145
1987	G Joyner	Royal Hobart GC & Tasmania GC, TAS	145
1986	C Warren	Kooyonga GC & Glenelg GC, SA	142
1985	B Ogle	Royal Perth GC, WA	138
1984	J Hay	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	147
1983	W Smith	Commonwealth GC, VIC	142
1982	W Smith & I Hood	The Australian GC, NSW	149
1981	A Gresham	Royal Adelaide GC, NSW	146
1980	C Kaye	Tasmania GC, TAS	145
1979	C Kaye	Royal Perth GC, WA	144
1978	E Booth	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	146
1977	A Gresham & C Kaye	Victoria GC, VIC	143
1976	C Bonython, B Cook, D Witham & P Sweeney	New South Wales GC, NSW	148
1975	A Gresham	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	140
1974	T Gale & E Booth	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	142
1973	P Headland	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	140
1972	K Drage, C Kaye & S Mackay	Gailes GC, QLD	144
1971	M Cahill	Metropolitan GC, VIC	142
1970	B Warren	The Australian GC, NSW	143
1969	D Good	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	141
1968	B Burgess, D Grant & R Shearer	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	142
1967	A Gresham	Royal Perth GC, WA	140
1966	V Bulgin	Brisbane GC, QLD	143
1965	K Hartley	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	140
1964	N Bartell	The Australian GC, NSW	143
1963	E Routley & H Berwick	Kingston Heath GC, VIC	144

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1962	A Hutton	Kooyonga GC, SA	147
1961	P Billings	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	139
1960	L O'Shea	Lake Karrinyup GC, WA	141
1959	J Coogan	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	141
1958	J Higson	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	