

History & Honour Roll –

Australian Men's 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.

The 1894 and 1895 events were bogey competitions, decided over 3 rounds. From 1897 to 1902 and in 1905 and 1907 the championship was decided by 72 holes of stroke play.

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.

In 2021, the Australian Amateur changed shape from a stroke-play qualifying into match-play to a 72-hole stroke play 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.

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Note: Australian Amateur changed from stroke-play qualifying & match-play to 72-hole stroke play in 2021.

Year	Champion	Venue	Score
2021	Louis Dobbelaar (QLD)	Kooyonga GC, SA	278 (-10) 69, 72, 68, 70
2020	Jed Morgan (QLD)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	5&3
2019	Conor Purcell (IRE)	Woodlands GC, VIC	37 holes
2018	Keita Nakajima (JPN)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	4&3
2017	Matias Sanchez (VIC)	Yarra Yarra GC, VIC	1up
2016	Connor Syme (SCO)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	3&2
2015	Cameron Davis (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	37 holes
2014	Tae Koh (NZL)	The Grange GC (East), SA	6&5
2013	Cameron Smith (QLD)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	3&2
2012	Marcel Schneider (GER)	Woodlands GC, VIC	37 holes
2011	Matthew Stieger (NSW)	The Victoria GC, VIC	1 up
2010	Matthew Jager (WA)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	8&7
2009	Scott Arnold (NSW)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	3&1
2008	Anders Kristiansen (NOR)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	7&6
2007	Rohan Blizzard (NSW)	New South Wales GC, NSW	3&2
2006	Timothy Stewart (NSW)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	1 up
2005	Eric Ramsay (SCO)	Royal Melbourne GC (West), VIC	6&5
2004	Andrew Martin (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2&1
2003	Jack Doherty (SCO)	Mount Lawley GC, WA	5&4
2002	Kurt Barnes (NSW)	Indooroopilly GC (West), QLD	2&1
2001	Andrew Buckle (QLD)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	7&6
2000	Bradley Lamb (VIC)	Tasmania GC, TAS	2 up
1999	Brendan Jones (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	2&1
1998	Brett Rumford (WA)	Grange GC, SA	1 up
1997	Kim Felton (WA)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	8&7
1996	David Gleeson (QLD)	Brisbane GC, QLD	1 up
1995	Mathew Goggin (TAS)	Huntingdale GC, VIC	3&2
1994	Warren Bennett (ENG)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2&1
1993	Greg Chalmers (WA)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	6&5
1992	Michael Campbell (NZ)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	4&3



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1991	Lucas Parsons (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	2&1
1990	Chris Gray (WA)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	3&2
1989	Steven Conran (NSW)	Victoria GC, VIC	2 up
1988	Stuart Bouvier (QLD)	Royal Canberra GC, ACT	2&1
1987	Brett Johns (TAS)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	3&2
1986	David Ecob (NSW)	Glenelg GC, SA	37 hokes
1985	Boonchu Ruangkit (Thai)	Royal Perth GC, WA	2&1
1984	Brad King (WA)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	1 up
1983	Wayne Smith (WA)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	37 holes
1982	Eric Couper (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	8&6
1981	Ossie Moore (QLD)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	8&7
1980	Roger Mackay (WA)	Tasmania GC, TAS	3&1
1979	John Kelly (VIC)	Royal Perth GC, WA	37 holes
1978	Michael Clayton (VIC)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	1 up
1977	Anthony Gresham (NSW)	Victoria GC, VIC	40 holes
1976	Peter Sweeney (VIC)	New South Wales GC, NSW	5&4
1975	Chris Bonython (SA)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	1 up
1974	Terry Gale (WA)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	8&7
1973	Ray Jenner (VIC)	Lake Karrinyup CC,, WA	4&2
1972	Colin Kaye (NSW)	Gailes GC, QLD	37 th
1971	Randall Hicks (VIC)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	5&4
1970	Peter Bennett (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	2 up
1969	Robert Shearer (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	6&5
1968	Roy Stott (TAS)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	3&1
1967	John Muller (WA)	Royal Perth GC, WA	1 up
1966	William Britten (VIC)	Brisbane GC, QLD	2&1
1965	Kevin Donohoe (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	4&2
1964	Barrie Baker (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	2&1
1963	John Hayes (SAf)	Kingston Heath GC, VIC	8&7
1962	Doug Bachli (VIC)	Kooyonga GC, SA	7&6
1961	Tom Crow (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	3&2
1960	Edward Ball (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup GC, WA	5&4
1959	Bruce Devlin (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2 up
1958	Kevin Hartley (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	39 holes
1957	Barry Warren (NSW)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	3&1
1956	Harry Berwick (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	1 up



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1955	Jack Rayner (QLD)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	4&2
1954	Peter Toogood (TAS)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	5&4
1953	Peter Heard (NSW)	New South Wales GC, NSW	8&7
1952	Robert Stevens (SA)	Lake Karrinyup CC WA	7&6
1951	Peter Heard (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	4&3
1950	Harry Berwick (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	4&3
1949	William Ackland-Horman (SA)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	38 holes
1948	Doug Bachli (VIC)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	7&6
1947	Harry Hattersley (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	1 up
1946	Alan Waterson (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2&1
1940-45	Not Played		
1939	Jim Ferrier (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	6&5
1938	Jim Ferrier (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	8&6
1937	Harry Williams (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	1 up
1936	Jim Ferrier (NSW)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	9&8
1935	Jim Ferrier (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2&1
1934	Tom McKay (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	5&4
1933	William Hope (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	6&5
1932	Reg Bettington (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2&1
1931	Harry Williams (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	3&2
1930	Harry Hattersley (NSW)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	3&1
1929	Michael Ryan (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2&1
1928	Len Nettlefold (TAS)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	4&2
1927	William Nankivell (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	38 holes
1926	Len Nettlefold (TAS)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	2 up
1925	Harry Sinclair (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	12&10
1924	Harry Sinclair (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	2&1
1923	Ivo Whitton (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	3&2
1922	Ivo Whitton (VIC)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	3&2
1921	Legh Winser (SA)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	6&5
1920	Eric Apperly (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	4&3
1914-19	Not Played		
1913	Audley Lempriere (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	2&1
1912	Hector Morrison (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	3&1
1911	Jim Howden (VIC)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	4&3
1910	Hon. Michael Scott (VIC)	Adelaide GC, SA	10&8



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1909	Hon. Michael Scott (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	37 holes
1908	Clyde Pearce (TAS)	The Australian GC, NSW	10&8
1907	Hon. Michael Scott (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	318
1906	Ernest Gill (QLD)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	5&4
1905	Hon. Michael Scott (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	347
1904	Jim Howden (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	3&2
1903	Dan Soutar (NSW)	Adelaide GC, SA	3&1
1902	Hugh MacNeil (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	328
1901	Harry Howden (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	352
1900	Louis Whyte (VIC)	Adelaide GC, SA	382
1899	Charles Gillies (NZ)	Sydney GC, NSW	314
1898	Harry Howden (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	360
1897	Harry Howden (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	348
1896	Harry Howden (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	1 up
1895	Robert Balfour-Melville (VIC)	Melbourne GC, VIC	
1894	Louis Whyte (VIC)	Melbourne GC, VIC	6 down

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

Note: from 1996 to 2011 the event was played over 72-holes. Australian Amateur changed to 72-hole stroke play in 2021.

Year	Champion	Venue	Score
2020	A Lautee (VIC)	Royal Queensland GC & Brisbane GC, QLD	134
2019	D Micheluzzi (VIC)	Woodlands GC & Spring Valley GC, VIC	127
2018	C McKinney (WA) & D 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



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Year	Champion	Venue	Score
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
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



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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
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	