

2025 STATE OPEN OF VIRGINIA



July 18-20



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KEY FACTS

FORMAT: 54 holes of stroke play, with the field cut to the low 60 players and ties for Sunday's third and final round.

STARTING TIMES: From 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. off holes #1 and #10 Friday and Saturday. From 7:30 a.m.-TBD off holes #1 and #10 on Sunday.

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CLUB PERSONNEL: Giff Breed (president); Cal Williams (director of golf); Dan Taylor (director of agronomy); Megan Kidd (director of dining and events)

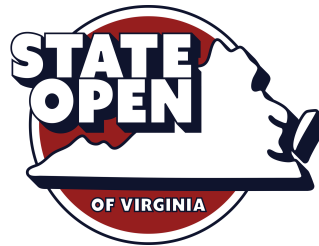
COURSE OPENED: 2001

STATE OPENS HOSTED: 12 (2007-13; 2021-25)

ABOUT INDEPENDENCE

Simply put, Independence has become synonymous with State Open golf in Virginia. The club is hosting its 12th State Open, was the site for the first two Women's Opens of Virginia and will host the Senior Open of Virginia for the sixth time this September. Opened in 2001 and renovated by Lester George in 2014, Independence is centrally located just west of Richmond and is regarded as one of the top daily-fee courses in Virginia. It also features a 9-hole short course, The Bear.

ABOUT THE STATE OPEN OF VIRGINIA



The State Open of Virginia is conducted jointly by the Virginia State Golf Association and Middle Atlantic PGA. and features a field of 144 players, split evenly between amateurs and professionals. After a run of seven straight wins by pros, amateurs have won five of the last six Opens.

LIVE STREAMING FOR ROUNDS 2 & 3



The VSGA and Middle Atlantic PGA are proud to partner with College Golf Network (CGN) to provide live streaming of the second and third rounds. Join Kendall Lewis (pxp) and Mike Morrone, PGA (color) for four hours of streaming coverage beginning at approximately 3:10 p.m. on Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The stream is presented by Richmond Region Tourism.

[Streaming Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kuurzuj5F3s>

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RECENT WINNERS



2024: INDEPENDENCE GC

a-Logan Reilly (Lovettsville)
65-69-67--201*

*won with birdie on 1st playoff hole



2023: INDEPENDENCE GC

Connor Burgess (Richmond)
70-67-66--203



2022: INDEPENDENCE GC

a-Nick Taliaferro (Midlothian)
65-66-72--203



2021: INDEPENDENCE GC

a-Evan Beck (Virginia Beach)
66-67-68--201



2020: BALLYHACK GC

a-Mark Lawrence Jr. (Richmond)
63-68-69--200



2019: BALLYHACK GC

a-Jack Montague (Manakin Sabot)
74-66-66--206*

*won with a par on 1st playoff hole



2018: BALLYHACK GC

Fielding Brewbaker (Salem)
69-67-68--204



2017: BALLYHACK GC

Ryan Zylstra (Glen Allen)
72-68-66--206

FIELD NOTES

- The State Open of Virginia has been a tight affair since returning to Independence after a seven-year run at Ballyhack Golf Club in Roanoke. The last four championships have been decided by one stroke or in a playoff, as was the case last year when amateur **Logan Reilly** bested four-time winner **Jay Woodson** by sinking a 30-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole.
- Reilly is not in the field to defend his title this year.
- Liam Maclauchlan** became just the second 16-year-old in history to win the VSGA Amateur Championship, topping **Justin Young** 1 up at Birdwood Golf at Boar's Head Resort in June. Maclauchlan is one of 12 junior golfers in the field.
- Young, 47, is a three-time State Open runner-up, with all three second-place finishes coming at Ballyhack. He's also a past winner of the VSGA Mid-Amateur Championship.
- 2020 State Open champion **Mark Lawrence Jr.**, a two-time winner of the VSGA Amateur before turning pro, has made four Korn Ferry Tour starts this season with three cuts made. He finished inside the top 25 in each of his three made cuts. He was low professional at the State Open in 2021 and 2022 and runner-up in 2021.
- Larkin Gross** and **Rupe Taylor** both played in the 2025 PGA Championship at Quail Hollow in Charlotte. Gross made his third appearance in the event, Taylor his first.
- Low rounds are out there at Independence. **Bryce Corbett** (2021) and Woodson (2024) have each posted rounds of 9-under 62 to tie the competitive course record.
- There are three set of brothers in the field: **Quint** and **Talon Dingleline**, **Drew** and **John Carlin**, and **David** and **Chris Zhang**.
- There are three players in their 60s in the field, each of them a past champion: **Roger Newsom**, **Rick Schuller**, and **Craig Gunn**.
- Past VSGA Amateur champions in the field include Lawrence, **Ross Funderburke**, **Joey Lane**, **Scott Shingler**, and Woodson. Shingler is the only one that has remained an amateur since his victory.
- Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville is the most represented VSGA club in the field, with three amateurs (**Preston Burton**, **George Ordway**, and **Brian O'Dea**) and one professional (**Dustin Moser**) representing the club.
- There are three Division I men's golf coaches in the field: **Tim Pemberton** (William & Mary), **Greg Pieczynski** (George Mason) and **Mike Larkin** (Towson).
- Only one player in the top 10 last year recorded an over-par round: Gross, who shot a 1-over 72 in the first round but finished 10th.

INDEPENDENCE GC SCORECARD

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Par	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	35
Yards	460	490	415	585	390	400	195	480	200	3615
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	35	70
350	155	440	440	180	360	460	625	465	3475	7090

Yardages are tentative and subject to change by the committee.

PAST CHAMPIONS IN FIELD

Connor Burgess (2023)
 Nick Taliaferro (2022)*
 Mark Lawrence Jr. (2020)**
 Ryan Zylstra (2017)
 Jay Woodson (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016)
 Roger Newsom (2008, 2011)*
 Rick Schuller (1998)
 Craig Gunn (1992)
 *-won as an amateur
 **-won as an amateur, now professional