

Transvaal Amateur Championship (Northern Amateur Championship)

History of the event



This championship, the 3rd oldest in South African golfing history after the SA Amateur (1892) and the SA Open Championship (1893) and was first played for in 1895.

The first winner of the tournament was D G Proudfoot who also won the SA Amateur every year from 1893 up to 1899. This tournament is full of history and was described by Basil Keartland President of the Transvaal Golf Union as one of the most difficult tournaments to win.

Jimmy Boyd one of the great South African amateur golfers only won this tournament for the first time after being beaten in 1937 by Bobby Locke and in 1938 by F Bodmer winning in 1948 and 1949, and again in 1950 when he beat Basil Keartland 1 up. Keartland took revenge in beating Arthur Walker in 1952.

Other well-known amateurs who won this tournament over the years are Steve Boshoff, Bob Williams, Jannie Le Roux, Reg Taylor, Neville Clarke and David Stratton. Dale Hayes, Mark McNulty and Retief Goosen were winners who later excelled in the professional game. More recently Garrick Higgs, the winner in 2016 has gone on to become a multiple professional winner.

The Lionel Phillips Trophy was donated in 1909 and all the winners from 1895 are engraved on this magnificent trophy.

The first winner of the trophy was T.J. Graham who won it at Potchefstroom Golf Club. The entrance fee was 5 shillings.

Hereunder is the full history of the Tournament.

1895 D G Proudfoot – Jhb	1927 AH Matthews - Jhb	1964 DH Symons – Glendower	1996 M Maritz – Wingate
1896 JH Blackwell – Jhb	1928 AH Matthews – Parkview	1965 RC Williams – ERPM	1997 U VD Berg – Randpark
1897 H Fraser – Jhb	1926 FJ Oliver – Houghton	1966 A Walker – Wanderers	1998 R Oosthuizen – Kensington
1898 TC Alison – Jhb	1930 FA Price – Kensington	1967 J Fourie- Zwartkop	1999 J VD Merwe – Glenvista
1899 No Tournament	1931 AH Matthews – Parkview	1968 RC Williams – Germiston	2000 M McDermott – Glenvista
1900 No Tournament	1932 Dr LI Braun – Royal Jhb	1969 D Hayes – Springs	2001 Thomas Aiken - Royal Jhb & Ken
1901 JR Southey – Jhb	1933 JW Verwey – ERPM	1970 K Kemp - Bryanston	2002 Albert Kruger - Modderfontein
1902 GH Findlay – Jhb	1934 H Lyddon	1971 W Berry Kyalami	2003 Ross Wellington – Glenvista
1903 FH Mitchell – Jhb	1935 A D Locke – Killarney	1972 K Kemp – Parkview	2004 Patrick Spindler - Modderfontein
1904 TC Alison – Jhb	1936 S Boshoff – Kensington	1973 K Suddards – Royal Jhb	2005 Josh Cunliffe - Modderfontein
1905 KCV Nicholson – Jhb	1937 AD Locke – Royal Jhb	1974 R Stewart – Glendower	2006 George Coetzee - Modderfontein

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1906 JR Southey – Jhb	1938 FMB Bodmer – Houghton	1975 E Hart – Pretoria	2007 Wynand Dingle - Modderfontein
1907 HD Crozier – Jhb	1939 S Boshoff – Parkview	1976 M McNulty – Wanderers	2008 Derek Ferreira - Modderfontein
1908 J Rolland – Jhb	1940 – 1945 No Tournaments	1977 M McCann – ERPM	2009 Nicol van Wyk - Randpark
1909 TJ Grahame – Potch	1946 S Boshoff – Germiston	1978 G Levenson – Houghton	2010 Thabo Maseko - Randpark
1910 H Gordon – Potch	1947 RC Anderson – ERPM	1979 G Brown – Germiston	2011 David Law – Randpark
1911 DT Welsh – Heromnere	1948 JR Boyd – Kensington	1980 D Lindsay Smith – Benoni	2012 Aubrey Barnard/Paul Shields – Randpark Firethorn
1912 JAW Prentice – Jhb	1949 JR Boyd – Springs	1981 W Winsnes – Pretoria	2013 Louis Taylor – Randpark Firethorn
1913 TJ Grahame – ERPM	1950 JR Boyd – Royal Jhb	1982 C Davison – Kensington	2014 Tristan Strydom – Royal JK East
1914 TG McLelland – Potch	1951 E Lewis – Parkview	1983 N Clarke – Wingate Park	2015 Teagan Gauche – Randpark Bushwillow
1915 TJ Grahame – Jhb	1952 BT Keartland – Wanderers	1984 W Winsens – Goldfields West	2016 Garrick Higgs – Randpark Firethorn
1916 No Tournament	1953 R Brews – Glendower	1985 H Buhmann – Springs	2017 Jeremy Freiburghaus – Randpark Firethorn
1917 No Tournament	1954 JR Boyd – Reading	1986 M Green – Crown Mines	2018 Andrew Carlsson – Randpark Bushwillow
1918 No Tournament	1955 JG Le Roux – Royal Jhb	1987 I Hutchings – Wingate	2019 Christiaan Burke – CCJ Woodmead
1919 J Andrews – Parkview	1956 JC Le Roux – Kensington	1988 James Kingston – Goldfield	2020 COVID-19
1920 AL Forster – Parkview	1957 A Walker – ERPM	1989 Retief Goosen – Kempton Park	2021 – Yurav Premlall – CCJ Rocklands
1921 CT Elliott – Jhb	1958 RC Williams – Emfuleni	1990 David Stratton – Royal Jhb	2022 – Yurav Premlall – CCJ Rocklands
1922 RL Lowson – Parkview	1959 JC Le Roux – Houghton	1991 Craig Kamps – Pretoria	2023 – Daniel Bennett – CCJ Rocklands
1923 TG McLelland – Jhb	1960 DH Symons – Pretoria	1992 Callie Swart – Roodepoort	2024 – Dian Kruger – CCJ Rocklands
1924 AL Forster – Kensington	1961 DH Symons – Parkview	1993 Andrew McLardy – Royal Jhb	
1925 TG McLelland – Parkview	1962 RC Taylor – Royal Jhb	1994 Dion Fourie – Benoni Lake	
1926 LW Strachan – ERPM	1963 RC Taylor – Kensington	1995 Andy Bean – Royal Jhb	