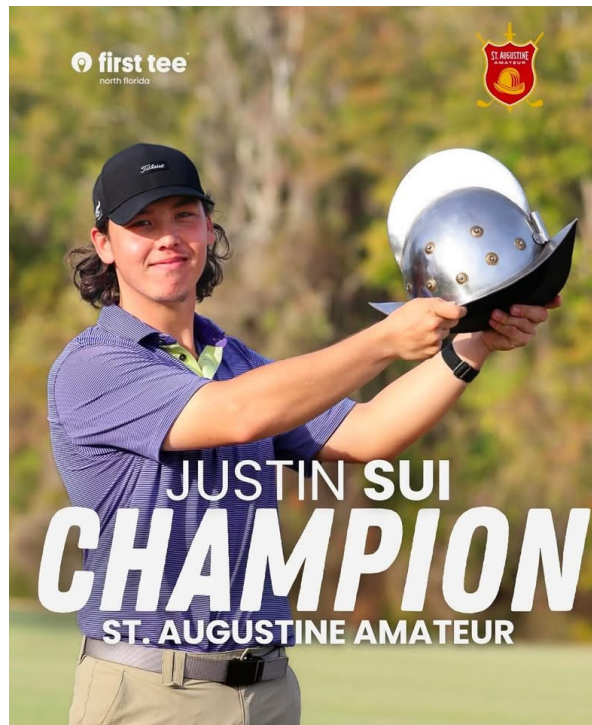




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St. Augustine Amateur Celebrates 20th Year at St. Johns Golf Club December 5-7, 2025

ELKTON, FLORIDA, USA (September 17, 2025) – The St. Augustine Amateur, which began in 2004, will celebrate its 20th playing December 5-7 at the St. Johns Golf Club in southern St. Johns County, Florida, tournament officials announced.

For tournament information, registration details and live scoring (beginning on the first day of competition), go to www.staugustineamateur.com. Registration opened on August 27.

The 54-hole competition resumed in 2023 after a two-year hiatus due to course reconstruction. Last year, Michigan's Justin Sui, age 20, shot a final-round 66 on December 8, 2024, to finish at 10-under par and outduel local favorite Jason Duff by one stroke. That success continued into summer 2025 when Sui, a University of Florida student, won the 104th Golf Association of Michigan Championship in August in Ann Arbor by 12 strokes after opening with a course-record 60. Brody Stevenson, a former Bartram Trail High School golfer and current Florida Gulf Coast University golfer, shot a final-round 65 on December 3, 2023, to finish at 11-under par and win the title by two strokes en route to Atlantic Sun Conference all-freshman honors in 2024.

The St. Johns Golf Club has drawn praise from participants after work was undertaken using “traditional throwback” architectural features instituted by golf course architect Erik Larsen and Director of Golf/General Manager Wes Tucker to develop a unique par-71, 7,009-yard layout. The course reopened in late November 2022, just more than one year before the tournament's resumption.

The new course also offered later dates for the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) event, thereby drawing a higher-ranked field. Prior to 2023, the tournament was played in October. The December

dates going forward move away from fall college golf schedules and are situated in between fall and spring slates to attract more college players.

Net proceeds, generated through sponsorships, will continue to directly benefit First Tee–North Florida, a local youth development organization. In collaboration with this year’s dedicated sponsors, still to be finalized, the 2025 St. Augustine Amateur is expected to generate another \$25,000 plus, increasing the total support to First Tee-North Florida to approximately \$500,000 since 2004.

The maximum 84-player field is expected to include current NCAA Division I college golfers, nationally ranked junior golfers who have committed to play for NCAA Division I programs, elite mid-amateurs and international representation. The age range in 2024 was from 15 to 39. Previous winners have hailed from a variety of locations: the United States, Malaysia, Italy, South Korea, England, Norway and Thailand; Florida, Wisconsin, Indiana, Alabama, Massachusetts and Michigan; and five players who called the Jacksonville and St. Augustine areas home. There are 19 past champions (no repeat champions) since the event started in 2004, led by future PGA Tour players Peter Uihlein (2006), Zach Sucher (2008) and Blayne Barber (2009), Korn Ferry Tour players A.J. Crouch (2011), Jack Maguire (2012) and Sam Anderson (2020), now a local resident and ambassador for the event.

Spectators are welcome to attend the 54-hole tournament Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7. The winner will receive the Conquistador Helmet Trophy, symbolic of St. Augustine’s long history. Morning tee times off both nines (approximately 8:30-10:30 a.m.) will be used during each competitive round, preceded by a Thursday practice round.

Photo: 2024 St. Augustine Amateur champion Justin Sui with the trophy after the December 2024 event.

Photography and video available via request and some may be accessed at www.staugustineamateur.com or www.sjgc.com.

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About the St. Augustine Amateur

In 2004, a dedicated group of golf enthusiasts founded the St. Augustine Amateur. Within two years, the tournament was recognized as a World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) event. Annually, the tournament features an international field of accomplished collegiate, junior, and mid-amateur players. The tournament is open to male amateur golfers who have either met an exemption or applied and been accepted. Net proceeds, generated through sponsorships, directly benefit First Tee–North Florida, a local youth development organization.

More information: www.staugustineamateur.com

Last Year

Justin Sui (Lake Orion, Mich.), age 20, shot a final-round 66 to hold off local favorite Jason Duff (Elkton, Fla./University of North Florida senior) by one stroke. Sui finished at 10-under and Duff at 9-under after a closing 67. Sui and Duff, 23, were tied at 5-under to begin the final round.

Eligibility

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Format

The 54-hole no-cut stroke play competition, scheduled for three days, is held at St. Johns Golf Club each fall. The field will consist of up to 84 players. Morning tee times are assigned off holes 1 and 10. Players are required to walk.

About St. Johns Golf Club

The St. Johns Golf Club is in Elkton, Florida amid the 550-home Cypress Lakes subdivision 2 miles west of Interstate 95 at State Road 207 and 10 miles west of historic downtown St. Augustine, Florida (4900 Cypress Links Blvd., Elkton, Fla., 32033).

St. Johns Golf Club was established from potato farmland as a county-owned facility in 1989 and operated as a 27-hole course for years despite poor conditioning and with nine holes going fallow a decade ago. After weighing whether to sell the land for housing, St. Johns County opted in 2021 to approve funding on an \$8-million renovation to develop an 18-hole course, with the money drawn from recreation impact fees, a transportation trust fund, utility fund, bed tax and general fund. As part of the renovation done by Erik Larsen of Larsen Golf Design, the course concept was reimagined into a traditional layout as would have been designed by C.B. McDonald or Seth Raynor in the early 1900's. The county used some of the excess 80 acres to build a new fire and sheriff's station and establish to-be-determined amenities. Fire Station 11 and the Sheriff's Operation Center opened in early September 2024 right of the 15th tee.

Golf Digest 2023 review: <https://www.golfdigest.com/story/st-johns-public-golf-florida-st-augustine>

More information: www.sjgc.com

St. Augustine Amateur Past Champions

2024 – Justin Sui
2023 – Brody Stevenson
2021-22 – (Course Renovations)
2020 – Sam Anderson
2019 – Ty Gingerich
2018 – U Minn Woon
2017 – Giulio Castagnara
2016 – Brandon Mancheno
2015 – James Yoon
2014 – Edward Richardson
2013 – Andres Halvorsen
2012 – Jack Maguire
2011 – AJ Crouch
2010 – Christopher Bray
2009 – Blayne Barber
2008 – Zack Sucher
2007 – Danny Evelyn
2006 – Peter Uihlein
2005 – Arnond Vongvanij
2004 – Tyler Brown