



**Reading**  
Country Club

## RCC Nelson Cup Club Champions

Here are Reading Country Club's champion golfers. Details for some years were not found in the newspaper or available elsewhere.

The Nelson Cup honors Byron Nelson, RCC's head golf professional in 1937, '38 and '39. In his RCC tenure, Lord Byron won the Masters (1937) and the U.S. Open (1939).

- 1924** Ernest J. Poole, Jr. defeated Harry Maurer (detail not found)
- 1925** Harry Maurer defeated Ray Dengler, 8 and 7 (36 holes – first championship played on the 18-hole course)
- 1926** Not found
- 1927** Not found
- 1928** Billy Bair (details not found)
- 1929** Not found
- 1930** Fred Krug (detail not found)
- 1931** John Rader, Jr. (detail not found)
- 1932** John Rader, Jr. defeated Dick Hoffer, 4 and 3
- 1933** Fred Krug defeated Howard Kachel, 8 and 6 (36 holes)
- 1934** Dick Hoffer defeated Barney Ollivierre, 10 and 9 (36 holes)
- 1935** Billy Eben (age 16) defeated Larry O'Connor, 1 up (36 holes)
- 1936** Billy Bair defeated Earle Biehl, 2 and 1 (36 holes)
- 1937** Larry O'Connor defeated Billy Eben, Jr., 4 and 2 (36 holes)
- 1938** Marshal Palmer defeated Gordon Rainey, 2 and 1 (36 holes)
- 1939** Charley Wentzel defeated Gordon Williams, 5 and 4 (36 holes)
- 1940** Gordon Rainey defeated Billy Eben, 1-up (36 holes)
- 1941** Billy Eben defeated Gordon Rainey, 8 and 7 (36 holes)
- 1942** Gordon Williams defeated Dick Hoffer, 10 and 9 (36 holes)
- 1943** Not found (may have been cancelled because of WW2)
- 1944** Not found (may have been cancelled because of WW2)
- 1945** David Hafer (detail not found)



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- 1946** Wilmer Faber (detail not found)
- 1947** Billy Eben (detail not found)
- 1948** Buddy Lutz (detail not found)
- 1949** Buddy Lutz defeated Billy Eben, 6 and 5 (36 holes)
- 1950** George Smith defeated Billy Eben, 4 and 3 (18 holes)
- 1951** Buddy Lutz defeated Fred Leese, 8 and 7
- 1952** George Smith defeated Clarence Ulmer, 5 and 4
- 1953** Nick Shestok defeated Mickey Norton, 4 and 3 (18 holes)
- 1954** Corky Lott defeated Bill Ciabattoni, 1-up (36 holes)
- 1955** Nick Shestok defeated Sam Coccodrilli, 2 and 1
- 1956** Paul Hill defeated Buddy Lutz, 39 holes (36 holes)
- 1957** Buddy Lutz defeated Jay Gibney, 10 and 9 (36 holes)
- 1958** Buddy Lutz defeated Corky Lott, 4 and 2 (36 holes)
- 1959** Buddy Lutz defeated Bill Ciabattoni, 3 and 2 (36 holes)
- 1960** Corky Lott defeated Earl Janaskie, 5 and 3 (36 holes)
- 1961** Corky Lott defeated Bill Ciabattoni, 2 and 1 (36 holes)
- 1962** Corky Lott defeated George Smith, 8 and 7 (36 holes)
- 1963** Earl Chrusciel defeated Glen Biesenbach, 5 and 4 (36 holes)
- 1964** Buddy Lutz defeated Bill Ciabattoni, 38 holes (36 holes)
- 1965** Gil Gilbert defeated Sam Codi, 1 up (36 holes)
- 1966** Buddy Lutz defeated Steve Norton, 7 and 6 (36 holes)
- 1967** Steve Norton defeated Don Sowers, 4 and 3 (36 holes)
- 1968** Leroy Oudinot defeated Fred Tyler 6 and 5 (36 holes)
- 1969** Sam Codi defeated Dick Bausher, 4 and 3 (36 holes)
- 1970** Joe Mullarkey defeated Sam Codi, 2 and 1 (36 holes)
- 1971** Danny Vespico (details not found)
- 1972** Joe Mullarkey defeated Dick Kauffman, 1-up (36 holes)
- 1973** Joe Mullarkey 209; Herman Fry 221; Don Sowers 221 (54 holes)



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- 1974** Nick Meter defeated Jim Rutter, 2 and 1 (18 holes)
- 1975** Mike Heller defeated Hugh McCullough, 3 and 2 (18 holes)
- 1976** Fred Tyler defeated Dick Kaufman, 3 and 2 (18 holes)
- 1977** Dick Arms defeated Chip Lutz, 1-up (18 holes)
- 1978** Hugh McCullough defeated Fred Borchers, 1-up (18 holes)
- 1979** Chip Lutz 216; Hugh McCullough 219; Mike Heller 223; Jack Murphy 225;  
Fred Tyler 226 (54 holes)
- 1980** Hugh McCullough 220; Chip Lutz 221; Dick Bausher 228; Mike Heller 229 (54 holes)
- 1981** Mike Heller 141; Charley Faber 152; Bruce Balthaser 153; Dwayne Hudson and  
Fred Tyler 155 (36 holes)
- 1982** Dick Hasson 144; Craig Hawk 148; Don Sowers 150; Herman Fry 151;  
Mike Heller 151 (36 holes)
- 1983** Fred Tyler 146; Dick Hasson 149; Don Sowers 150 (36 holes)
- 1984** Herman Fry 144; Craig Hawk 146; Mike Heller 147; John Franco 158 (36 holes)
- 1985** Herman Fry 206; Mike Heller 215; Fred Tyler 216; Dick Arms 217; John Franco 219 (54 holes)
- 1986** John Franco 218; Mike Heller 224 (54 holes)
- 1987** Mike Heller 223; Steve Mittl, Jr. 224; Fred Tyler 226; Ed Kroener 226; Dave Lindbom 230;  
Greg Gottschal 232; Ken Thomason 237; Corky Lott 238; Jim Rutter 240;  
Gene Shurr 248 (54 holes)
- 1988** John Franco 226; Dave Lindbom 227; Mike Heller 228; Ed Kroener 230;  
Fred Tyler 231 (54 holes)
- 1989** Dave Lindbom 221; Joe Klemmer 222; Fred Tyler 223; Joe Cala 229; Putter Lutz 229;  
Craig Hawk 231; Bruce Kline 232 (54 holes)
- 1990** Chip Lutz 210; Dave Lindbom 214; Scott Orr 220; Mike Heller 223; Bruce Kline 227;  
Dick Arms 227 (54 holes)
- 1991** Fred Tyler 222; Greg Gottshall 225; Bruce Kline 227; Craig Hawk 228; Mike Heller 228 (54 holes)
- 1992** Fred Tyler 217; Scott Orr 224; Bruce Kline 224; Craig Hawk 228; Greg Gottshall 228 (54 holes)
- 1993** Putter Lutz 219; Fred Tyler 221; Mike Heller 221; Rich Rotharpt 228; Bill Norris 229 (54 holes)



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- 1994** Fred Tyler 216; Putter Lutz 231; Chris Butler 233
- 1995** Putter Lutz 220; Fred Tyler 221; George Grafton 230; John McKeon 232;  
Bill Norris 232 (54 holes)
- 1996** Brian Psota 218; Brent Wiley 219; Putter Lutz 221; Gary Romig 221 (54 holes)
- 1997** Dave Speece 219; Mike Heller 224; Fred Tyler 225; Bill Norris 226; Bruce Kline 226;  
Gary Buck 229; Chris Lucci 231; Greg Gottshall 232; George Grafton 232;  
Jack McKeon 243 (54 holes)
- 1998** Mike Heller 218; Bruce Kline 224; George Grafton 230; Fred Tyler 231 (54 holes)
- 1999** George Grafton 218; Pete Betz 235; Chris Lucci 238 (54 holes)
- 2000** Bill Norris 221; Mike Heller 223; Fred Tyler 226; George Grafton 231;  
John Golaston 232 (54 holes)
- 2001** George Grafton 222; Pete Betz 228; Mike Heller 228; Fred Tyler 229;  
Greg Gottshall 229 (54 holes)
- 2002** Chris Lucci 149; Fred Tyler 150; George Griffaton 151; Greg Gottshall 154 (36 holes)
- 2003** Jimmy Ward 218; Pete Betz 226; Mike Heller 228; Rich Gaynor 228; Fred Tyler 229;  
John McKeon 233; Greg Geiger 234; Craig Mauer 238 (54 holes)
- 2004** Jimmy Ward 136; Pete Betz 143; Fred Tyler 149; Mike Heller 154; Rich Gaynor 156;  
Greg Gottshall 156; Marty Krynock 157; Greg Geiger 158; Barry Unger 163;  
Scott Gabel 170 (36 holes)
- 2005** Pete Betz 228; Greg Gottschall 233; Bill Norris 237; Ron Tindall 238; Greg Geiger 240;  
Fred Tyler 244; Ed McKeane 247; Frank De Hapt 248 (54 holes)
- 2006** No tournament.
- 2007** Guy McKeone defeated Blayne Hoffert, 1 up (18 holes)
- 2008** Greg Galtere defeated Denny Hess, 5 and 4 (18 holes)
- 2009** Greg Galtere defeated Bill Goad, 3 and 2 (18 holes)
- 2010** Greg Galtere 227; Tom Walker 239; Guy McKeone 241; Dave Seelig 241; Tim Daley 251;  
Vinnie Franckowiak 254; Ron Woodring 259 (54 holes)
- 2011** Dave Seelig defeated Dave Seidel, 2 up (18 holes)



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- 2012** Byron Whitman defeated Guy McKeone, 5 and 4 (18 holes)
- 2013** Matt Hadley defeated Greg Galtere, 3 and 2 (18 holes)
- 2014** Jon Dutcher defeated Bill Norris, 3 and 1 (18 holes)
- 2015** Greg Kleinert defeated Matt Hadley, 1 up (18 holes)
- 2016** James Furness defeated Guy McKeone, 2 and 1 (18 holes)
- 2017** Guy McKeone defeated Jim Christiana, 6 and 5 (18 holes)
- 2018** Alex Seelig defeated Guy McKeone, 5 and 4 (18 holes)
- 2019** Alex Seelig defeated Guy McKeone, 2 up (18 holes)
- 2020** Alex Seelig, 137; Matt McKeone, 150; Matt Hadley, 152; Mark Higgins, 154 (36 holes)
- 2021** Alex Seelig, 146; Nate Doll, 152; Billy Lomnychuk, 152; Charlie Bross, 153; Frank Falzone, 153