

# RCC Club Championship

Reading Country Club's first club championship matches were played in 1924 on the 9-hole course. What follows are the records for the RCC championship play based on available information.

Results for 1926 and 1929 were not found. The tournament may not have been played in 1942 and 1943 because of World War 2. In addition, the match details for several years have not been found.

## Match Play (36-hole final)

- Margin of victory: 10 and 9: Dick Hoffer over Barney Ollivierre, 1934; Gordon Williams over Dick Hoffer, 1942; and Buddy Lutz over Jay Gibney, 1957
- Longest match: 39 holes – Paul Hill defeated Buddy Lutz in 1956

## Match Play (18-hole final)

- Margin of victory: Guy McKeone over Jim Christiana, 6 and 5, in 2017



- Longest match: 18 holes – Dick Arms defeated Chip Lutz, 1-up, in 1977 and Hugh McCullough defeated Fred Borchers, 1-up in 1978

## Stroke Play

- Lowest 54-hole score: 206, -4, Herman Fry in 1985
- Highest 54-hole winning score: 228, +18, Pete Betz in 2005
- Largest 54-hole margin of victory: George Grafton, 17 strokes over Pete Betz in 1999
- Lowest 36-hole score: 136, -4, Jimmy Ward in 2004
- Highest 36-hole winning score: 149, +9, Chris Lucci in 2002
- Largest 36-hole margin of victory: Alex Seelig, 12 strokes over Matt McKeone in 2020

## Most wins

- Buddy Lutz, 8 (1948, '49, '51, '57, '58, '59, '64, '66)
- Fred Tyler, 5 (1976, '83, '91, '92, '94)

## Most consecutive wins

- Alex Seelig, 4 (2018, '19, '20, '21)
- Buddy Lutz, 3 (1957, '58, '59)
- Corky Lott, 3 (1960, '61, '62)
- Greg Galtere, 3 (2008, '09, '10)

## Won match play and stroke play championships

- Joe Mullarkey (1970m, '72m, '73s)
- Mike Heller (1975m, '81s, '87s, '98s)
- Fred Tyler (1976m, '83s, '91s, '92s, '94s)
- Hugh McCullough (1978m, '80s)

- Greg Galtere (2008m, '09m, '10s)
- Alex Seelig (2018m, '19m, '20s, '21s)

## Youngest winner:

- John Rader, Jr., 1929, and Billy Eben, 1935, age 16

## Oldest winner: unable to determine

## Of interest

- Buddy Lutz won his eight titles over a span of 18 years, from 1948 to 1966. Fred Tyler also won titles 18 years apart, from 1976 to 1994.
- Buddy Lutz played in nine match-play finals, losing only in 1956 to Paul Hill in 39 holes. Lutz came back in 1957 with a 10 and 9 win over Jay Gibney.
- Mike Heller has the longest time between wins. His first title came in 1975 and his most recent in 1998, a span of 23 years.
- Billy Eben, the youngest winner at 16 in 1935, played in the match play finals seven times, winning three.
- Guy McKeone won the first title in the public course era, defeating Blayne Hoffert, 1-up, in 2007.
- Nine players have defended their title:
  - ♦ John Rader, Jr. 1931 and '32
  - ♦ Buddy Lutz, 1948 and '49 and 1957, '58 and '59
  - ♦ Corky Lott, 1960, '61 and '62
  - ♦ Joe Malarkey, 1972 and '73
  - ♦ Herman Fry, 1984 and '85
  - ♦ Fred Tyler, 1991 and '92
  - ♦ Jimmy Ward, 2003 and '04
  - ♦ Greg Galtere, 2008, '09 and '10
  - ♦ Alex Seelig, 2018, '19, '20 and '21