



**EDWIN J. PAXTON MEMORIAL AWARD
AMATEUR CHAMPION**

In memory of Edwin J. Paxton, founder and bearer of the name of the course on which the Irvin Cobb Championships are annually held. Because of Mr. Paxton's interest in golf, you will be playing one of the finest municipal courses in the country. Eligibility: Entries are open to any male amateur golfer competing in the tournament.

**RAY H. JACOBS MEMORIAL AWARD
PROFESSIONAL CHAMPION**

This trophy honors Ray H. Jacobs for his long and active service as Golf Commissioner at the Paxton Golf Course. Mr. Jacob's interest in the professional golfer has greatly advanced the quality of golf played in these championships. Eligibility: Any eligible professional playing as a contestant in this tournament.

**SAM LIVINGSTON AWARD
JUNIOR LOW SCORER**

This trophy commemorates the career in golf of Sam Livingston, the man who conceived and brought the Irvin Cobb Championships through the first 25 years. Eligibility: Any contestant who has reached his 12th birthday, but has not reached his 18th birthday by tee time Saturday.

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**PAST CHAMPIONS
AMATEURS**

2025

Year	WINNER	Score
1937	Cliff McKelvey, Evansville, IN.....	153
1938	O.H. Shelton, Paducah, KY.....	150
1939	Berry Wilson, Owensboro, KY.....	143
1940	Herschel Spears, Nashville, TN.....	149
1941	Edwin Taylor, Paducah, KY.....	144
1942	Elmer Prieskorn, Nashville, TN.....	135
1944	Bill Duckwall, Louisville, KY.....	142
1945	Mack Brothers, Jr., Nashville, TN.....	145
1946	Pete Doll, Louisville, KY.....	137
1947	Gene Dahlbender, Atlanta, GA.....	140
1948	Buddy Moorehead, Louisville, KY.....	141
1949	Fred Smith, Nashville, TN.....	142
1950	Arthur MacDonald, Memphis, TN.....	142
1951	Arthur MacDonald, Memphis, TN.....	142
1952	Bob Keller, Cairo, IL.....	142
1953	Hillman Robbins, Memphis, TN.....	143
1954	Fred Smith, Nashville, TN.....	140
1955	Bob Goalby, Belleville, IL.....	139
1956	Mack Brothers, Nashville, TN.....	141
1957	Gene Dahlbender, Atlanta, GA.....	140
1958	Gene Dahlbender, Atlanta, GA.....	144
1959	Roy Williams, Charleston, MO.....	140
1960	Bobby Greenwood, Cookeville, TN.....	138
1961	Dick Foulk, West Frankfort, IL.....	137
1962	Pursie Pipes, Mt. Vernon, IL.....	137
1963	Bobby Greenwood, Cookeville, TN.....	136
1964	Bert Greene, Knoxville, TN.....	137
1965	Jim Pryor, Mayfield, KY.....	140
1966	Gary Robinson, Sterling, IL.....	138
1967	Donald Scanlon, Harrison, NY.....	145
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1968	Terry Martin, Hamel, IL.....	136
1969	William Johnson, Marion, IL.....	72
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1970	Bob Davis, Chesterfield, MO.....	141
1971	R.O. Hall, Old Hickory, TN.....	138
1972	Jan Jansco, Johnston City, IL.....	35
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1973	William Matthews, St. Louis, MO.....	140
1974	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	138
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1975	Pursie Pipes, Mt. Vernon, IL.....	68
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1976	Marty Kelly, Belleville, IL.....	138
1977	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	137
1978	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	137
1979	Russ Cochran, Paducah, KY.....	136
1980	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	139
1981	Kenny Perry, Franklin, KY.....	136
1982	Kenny Perry, Franklin, KY.....	139
1983	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	139
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1984	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	135
1985	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	141
1986	Mike Shelbourne, Paducah, KY.....	137
1987	Steve Gollither, Knoxville, TN.....	137
1988	Danny Green, Jackson, TN.....	139
1989	Danny Green, Jackson, TN.....	135
1990	Brad Adkins, Metropolis, IL.....	140
1991	Rob Long, Clarksville, TN.....	140
	(Won in sudden-death play-off)	
1992	Mark Maness, Lexington, TN.....	139
1993	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	136
1994	Mack Maness, Jr., Mayfield, KY.....	136
1995	Jimmy Brown, Paducah, KY.....	137
1996	Mickey Brockwell, Fulton, KY.....	140
1997	Jeff Gollither, Knoxville, TN.....	140
1998	Steve Gollither, Knoxville, TN.....	139
1999	Jeremy Grantham, Mayfield, KY.....	138
2000	Mickey Brockwell, Fulton, KY.....	136
2001	Rob Long, Clarksville, TN.....	103
2002	Mitchell Grooms, Mayfield, KY.....	138
2003	Michael Craft, Paducah, KY.....	133
2004	Rob Long, Clarksville, TN.....	134
2005	Ben Godwin, Poplar Bluff, MO.....	138
2006	Rob Long, Clarksville, TN.....	138
2007	Chase Narramore, Kingston, TN.....	129
2008	Rick Cochran, Paducah, KY.....	130
2009	Jason Millard, Murfreesboro, TN.....	132
2010	Tyler Mitchell, Cadiz, KY.....	135
2011	Kody Alexander, Humboldt, TN.....	133
2012	Josh Rhodes, Paducah, KY.....	140
2013	Sam Thompson, Paducah, KY.....	103
2014	Brendon Caballero, Martin, TN.....	132
2015	Andrew Mitchell, Benton, IL.....	141
2016	Chase Landrum, Glasgow, KY.....	135
2017	Chris Erwin, Clarksville, TN.....	139
2018	Aaron Ingalls, Jackson, TN.....	138
2019	Aaron Ingalls, Jackson, TN.....	137
2020	Justin Johns, South Fulton, TN.....	139
2021	Drake Stepter, Paducah, KY.....	62
2022	Jay Nimmo, Benton, KY.....	137
2023	Josh Rhodes, Paducah, KY.....	139
2024	Jeff Reuter, Humboldt, TN.....	137
2025	Adam Houchens, Scottsville, KY.....	200



**90th ANNUAL
IRVIN COBB
CHAMPIONSHIPS
(54 Holes-WAGR Points)**

July 17th, 18th & 19th, 2026

at
EDWIN J. PAXTON PARK GOLF COURSE
Paducah, Kentucky

(Field will be limited to 99 paid entrants
selected from the application pool)

ELIGIBILITY

AMATEURS

Entries are open to male amateur golfers as defined by the 2026 USGA Rules of Amateur Status. A course handicap of 4 or less required for new players as well as completion of the "Playing Resume" section of this form.

PROFESSIONALS

Entries are open to any PGA Member Professionals, Professional Mini Tour Players, or PGA Apprentices.

**COMPETITION WILL BE A THREE-DAY,
54 HOLE STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Lowest scorer for 54 holes in Amateur and Professional divisions will be the respective champions. Ties for first place in either division will be determined in hole-by-hole play-offs immediately following play on Sunday. The tournament committee reserves the right to amend the format due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Use of golf cart is mandatory for all players and is included in the entry fee.

ENTRY FEES AND REFUNDS

(Entry fee includes half cart rental for 3 days)

Amateurs — \$345.00

Professionals — \$750.00

Entry fee will be returned if the tournament director receives notice of cancellation by **Monday 6:00 p.m.** before the tournament. Phone -- 270-444-9514.

DRESS CODE

All contestants must wear shirts with collars. **Professionals must wear slacks.** Amateurs may wear dress shorts.

SPIKES

Paxton Park is a "non-metal spike" facility.

ENTRIES

Entry application should be sent to:

PAXTON PARK GOLF COURSE
P.O. BOX 7624
PADUCAH, KENTUCKY 42002-7624

IMPORTANT — No entries will be accepted without an entry fee. No email entries will be accepted, unless accompanied with a credit card number & expiration date. Email address is playgolf@paxtonpark.com.

RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the 2026 USGA Rules of Golf and the Decisions based on them, and where applicable, by local rules and definitions. Questions shall be settled by the Irvin Cobb Championship Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Use of ARTIFICIAL DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES WILL BE PERMITTED (DISTANCE ONLY).

PERSONAL GOLF CARTS

Any contestant is permitted to bring his own golf cart to the tournament. There is no fee attached to the use of private carts during the 3 tournament days.

SPECTATOR CARTS

There will be no spectator carts available to rent. Players will be expected to share a cart with another player.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

One practice round is extended to players on the Monday through Thursday immediately preceding the tournament.

CART FEE will be \$19.00 + tax.

PAIRINGS

DETERMINATION OF

FRIDAY - Pairings for Friday are based on past scores posted in this tournament.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - Amateurs and Professionals may be paired together with exception of top 20. Pairings are based on Friday and Saturday's scores.

NO SPECIAL REQUESTS.

RELEASE & POSTING OF PAIRINGS

Will be in Pro Shop and on our website: www.paxtonpark.com

INELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS

Under Rule 5.3a -- Time of Starting: The player shall start at the time designated by Committee. Contestants are expected to be ready to go 10 minutes prior to scheduled tee times. Penalty for breach of Rule 5.3a: 2 strokes within 5 minutes and after that, disqualification.

ELECTRONIC SCORING AND GOLF GENIUS PHONE APP REQUIREMENT

It is anticipated that the phone application 'Golf Genius' will be used and will be required for all players to post and maintain scoring on their personal phones using this app during the course of their rounds. Each player competing will be expected to have this app on their phones and use this scoring method during the competition.

USGA WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING (WAGR) POINTS

This event will qualify for USGA WAGR points and results will be submitted to the USGA.

PROFESSIONAL PURSE

\$33,500

(Based on Full Field which will approximate 33 professionals)

CHAMPION RAY H. JACOBS MEMORIAL AWARD

Winner	\$12,000.00	10th	900.00
2nd	5,400.00	11th	850.00
3rd	3,150.00	12th	800.00
4th	2,300.00	13th	750.00
5th	1,700.00	14th	700.00
6th	1,200.00	15th	700.00

AMATEUR AWARDS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner - Edwin J. Paxton Memorial Award, plus top 30 scores and ties awarded.

JUNIOR DIVISION

CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner - Sam Livingston Award

JUNIOR DIVISION

Prizes in cash. \$11,500.00 will be awarded with a full field (60). Checks will be mailed after scores have been computed, usually the following week.

In accordance with 2026 USGA Rules of Amateur status, Amateur champion will receive \$1000.

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PROFESSIONALS

Year	WINNER	Score
1940	Chick Yarbrough, Jasper, IN	143
1941	Bob Hamilton, Evansville, IN	139
1942	Bob Hamilton, Evansville, IN	135
1943	Walter Ambo, St. Louis, MO	147
1944	Sgt. H. Linder, Camp Campbell	146
1945	Bill Kaiser, Louisville, KY	142
1946	M. Rittenhouse, Evansville, IN	140
1947	Tod Houck, Memphis, TN	138
1948	Jack Ryan, Louisville, KY	138
1949	Ben Owen, Louisville, KY	142
1950	Herschel Spears, Huntsville, AL	143
1951	Frank Moore, St. Louis, MO	138
1952	Red Wiley, Evansville, IN	145
1953	Joe Ezar, St. Louis, MO	138
1954	Roy Glenn, Carterville, IL	139
1955	Bob Stone, Kansas City, MO	139
1956	Roy Glenn, Carterville, IL	139
1957	Jim Campbell, Sikeston, MO	139
1958	Earl Greenwell, Lawrenceville, IL	144
1959	Bob Stone, Kansas City, MO	142
1960	Frank Yarbrough, Washington, IN	139
1961	Cliff Harrington, Ft. Campbell, KY	137
1962	Eddie Tyree, Louisville, KY	140
1963	Bob Stone, Kansas City, MO	136
1964	Cliff Harrington, Ft. Campbell, KY	134
1965	Bob Stone, Kansas City, MO (Won in sudden-death play-off)	138
1966	Bob Stone, Kansas City, MO	136
1967	Willie Greer, Nashville, TN	141
1968	Robert Payne, Mt. Vernon, IL	137
1969	Hubert Smith, Tullahoma, TN	69
1970	Bob Stone, Kansas City, MO	137
1971	Richard Eller, Old Hickory, TN	138
1972	Tom Austin, Paducah, KY	67
1973	Jim O'Hern, Louisville, KY	135
1974	Wayne Morris, St. Louis, MO	133
1975	Wayne Morris, St. Louis, MO	66
1976	Wayne Morris, St. Louis, MO	136
1977	Dennis Sullivan, Grant Park, IL	135
1978	Dennis Sullivan, Grant Park, IL	139
1979	Charlie Gibson, Western Springs, IL	138
1980	Russ Cochran, Paducah, KY	134
1981	Russ Cochran, Paducah, KY	137
1982	Jimmy Paschal, Chattanooga, TN	137
1983	Kenny Perry, Franklin, KY	140
1984	Brad Fabel, Madisonville, KY	138
1985	Al Chandler, St. Louis, MO (Won in sudden-death play-off)	138
1986	Kenny Perry, Franklin, KY (Won in sudden-death play-off)	135
1987	Kevin Klier, Naperville, IL (Won in sudden-death play-off)	140
1988	Pat Stephens, Richmond, KY	139
1989	Russ Cochran, Paducah, KY	134
1990	Tom Wargo, Centralia, IL	136
1991	David Baker, Anna, IL	135
1992	Scott Beard, Louisville, KY	136
1993	John Riegger, Metropolis, IL	137
1994	Phillip Hatchett, Russellville, KY	135
1995	Phillip Hatchett, Russellville, KY	130
1996	David McCampbell, Marshall, IN	130
1997	Phillip Hatchett, Russellville, KY	133
1998	Darrett Brinker, Evansville, IN	138
1999	Russ Cochran, Paducah, KY	132
2000	Darrett Brinker, Evansville, IN	136
2001	Mark Faulkner, Carterville, IL	99
2002	Grant Sturgeon, Cave City, KY	133
2003	Jaime Broce, Indianapolis, IN	136
2004	Jaime Broce, Indianapolis, IN	137
2005	Adam Gary, Bowling Green, KY	138
2006	Josh Teater, Lexington, KY	133
2007	Russ Cochran, Paducah, KY	132
2008	Josh Teater, Lexington, KY	132
2009	Matthew Kohn, Winter Park, FL	133
2010	Jordan Blann, Bowling Green, KY	131
2011	Lucas Cromeenes, Paducah, KY	135
2012	John Riegger, Henderson, NV	133
2013	Chas Narramore, Kington, TN	99
2014	Rick Cochran, Paducah, KY	131
2015	Patrick Newcomb, Benton, KY	132
2016	Patrick Newcomb, Benton, KY	129
2017	Rick Cochran, Paducah, KY	134
2018	Nick Newcomb, Mayfield, KY	136
2019	John B. Williams, Danville, KY	134
2020	Fred Meyer, Wilmore, KY	131
2021	Patrick Newcomb, Benton, KY	64
2021	Fred Meyer, Wilmore, KY	64
2022	Tim O'Neal, Savannah, GA	133
2023	Eric Ansett, Spring Hill, TN	133
2024	Mason Lenhart, Prospect, KY	134
2025	Graham McArce, Fishers, IN	198

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HANDICAP: My present USGA GHIN handicap index and number under USGA golf handicap system, as follows:

Handicap Index _____

GHIN# _____

If no handicap, I normally play my home course around _____

USGA rating of home course, if rated: _____

- PGA Professional
 - PGA Apprentice
 - Professional Mini Tour Player
 - Amateur
 - Junior
 - Eligible non-amateurs, (year played _____)
- (Please check one of above)

ENTREE FORM APPLICATION

POLICY FOR FRIDAY PAIRINGS

Friday Pairings are based on past scores in this tournament.

POLICY FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PAIRINGS

Pairings are based on previous day(s) scores - **NO SPECIAL REQUESTS.**

PLAYING RESUME

Following is a list of my golf tournament credits:

Please Print: Give name, not nickname. Enclose entry fee (Professional \$750.00, Amateurs \$345.00), payable to PAXTON PARK GOLF COURSE. Do not send cash.

Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____

Social Security Number _____

Age _____ Date of Birth (Juniors Only) _____

Email address _____

Year last played in this event _____ This is my first time to play in this event _____

_____ I will bring my own cart _____ I will not bring a cart

NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRY FEE

AMATEURS: I have read the USGA Rules of Amateur Status.

I have conformed with those rules in every respect.

All competitors: I agree to observe Championship regulations attached hereto. I have noted requirements for acceptance into the tournament, notice of withdrawal and registration.

I understand that this entry is subject to approval or rejection, at any time, by the Tournament Director at his discretion.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____