



### Honors to the Best

The top finishers in the 1977 Berks Am were quite successful in local golf.

#### Herman Fry, Winner

- RCC Club Champion: 1984 and '85
- Berks Am Champion: 1970 and '77
- Berks Junior/Senior: 1993 with Chuck Storck, 2000 with Dennis Johnson
- Berks Publinks: 1971, '72, '83

#### Ed Anewalt III, 4th Place

- Berks Am Champion: 1965, '66 and '67 and '68 at RCC
- Berks Partners: 1975 with Gerry Gerhart

#### Mike Heller, 6th Place

- RCC Club Champion: 1975, '81, '87, '98
- Berks Amateur Champion: 1990, '97
- Hawley Quier Memorial: 1978, '79, '83, '90
- Berks Match Play: 1996, '97, '99
- Berks Partners: 1976 with Nick Meter, '90 with Dave Lindbom
- Berks Senior Am: 2000, '02, '05

#### Bruce Kline, 9th Place

- Hawley Quier Memorial: 1980, '85
- Berks Match Play: 1993
- Berks Partners: 1981 with Dave Speece
- Berks Junior/Senior: 1996 with Jim Heck
- Berks Senior Partners: 2001 with Greg Gottshall

#### Nick Meter, 13th Place

- RCC Club Champion: 1974
- Berks Amateur Champion: 1976
- Berks Partners: 1976 with Mike Heller
- Berks Publinks: 1979

#### Hugh McCullough, 15th Place

- RCC Club Champion: 1978, '80
- Berks Amateur Champion: 1972
- Berks Partners: 1977 with Dick Arms

## Fry Takes the '77 Berks Am



*Herman Fry won the 1977 Berks Am with a final-round 74 at Berkleigh Country Club.*

The 1977 Berks Amateur Championship, contested at Berkleigh Country Club, came down to a final-round battle between Reading Country Club stalwarts **Herman Fry** and **Glen "Dutch" Yoder** and four-time champion **Ed Anewalt III** and **Jim Hamilton**.

When the last putt was holed on Sunday afternoon, Fry emerged with his second Berks Am title.

The tournament got off to a slow start on Friday, August 6, when play was delayed an hour by rain. Ed Anewalt III showed the way with a one-over-par 73. Fry, Yoder and **Bruce Kline** trailed by one, with **Hugh**

**McCullough**, **Mike Foscone** and **Mike Heller** another stroke in arrears.

Anewalt finished in dramatic fashion, holing birdie putts on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. The 1977 Berks Am marked only his fourth appearance since his run of four in a row from 1965 to 1968. Fry and Yoder missed an opportunity to tie for the lead with late bogies. Herman drove into a fairway trap and then a greenside bunker on 18 for a bogey 5. Dutch flew the green on 17 and could not get his ball up and down. Kline pared in after bogies on 11 and 12.

Nick Meter, the defending champion, shot 36-42-78.

**Dutch's Day.** After a 30-minute rain delay, Yoder took control with a sparkling even par 72 on Saturday. His round is all the more remarkable considering he played the first five holes at six over par. Dutch fought back with six birdies over the final 13 holes for a round of 41-31. His two-day total of 146 led Anewalt and Jim Hamilton by four. Herman Fry and Mike Foscone followed at 151. Meter was at 152, tied with Mike Heller.



*Dutch Yoder's sparkling second-round 72 gave him a four-stroke lead.*

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### 1977 Berks Amateur Championship Final Scores

Herman Fry	74-77-74—225
Jim Hamilton	76-74-77—227
Gene Yoder	74-72-85—231
Ed Anewalt III	73-77-82—232
Andy Shapiro	79-77-77—233
Mike Heller	75-77-82—234
Mike Foscone	75-76-83—234
Danny Vespiro	79-79-78—236
Bruce Kline	74-83-81—238
Jim Ammon	77-77-84—238
Leon Buchter	77-78-83—238
Bruce Snollenberger	81-77-80—238
Nick Meter	78-74-87—239
Jack Snollenberger	78-75-87—240
Hugh McCurrough	75-79-87—241
Bill Whitman	81-76-84—241
Dick Adam	79-79-84—242
Rick Bausher	80-78-85—243

made the turn at four over for the round. Dutch turned for home with a full head of steam. He made a 15-footer for birdie on 10, a 25-footer for birdie on 12 and dropped another 25-footer for birdie on 15. His second to the par four 17<sup>th</sup> stopped inches from the hole for another birdie. After a par at 18, he posted 31, four under par, on the back nine.

“After the first five holes, I didn't think I would be playing on Sunday,” said Dutch, figuring he would miss the cut. “I hit the ball as good as I can on the last 13 holes. It was fun.”

Anewalt played steady golf. He bogied the third and sixth holes and birdied seven to turn in 38, one over par. A birdie on 10 got him back to even for the day. His round turned sour with bogies on 13 and 14 and a double-bogey on 16. He finished with a five-over-par 77. Hamilton, about to enter his senior year at the University of Maryland, shot a steady 74 with three bogies and one birdie.

**Fry Flies.** Sunday's final round was played under tough conditions: very windy with very difficult pin positions on slick greens. How tough was it? Only four golfers broke 80. Herman Fry, 74. Jim Hamilton, 77. **Andy Shapiro, 77. Danny Vespiro, 78.**

Dutch three-putted the first hole for bogey, made par at the second, then blew up with a triple-bogey 6 on number three. He followed with bogies on four and five. He steadied himself with birdies on six and seven and

Fry's 74-77-75 – 225 total was enough to vault him to his second Berks Amateur Championship. Hamilton finished two back.

Herman started the homeward nine with a four-stroke lead. He bogeyed 10 and 12 and rammed home a 25-footer for birdie at 13. He made bogey four on 15 and played to a safe bogey on the final hole.

Fry said he had been fighting his swing for the previous three years as he tried to learn a fade shot. The results weren't there, so he went back to his natural draw shot.



**Jim Hamilton's bulky putter held him back.**

Herman said he had no regrets about the attempted change.

“It had made me a better golfer,” he said. “I know I can hit the fade or the hook shot when I need to. My confidence is getting better all the time. Like the second shot on 17 today. If I had the same shot last year, I would have worried about shanking it.”

Herman said he savored the 1977 championship more than his 1970 victory at Heidelberg Country Club when he defeated Ed Anewalt III in match play.

“I enjoy it more because it is medal play,” said Fry. “This year I beat everybody, not just one player.”

Hamilton played steady golf for three rounds. He allowed that with better putting, he may have taken the crown.

Dutch Yoder, the overnight leader by four over Ed Anewalt III and Hamilton, took himself out of contention with a triple-bogey, bogey, double-bogey stretch on 10, 11 and 12. He struggled home with 85 for a 231 total and third place.

Anewalt's 82 left him at 232 in fourth place.