



**USGA Golf Museum and Library**  
**Celebrates 1974 U.S. Amateur at The Ridgewood Country Club**

Artifacts Jerry Pate donated to the USGA Golf Museum and Library reflect the importance of celebrating the game's greatest stories, while also preserving the history that is made each week at our championships. Following his historic win at the 1974 U.S. Amateur at The Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, New Jersey, Pate personally donated his Tommy Armour wedge to be preserved alongside the hundreds of thousands of artifacts within the Museum's collections.

**Notable artifacts from the 1974 U.S. Amateur within the USGA Golf Museum collections**

- Jerry Pate's MacGregor Tommy Armour wedge used during 1974 U.S. Amateur, donated in 1975
  - Used by Pate since he was 13 years old
  - Hit his best shot of the 1974 U.S. Amateur. on No. 17, the 35th hole of the final match, Pate found himself in the left rough 100 yards from the hole. Using his wedge, Pate carried the large bunkers, just hit the green and stopped the ball approximately 10 feet from the hole. He two-putted to halve the hole and win the championship.
- 1974 U.S. Amateur grounds ticket and guest pass
  - Daily tickets at gate, grounds only, including practice days, \$5.00
- 1974 U.S. Amateur scorecard (blank)

**Other artifacts related to Jerry Pate within the USGA Golf Museum collections**

- Jerry Pate's irons used in 1976 U.S. Open
- Jerry Pate's golf ball used to make hole-in-one, 1989 U.S. Open
- Jerry Pate Champ Wilson golf ball

**Background: Jerry Pate Commences Decorative Career with Win at Ridgewood Country Club**

- 20-year-old University of Alabama senior, Pate defeated John Grace 2 and 1, at the 35th hole of the 6,735-yard, par-71 course
- Pate defeated 1964 U.S. Amateur champion William C. Campbell in the quarterfinal match and earned his place in the final by defeating the reigning NCAA champion, Curtis Strange
  - Strange would go on to win back-to-back U.S. Opens in 1988 and 1989
- Following his U.S. Amateur victory, Pate finished low amateur at the 1975 U.S. Open
- After turning pro the following year, Pate won the 1976 U.S. Open at Atlanta Athletic Club

*Media are invited to visit the museum – located a short drive from The Ridgewood Country Club on the USGA's campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey – or speak with a USGA representative about the process of acquiring objects as part of our efforts to showcase game's greatest stories. USGA Golf Museum and Library is the nation's oldest sports museum and the world's leading institution for the collection, preservation, interpretation and dissemination of golf history. Images for media usage available [here](#).*

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