

Dave Hackney
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Dave Hackney came to America about 1915 and served an apprenticeship under his brother before becoming an assistant to another brother in Atlantic City, NJ. He became the Golf Professional at Mound Builders' Club in Newark, Ohio, and while there played in the 1921 US Open.

In March 1922 he moved to New England to become a Professional at the Donald Ross designed course at the Merrimack Valley Country Club in Methuen, MA. From here, he played in the US Open of 1923 and won the New England Open in 1926, a win he repeated in 1934 and 1946.

He moved down the Merrimack River, as his new post at the Vesper Country Club in Lowell was on Tyngs Island, in 1930.

He qualified for the PGA Championship (it was matchplay then) but lost in the first round. He qualified for this tournament five times in all but lost in the first round each time with tough draws against the likes of Jack Burke and Al Espinosa.

In the early and mid-1930s, he was a regular in the US Open and won most tournaments throughout New England. In addition to his three New England PGA Championship wins, He won the New Hampshire Open three times, the Maine Open twice and the Vermont Open once.

In 1953 he qualified for the PGA Senior Championship by winning the New England Senior Championship, defeating Mike Brady in a play-off. And looking at our history he won countless Pro-Am's and Pro-Pro events. He retired from Vesper in 1974 aged 74 but remained an emeritus professional.