

Tom McNamara, PGA - (1882-1939)

Tom McNamara, PGA was the head professional at Wollaston Golf Club. During the 1909 U.S. Open, McNamara became the first man ever to break 70 in a competitive American tournament. McNamara held a three-stroke lead in the 1909 U.S. Open heading to the back nine. Due to the extremely hot temperatures, McNamara suffered a heatstroke on the 14th hole. After doctors treated him, he insisted on finishing the tournament. He succeeded in finishing, but his game collapsed down the stretch and finished second. The following year, 1910, he served as the head golf professional at the Fall River Country Club in Fall River, Massachusetts. McNamara was considered one of American's best homegrown professionals during the early twentieth century. He was head professional at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville, New York. He proposed the idea of a national tournament to his boss, Rodman Wanamaker. McNamara was the manager of the golf department in Wanamaker's New York City department store. This event became the PGA Championship, and was first played in 1916 at Siwanoy Country Club.

McNamara played in 14 US Open Championships, 1 Open Championship, and 3 PGA Championships.

- 1912 North and South Open, Metropolitan Open
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- 1914 Philadelphia Open Championship
- 1915 Western Open, Philadelphia Open Championship