

The 17 Watson Challenges

2007 - 2023

Champions

- 2007 Blake Graham*
- 2008 Tom Watson
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- 2012 Joe Ida
- 2013 Tom Watson
- 2014 Robert Streb
- 2015 *Chase Hanna*
- 2016 Rob Wilkin*
- 2017 *Andy Spencer*
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- 2019 Alex Springer
- 2020 No event: Covid 19
- 2021 Andy Spencer
- 2022 *Davis Cooper*
- 2023 Robert Russell

*Italics - Amateur * - playoff*



Doug Habel, Tom Watson & Chase Hanna
Mission Hills CC 2015

The goal of the Watson Challenge is to identify the best golfer in the Kansas City area. That area is defined by residence in these counties:
In Missouri: Jackson, Cass Platte and Clay.
In Kansas: Johnson, Wyandotte Miami and Leavenworth.

48 players eligible based upon the eligibility guidelines.

- 1 Top 18 Midwest PGA POY standings
- 2 Top 16 CLG points list
- 3 Top 5 previous year
- 4 Past 5 Champions
- 5 Special Exemptions
- 6 "Monday qualifiers"

2007
Hallbrook CC
Par 72

1	Blake Graham, Hallbrook*	76-66-72	- 214
	Tom Watson		214
	Sean Dougherty		214

* - won playoff

2008
Milburn CC
Par 72

1	Tom Watson	71-74-71	- 215
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2009
Shadow Glen GC
Par 72

1	Tom Watson	68-69-72	- 209
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2010
Kansas City CC
Par 70

1	Tom Watson	65-69	- 134
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(A storm wiped out the third round)

2011
Blue Hills CC
Par 72

1	Tom Watson	72-70-70	- 212
2	Sean Dougherty	74-71-72	- 219
3	Ryan Zech	74-71-74	- 219
4	Drew Lethen	74-73-73	- 220
	Bryan Norton, Mission Hills CC	77-69-74	- 220
	Rob Wilkin, Heritage Park	72-71-77	- 220
7	Todd Loechler, Blue Hills CC	71-72-78	- 221
8	Tyler Shelton, KCCC	71-77-75	- 223
9	Clay Devers, Lake Quivira	75-75-74	- 224
	Joseph Winslow	74-75-75	- 224

2012
Indian Hills CC
Par 70

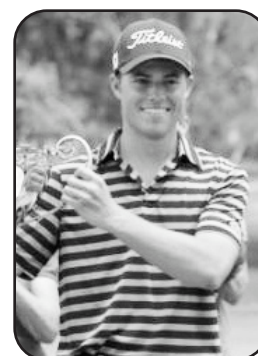
1	Joe Ida	70-64-70	- 204
2	Ryan Zech	67-70-68	- 205
3	Joseph Winslow	72-64-73	- 209
4	Bryan Norton, Mission Hills CC	74-68-70	- 212
	Tom Watson	72-69-71	- 212
	Kyle Smell	71-67-74	- 212
7	Blake Graham	65-75-73	- 213
8	Sean Dougherty, Blue Hills	72-72-70	- 214
	Rob Wilkin, Heritage Park	72-70-72	- 214
10	Tyler Shelton KCCC	69-69-77	- 215

2013
The National GC
Par 72

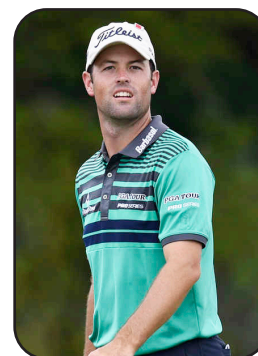
1	Tom Watson	69-71-70	- 210
2	Sean Dougherty	72-71-72	- 215
3	Clay Devers, Lake Quivira CC	75-71-74	- 220
	Bryan Norton, Mission Hills CC	71-73-76	- 220
5	Joe Ida	76-75-70	- 221
	Jeff Sedorcek, Fred Arbanas GC	73-74-74	- 221
7	Steve Shrawder	74-73-75	- 222
	Curtis Yonke	72-73-77	- 222
9	Ryan Zech	70-75-78	- 223
10	Clay Ederer	71-78-75	- 224

2014
Loch Lloyd CC
Par 72

1	Robert Streb	73-71-64	- 208
2	Jon Troutman	74-71-68	- 213
	Tom Watson	70-76-67	- 213
	Zac Gavlak	71-74-68	- 213
5	Sean Dougherty	67-78-69	- 214
6	Steve Groom, Fred Arbanas GC	73-72-71	- 216
	Zac Ditmer, Shoal Creek GC	71-72-73	- 215



Joe Ida
2012



Robert Streb
2014



Blake Graham
2007

- 8 Ryan Zech 74-71-72 - 217
- 9 Chase Hannah 74-74-71 - 219
- Josh Weems 73-74-72 - 219
- Joe Ida 71-74-74 - 219
- Michael Letzig 72-73-74 - 219

2015
Mission Hills CC
Par 70

- 1 Chase Hanna 67-70-69 - 206
- 2 Tom Watson 70-67-70 - 207
- 3 Michael Letzig 67-70-72 - 209
- 4 Curtis Yonke 69-73-68 - 210
- 5 Korbin Kuehn 73-68-70 - 211
- 6 Robert Russell, Lionsgate CC..... 75-69-68 - 213
- Bryan Norton, Mission Hills CC 73-69-71 - 213
- 8 Clay Devers, Lake Quivira CC 76-69-69 - 214
- Michael Greene 70-73-71 - 214
- Andrew Spencer 71-72-71 - 214
- Jon Troutman 71-71-72 - 214

2016
Hallbrook CC
Park 72

- 1 Rob Wilkin, Heritage Park* 67-74-70 - 211
- 2 Tom Watson, Bucyrus 71-71-69 - 211
- 3 Joe Ida, Overland Park 73-73-66 - 212
- 4 Chase Hanna, Leawood 71-72-70 - 213
- 5 Alex Higgs, Overland Park 74-71-69 - 214
- 6 Tyler Dunn, Overland Park 75-74-67 - 216
- Clay Devers, Lake Quivira CC 75-72-69 - 216
- Alex Springer, Olathe 73-72-71 - 216
- 9 Bryan Norton, Mission Hills 73-71-73 - 217
- 10 Josh Weems, Lake Quivira 71-77-70 - 218
- Travis Mays, Overland Park 72-71-75 - 218

2017
Milburn G&CC
Par 72

- 1 Andy Spencer 70-67-67 - 204
- 2 Chase Hanna 69-71-71 - 211
- 3 Sean Dougherty, Blue Hills 72-71-71 - 214
- 4 Curtis Yonke 71-75-70 - 216

- 5 Alex Springer 76-71-71 - 218
- 6 Harry Higgs 71-75-73 - 219
- Alex Higgs 73-73-73 - 219
- Clay Devers, Lake Quivira CC 74-72-73 - 219
- Tyler Dunn 72-71-76 - 219
- 10 Rob Wilkin, Heritage Park GC 72-74-74 - 220
- Steve Groom Fred Arbanas GC 70-75-75 - 220

2018
Shadow Glen GC
Par 72

- 1 Andy Spencer (a), Prairie Village ... 70-66-72 - 208
- 2 Tom Watson, Stilwell 67-72-70 - 209
- 3 Chase Hanna, Leawood 73-68-71 - 212
- 4 Ryan Argotsinger, Lee's Summit ... 67-72-74 - 213
- 5 Ryan Zech, Kearney 72-73-69 - 214
- 6 Tyler Docking, Roeland Park 70-70-75 - 215
- Tyler Dunn, Overland Park 73-71-71 - 215
- 8 Michael Letzig, Kansas City 69-76-71 - 216
- 9 Robert Russell, Lionsgate CC 69-69-79 - 217
- 10 Alex Higgs, Overland Park 73-70-75 - 218

2019
The Nicklaus Club at Lionsgate
Par 72

- 1 Alex Springer (p) 68-68 - 136
- 2 Andy Spencer (a) 68-70 - 138
- Tom Watson (p) 67-71 - 138
- 4 Michael Letzig (p) 73-70 - 143
- Tanner Owen (a) 74-69 - 143
- 6 Clay Devers (p), Lake Quivira CC 68-76 - 144
- Jackson Foth (p) 72-72 - 144
- Nicklaus Mason (a) 70-74 - 144
- Park Ulrich (a), Lionsgate CC 72-72 - 144
- 10 Curtis Yonke (p) 74-71 - 145
- Blake Allen (a) 71-74 - 145
- Davis Cooper (a) 71-74 - 145
- Jack Lee (a) 71-74 - 145

2020
Event not held due to Covid 19



Andy Spencer
2018



Alex Springer
2019



Andy Spencer
2021



Rob Wilkin
2016



Watson Challenge gallery
Mission Hills CC, 2015

2021

The National GC of Kansas City

Par 72

- 1 Andy Spencer (p), Prairie Village ...70-65-71 - 206
- 2 Michael Letzig (p), Parkville68-71-69 - 208
- 3 Charlie Hillier (p), Overland Park ..76-66-69 - 211
- 4 Robert Russell (p), Lionsgate CC70-74-68 - 212
- 5 Ryan Argotsinger (p) Lee's Summit 70-71-74 - 215
- 6 Joseph Winslow (p) Overland Park 73-73-72 - 218
Liam Coughlin (a) Kansas City74-70-74 - 218
- 8 Daniel Gutgesell (a) Overland Park 75-74-71 - 220
Alex Springer (a) Overland Park73-74-73 - 220
- 10 Kevin Ward (p) Prairie Village74-75-72 - 221

2022

Indian Hills CC

Par 70

- 1 Davis Cooper (a), Lionsgate.....65-64-69 - 197
- 2 Michael Letzig (p), Parkville67-70-68 - 205
- 3 Wade Binfield (p), Overland Park ...71-67-68 - 206
- 4 Charlie Hillier (p), Overland Park ..67-68-72 - 207
- 5 Zach Van Dolah (a), Kansas City64-73-71 - 208
- 6 Bret Burgmeier (p), Overland Park..71-70-69 - 210
Robert Russell (p), Lionsgate70-71-69 - 210
- 8 Andy Spencer (p), Prairie Village72-72-67 - 211
Joe Bultman (a) Shawnee71-71-69 - 211
Sam Parrott (a), Oakwood CC74-68-69 - 211
Justin Wingerter (a) Olathe66-74-71 - 211

2023

The Nicklaus Club at Lionsgate

Par 72

- 1 Robert Russell, (p) Lionsgate68-71-68 - 207
- 2 Joseph Winslow (p).....71-71-67 - 209
Davis Cooper, (a) Lionsgate68-70-71 - 209
- 4 Michael Letzig (p)70-69-71 - 210
- 5 Sean Dougherty (p).....70-70-72 - 212
- 6 Ty Lasley, (a) YOC eClub KC74-70-69 - 213
Jackson Foth (p).....73-69-71 - 213
- 8 Ben Hadden (p).....73-71-70 - 214
Julian Taylor, (p) Tiffany Greens70-73-71 - 214
Will King, (a) Hallbrook CC70-72-72 - 214
Michael Winslow, (a) Prairie High. .68-72-74 - 214

2024

Mission Hills CC

Par 70

- 1
- 2
- 3



Robert Russell
2023



Davis Cooper
2022



Tom Watson
Chase Hanna Michael
Letzig Mission Hills 2015