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Ben Reichert Wins 62nd Porter Cup

By Mark Gaughan

For the first time in more than five decades, a local hero won the Porter Cup.

Williamsville native Ben Reichert shot a 2-under par 68 over the final round to earn a two-shot victory in the 62nd annual Porter Cup Invitational. He became the first Western New Yorker to win the national amateur event in 56 years, since Greater Buffalo Sports Hall-of-Famer Ward Wettlaufer won in 1965.

“I can’t really put it into words,” a choked-up Reichert said after saving par on the final hole.

Reichert went wire to wire in winning – despite some crazy drama on the back nine – and posted an 11-under score of 269.

The win was a bounce-back event for the 22-year-old University of Alabama-Birmingham golfer. He had a great season in 2019, completing a rare double by winning both the New York State Amateur and the Florida State Amateur. Then the worldwide pandemic hit and Reichert’s game entered an over-analytical funk.

“I think I got into a bad trap -- that a lot of players have fallen into at some point -- where I pretty much just spend eight hours on the range trying to figure it out myself,” Reichert said. “And the next thing I know, I have no clue where the ball is going. It scarred me as much mentally as physically. I’m still battling some demons.”

But Reichert’s talent prevailed over four days against the nation’s top amateur golfers. He showed off his pure, rhythmic swing, and his distance control with his irons was fantastic all week. He made only one bogey the last 39 holes and only three bogeys all week. He hit 14 of 18 greens in regulation on the final round.

He got two big breaks on the final two holes. Clinging to a one-shot lead on the tee of the par-4 17th hole, he lost his drive way right. It was going out of bounds by 30 yards but hit a big tree branch and bounced into the middle of the fairway. On the 190-yard 18th, Reichert watched his tee shot fly 10 yards over the green and hit a spectator in the leg, preventing it from possibly going out of bounds. Reichert got up and down.

“I hit a club I thought couldn’t go long,” Reichert said of the 7-iron. “It must have caught a gust of wind or something and apparently it hit somebody and stayed in. . . . I owe somebody a drink there on 18. I got a couple good breaks there coming in, but I’ll take them.”

Garrett Rank, a full-time NHL referee, placed second at 9-under. Rank is past Canadian Mid-Amateur champion, former U.S. Mid-Amateur runner-up and a veteran of more than two dozen USGA championships.

Stanford’s Ethan Ng and Louisville’s Chris Francoeur tied for third.

2021 Porter Cup Final Results

<u>1</u>	<u>Ben</u>	<u>Reichert</u>	<u>East Amherst</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>269</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Garrett</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Elmira</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>271</u>
<u>T3</u>	<u>Ethan</u>	<u>Ng</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>272</u>
<u>T3</u>	<u>Chris</u>	<u>Francoeur</u>	<u>Amesbury</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>272</u>
<u>T5</u>	<u>Jack</u>	<u>Lundin</u>	<u>Sioux Falls</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>273</u>
<u>T5</u>	<u>Cade</u>	<u>Breitenstine</u>	<u>Akron</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>273</u>
<u>T7</u>	<u>Jimmy</u>	<u>Zheng</u>	<u>Auckland</u>	<u>NZL</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>274</u>
<u>T7</u>	<u>Carson</u>	<u>Bacha</u>	<u>York</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>274</u>
<u>T7</u>	<u>Laurent</u>	<u>Desmarchais</u>	<u>Bromont</u>	<u>QC</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>274</u>
<u>T10</u>	<u>Steven</u>	<u>DiLisio</u>	<u>Swampscott</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>276</u>
<u>T10</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>Berkmeyer</u>	<u>Town and Country</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>276</u>
<u>T10</u>	<u>Herman</u>	<u>Sekne</u>	<u>Oslo</u>	<u>NOR</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>276</u>
<u>T13</u>	<u>Evan</u>	<u>Katz</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>278</u>
<u>T13</u>	<u>Jack</u>	<u>Wall</u>	<u>Brielle</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>278</u>
<u>T13</u>	<u>Hayden</u>	<u>Hopewell</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>AUS</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>278</u>
<u>T13</u>	<u>Colby</u>	<u>Patton</u>	<u>Clemson</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>278</u>
<u>T17</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Mississauga</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>279</u>
<u>T17</u>	<u>Peter</u>	<u>Bradbeer</u>	<u>Rosemont</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>279</u>
<u>T17</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>Imai</u>	<u>Brookline</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>279</u>
<u>T17</u>	<u>Brandon</u>	<u>Berry</u>	<u>Great Falls</u>	<u>VA</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>279</u>
<u>T17</u>	<u>Connor</u>	<u>Glynn</u>	<u>Waconia</u>	<u>MN</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>279</u>
<u>T22</u>	<u>Anthony</u>	<u>Delisanti</u>	<u>Sanborn</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>281</u>
<u>T22</u>	<u>Jared</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Columbiana</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>281</u>
<u>T22</u>	<u>Cougar</u>	<u>Collins</u>	<u>Mono</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>281</u>
<u>T22</u>	<u>Douglass</u>	<u>Ergood</u>	<u>Mount Laurel</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>281</u>
<u>T26</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Mattare</u>	<u>Jersey City</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>282</u>
<u>T26</u>	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Steele</u>	<u>Kingston</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>282</u>
<u>T26</u>	<u>Louis</u>	<u>Olsakovsky</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>282</u>
<u>T29</u>	<u>Kengo</u>	<u>Aoshima</u>	<u>Minato-ku</u>	<u>JPN</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>283</u>
<u>T29</u>	<u>Jake</u>	<u>Beber-Frankel</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>283</u>
<u>T31</u>	<u>Enrique</u>	<u>Dimayuga</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>ENG</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>284</u>

<u>T31</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>Tureskis</u>	<u>Naples</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>284</u>
<u>T33</u>	<u>Johnny</u>	<u>Travale</u>	<u>Hamilton</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>285</u>
<u>T33</u>	<u>Bartley</u>	<u>Forrester</u>	<u>Gainesville</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>285</u>
<u>T33</u>	<u>William</u>	<u>Hocker</u>	<u>Grapevine</u>	<u>TX</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>285</u>
<u>T36</u>	<u>Etienne</u>	<u>Papineau</u>	<u>St-Jean-sur-Richelieu</u>	<u>QC</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>286</u>
<u>T36</u>	<u>Chris</u>	<u>Zhang</u>	<u>Blacksburg</u>	<u>VA</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>286</u>
<u>T36</u>	<u>Juan I</u>	<u>de Giacomi</u>	<u>Misiones</u>	<u>ARG</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>286</u>
<u>T36</u>	<u>Davis</u>	<u>Lamb</u>	<u>Potomac</u>	<u>MD</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>286</u>
<u>T36</u>	<u>Mauro</u>	<u>Baez</u>	<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>286</u>
<u>T41</u>	<u>Will</u>	<u>Thomson</u>	<u>Naples</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>287</u>
<u>T41</u>	<u>Juan I</u>	<u>Noba</u>	<u>Buenos Aires</u>	<u>ARG</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>287</u>
<u>T41</u>	<u>Andrew</u>	<u>O'Leary</u>	<u>Norfolk</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>287</u>
<u>T41</u>	<u>Daniel</u>	<u>Gurtner</u>	<u>Guatemala City</u>	<u>GUA</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>287</u>
<u>T45</u>	<u>Nick</u>	<u>Cassini</u>	<u>Duluth</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>T45</u>	<u>Taichi</u>	<u>Kho</u>	<u>Hong Kong</u>	<u>CHN</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>T45</u>	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Kumar</u>	<u>Sarasota</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>T45</u>	<u>Michael</u>	<u>Stamberger</u>	<u>Brielle</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>T45</u>	<u>Tyler</u>	<u>Isenhart</u>	<u>Geneva</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>T45</u>	<u>Justin</u>	<u>Lane</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>288</u>
<u>T51</u>	<u>Brandon</u>	<u>Mancheno</u>	<u>Jacksonville</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>290</u>
<u>T51</u>	<u>Chris</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Garden City</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>290</u>
<u>T51</u>	<u>Ryan</u>	<u>Hart</u>	<u>Naples</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>290</u>
<u>T51</u>	<u>Charlie</u>	<u>Fischer</u>	<u>Orchard Park</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>290</u>
<u>T55</u>	<u>Rij</u>	<u>Patel</u>	<u>Hunt Valley</u>	<u>MD</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>291</u>
<u>T55</u>	<u>Jack</u>	<u>Angelucci</u>	<u>New Hartford</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>291</u>
<u>T57</u>	<u>James</u>	<u>McHugh</u>	<u>Bay Head</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>292</u>
<u>T57</u>	<u>Andres</u>	<u>Schonbaum</u>	<u>Cordoba</u>	<u>ARG</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>292</u>
<u>59</u>	<u>Shawn</u>	<u>Colella</u>	<u>Marcellus</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>294</u>
<u>T60</u>	<u>Danny</u>	<u>Gianniny</u>	<u>Rochester</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>295</u>
<u>T60</u>	<u>Noah</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>Naples</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>295</u>
<u>62</u>	<u>Jamie</u>	<u>Miller</u>	<u>Orchard Park</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>297</u>
<u>63</u>	<u>Andrew</u>	<u>Kotler</u>	<u>Skillman</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>298</u>
<u>64</u>	<u>Diego</u>	<u>Saavedra D</u>	<u>Guaynabo</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>65</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Pawlak</u>	<u>North Tonawanda</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>301</u>
<u>T66</u>	<u>Eric</u>	<u>Lifson</u>	<u>Sudbury</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>302</u>
<u>T66</u>	<u>Yin Ho</u>	<u>Yue</u>	<u>Hong Kong</u>	<u>CHN</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>302</u>
<u>68</u>	<u>Lincoln</u>	<u>Cizek</u>	<u>Shakopee</u>	<u>MN</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>303</u>
<u>69</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>DelGobbo</u>	<u>Fonthill</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>307</u>
<u>70</u>	<u>Nicholas</u>	<u>Morreale</u>	<u>Grand Island</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>308</u>
<u>71</u>	<u>Paul</u>	<u>Kudela</u>	<u>Niagara Falls</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>309</u>

<u>72</u>	<u>Stosh</u>	<u>Kajfasz</u>	<u>Nlagara Falls</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>314</u>
<u>73</u>	<u>Rocco</u>	<u>Randazzo</u>	<u>Lewiston</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>316</u>
<u>74</u>	<u>Nick</u>	<u>Russell</u>	<u>Hilton Head Is</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>326</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>Ben</u>	<u>McBane</u>	<u>Rochester</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>327</u>