

SARAZEN MOST DURABLE PERFORMER IN OPEN

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GENE SARAZEN is the most durable performer in the history of the USGA Open Championship, having appeared in 31 consecutive Championships while playing through 26.

Sarazen started his amazing string as an 18-year-old at Inverness in 1920 and has teed off in every Open since, until this year, when he is assisting in the telecasting at San Francisco.

Only two other contestants have played through 20 or more. Walter Hagen was around at the finish in 22, while Alex Campbell, who started back in 1899, stood at 20 when he retired.

Slight inconsistencies will be noted in the 18 and 72-hole averages of some of the early-day stars because the first three Opens were contested at 36 instead of 72. In their case, all their rounds are figured in the 18-hole average but their 72-hole average is restricted to 72-hole performances.



GENE SARAZEN

CLASS I

(25 or More Complete Opens)

Player	Complete Opens	High	Low	Period	72-Hole Average	18-Hole Average
GENE SARAZEN	26	313	286	1920-1952	299.31	74.83

CLASS II

(20 or More Complete Opens, But Fewer Than 25)

WALTER HAGEN	22	318	290	1913-1936	300.59	75.15
ALEX CAMPBELL	20	340	302	1899-1924	320.2	80.05

CLASS III

(15 or More Complete Opens, But Fewer Than 20)

RALPH GULDAHL	15	318	281	1930-1949	297.47	74.37
PAUL RUNYAN	16	327	289	1928-1952	298.75	74.69
HORTON SMITH	17	322	288	1927-1952	300.76	75.19
DENNY SHUTE	16	325	284	1926-1950	300.81	75.20
LEO DIEGEL	15	315	294	1920-1934	301.8	75.45

Player	Complete Opens	High	Low	Period	72-Hole Average	18-Hole Average
MACDONALD SMITH	18	318	288	1910-1937	302.33	75.58
TOMMY ARMOUR	16	317	292	1920-1940	302.81	75.7
BOBBY CRUICKSHANK	17	218	285	1921-1950	303.35	75.84
JOHNNY FARRELL	17	322	292	1920-1940	304.24	76.06
JIM BARNES	15	315	289	1912-1930	305	76.25
AL WATROUS	17	317	297	1921-1951	306.41	76.6
JOHN GOLDEN	15	332	294	1920-1935	308.27	77.07
JOCK HUTCHISON	16	338	288	1908-1932	308.56	77.14
MIKE BRADY	19	343	294	1906-1932	308.7	77.19
FRED MCLEOD	19	334	297	1903-1928	313.53	78.38
ALEX SMITH	17	340	295	1898-1921	316.29	79.07
GIL NICHOLLS	15	366	293	1898-1920	320.33	80.08

CLASS IV

(10 or More Complete Opens, But Fewer Than 15)

BEN HOGAN	11	308	276	1939-1954	288.09	72.02
SAM SNEAD	14	309	282	1937-1954	291	72.75
LLOYD MANGRUM	12	304	284	1939-1954	291.83	72.96
JIMMY DEMARET	10	300	278	1937-1954	293.2	73.3
DICK METZ	11	307	287	1935-1954	293.64	73.41
JOHNNY BULLA	12	309	287	1936-1953	295.58	73.89
DUTCH HARRISON	11	307	288	1936-1953	295.82	73.95
ROBERT T. JONES, JR.	11	309	287	1920-1930	295.91	73.98
VIC GHEZZI	12	311	284	1932-1949	296.5	74.12
HENRY PICARD	11	313	289	1934-1951	296.82	74.2
HERMAN BARRON	12	309	285	1931-1949	297.58	74.39
HARRY COOPER	12	320	284	1927-1939	298.08	74.52
JOHNNY REVOLTA	11	316	293	1933-1954	299.27	74.82
OLIN DUTRA	10	308	292	1930-1939	299.6	74.9
BILLY BURKE	13	315	292	1928-1947	300.38	75.09
CRAIG WOOD	14	317	284	1925-1951	300.57	75.14
ED DUDLEY	12	315	287	1928-1941	300.75	75.19
CHICK EVANS	11	313	286	1914-1936	301.7	75.43
AL ESPIONOSA	11	314	294	1925-1940	302.73	75.68
TONY MANERO	10	318	282	1928-1940	304.5	76.01
FRANK WALSH	12	317	292	1926-1940	304.17	76.04
BILL MEHLHORN	14	322	290	1920-1937	304.36	76.09
JIMMY THOMSON	11	321	293	1925-1949	304.73	76.18
JOE TURNESA	10	314	294	1923-1933	305.5	76.37
WILLIE HUNTER	11	322	298	1922-1938	305.82	76.45
JOE KIRKWOOD, SR.	11	318	293	1921-1948	306.64	76.66
WILLIE MACFARLANE	12	320	291	1912-1938	307.25	76.81
CLARENCE HACKNEY	10	316	302	1916-1936	308	77
WILLIE KLEIN	12	323	298	1923-1941	309.33	77.33
GEORGE SARGENT	13	324	290	1909-1927	309.77	77.44
TOM KERRIGAN	11	326	292	1914-1936	309.82	77.45
JOHN RODGERS	10	329	293	1920-1940	310	77.5
EMMETT FRENCH	11	325	303	1915-1929	310.27	77.57
BOB MACDONALD	12	324	296	1911-1933	311.67	77.92
HARRY HAMPTON	12	328	304	1915-1933	312.17	78.04
TOM MCNAMARA	13	343	294	1903-1919	312.77	78.19
WILLIE ANDERSON	14	339	299	1897-1910	317.7	79
PETER ROBERTSON	10	333	308	1904-1913	316.8	79.2
ALEX ROSS	14	347	302	1903-1926	317.5	79.37
LAWRENCE AUCHTERLONIE	11	346	305	1899-1909	322.18	80.55
GEORGE LOW	14	341	303	1899-1919	322.21	80.55
JACK CAMPBELL	10	349	309	1900-1912	328.7	82.17
ISAAC MACKIE	12	350	299	1901-1921	328.75	82.18
JAMES FOULIS	11	347	317	1895-1911	334	83.37
HARRY TURPIE	10	357	319	1898-1906	335.89	84.15
HORACE RAWLINS	14	361	322	1895-1909	339.3	84.7