Lynn Anderson, Keller GC, from the fairway bunker to the 18th green during the 2016 MWPGA State Senior Public Links Championship at Inver Wood Golf Course. Anderson finished second.
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For more than a century, the Minnesota Golf Association has been a steward of the amateur game in our state. What began in 1901, with seven member clubs and a goal to identify the best amateur player, today encompasses nearly 35 state championships, national qualifiers and numerous regional and club competitions. Minnesota consistently ranks at or near the top in golfer participation and represents an industry that means $2.4 billion to the state’s economy. Clearly, we are passionate about playing the game and take seriously our role as its steward.

This year marks a major step forward for golf with the merging of the Minnesota Women’s Golf Association, the Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association, and the MGA. It’s been nearly a three-year process to arrive at consensus and a plan that will not only be seamless in its integration, but also limitless in the opportunities provided for all of us. For me, the most compelling reason to unite was the realization that one organization is stronger than three and that by joining forces we could simplify the calendar while also creating new opportunities to grow women’s participation.

In association with 12 allied organizations representing those who make a living from the game to those who see the game as a way to improve the lives of others, the new MGA is a year-round non-profit organization that serves the game for all golfers in Minnesota. The MGA actively supports, financially and otherwise, a diverse number of organizations like the Western Golf Association’s Evans Scholars program and a number of other organizations that promote the game to disabled golfers, disadvantaged youth and groups that have traditionally found challenges in their paths when it comes to the game of golf.

The reason the MGA is able to give back to the game is first and foremost because of the 65,000 associate members and the more than 400 member golf clubs who choose to join in and support the MGA. Our exceptional staff, board members, ambassadors and volunteers turn this support into programs and services on behalf of the game in our state.

Thanks, everyone. Your support is so greatly appreciated. Together let’s make 2017 a great year for the game that we all love so much!

Barb Hanson, MGA President
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Barb Hanson, MGA President

As president, Hanson leads the executive committee and board of directors in developing policies and programs of the MGA and appoints chairs to the organization’s committees. Hanson has been actively involved in amateur golf administration, having served as a past president of the Minnesota Women’s Golf Association, and as a regional vice president of the MGA. Hanson has attended USGA Rules School and regularly volunteers as a tournament rules official. She is president of Corporate Golf Services, based in Crosslake, which links women to golf through education, instruction and on-course coaching. Hanson is an accomplished, lifelong golfer, having qualified twice for the USGA Senior Women’s Amateur Championship, as well as being a club champion numerous times, at the local level. She was selected to captain Minnesota Women’s USGA State Team in 2009, is a member of Whitefish Golf Club, in Pequot Lakes, and lives in Crosslake.

Tom Smith, Vice President

As vice president, Smith presides over meetings of the management committee and fulfills the duties of the president when the latter is absent or unavailable to perform the office. Smith has been actively involved in amateur golf administration having served on the MGA’s board of directors since 2004. Smith chairs the Warren J. Rebholz Distinguished Service Award in addition to sitting on the MGA’s finance, and the strategic planning committees. Smith is also an accomplished tournament golfer, having twice won the MGA Senior Amateur Four-Ball championship, the 2005 MGA Senior Players’ Match Play and the Senior Player of the Year, and qualified for the MGA Senior Tour finals eight consecutive years. After a career in real estate and insurance, Smith and his wife, Peggy, purchased the Brackett’s Crossing Country Club in 1993, and have transformed the Lakeville operation into a successful family-oriented golf club and banquet facility.

Mike Malone, Secretary/Treasurer

As secretary/treasurer, Malone is responsible for supervising the financial affairs of the MGA. He has been involved in the golf industry for nearly four decades, including serving as the head golf professional at Waseca Lakeside Golf Club, the Dahlgren Golf Club, and is the owner and director of golf, at the Ridges of Sand Creek, in Jordan. Malone is also the co-owner of Versatile Vehicles, an outdoor power equipment company serving the golf business. He serves on the board of the Midwest Golf Course Owner’s Association, was a past president, and is also a former board member of the MN PGA Section. Malone, who played college golf at Broward College, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was named the MN Section Golf Professional of the Year in 2007. He lives in Edina.

Kip Colwell, Past President

As past-president, Colwell remains actively involved in the MGA as a member of the management committee, chair of the nominating committee and as a tournament volunteer. Colwell has been actively involved in the leadership at his home club, The Minikahda Club, where he has served as club president, chair of the grounds committee, and chaired an extensive restoration effort of the historic Minneapolis golf course. Colwell, a long-time director of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, also chaired the 2007 Trans-Mississippi Championship when the prestigious event visited Minikahda. Colwell was recently appointed a director of the Western Golf Association, which administers the Evans Scholars Caddie Scholarship program. He played Division III golf at the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology. Colwell is CEO of Advanced Web Co., a Minneapolis label and packaging printing company and lives in Edina.
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THE MGA STORY

The Minnesota Golf Association, founded in 1901, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to upholding and promoting the game of golf and its values for all golfers in Minnesota. The MGA currently serves more than 400 member courses and 65,000 amateur golfers throughout the state which makes the MGA one of the largest golf associations in the country. The MGA, through its programs and services, strives to preserve the integrity of the game to make golf more enjoyable for all.

Effective December 31, 2016, the MGA merged with the Minnesota Women’s Golf Association (MWGA) and the Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association (MWPGA). The new MGA means more playing opportunities for all female members, or some 17,000 throughout the state.

Seven golf clubs founded the Minnesota Golf Association in 1901, creating an organization designed to foster, promote and conserve golf within the state. In the more than 114 years since its inception, the MGA has produced a long list of services oriented towards the golfer, the golf course and the game itself.

The first of those services was the competitive golfing event, the Amateur Championship. First played at the conclusion of the MGA’s inaugural meeting, the Amateur is one of the oldest and longest running sporting events in the state. It has become a popular tradition with over 800 golfers competing annually. The growth of golf has prompted the addition of events to the MGA’s championship schedule. There are now 21 MGA amateur championships for golfers of all ages and abilities.

For the younger golfers, the MGA has the State Junior Boys’ and Girls’ Championships along with the Junior Team Championship. The Junior Team Championship has competitive young golfers put their own team of four together to play in either the Open division or Girls’ division.

Golfers interested in supporting the MGA can join the MGA’s Membership Program through member clubs by contacting a club directly or through the MGA Join Online Program. Members receive a regularly updated USGA Handicap Index® and MGA publications including the Minnesota Golfer magazine and the MGA Member Links eNewsletter, and have the opportunity to compete in MGA championships and events. Associate Member dues are the primary source of funding for the MGA’s services.

For the golf courses in the state, the MGA offers club memberships. With a tradition founded on service, the MGA offers golf courses a unique network of information and assistance. An extensive course rating program keeps MGA member clubs’ ratings up to USGA standards. This ensures that every member handicap accurately reflects a golfer’s potential ability. MGA member clubs also receive club rosters, tournament schedules, course rating posters and dozens of other important pieces of literature each year. An MGA golf calendar informs golfers about various club events and tournaments that occur around the state. The MGA compiles these dates every spring and sends the calendar to all Associate Members on its mailing list – more than 55,000 households.

In addition, the MGA actively monitors state legislation to ensure the best interests of the game of golf are pursued. Any changes that will affect MGA member clubs are quickly passed along.

With the Rules of Golf being an integral part of the game, rules education and dissemination are an important service offered by the MGA. Not only does the MGA have input on the USGA's Rules of Golf Committee, it actively advocates those rules around the state. This involvement includes the sale of Rules of Golf and Decisions books, managing the Rules Hotline and the presentation of Rules Seminars.
Minnesota is fortunate to have several golf associations that serve the game of golf in a variety of ways and the MGA is privileged to work with its many allies. To ensure the health of golf in Minnesota, the MGA supports other state allied golf associations through administrative and financial support and resource sharing. The golf industry’s direct impact to Minnesota’s economy is $1.2 billion annually ($2.4 billion combined effect of golf contributions), so the golf industry’s health is vital to many Minnesota citizens.

An Allied Association is an organization that is golf-related and has a mission or vision that is consistent with the MGA’s mission. The MGA and allied associations work to support each others’ missions or visions while respecting each association’s unique role in fostering the game of golf in Minnesota. A complete list of MGA Allied Associations, their mission statements, as well as contact information follows:

### Club Managers Association of America, Upper Midwest Chapter
The Club Managers’ Association of America, Upper Midwest Chapter is the professional association for managers of private membership clubs which promotes friendly relations between and among persons connected with the management of clubs and other associations of similar character; to encourage the education and advancement of its members; and to assist club officers and members, through their managers, to secure the utmost in efficient and successful operations.

**Contact:** Rollie Carlson • 8870 Yellowstone Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55311 612-419-9102 • rollie@rolliecarlson.com • cmaa.org

### Explore Minnesota Golf Alliance
The Explore Minnesota Golf Alliance is a statewide organization that promotes Minnesota as a preferred golf destination and attracts out-of-state golfers to the state’s best public golf courses.

**Contact:** Steve Dowling • 6550 York Avenue South, Suite 211, Edina, MN 55435 612-860-8538 • explore@mngolf.org • exploreminnesotagolf.com

### Fairway Foundation
Through structured programming that includes a Life Skills component, the Fairway Foundation helps young people develop character and skills such as honesty, self-respect, self-esteem, self-discipline, anger management and conflict resolution. These positive skills and values serve young people into adulthood and throughout the remainder of their lives.

**Contact:** Erick Goodlow • PO Box 80658, Minneapolis, MN 55408 • 763-226-1636 erick.goodlow@fairwayfoundation.org • fairwayfoundation.org

### First Tee Chapters of Minnesota
The First Tee was established to impact the lives of young people around the world by creating affordable and accessible golf facilities to primarily serve those not previously exposed to the game and its positive values. Chapters include First Tee of the Twin Cities, Three Rivers Park District, and Rochester, to name a few.

**Website:** thefirsttee.org

### LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals
The Ladies Professional Golf Association encompasses both the LPGA Tour and the LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Division. For more than 50 years, it has grown to include programs intended to advance golfers with an emphasis on women’s and youth golf.

**Contact:** Nora McGuire • 651-778-0424 • lpga.com

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ALLIED GOLF ASSOCIATIONS
and Frequently Used Contacts continued

**Midwest Golf Course Owners Association**
The Midwest Golf Course Owners Association (Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota) is a chapter of the National Golf Course Owners’ Association. The Chapter is a professional association dedicated to education and improving the business skills of its members as privately-owned public golf courses.

**Contact:** Curt Walker • Executive Director
952-854-7272 • mwgcoa@aol.com • golfinthemidwest.com

**Midwest Public Golf Managers Association**
The Midwest Public Golf Managers’ Association promotes and enhances the public golf experience through the education and networking of its membership.

**Contact:** Marlene Young • P.O. Box 156, Annandale, MN 55302
320-274-2341 • mpgama.org

**Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association**
The objective of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association is to advance the art and science of Golf Course Management.

**Contact:** Jack MacKenzie, Executive Director • 10050 204th Street North, Forest Lake, MN 55025 • 651-324-TURF (8873)
jack@mgcsa.org • mgcsa.org

**Minnesota Minority Junior Golf Association**
The mission of the Minnesota Minority Junior Golf Association is to foster the growth of disadvantaged youth as well as advance the game of golf by providing access to income-earning caddying opportunities, golf lessons, scholarship and other assistance while providing peer and mentor support, and teaching the discipline, sportsmanship, and life skills inherent in the game of golf.

**Contact:** Jay Berine • 230 TriTech Center, 331 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55401
612-702-1406 • info@mmjga.org • mmjga.org

**Minnesota Public Golf Association**
The purpose of the Minnesota Public Golf Association is both to promote interest in the sport and to conserve the true spirit of the game of golf.

**Contact:** Jim Overocker • PO Box 22171, Eagan, MN 55122
651-452-6394 • jogolf@comcast.net • mpga.net

**Minnesota Section of the PGA**
The mission statement of the Minnesota Section of the PGA of America is to establish itself as a viable, valuable and visible organization to the golfing community.

**Contact:** Jon Tollette, Executive Director • 12800 Bunker Prairie Road, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
763-754-0820 • jtollette@pgahq.com • minnesotapga.com
National Golf Foundation
Founded in 1936, the National Golf Foundation provides people with the most timely and relevant information on the golf industry with original research on every aspect of the business.

**Contact:** 1150 South U.S. Hwy #1, Suite 401, Jupiter, FL 33477
561-744-6006 • general@ngf.org • ngf.org

PGA of America
**Contact:** 100 Avenue of the Champions, PO Box 109601, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-9601 • 561-624-8400 • pga.com

Physically Limited Golfers’ Association
The Physically Limited Golfers’ Association is a non-profit organization that has served physically limited golfers in the Midwest since 1984. Its purpose is to promote golf for people with physical limitations.

**Contact:** John Ross, President
2018 County Road 19, Maple Plain, MN 55359 • 763-479-6419

Trans-Mississippi Golf Association
Founded in 1900, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association is one of the oldest and most prestigious golf organizations in the United States.

**Contact:** Rob Addington • 2909 Cole Avenue, #305, Dallas, TX 75204
214-468-8942 • golf@trans-miss.com • trans-miss.com

United States Golf Association
The United States Golf Association is the national governing body of golf for the U.S. and Mexico. The USGA's most visible role is played out each season in conducting 15 national championships, including the U.S. Open. The USGA also writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, funds research for better turf and a better environment, maintains a Handicap System, celebrates the history of the game and administers an ongoing grants program.

**Contact:** Golf House, PO Box 708, Far Hills, NJ 07931-0708 • 908-234-2300 • usga.org

Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation
The Evans Scholars Foundation, sponsored by the Western Golf Association, administers the largest privately funded college scholarship program in the nation. Since 1930, when the first two Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University, nearly 9,000 Evans Scholars Alumni have graduated from college, with more than 500 of them right here in Minnesota.

**Contact:** Western Golf Association • 1 Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029
847-724-4600 • evansscholars@westerngolfassociation.com
westerngolfassociation.com
Advocacy for Golf in Minnesota
The MGA monitors the state capitol for legislative issues that might impact golf in Minnesota. Over the last several years, the MGA and its Allied Associations have worked with legislators on a number of issues including creating legislation ensuring the regulated use of phosphorus by golf courses and developing proportional property taxes for Minnesota golf courses.

Golf is a $2.4 billion Industry in Minnesota.
In general, golf in Minnesota provides $361 million in golf tourism, $776 million in wage earnings (34,653 jobs), and $52 million in funds raised for charity. Minnesota golf is part of a larger $76 billion U.S. economy (Golf 20/20).

The MGA and allied associations commissioned an Economic Impact Study of the Golf Industry to articulate the contribution of golf to Minnesota’s economy and establish the golf industry as a significant business sector. In 2006, the size of Minnesota’s direct golf economy was approximately $1.2 billion (or a total of $2.4 billion, if the effects of golf dollars from other linked industries are factored in). The golf industry is on a par with several other important industries: dairy products ($1.1 billion), printed circuitry ($1.3 billion), and accounting, tax and payroll ($1.4 billion).

Committees

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Minnesota Golfer

The award-winning Minnesota Golfer, the official publication of the MGA, is distributed four times per year to a primary audience of 65,000. Readers include MGA Members, golf industry decision makers including golf professionals, club managers, golf course superintendents, course owners, club officials, sales representatives and the news media. A digital version of current and recent issues also appears online at mngolf.org.

The Minnesota Golfer is an effective tool for advertisers to help achieve their marketing goals with the most avid golf audience in Minnesota.

mngolf.org Online and Mobile

The MGA’s website, mngolf.org, features a hugely popular course search engine and is an exceptional resource for information. This site displays key member club information such as telephone numbers, green fees, directions, course amenities, yardage and par as well as the course and slope ratings of all MGA member clubs. MGA Members are able to sign up for MGA events and programs via the website. While players, visitors and the media are able to view Minnesota golf news on a daily basis and “Live Scoring” during most MGA championships, in season news and stories on the local golf scene are updated nearly daily on the MGA website throughout the year. The MGA also has a mobile friendly web design for the convenience of MGA members and visitors using smartphone technology.

For more information on marketing opportunities with the MGA, please contact our account representative, Andrea Shapiro at ashapiro@msp-c.com or 612-251-8815.
Create Your Own Personal Profile Page on mngolf.org

For MGA members, tournament players, and volunteers who frequently visit the MGA website, mngolf.org, now you can create a secure, password-accessible personal profile page to manage your contact information (email, address and phone), view your current USGA Handicap Index, see your latest scores, stay abreast of your playing partners’ handicap indexes, and list your favorite courses. For those who participate in association competitions, your tournament results include scores from Minnesota state championships and qualifiers. If you are a snowbird, or a member with more than one mailing address, or multiple residences, you can manage your contact information easily and conveniently – and without missing another issue of Minnesota Golfer magazine.

Your personal profile page also includes handy links to post-a-score, your complete scoring history, print member card (your USGA Handicap Index) and tournament registration. For assistance, call Lukas at 952-345-3977.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Periscope as an additional way to keep up with everything that is happening in golf in Minnesota and current golf news. We also have a twitter feed on our homepage at mngolf.org.

eNewsletter

More than 43,000 MGA Members receive news updates keeping them abreast of statewide association activities during the golf season and throughout the year.

Valuable MGA Materials

The MGA also publishes this annual yearbook and media guide, as well as an annual golf course directory, an annual golf calendar of events, news releases on MGA amateur championships and association programs, plus numerous schedules, entry forms and other bulletins.

FREE GHIN Mobile App for Golfers on the Go
A free mobile app is available to all MGA members. The app allows golfers to search a golf course, post a score, check your scoring history, look up USGA Handicap Indexes and follow the latest news from mngolf.org via a scrolling ticker. For MGA tournament players, Senior Tour and Member Day participants, the app allows quick and convenient event entry, pairings and schedules. Download the free app by searching for “GHIN Mobile App.”

Course Rating & Measuring
One of the responsibilities of the MGA as the central handicap authority for Minnesota and authorized golf associations is to provide course rating and measuring services to its member clubs. MGA member clubs are usually rated three times in their first ten years of existence. More mature courses are re-rated every five-to-seven years. This ensures the accuracy and effectiveness of the USGA Handicap System for all MGA member clubs. New and reconstructed courses are a top priority at the MGA. Nearly all courses within the United States have been measured and rated using the USGA Course Rating System Rating guidelines. This allows golfers to report their scores from any of these courses in the country for handicapping purposes. The use of the USGA Course Rating System makes the USGA Handicap Index portable from course to course. MGA course raters have attended USGA calibration seminars and training sessions to qualify for their positions. Each year the MGA’s two course rating teams measure and rate approximately 100 golf courses in Minnesota. Laser measuring and strict adherence to USGA specifications ensures accurate ratings at all MGA member clubs. The MGA rating teams are among the top rating teams in the United States.

Evans Scholars – College Scholarships
The MGA, in association with the Western Golf Association, provides Evans Scholarships to deserving caddies. Scholarships are awarded to caddies with financial need who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic performance and community service. Scholarships include tuition and housing. Currently, there are sixty active scholars at the University of Minnesota, eleven of whom are women. Since 1930, when the first two Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University, nearly 10,000 Evans Scholars Alumni have graduated from college, including more than 600 from Minnesota. For more information, contact Anne Colehour at 952-345-3969.

For the Good of the Game – And its Future Success
The MGA is proud to support programs such as the Evans Scholars Foundation, the Fairway Foundation, the Minnesota Minority Junior Golf Association, the Physically Limited Golfers’ Association and The First Tee. In addition to the recognition as allied associations, the MGA publishes an annual golf calendar helping to raise awareness of charitable golf tournament fundraising at MGA member clubs.
GHIN Handicap Service

The USGA Handicap System™ was developed to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing skill levels the ability to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a Course Handicap™, regardless of ability, and adjusts the player's USGA Handicap Index* up or down as his or her game changes. A USGA Handicap Index, issued by a golf club or authorized golf association, is a service mark of the USGA, and indicates a measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty.

On January 1, 2005, the USGA designated the MGA, authorized golf association and the central handicap authority for Minnesota, to administer and implement the USGA Handicap System License Program in Minnesota, designed to better maintain the integrity and reliability of the USGA Handicap System.

MGA Members can track their Handicap Index by receiving the MGA eRevision through email, sent out at each revision throughout the golf season.

The MGA issues approximately 65,000 handicaps annually, including reduced-rate handicaps for juniors. It only takes five scores to calculate a USGA Handicap Index. Minnesota's active season is April 1 to October 31. However, handicap revisions occur twice monthly on the 1st and 15th of each month throughout the year. Once a handicap is established, it can be verified on the Internet via the MGA's website, mngolf.org, or at ghin.com. The MGA has a full-time staff that provides superior customer service to all MGA member clubs and Associate Members who have questions relating to GHIN or the USGA Handicap System.

Growth of the Game

In 2003, the MGA and several key allied golf organizations formed the Minnesota Golf Council to “grow the game” in Minnesota.

Minnesota Golf License Plate

The Play Golf Minnesota specialty license plate is now on sale through the Minnesota department of public safety and select DMV locations. Golfers who pay the $30 plate fee will have the peace of mind of knowing that proceeds will be directed toward for-good-of-the-game programs, such as junior golf and player development, designated by a joint Minnesota MGA/PGA committee.

To order your golf license plate, visit your local county DMV office.

Join Online

“Join the Club” was launched as a way to allow golfers to locate MGA clubs seeking new golfers. At mngolf.org, golfers can search and locate a golf club in their area which will allow the golfer to join the MGA online and establish a USGA Handicap Index. This program has successfully linked unaffiliated golfers to MGA member clubs.
“Bring Your Family to the Golf Course”
Now in its twelfth year, the MGA’s “Bring Your Family to the Golf Course” program has successfully introduced new players to the game and encouraged families and adults to participate in the game of a lifetime. MGA member courses participating in the “Bring Your Family” program offer a free green fee for youths under the age of 18 accompanied by a paying adult. Participating golf courses are encouraged to include lessons and clinics targeted to family golfers.

The 2017 program will run July 10-16 with a list of participating clubs at mngolf.org in late June. Many MGA courses find family programs an effective way to grow the game at their facility and run family programs throughout the summer.

Guest Speaker Bureau
The MGA provides a speaker service for club meetings or special gatherings to discuss MGA services, programs and other related topics.

Hole-in-One Certificates
The MGA recognizes holes-in-one made by MGA members on our website and in a comprehensive database available at mngolf.org. MGA members can enter their “ace” information online including telling a story about their perfect shot and uploading a photo. Recent holes-in-one are featured on the homepage. Members can also report it to the club pro or manager where they had their hole-in-one to forward their information onto the MGA. Once a hole-in-one has been recorded online, a player may print out a handsome certificate recognizing their accomplishment or request the MGA staff to send out a printed certificate. In 2016, nearly 700 holes-in-one were recorded by MGA Members. Simply go to the homepage of mngolf.org and look for the highlighted area recognizing holes-in-one. You can see recent hole-in-one stories and photos, explore the searchable MGA hole-in-one database and record your own hole-in-one!

Internships in Golf Administration
The MGA conducts a P.J. Boatwright Jr. internship program that provides education and training in all areas of golf administration. In 1991, the USGA established the P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship Program, in honor of P.J. Boatwright Jr., a past United States Golf Association Director of Rules and Competitions. Each year, the USGA perpetuates a memorial tribute to P.J. Boatwright Jr. through funding of internship programs for regional golf associations throughout the country, including the MGA. This program is designed to give experience to individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in golf administration, while assisting state and regional golf associations, as well as other non-profit organizations dedicated to the promotion of amateur golf, on a short-term, entry level basis. Interns help conduct tournaments, junior golf programs, membership services, and other general activities that promote the best interests of golf.

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Junior Golf
The MGA developed a junior program in 1961 and since that time, the program has become broader. The MGA offers the Minnesota State Junior Boys’ & Junior Girls’ Championships, the MGA Junior Team Championship and fun Family Days. The MGA also participates in national and international junior events. The MGA oversees United States Golf Association qualifying for the U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Girls’ Junior Amateur Championship. Juniors who qualify locally compete at the national championship. The MGA helps defray the travel expenses so juniors from Minnesota can attend the event every year.

Member Days & Family Days
This popular and growing program allows our MGA Members to play outstanding golf courses around the state. Primarily an MGA Member benefit, these events of fun golf and camaraderie are also an opportunity for MGA member clubs to host a full field of avid golfers eager to experience a championship-quality event. The Family Days give adult MGA members the opportunity to share the game with a young family member or friend in a 9-hole scramble. There is a nominal fee for the golfer, which includes green fees, prizes, food and fun. For details and schedules of the 2017 Member Days and Family Days, see the Special Events Chapter of this Media Guide on pages 244-254.

Regional Meetings/Educational Seminars
Regional meetings provide an opportunity for golf course officials and MGA members to meet and discuss various topics with MGA staff and directors as well as provide great networking opportunities for those attending. The purpose of these meetings is to educate attendees along with enhancing communication between the MGA, member clubs and individual members. Meetings are held throughout the state each year, providing local club officials the opportunity to meet and discuss how the MGA is serving the needs of local clubs and members, and to discuss issues that are specific to the local area.

Regional Volunteer Network
More than 300 volunteers dedicate their time and talent to work on a number of different MGA committees making possible all the programs and services that make the game of golf better in Minnesota. In an effort to better serve MGA members throughout Minnesota, the MGA developed and implemented a regional format. The state is divided into six regions, including the Metro, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast and West Central; each region is represented by a vice president who coordinates regional activities with the MGA staff. To help coordinate regional activities, each regional vice president works with a team of volunteer ambassadors to promote communication between the MGA and member clubs on the local level. The role of the ambassador is to develop better relationships and communication flow between the MGA and member clubs at a local level to ensure the best possible service.

Rules of Golf
The MGA coordinates and conducts sanctioned *Rules of Golf* workshops throughout Minnesota that are open to the public. The MGA office monitors a “rules hotline” to answer questions on the *Rules of Golf* during the evenings and weekends as an additional benefit to MGA member clubs, 1-800-642-4405, ext. 965 or 952-345-3965.
Senior Tour
In 1996, the MGA Senior Tour began as a series of 18-hole events to enable senior golfers of all playing abilities to participate in competitive MGA events. Today the MGA Senior Tour serves more than 700 senior players statewide. For the 2017 season there are four regional sections (for male players 55 & older), the Super Senior section (for male players 70 & older), and the Women’s section (for female players 50 & older) each offering their own schedule of 18-hole individual competitions. Additionally, two-person team events and a 36-hole individual event are offered to all sections. Regional section events and All Section events include both net and gross competition in two divisions, Senior (ages 55-64) and Master (ages 65-over) for the regional sections while the Super Senior and Women’s sections have one division competing in net and gross. Entry to the MGA Senior Tour is open to amateur golfers who are current Members of the MGA and whose club is a member club of the MGA. Each year culminates with the Senior Tour Finals held at a prestigious course in the state. The top players from each section qualify. Contact the Senior Tour Department at 952-345-3978 or seniortour@mngolf.org for more details.

Tourism
Golf-related tourism is an important industry and vital to the state’s economic engine. The golf industry accounts for more than $361 million in golf-related revenues. The MGA supports golf tourism efforts through its joint partnership with the Explore Minnesota Golf Alliance and Explore Minnesota Tourism. The MGA’s website, mngolf.org, provides a search engine of member club information enabling locals and out-of-towners to quickly access information ranging from phone numbers, green fees and directions to yardage, par, slope and course ratings for all MGA member clubs.

Turfgrass Research
The MGA provides complimentary USGA Agronomist visits to select MGA Member Clubs. Since the program’s inception, approximately 150 courses have received a visit from a USGA Agronomist. Courses are selected based on hosting MGA events and for promoting MGA membership and programs. For more information, contact Joel Comstock at 952-345-3968.

USGA Liaison
The MGA, as the central handicap authority for Minnesota and an authorized golf association, is designated by the USGA to administer and implement the USGA Handicap System™ License Program. In addition, the MGA monitors national issues of importance to member clubs, processes amateur status reinstatement applications, and conducts local and sectional qualifying competitions for USGA championships, including the U.S. Open, Senior Open and Amateur Championship.
MGA AWARDS

MGA Member Club of the Year

Medina Golf and Country Club was named MGA Member Club of the Year in 2016. Medina truly embraces the modern golf and country-club lifestyle model. Not only does the suburban club feature a swimming pool and tennis facility, it also features a challenging 18-hole championship golf course, able to accommodate the game’s longer hitters and an adjacent 9-hole par-3 suited to juniors and the game’s shorter hitters.

Established in 1968 under the name Rolling Green Country Club by members who had departed Superior Country Club in Golden Valley (now the Brookview Golf Course), the membership opted to change the name of the club in 2006 to the Medina Golf & Country Club, reflecting the growing prominence of the affluent community west of the Twin Cities. The golf course architect is Charles Maddox, also credited with designing Brookview, Majestic Oaks (North) and Olympic Hills. The club has seen continual general improvements to the course, including the recontouring of fairways and a redesign of its bunkers. The club’s large rolling greens provide a variety of challenging hole locations to test the short-game skills of the state’s best amateur players.

Beginning with the 1970 MGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship, Medina has hosted numerous MGA amateur championships, including the 110th State Amateur in 2013 and most recently, the 29th Mid-Amateur Championship in 2016. In addition, Medina has hosted multiple USGA and MGA qualifiers.

Currently, Medina has 588 active MGA Associate Members using the GHIN service. The handicap committee excels in reviewing and posting scores for handicap purposes in a timely and accurate fashion.

These are just a few examples of how Medina serves its membership and promotes and supports the larger amateur game of golf in Minnesota.

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MGA Volunteer of the Year

More than 300 volunteers dedicate their time and talent to make it possible for the MGA to provide all the programs and services that make the game of golf better in Minnesota. Volunteer assignments range from working at MGA events and on committees to acting as a liaison with member clubs through the MGA Ambassador Program. The award is based on commitment to the MGA and amateur golf, through volunteering efforts, such as the number of days and hours worked, ability, willingness to do required assignments, initiative, and attitude.

Also known as the President’s Award, the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Skip Hambright of the Med City Golf Club for his exceptional volunteer service for more than a decade. Hambright, 70, of Rochester, is passionate about golf, the MGA and junior golf in particular. He began his service with the MGA as an ambassador for the southeast region in 2005, and soon thereafter was elected to the board of directors (in 2007). He was appointed to the management committee as a member at large in 2012, and was named a regional vice president in 2014. Hambright currently volunteers as a site captain overseeing qualifiers for the MGA, and has served more than 340 hours as a tournament volunteer since 2011. In addition, he has served as a handicap chairperson for more than two decades, and is currently the handicap chair for the Med City Golf Club.

Hambright has kept his rules of golf knowledge sharp by attending six MGA Rules Workshops in the past nine years, and has passed that knowledge on to his fellow golfers at the Maple Valley Golf & Country Club in Rochester. He has attained certification as a First Tee Coach through the First Tee of Rochester where he has volunteered since the chapter was established in 2010.

“In attitude, actions and rapport with colleagues, staff, tournament players and spectators, Skip Hambright truly epitomizes the spirit of the President’s Award,” said Kip Colwell, MGA president, at the 2016 MGA Annual Meeting.

MGA Volunteers of the Year

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The MGA Fritz Corrigan Evans Scholar of the Year Award is bestowed annually to an Evans Scholar from the University of Minnesota chapter house for outstanding achievement in academics, leadership and community service.

The 2016 winner was Charlie Bulger. Bulger, who caddied at the Minnesota Valley Country Club and The Minikahda Club, is a senior at the University of Minnesota majoring in chemical engineering with a 3.6 GPA. He has served two terms as president of the Minnesota Evans Scholars Chapter (2015-2016), where he was responsible for presiding over all scholar and chapter house operations. Prior to his time as president, Bulger was the philanthropy chair for the Evans Scholars Chapter, helping to organize scholar participation in many volunteer events. For the past two years he also served as the chair of the Evans Scholars National Committee. On the university campus, Bulger has participated in intramural sports, and has been a tutor in the STEM fields at Ramsey Middle School in Minneapolis.

In the Minnesota Evans Scholars House, Bulger received the National Committee Academic Achievement Award and the Carlton Blunt Scholarship Award. Throughout his four years, he has consistently been voted by his peers to be in the top 25 percent of the Minnesota Evans Scholars Chapter evaluations.

Following graduation in the spring of 2017, Bulger intends to work locally in the field of chemical engineering, with future plans to pursue an MBA.

The Chick Evans Scholarship program is a four-year college scholarship for deserving caddies, sponsored by the Western Golf Association in association with the MGA. In 2015, there were 865 Evans Scholars attending 19 universities around the country.

In 1996, the MGA renamed the Evans Scholar of the Year award in honor of Fritz Corrigan, a long-time supporter of the Evans Scholarship program who helped establish the Evans Scholars Chapter House at the University of Minnesota.
The Warren J. Rebholz Distinguished Service Award

The Warren J. Rebholz Distinguished Service Award was established in 1994 to honor individuals who, through their actions, have exemplified the spirit of the game at its highest level and who have made a substantial contribution to the game in Minnesota, or on a national or international level. Individuals may come from any golf-related area or discipline. The award is named in honor of Warren Rebholz, the longtime MGA executive director (1970-1992) and former “Commish” of the popular MGA Senior Tour.

The 2016 recipient was Cal Simmons. Simmons, of Edina, is a former officer of the Minnesota Golf Association (he was president, 2001-2002), served on the board of directors, from 1980-2013, was a longtime committee volunteer with the USGA (Mid-Amateur Committee, 1981-2004), and continues to volunteer as an MGA Rules official. Simmons was instrumental in bringing the USGA’s Senior Amateur, Walker Cup (which he co-chaired) and Women’s Open championships to Interlachen Country Club, his home course. He was also a co-organizer of the Dayton’s Challenge, from 1995-2012, which raised a significant amount of money for the Children’s Cancer Research Fund. Simmons is a director of the Western Golf Association, is a tireless supporter of the Evans Scholar Program, which provides college scholarships to deserving caddies, and has been a strong supporter of the University of Minnesota Golf Program, particularly during a turbulent period when the program was in danger of being eliminated.

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The MGA-PGA Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame was established in 1987 to recognize Minnesotans for their outstanding contributions to the game of golf. A task force meets annually to determine nominations. The MGA-PGA Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame is housed at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids and is operated and supported by the Minnesota Golf Association and the Minnesota Section of the Professional Golfers’ Association of America. The 2016 inductees are following.

William D. Clark

Clark, from Edinburgh, Scotland, was the first golf professional hired at both the Minneapolis Golf Club and Oak Ridge Country Club, while later serving as the golf professional at Superior Golf Course (renamed Brookview). Clark’s greatest contribution to Minnesota golf is his golf course design work: he designed Oak Ridge, and Gross (originally called Armour), Columbia, Meadowbrook and Theodore Wirth golf courses for the Minneapolis Park Board; he contributed to the Willie Park Jr. design at Minneapolis GC, and redesigned the University Golf Club, prior to its expansion to 18 holes.
Lisa (Kluver) Grimes
Grimes, of Alexandria, Minn., established the 36-hole tournament record as the 1978 State Girls’ High School champion, a score unsurpassed for 26 years. She won the Minnesota Women’s Match Play (1980), the Minnesota Women’s State Amateur (1982), and the Minnesota Women’s State Open (four times: 2004, 2006, 2012 and 2014).

Frank Taylor
Taylor, of Rochester, Minn., served on the Minnesota Section Board of Directors from 1974-1982, including as section president in 1979-1980. He was instrumental in forming the section’s Junior Golf Academy and Junior Golf Tour, and conceived the idea of a Senior State Open and Women’s Open championships. Taylor participated in the hiring of the section’s first executive director, and the establishment of a section reserve fund. After retiring from Rochester’s Eastwood Golf Course, he was named director of public golf courses for the city of Rochester.

Anne Zahn
Zahn, of Nevis, Minn., coached the University of Minnesota women’s golf team from 1982 to 1987, contending for the Big Ten championship during her tenure and eventually reaching a national ranking of 18th. She was named Big Ten Co-Coach of the Year in 1987. As a competitive player, Zahn won six individual Minnesota state titles, including two Women’s State Amateurs (stroke play), in 1976 and 1981; three Women’s State Match Play titles, 1976, 1979 and 1986; and a Senior Women’s State Amateur in 2006; she nearly won six more times, finishing runner up in these tournaments during a run from 1977 to 1983. Zahn also qualified for four USGA amateur championships: the U.S. Women’s Amateur (1982), and the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur (2005-2007).

For more information about the Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame, including nomination submissions, contact MGA Executive Director, Tom Ryan at 952-345-3971 or Minnesota Section PGA Executive Director, Jon Tollette at 763-754-0820.
## MINNESOTANS RECOGNIZED IN THE MGA-PGA GOLF HALL OF FAME

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Alex Uloth, Crystal Lake Golf Club, in a contemplative moment during the final round of the 2016 MGA Amateur Championship. On the 18th hole he would drain a 20 foot eagle putt to win by one shot.
# 2016 MGA Player of the Year Standings

## Men, Junior Boys and Senior Men

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## 2016 MGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

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**Past Players of the Year**

- Alissa Herron (1998)
- Donald Constable (2010)

**Female Player of the Year Awards begin in 1994**
This is the MGA Amateur Point Ranking System. Point totals shown include points earned through qualifying. Points are awarded on an ascending scale from qualifier to champion.

*Players earning exemptions will receive points given for appropriate qualifiers.

**Player Point Committee may assign points for performance in any other prestigious event.

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## Senior Women’s Player Points

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MGA PLAYER PROFILES
Men, Junior Boys and Senior Men

JOHN ANDERSON
Bunker Hills Golf Club
Born on January 7, 1959
Financial Advisor
College: Univ. of Minnesota - Morris
Resides in Andover

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Sr Players’ 2nd
MGA Sr Four-Ball 2nd
MPGA Sr Public Links T-3rd
MGA Sr Amateur T-4th
MGA Mixed Team 6th

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA MGA Amateur T-13th (2005)
MGA Sr Amateur T-8th (2015)
MGA Sr Four-Ball 2nd (2014)
MGA Sr Players’ 2nd (2015)
MN Sr Open Champion (2009), T-9th (2014), T-10th (2011)
Twin Cities Champion (2002)

FRANKIE CAPAN
Minneapolis Golf Club
Born on November 9, 1999
Student: Online education
Resides in North Oaks (summer) & Phoenix, AZ (winter)

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
Puerto Rico Jr Open Champion
Faldo Series - Grand Final T-2nd
Thunderbird International Jr T-9th
Jr PGA T-13th
US Jr Amateur Round of 16
US Amateur Four-Ball Round of 16

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
US Jr Amateur Match Play Qualifier (2014)
Jr PGA T-18th (2015)
MN Jr Players Tour Tourn of Champions T-8th (2012)
AJGA Target Jr Champion (2015)

MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN
Bunker Hills Golf Club
Born on June 23, 1977
Sales Development
College: Duke University
Resides in Minneapolis

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Amateur T-3rd
Northwest Invitational Champion
MPGA Mid Public Links T-5th
US Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifier
US Amateur Four-Ball Sectional Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Amateur Champion (1995)
MGA Mid-Amateur 6th (2011)
MGA Jr Boys’ Champion (1994)
MGA Amateur Four-Ball T-5th (2011)
MGA Amateur Team Champion (2011)
MSHSL Class 2A Champion (1996, 1994)
US Amateur 2 time Sectional Qualifier
US Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifier (2015)
US State Team Team Member (1995)
Northwest Invitational Champion (2015, 2012)
**JON EMPANGER**  
Island View Golf Club  
Born on February 25, 1955  
Self-employed  
College: University of Minnesota  
Resides in Chaska

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS
- **MPGA Sr Match Play**: 3rd  
- **MGA Sr Players’ Quarterfinalist**  
- **MGA Senior Four-Ball**: T-6th  
- **MN Sr Open**: T-10th  
- **MGA Amateur Four-Ball**: T-16th  
- **MGA Players’ Round of 32**

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
- **MGA Player of the Year**: Senior Men’s (2015)  
- **MGA Amateur**: Low Sr: (1st-2015, 2nd-2010)  
- **MGA Four-Ball**: Low Sr (4th-2014)  
- **MN Sr Open**: T-4th (2015), T-6th (2013)  
- **MPGA Mid-Am Public Links**: T-7th (2015)  
- **MPGA Sr Match Play**: Runner-Up (2014)  
- **US Sr Amateur**: Sectional Qualifier (2011)  
- **Twin Cities Sr**: 2nd (2013)

**BEN GREVE**  
Minneapolis Golf Club  
Born on July 14, 1981  
Risk & Insurance Advisor  
College: University of Minnesota  
Resides in Golden Valley

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS
- **MN State Open**: Champion  
- **MGA Mid-Amateur**: 4th  
- **MN Golf Champions**: T-9th

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
- **MGA Amateur**: 5th (2014)  

**CARSON HALEY**  
Terrace View Golf Club  
Born on November 6, 2000  
Student: Mankato East HS  
Resides in Mankato

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS
- **MN Jr PGA**: T-5th  
- **MGA Amateur**: T-8th  
- **US Jr Amateur**: T-28th

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
- **MGA Jr Boys’ Champion**  
- **Birchmont**: T-4th (team)  
- **MGA Amateur**: T-18th  
- **MSHSL Class 2A**: T-23rd  
- **MN State Open**: T-38th

**ANDREW ISRAELSON**  
Vintage at Staples  
Born on April 15, 1998  
Student: Staples-Motley HS  
College: North Dakota State  
Resides in Staples

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS
- **MGA Jr Boys’**: T-33rd (2013)  
- **MGA Mixed Team Amateur**: 2nd (2015)  

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
- **MGA Jr Boys’**: T-33rd (2013)  
- **MGA Mixed Team Amateur**: 2nd (2015)  

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MGA PLAYER PROFILES
Men, Junior Boys and Senior Men continued

TROY JOHNSON
Medina Golf & Country Club
Born on September 7, 1971
Sales Representative
College: University of Minnesota & Augsburg College
Resides in Maple Grove

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

MGA Amateur
- T-7th (2008), T-10th (2009), T-12th (2013)

MGA Mid-Players’ Champion (2014, 2013, 2009)

MGA Four-Ball

MGA Team
- T-3rd (2008)

MPGA State Public Links
- Champion (2008), T-3rd (2007)

MPGA Four-Ball
- Champion Div. 1 (2007)

MN State Open

US Amateur
- Sectional Qualifier (2015)

US Amateur Public Links
- Sectional Qualifier (2010, 2008)
- Round of 64 (2007)

US Mid-Amateur
- Sectional Qualifier (2011, 2006)

US State Team
- Team Member (2014)

JIM LEHMAN
Windsong Farm
Born on January 11, 1958
Attorney; Sports Management
College: St. John’s University & Hamline University Law School
Resides in Plymouth

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

MGA Player of the Year
- Senior Men’s (2014, 2013)

MGA Amateur
- Low Sr: (1st-2013, 2nd-2015)

- Quarterfinalist (2008), Round of 16 (2007)
- Round of 32 (2010, 2009)

MGA Mid-Amateur
- Champion (2003), T-3rd (2005)
- T-5th (2013), T-8th (2010)
- Low Sr: (1st-2013)

MGA Mid-Players’ Semifinalist (2014, 2013)
- Round of 16 (2015)

MGA Four-Ball
- Champion (2014)
- Low Sr: (1st-2013, 2014)

MGA Sr Amateur
- Champion (2014, 2013)

MGA Sr Players’ Semifinalist (2014)
- Quarterfinalist (2013)
- Round of 16 (2015)

MGA Four-Ball
- 2nd (2003)
- Low Sr: (1st-2013, 2014)

MGA Sr Four-Ball
- T-3rd (2014)

MN State Open

MN Sr Open
- T-10th (2008)

US Mid-Amateur Round of 16 (2007)
- Match Play Qualifier (2006)
- Sectional Qualifier (2005)

US Amateur
- Sectional Qualifier (2004)

US Sr Amateur
- Match Play Qualifier (2014, 2013)
- Sectional Qualifier (2015)

US Open
- Local Qualifier (2004)

Resorters
- Champion (2009), 2nd (2010)

Northland Invitational

Trans-Mississippi Amateur
- Medalist/Quarterfinalist (2008)
- Runner-up (2007)

Stocker Cup
- Runner-up (2001)

Minneapolis Golf Club
- 3 time Champion

British Sr Amateur
- Qualifier (2015)
TRENT PETERSON
Valleywood Golf Course
Born on March 30, 1987
Registered Nurse
College: South Dakota State
Resides in Eagan

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Players' Champion
MGA Team Champion (2013)
MN Golf Champions T-6th (2015)
MPCA Combination Champion (2013), 2nd (2014)
Mshsl Class 2A Champion Medalist/Team (2005)
US Open Local Qualifier (2015)
US Public Links Match Play Qualifier (2014)
US State Team Team Member (2014)
Twin Cities Jr Champion (2005)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Player of the Year Men's (2008), Junior Boys' (2004)
MGA Team Champion (2013)
MN Golf Champions T-6th (2015)
MPCA Combination Champion (2013), 2nd (2014)
Mshsl Class 2A Champion Medalist/Team (2005)
US Open Local Qualifier (2015)
US Public Links Match Play Qualifier (2014)
US State Team Team Member (2014)
Twin Cities Jr Champion (2005)

SAMMY SCHMITZ
StoneRidge Golf Club/ Southview Country Club
Born on September 7, 1980
Sales Representative
College: St. John's University
Resides in River Falls, Wis.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Mid-Am Champion
MPGA Four-Ball Champion
MPGA Combination Champion
MGA Four-Ball T-2nd
MGA Players' Quarterfinalist
MN State Open T-23rd
MGA Amateur Qualifier
US Mid-Amateur Round of 16
US Amateur Sectional Qualifier
US Open Local Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Mixed Team T-3rd (2014)
MGA Team 2nd (2013)
MN Golf Champions 2nd (2013), T-6th (2014)
MPGA Mid-Amateur Champion (2013, 2012)
MPGA Jr Public Links Champion (1998)
MPGA Four-Ball 2nd (2014), T-2nd (2009), T-5th (2015)
MPGA Combination T-2nd (2015)
US Amateur Sectional Qualifier (2014)
Lyle Cran Shortstop Champion (2009)

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MGA PLAYER PROFILES
Men, Junior Boys and Senior Men continued

BEN SIGEL
Windsong Farm
Born on August 16, 1998
Student: Minnetonka HS
Resides in Deephaven

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MSHSL Class 3A Champion
MGA Jr Boys’ 2nd
MN State Open T-27th

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Amateur Qualifier (2014)
MGA Jr Boys’ T-50th (2013)
MN State Open Qualifier (2015)
MN PGA Jr T-7th (2014)
Resorters Semifinalist (2015)

ALEX ULOTH
Goodrich Golf Club
Born on September 26, 1995
University of Minnesota/Concordia University
Resides in Burnsville

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Amateur Champion
MGA Four-Ball T-2nd
MN State Open T-15th
MGA Players’ Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MPGA State Public Links T-8th (2015)
MN State Open Qualifier (2015)
MGA Amateur Qualifier (2015)
MN PGA Jr Tournament of Champions Champion (2015)
MN State Jr T-17th (2013)
US Junior Amateur T-12th (2013)

STEVE WHITTAKER
Pebble Creek Golf Club
Born on January 10, 1953
Teacher/Coach
College: Bethel University & St. Mary’s University
Resides in Becker

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Sr Players’ Champion
MPGA Sr Public Links 2nd
MGA Players’ Qualifier
MN State Open T-55th
MGA Amateur T-92nd

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA MGA Player of the Year Senior Men’s (2011, 2010)
MGA Players’ Round of 32 (2015)
MGA Sr Players’ Champion (2013), Runner-Up (2012)
Semifinalist (2014)
MGA Sr Four-Ball 2nd (2011), T-2nd (2010), 7th (2013)
MN State Open Qualifier (2015)
T-10th (2008)
T-7th (2010)
T-10th (2011)
MPGA Sr Match Play Runner-up (2015, 2013)
MPGA Sr Public Links 2nd (2011, 2010), T-3rd (2015, 2009)
6th (2014)
MPGA Four-Ball 3rd (2002), T-4th (2010)
US Sr Amateur Match Play Qualifier (2011, 2009)
Sectional Qualifier (2015, 2010)
Twin Cities Senior Champion (2010), T-2nd (2014)
Lakeland T-2nd (1999)
MGA PLAYER PROFILES
Women, Junior Girls and Senior Women

LYNN ANDERSON
Keller Golf Club
Born on January 2, 1965
Fitness Coach
College: Gustavus Adolphus
Resides in Hopkins

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MN Wmn’s State Open
MN Sr Wmn’s Amateur
MWPGA Sr Public Links
MWPGA Four-Ball
MN Wmn’s Amateur
MGA Mixed Team
MWPGA Public Links
MN Wmn’s Four-Ball
MN Wmn’s Match Play
US Sr Wmn’s Amateur
US Wmn’s Mid-Amateur

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Wmn’s Mid-Amateur Champion (2000, 1998),
MGA Mixed Team T-4th (2003)
MGA Team 4th (2003)
MN Sr Wmn’s Amateur T-6th (2015)
MN Wmn’s Amateur T-10th (2004)
MN Wmn’s Match Play Quarterfinalist (2006)
MN Wmn’s Sr Four-Ball Champion (2015)
MN Wmn’s State Open T-7th (2004)
T-8th (2007), T-10th (2005)
MWPGA Sr Public Links T-3rd (2015)
US Wmn’s Public Links Sectional Qualifier (2005)
Match Play (2002)
US Wmn’s Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifier
US Sr Wmn’s Amateur Round of 16 (2015)
USCA Wmn’s State Team Team Member (1999)

SARAH BURNHAM
Rush Creek Golf Club
Born on March 15, 1996
Student
College: Michigan State University
Resides in Maple Grove

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MN Wmn’s Amateur Champion
MWPGA Public Links Champion
MWPGA Match Play Champion
MN Wmn’s State Open 6th
US Wmn’s Amateur Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Player of the Year Wmn’s (2015, 2012)
MGA Mixed Amateur Team T-5th (2015)
MN Wmn’s Amateur Champion (2012), T-3rd (2014)
MWPGA Public Links Champion (2012), 2nd (2014)
MWPGA Match Play Champion (2015, 2014)
MWPGA Four-Ball 2nd (2015)
6th (2010)
US Wmn’s Open Sectional Qualifier (2015)
US Wmn’s Amateur Match Play Qualifier (2014)
Sectional Qualifier (2015)
US Wmn’s Public Links Match Play Qualifier (2012)
US Girl’s Jr Amateur Match Play Qualifier (2013)
USGA Wmn’s State Team Team Member (2013)
Canadian Wmn’s Amateur T-3rd (2015)

HEATHER CISKOWSKI
Univ. of Minnesota – Les Bolstad G.C.
Born on October 19, 1995
Student
College: University of Minnesota
Resides in Barrington, IL

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MN Wmn’s Four-Ball Champion
MN Wmn’s Amateur 3rd
US Wmn’s Amateur Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MN Wmn’s Amateur T-2nd (2015)

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OLIVIA HERRICK
Dellwood Country Club
Born on August 4, 1988
Marketing/Communications Manager
College: Drake University
Resides in Roseville

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Women's Player of the Year
MGA Wmn's Match Play Champion
MGA Mixed Team Champion
MWPGA Four-Ball Champion
MWPGA Match Play Runner-Up
MGA Wmn's Mid-Amateur 3rd
MGA Wmn's Amateur 4th
MWPGA Public Links 4th
MN Wmn's State Open T-8th
US Wmn's Mid-Amateur Semifinalist
US Wmn's Amateur Four-Ball Quarterfinalist

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Player of the Year Wmn's (2014, 2013, 2010)
MGA Wmn's Mid-Amateur Champion (2015, 2014)
T-6th (2011)
Quarterfinalist (2015, 2011)
T-3rd (2008), 4th (2009)
5th (2009)
MWPGA Match Play Champion (2010, 2008)
Westfield MN Junior 3rd (2005)
US Wmn's Open Local Qualifier (2009)
Match Play Qualifier (2015)
US Wmn's Four-Ball Round of 32
US Wmn's State Team Team Member (2013, 2011)
LEIGH KLASSE
Keller Golf Club
Born on September 22, 1959
Retired
College: University of Minnesota
Resides in Cumberland, Wis./Surprise, Ariz.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Sr Wmn’s Player of the Year
MN Sr Wmn’s Amateur Champion
MN Wmn’s Match Play Champion
MWPGA Sr Public Links Champion
MN Sr Wmn’s Four-Ball Champion
MWPGA Four-Ball Champion
MGA Wmn’s Mid-Amateur 2nd
MWPGA Public Links 2nd
MWPGA Match Play Semifinalist
MGA Mixed Team T-3rd
MN Wmn’s Four-Ball 6th
MN Wmn’s Amateur T-6th
US Sr Wmn’s Amateur Match Play Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
5th (2002), T-6th (2014)
MGA Team 4th (2003)
8th (2009), 9th (2012)
MGA Wmn’s Match Play Runner-up (2006), Semifinalist (2007)
Quarterfinalist (2010), Round of 16 (2005)
MN Sr Wmn’s Amateur 5 time consecutive Champion (2014-2010)
2nd (2015)
MN Sr Wmn’s Four-Ball Champion (2015, 2013, 2011)
Semifinalist (2015, 2012)
MWPGA Sr Public Links 5 time consecutive Champion (2014-2010)
2nd (2015)
US Wmn’s Amateur 22 time Sectional Qualifier
25 time Sectional Qualifier
Sectional Qualifier (2014)
Round of 32 (2013)
USGA State Team Champion (2001)

SIERRA LANGLIE
Bunker Hills Golf Club
Born on January 4, 1996
Student: College: Augustana University
Resides in Andover

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MN Wmn’s Four-Ball 2nd
MN Wmn’s State Open T-2nd
MGA Mixed Team 6th
MN Wmn’s Amateur 11th

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Jr Team Team: (2nd-2015)
Individual: (2nd-2015)
MN Wmn’s State Open T-15th (2014)
MN Wmn’s Four-Ball T-4th (2015)
MN Jr PGA 5th (2013), 6th (2011)
MWPGA Jr Players Tourn of Champions 3rd (2012)
MHSGL (Class 3A) 7th (2015), 9th (2014), 10th (2012)

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TAYLOR LEDWEIN  
New Prague Golf Club  
Born on September 23, 1997  
Student: New Prague High School  
College: Bradley University  
Resides in New Prague

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
- MN Jr Girls’ Champion
- MSHSL (Class 3A) Champion
- MN Wmn’s Match Play Semifinalist
- MN Wmn’s Four-Ball 4th

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
- MN Wmn’s Match Play Quarterfinalist
- MN Jr Girls’ T-6th
- MN Wmn’s State Open T-8th
- Twin Cities Jr Champion
- US Wmn’s Amateur Sectional Qualifier
- US Wmn’s Public Links Sectional Qualifier (2014)

CLAUDIA PILOT  
Grand View Lodge  
Born on May 9, 1957  
College: Mankato State University  
Resides in Lake Shore

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
- MGA Wmn’s Mid-Amateur Champion
- MWPGA Four-Ball 2nd
- MN Wmn’s Sr Four-Ball T-2nd
- MN Wmn’s Sr Amateur 3rd
- MWPGA Sr Public Links 4th
- MN Wmn’s Four-Ball T-9th

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- MN Wmn’s State Open 2nd (2005, 2004)

US Wmn’s Open Local Qualifier (2007)
- US Wmn’s Amateur 4 time Sectional Qualifier
- Wmn’s Trans-National Round of 16 (2001)

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KATHERINE SMITH
Born on May 6, 1999
Student: Detroit Lakes High School
College: Nebraska University
Resides in Detroit Lakes

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
Resorters Champion
MSHSL Class 2A Co-Champion
MN Jr Girls’ 2nd
US Girls’ Jr Amateur Round of 32

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
MGA Jr Team Champion (Champion-2013, 2nd-2011)
Individual Champion (Champion-2013, Co-Champion-2012, 2nd-2011)

MN Wmn’s Amateur 5th (2015), T-7th (2014)


BRENDA WILLIAMS
Windsong Farm
Born on October 29, 1959
Graphic Designer
Resides in Minnetrista

2016 HIGHLIGHTS
MWPGA Four-Ball 2nd
MN Wmn’s Sr Four-Ball T-2nd
MWPGA Sr Public Links 3rd
MGA Wmn’s Mid-Amateur 5th
MN Sr Wmn’s Amateur 7th

MWPGA Public Links T-7th
MN Wmn’s Four-Ball T-9th

US Wmn’s Mid-Amateur Qualifier

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

MN Wmn’s Amateur T-5th (1999), T-10th (2008)

MN Wmn’s Match Play Runner-up (2015, 1999)

Round of 16 (2010, 2008)


MN Sr Wmn’s Match Play Champion (2011), Semifinalist (2013)


MN Sr Wmn’s Four-Ball Champion (2014, 2010)

MN Wmn’s State Open T-7th (2011)


MWPGA Match Play Runner-up (2006, 1999)
Quarterfinalist (2002)


MWPGA Four-Ball Champion (2000)

US Wmn’s Amateur Sectional Qualifier (2000)

9 time Sectional Qualifier

US Sr Wmn’s Amateur Round of 32 (2011)

USGA State Team Team Captain (2013)
Team Member (1999)


Northfield Invitational Champion (2007, 2005)
Co-Champion (2004)
# 2017 Tournament Calendar

## April
- **21-23** NSIC WOMEN’S*
  - Dacotah Ridge CC
- **8/9** U.S. OPEN LOCAL
  - Midland Hills CC/Mendakota CC
- **12-14** MINNESOTA GOLF CHAMPIONS
  - Minneapolis GC
- **20-21** MPGA FOUR-BALL
  - Rum River Hills CC
- **24** U.S. SENIOR OPEN SECTIONAL
  - Bearpath GC
- **25** MGA/PGA CUP MATCHES
  - Stillwater CC
- **31** U.S. WOMEN’S OPEN SECTIONAL
  - Legends Club

## May
- **5-6** MGA WOMEN’S SENIOR AMATEUR FOUR-BALL
  - Minnesota National CC
- **5-6** MINNESOTA SENIOR OPEN
  - Baker National CC
- **9-11** TAPEMARK CHARITY PRO-AM (Women’s Pro-Am, 6/11)
  - Southview CC
- **13-14** MSHSL STATE TOURNAMENTS
  - Pebble Creek CC (A), Ridges at Sand Creek (AA), Bunker Hills CC (AAA)
- **15-17** MGA MID-PLAYERS & SENIOR PLAYERS
  - St. Cloud CC
- **17-18** MGA MID PUBLIC LINKS & NET PUBLIC LINKS
  - Highland National CC
- **19-21** MGA PLAYERS
  - The Jewel CC
- **19-21** MGA WOMEN’S AMATEUR MATCH PLAY & WOMEN’S SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY
  - Bent Creek CC
- **21** TWIN CITIES JUNIOR
  - Victory Links CC
- **22** U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR & GIRLS' JUNIOR AMATEUR SECTIONAL
  - Emerald Greens CC
- **24-25** TWIN CITIES MEN'S
  - Baker National CC & Dakota Pines CC
- **26-27** MGA MIXED AMATEUR TEAM
  - Chaska TC

## June
- **5** U.S. AMATEUR SECTIONAL 1
  - Brackett's Crossing CC
- **6** U.S. WOMEN’S AMATEUR SECTIONAL
  - Prestwick GC
- **6-7** MINNESOTA SECTION GIRLS’ JUNIOR PGA
  - Bunker Hills CC
- **10** U.S. AMATEUR SECTIONAL 2
  - Dacotah Ridge CC
- **10-11** MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR BOYS
  - The Bridges CC
- **10-11** MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR GIRLS
  - Legacy Golf
- **15-16** MPGA SENIOR PUBLIC LINKS
  - Monticello CC
- **17-19** MGA AMATEUR
  - Interlachen CC
- **19** MPGA JUNIOR PUBLIC LINKS
  - Goodrich CC
- **21-23** MINNESOTA STATE OPEN
  - Stoneridge CC

## July
- **24** U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR SECTIONAL
  - Wayzata CC
- **24-26** MGA WOMEN’S AMATEUR
  - Northland CC
- **26** TWIN CITIES SENIOR
  - Majestic Oaks CC (Signature)
- **31-Aug 1** MGA JUNIOR TEAM
  - Heritage Links CC

## August
- **2** U.S. SENIOR WOMEN’S AMATEUR
  - Hillcrest GC of St. Paul
- **6-7** MGA WOMEN’S MID-AMATEUR & WOMEN’S NET INDIVIDUAL
  - New Prague CC
- **13-14** MGA WOMEN’S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL
  - Owatonna CC
- **15-16** MINNESOTA WOMEN’S STATE OPEN
  - Deer Run CC
- **19-20** MPGA PUBLIC LINKS
  - Dakota Pines CC
- **21-22** MINNESOTA SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL
  - Forest Hills CC
- **21-23** MGA AMATEUR FOUR-BALL
  - Eagle Creek CC
- **26-31** U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR
  - The Minikahda Club
- **28-29** MINNESOTA PGA PROFESSIONAL
  - The Pines at Grand View Lodge
- **30** U.S. MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL
  - Indian Hills CC
- **30** U.S. WOMEN’S MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL
  - Chaska TC

## September
- **5-6** MGA AMATEUR NET TEAM
  - The Pines/The Preserve at GVL
- **10-11** GOPHER INVITATIONAL & GOPHER INDIVIDUAL
  - Windsong Farm
- **11-12** MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL
  - Prestwick GC
- **11-13** MGA MID-AMATEUR
  - Southview CC/Dakota Pines CC
- **16-17** MGA COMBINATION
  - Bunker Hills CC
- **18-19** MGA WOMEN’S SENIOR AMATEUR
  - Crow River GC
- **18-20** MGA SENIOR AMATEUR
  - Island View CC
- **20-22** MINNESOTA PGA MATCH PLAY
  - Midland Hills CC
- **26-27** MGA SENIOR AMATEUR FOUR-BALL
  - Buri Oaks GC
- **26-28** USGA WOMEN’S STATE TEAM
  - The Club at Las Campanas, (N.M.)
- **30-Oct 2** MIAC MEN’S
  - Hillsboro CC
- **30-Oct 3** ANNIKA INTERCOLLEGIATE
  - Olympia Hills CC

## October
- **2** U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL & U.S. WOMEN’S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SECTIONAL
  - Sierra Pines GC
- **5-7** UMAC MEN’S & WOMEN’S
  - Alexandria CC
- **7-9** MIAC WOMEN’S
  - Chaska CC
- **10-12** MINNESOTA PGA SENIOR MATCH PLAY
  - Somerset CC

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*2016 results for these championships are not covered in following chapter.

* With the Gopher Invitational & Gopher Individual the Invitational is covered but not the Individual.
Kate Smith after sinking her final putt in the 2016 Minnesota State Class AA High School Tournament. She finished as co-champion and became the first high school golfer in history to have five individual victories in the State High School Tournament.
U.S. OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING

Format: 18 holes of stroke play
Eligibility: Amateur or Professional
Handicap Index: 1.4 or lower at the time of entry

2017 INFORMATION

117TH U.S. OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING
Monday, May 8, 2017
Midland Hills Country Club
2001 Fulham St,
Roseville, MN 55113
midlandhillscc.org
651.631.2017
Pro: Ryan Hanford

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Mendakota Country Club
2075 Mendakota Dr,
Mendota Heights, MN 55120
mendakotacc.com
651.454.4200
Pro: Dale Jones

Entry Deadline
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Championship Dates/Site
June 15-18, 2017
Erin Hills
Erin Hills, Wis.

FUTURE SITES

2018 TBD

2016 RESULTS

116TH U.S. OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING

May 9, 2016
Minneapolis Golf Club,
St. Louis Park, Minn.
7,098 yards, par 72

Medalist–Minneapolis GC:
Alexander Kline

MINNEAPOLIS GOLF CLUB RESULTS

QUALIFIERS
Alexander Kline, Ramsey  69
Cameron White, Plymouth  71
Brian Hills, Buffalo  72
Jay Jurecic, Crystal Falls, Mich.  73
William Leaf (a), Winona  74

ALTERNATES
Jose Mendez (a), Minneapolis  74
Drew Engelking (a), Edina  75

MINNESOTA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB RESULTS

QUALIFIERS
Justin Smith, St. Paul  70
Jonathan Reigstad, St. Paul  71
Aaron McClay, Buffalo  72
Sam Matthew, Roseville  72

ALTERNATES
John Hafdal, Prior Lake  73
Brent Snyder, Hudson, Wis.  73

(a) – amateur

QUALIFIERS–Minneapolis GC:
Cameron White, Brian Hills, Jay Jurecic & William Leaf

QUALIFIERS–Minnesota Valley CC:
Jonathan Reigstad, Aaron McClay & Sam Matthew
Kline Fires 69 at Minneapolis Golf Club; Four Others Advance to U.S. Open Sectional
By Nick Hunter

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. – Only a couple weeks removed from finishing his collegiate career at Grand Canyon University, Minnesotan Alexander Kline fired a 3-under par 69 Monday in his first event as a professional amid tough conditions at the Minneapolis Golf Club to advance with four others to the next stage of qualifying for the 2016 U.S. Open.

Kline, Ramsey, Minn., rallied behind a pair of early birdies in the wet and windy conditions before falling back to 1-under with a bogey at the par-4 eighth. Kline found trouble off the tee at the ninth and punched over the green before making a spectacular up-and-down to remain at 1-under.

Moving to 2-under after rolling in his birdie chance at the 12th, Kline holed his third shot from the bunker for birdie to get to 3-under. Taking advantage of the final par-5 on the course, Kline sank his birdie chance at the 15th before taking a bogey at the 16th to finish on top of the leaderboard Monday at 3-under par 69.

“I got off to a good start, birdied one and three—the par-5s. I didn’t really hit it that great but I hung in there. My short game was working overtime, but on a day with these conditions, you kind of need that,” he said. “I got a couple lucky bounces, kept everything in front of me and made a couple puts. The greens were quick and tough and the rough is long and thick.

“I just got out of college and our conference tournament was last week. I was hitting it good but I was putting terribly. I neglected my long game a bit and worked on my putting. I played yesterday and didn’t hit it that great so I wasn’t expecting to shoot 69—I thought 72 would get it done.”

Kline, who played his high school golf at Elk River, says he plans to play in local events this summer as well as a few events on the Dakotas Tour.

Former University of Minnesota golfer Cameron White’s round of 1-under par 71 was enough to earn a spot in the sectional qualifier from the field of 78 Monday at Minneapolis Golf Club.

“I played really steady and tried to let everything come to me. I finished bogey-bogey in the rain, but I hit good shots,” White said following his round Monday. “I hit it good all day, it just took a little while to get it going.”

Now a Coach, Smith Shows He Can Still Play with 70 in Open Qualifier
By Mike Fermoyle

BLOOMINGTON – Justin Smith spent the better part of a decade making a living playing tournament golf, some of it on various mini-tours, and some of it on the Nationwide (now web.com) Tour. He won three times on the old Hooters Tour, came tantalizingly close to winning on the Nationwide, and wasn’t that far from making it all the way to the PGA Tour.

It can be difficult for athletes to give up playing a sport at the highest level, and for golfers it can be really tough to relinquish the dream of playing on the PGA Tour. But Smith says that for him, the decision was easy.

“I had a family, and there were bills to pay,” he says. “At a certain point, you need to know where the next check is coming from.”

So in the fall of 2014, the former three-time All-American at the University of Minnesota went back to the Gophers, as an assistant coach, which means that now when he plays in tournaments, he plays for fun.

If you were at Minnesota Valley Country Club on Monday watching the U.S. Open Local Qualifying in the wind and rain, it might not have looked like fun. But Smith said it was, and when you shoot a 3-under-par 70, which is what he did, it tends to be enjoyable.

Coaching duties take up most of Smith’s time these days. He probably won’t play in more than three tournaments this year, and he won’t have nearly as much time to prepare for them as he used to. Nevertheless, the 33-year-old from Franklin, Pa., still plays pretty well, as he demonstrated on Monday. With that 70, he claimed medalist honors in the qualifying -- and grabbed one of four spots that were available for the Sectional Qualifying that will take place in four weeks.

Jonathan Reigstad, an assistant pro at Keller, had a chance to tie Smith -- or possibly claim the first-place medal for himself -- with one hole to go in his round. He birdied the short, 299-yard, par-4 eighth hole, his 17th of the day, to get to 3 under, but then he bogeyed the hardest hole on the course, the 442-yard, par-4 ninth and finished with a 71.
Kline Fires 69 at Minneapolis Golf Club... continued

White, Plymouth, Minn., rolled in eight consecutive pars before driving the green at the 406-yard par-5 ninth hole. White would two-putt for birdie to get to 1-under, but would fall back to even after taking bogey at the 14th.

White eagled the 15th and dropped his birdie chance at the 16th to quickly move to 3-under, but bogeyed the final two holes coming in to shoot 1-under par 71.

“My game’s been good; I was down in California all winter so my expectations were high coming in,” he said.

Brian Hills, a professional from Buffalo, Minn., began on the back nine Monday had a dream start to the qualifier with two early birdies at 10 and 12, tap-in birdies at 13 and 14 before draining a 40-foot birdie at the 16th to turn at 5-under par.

But Hills wouldn’t fare quite as well on the final nine, carding a double-bogey at the second before back-to-back bogeys at the fifth and sixth holes. He finished the day after a third bogey at the eighth to card and even par 72.

“I played better on my front nine than on my back nine, certainly. I had some well-hit shots and hit a couple close ones where I didn’t have to make much of a putt and didn’t make any mistakes. The front kind of flipped that—the rain came and I hit some squirrely shots. The weather played a factor but there was some misjudgment on my part.

“I felt comfortable throughout and didn’t have a stretch where I bogeyed a lot. I played really well and hit the ball well. I just had a couple of spots on the back where I didn’t get up-and-down.

Michigan professional Jay Jurecic claimed the fourth qualifying spot Monday as he began his round on the back nine, turning at 1-under with a lone bogey coming at the 13th.

Jurecic traded a birdie on the first hole with a bogey on the second before doing the same at the seventh and eighth holes to remain even on his back nine, shooting 1-under par 73.

Current Gopher teammates William Leaf and Jose Mendez both finished the round at 2-over par 74 Monday, needing a playoff to determine the final qualifying position with Leaf prevailing as Mendez finished as the first alternate. Drew Engelking, Edina, Minn., carded a 3-over par 75 and finished as second alternate.

Now a Coach, Smith Shows He Can Still Play... continued

The other two qualifiers -- Aaron McClay and Sam Matthew -- both shot 72’s.

Minnesota Valley has five par-5’s, and McClay birdied the first two he got a crack at, No. 1 (504 yards) and No. 5 (549), to go 2 under. The head pro at Sundance also birdied the par-5 10th (493).

Matthew, who won the State Amateur in 2013, capped off his amateur career by winning the MGA Players (Match Play) Championship last June. (He is one of only eight players to have both of those titles on their resumes.) Then he turned pro.

The North Oaks assistant didn’t exactly get off to a great start on Monday. He neglected to birdie the par-5 first, but he bogeyed the 172-yard, par-3 second. After also failing to birdie the par-5 fifth, he bogeyed the other par-3 on the front nine, the 150-yard seventh. At that point, his chances of advancing looked bleak.

But Matthew then proceeded to birdie the next four holes in a row, capping off the birdie run with a 2 at the 230-yard 11th.

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Now a Coach, Smith Shows He Can Still Play... continued

There were five guys right behind McClay and Matthew, with 73’s, and they played off for the two alternate spots. John Hafdal knocked a 255-yard 3-wood (metal) onto the green at the first playoff hole, No. 10, and two-putted for a birdie, which made the Wilds assistant the No. 1 alternate, and Troy Burne assistant Brent Snyder, the 2013 Minnesota PGA Player of the Year, ended up as the No. 2 alternate.

There will be 10 Sectional Qualifying tournaments held in the United States, all of them on June 6. The Open itself will be played Jue 16-19 at Oakmont CC, in Oakmont, Pa.

Smith chose Woodmond CC in Rockville, Md., as the sectional site where he wants to play, not because he’s played it before and thinks that’s where he’d have his best chance of qualifying, but for coaching reasons.

“When I signed up for the qualifying, they were talking about playing the Big Ten tournament there in the future,” he explained. “I thought it would be a good chance to scout the course. But now they’ve decided they aren’t going to play there. That’s OK. It’ll be fun.”

It is a measure of how much the game of golf has changed in the last 20 years that Smith, who averaged 303.9 yards off the tee on the Nationwide Tour during 2010, doesn’t consider himself a long hitter.

“I have a short, compact swing,” he says, “and it repeats pretty reliably. But when I play tournaments now, I have to play smarter. When you’re young and you’re practicing all the time, you want to go at every pin. As a result, you try shots that you really shouldn’t try, and you wind up making double bogeys. I can’t afford to make those kinds of mistakes anymore, if I want to stay competitive.”

He can still hit a golf ball a long way, which came in handy on Monday. Even though the tee shot at the par-5 10th hole -- his first of the day -- is substantially uphill, he was able to hit his drive 300 yards and reach the green with a 5-iron for a two-putt birdie to start his round. An 8-iron to 20 feet at the 428-yard, par-4 14th resulted in another birdie, and he converted a 4-foot putt for a birdie at 423-yard, par-4 17th.

In 2002, when Minnesota won the NCAA Championship, Smith shot a final-round 69 at the Ohio State Scarlet Course to tie for fourth individually, and it was he who made the putt on the 18th green that secured the team title for the Gophers.

That was then. This is now. He doesn’t practice nearly as much as he used to, and the area of the game where the lack of practice makes the biggest difference is the short game, which is why Smith considered the chip/pitch shot he hit from behind the green at the par-5 first to have been one of his best shots of the day.

“I hit my second shot just over the green,” he said, “and the rough back there was pretty thick. It was one of those little shots that you used to think was easy, but now it’s not so easy anymore. But I hit a nice shot from there, to about 4 feet, and made the putt.”

The birdie helped to compensate for an untidy bogey at the 600-yard, par-5 18th. Pros absolutely hate bogeys on par-5’s.

Smith’s only other bogey was the product of a three-putt at No. 3 (346 yards, par 4). But his short game came through once again at the par-5 fifth (549 yards), where he chipped in for a birdie.

Despite the fact that he’s not playing or practicing nearly as much as he used to, his performance on Monday shouldn’t have come as a surprise. In his one and only tournament last summer, the State Open, Smith tied for third.

Does he miss the competition?

“No, I don’t,” he said. “Now that I’m coaching, I’m as amped up about that as I used to be about playing. John (Gopher head coach John Carlson) and I just want to go out into the state and promote Gopher golf as much as we can, help strengthen our alumni support for the team, and do everything we can to take the program to the highest possible level.”

Championship – None of the local qualifiers made it to through regionals to the championship.
Helminen Gets Hot With the Putter, Birdies Final Hole to Win Minnesota Golf Champions

By Nick Hunter

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. – A string of five consecutive birdies helped Ryan Helminen overcome a two-stroke deficit entering the final round of the 2016 Minnesota Golf Champions before sinking a birdie on the final hole to edge Donald Constable by one shot Sunday at Golden Valley Golf and Country Club.

After two early birdies and a bogey by Constable at the par-3 eighth hole, Helminen pulled even with the 2014 champion before getting red hot with his putter, sinking five straight birdies to take a three-shot lead to the 14th hole.

Constable rolled in his birdie chance at the 16th while Helminen four-putted the hole for double-bogey as the two went to the final hole deadlocked at 12-under for the championship. After Constable’s birdie chance stopped just inches from the cup, Helminen dropped his 4-foot putt to win his first Minnesota Golf Champions title at 13-under par 206.

“I felt very comfortable the whole round today,” Helminen, a native of Menasha, Wis., said Sunday. “Both [Constable] and I were playing well and kind of feeding off of each other. I knew I would’ve had to shoot a good round today to catch him and I went in with the mentality of playing my own game and as well as I can.

“My putting was solid all day except on 16—I got above the hole and made a mental mistake on my first putt. I had to forget about it and know that I still had a chance to win with two holes to play. He made a great save on 17 then I hit two good shots on 18 and made birdie with two putts and I was fortunate to win by one.”

Constable took an early three-stroke lead at the first, but Helminen reached the par-5 second in two and two-putted for birdie to pull within two. Finding trouble off the tee at the third, Constable was unable to convert a long par putt as his lead shrunk to just one, but he would bounce back to curl in an 8-foot birdie at the fourth.
Reaching the par-5 sixth hole in two, Helminen was able to tap in his birdie chance to gain a stroke on Constable and would eventually pull even after a bogey by Constable at the par-3 eighth.

The two remained even after birdies at the ninth and Helminen would take his first lead of the tournament after another tap-in birdie at the par-5 tenth. Helminen sank his 10-foot birdie chance at the 11th, while Constable would three-putt for bogey and Helminen’s lead quickly grew to three shots.

Helminen and Constable traded birdies at the 12th and 13th, relentlessly attacking the greens with the putter before the four-putt by Helminen erased his lead late. Nearly reaching the par-5 18th in two yet again, Helminen was able to lag his putt from off the front edge to inside of five feet, making birdie while Constable left his birdie just inches from the cup and Helminen sealed the victory with a final-round 67.

“I played really well the opening round and it really helped seeing it the first day and as the tournament went on I felt more comfortable out there and knew where to miss it and attack some of the holes,” Helminen said. “I felt like I hit well all three days and just made a few more putts as the week went on.

“It’s good for golf to play with guys that are as good, if not better, and that’s what golf is all about. You’re trying to maximize the strength of your game and playing at a high level only makes you better in the future,” he said.

Helminen Gets Hot With the Putter…

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Helminen finished tied for third at the event last year as well as 2013 and is a three-time winner of the Tapemark Charity Pro-Am. In 2012 he finished tied for second at the Minnesota State Open at Bunker Hills Golf Club.

Constable had no problem during the final round in 2014, cruising to a five-stroke victory over Clayton Rask when the event moved to Golden Valley from Minneapolis Golf Club for the first time since 1975. But in a matter of only six holes mid-round Sunday, Constable saw a one-stroke lead turn into a three-stroke deficit.

“A birdie-bogey swing can happen pretty quick so I was trying to keep it in play and give myself a chance on every hole. I had my chances after that and I let them slip,” he said.

“He went on a tear—it was fun to watch. There’s not much you can do. He rolled it awesome; you can’t putt the ball any better than that. I think he had seven straight one-putts,” Constable said of Helminen’s birdie run Sunday.

Constable, who spent a good portion of the 2015 golf season playing on the Mackenzie Tour in Canada, plans to play in several Web.com Tour Monday qualifiers as well as more local events and said he’s got plenty to be happy with after finishing second Sunday.

“I like how I putted all week on these greens. I hung in there after leading and then trailing and I liked the way I played coming in—I hit some shots when I needed to. I can take a lot away from it without winning—a lot of positives.”
**MPGA FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Format:** 36 holes of Four-Ball stroke play in elective flights without handicap (Championship or Senior) with the remaining players divided into net flights based upon the numbers of entries and handicap. Each team member playing with 90% of his sloped handicap. The cumulative 36-hole team score (best-ball net of the team from each hole) will be the team’s score for the championship.

**Eligibility:** Amateur players who are members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA) and carry an active GHIN handicap at that club. Age requirement for Senior division is at least 50 years of age as of the first day of the championship.

**Handicap Index:** The partner's handicap indexes may not differ by more than 8.0 at time of entry. If the difference in handicaps changes to more than 8.0 between partners when the pairings are set-up, the higher handicap player will be reduced to 8.0 above the lower handicap player and then be put into the correct division.

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**2016 RESULTS**

**39TH MPGA FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

May 21-22, 2016
Emerald Greens Golf Club, Hastings, Minn.
7,057 yards, par 73

Champions: Jesse Polk & Sammy Schmitz

**Polk and Schmitz Win MPGA Four-Ball Championship, Second Victory in 2016**

By Nick Hunter

HASTINGS, Minn. – The last time Jesse Polk and Sammy Schmitz paired up together on the golf course, the two fired a final-round 63 to claim the 2016 International Four-Ball Championship Mid-Amateur Division in February at The Fox Club in Palm City, Fla.

After opening the 2016 Minnesota Public Golf Association Four-Ball Championship with an 11-under par 62 Saturday, the two cruised to a four-stroke victory at 16-under par 130 Sunday, carding a 68 during the final round at Emerald Greens Golf Club.

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Polk and Schmitz Win PGA Four-Ball... continued

“We played very well,” Schmitz said Sunday, “We both putted really well and both made a few good-size putts. We didn’t do anything crazy, it was all putting.”

Polk added that the two birdied the final six holes to close out the opening round Saturday.

“We only had a three-shot lead and you can easily lose that after nine holes,” Schmitz said. “The plan is to try to birdie the first hole and keep going; you don’t really put much thought to it after that.”

J.T. Johnson and Nick Jarrett fired an 8-under 65 during Sunday’s final round to finish four strokes back at 134 after a 69 during the opening round Saturday. Along with Trent Peterson, Johnson won the event in 2013 at Eastwood Golf Club before earning a three-shot victory a year ago at Rum River Hills Golf Club.

Polk rolled in his birdie chance at the par-4 third hole Sunday to move the two to 12-under for the tournament before sinking another birdie at the fifth. A bogey at the sixth hole put Polk and Schmitz back at 12-under, but the two would turn at 13-under after both rolled in birdies at the par-5 ninth hole.

Making birdie on two of the first three holes to begin the back nine Sunday, Polk and Schmitz moved to 15-under for the championship before both players found trouble off the tee at the 16th.

Polk reached the green with his fourth shot and would sink his par putt from 15 feet to keep the duo at 15-under before they added one final birdie at the par-5 17th and the two would finish at 16-under 130.

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“They played really well,” Schmitz said. “I putted very well and we both made a few shots from the greens.”

“Polk and Schmitz notched a four-stroke victory at the 2014 MGA Four-Ball Championship after an opening-round 60 at Owatonna Country Club, following it with a 7-under par 65 during the final round. The two finished second behind Andrew McCain and Hudson Carpenter at the MGA Four-Ball in 2015.

Jesse Polk

Sammy Schmitz
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

J. Polk/S. Schmitz 62-68 130
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T. Rymer/J. Conzemius 66-70 136
C. Hirschejr/H. Hamer 69-67 136
M. Swanson/J. Rykal 67-69 136
M. Aldrich/J. Pint 66-71 137
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Mississippi Dunes GL/ Elk River GC Paul Commons/Steven Matson 2001
Site Unavailable Terry Moores/Greg Murphy 2000
River Oaks GC Pat Vincelli/Bob Harris 1998
Princeton GC Bob Rodriguez/Brian Miller 1997
Sawmill GC Mike Buhr/Fred Cumprey 1996
Elk River GC Rum River Hills GC Greg Murphy/Terry Moores 1995
Site unknown Rick Ehmanatraut/Jerry Rislove 1993
Site unknown Leif Carlson/Greg Murphy 1992
Keller GC Greg Murphy/Terry Moores 1991
Elk River GC Jeff Teal/Ray Pontinen 1990
Rum River Hills GC Bill Wiberg/Joe McCormick 1989
Valleywood GC Ray Pontinen/Scott Peterson 1988
Northern Hills GC Dan Storinos/Garth Johnson 1987

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2011 Emerald Greens GC Mark Frie/Rick Frieburg
2010 Monticello CC Jordan Hawkinson/Clayton Johnson
2009 Southbrook GC Jon Sauer/Tom Jenkins
2008 Monticello CC Derek Role/Brian Moores
2007 Sundance GC Brent Jacobson/Troy Johnson
2006 River Oaks GC Dave Anderson/Tony Daffer
2005 Pebble Lake GC Mississippi Natl GL Steve Johnson/Eric Johnson
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Tentis Shoots 73 on a Familiar Track to Qualify for U.S. Senior Open

By Nick Hunter

DELLWOOD, Minn. – With the help of two late birdies Thursday, Minnesota professional Dave Tentis carded a 1-over par 73 at Dellwood Country Club to earn medalist honors and as well as a spot in the 2016 U.S. Senior Open.

A field of 32 golfers competed for one qualifying spot to this year’s championship, which will be played August 11-14 at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio.

“I knew I had a good chance coming in, which can cause a little pressure too, so I wanted to play one shot at a time,” Tentis said after qualifying Thursday. “I’m not playing my best right now, but I’ve played this course so many times, I thought I could chip away at it and it worked out.”

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Tentis Shoots 73 on a Familiar Track to Qualify... continued

Tentis began his round with a bogey at the par-3 third to move to 1-over before turning at 2-over with a second bogey at the par-4 ninth. He would open the back nine with six consecutive pars before hitting his approach shot at the 16th inside 12 feet, and converted birdie to get to 1-over par for the round.

“I was making some decent par saves, I didn’t do anything spectacular but I tried to be patient. It was a slow start to the day with a couple of bogeys on the front side,” Tentis said. “I was struggling on the back and made some short par putts and finally made a birdie on 16. No birdies the first 15 holes—I didn’t know if I was going to make one all day.”

At the par-5 17th he decided to get aggressive and cut the corner from the tee. He hit a 7-iron into the green and two putted for birdie to pull even before taking bogey on the final hole to finish one shot better than the field at 1-over 73.

“I grew up here but it’s a totally different golf course compared to back then. I’ve limped around here in pro-ams and have not played good golf like I’m used to playing when I grew up here, so that’s why I wanted to try qualifying,” Tentis said.

“The course was just amazing, they’ve done a wonderful job with the re-design—it’s more user-friendly and more fun to play,” he said.

Tentis, 54, was a three-time Minnesota Golf Association Player of Year, qualifying for several USGA events as an amateur in the state prior to turning professional. He has qualified for five PGA Championships and competed in both the Masters Tournament and U.S. Open in 1984. The 2016 U.S. Senior Open will be his first national event as a senior professional.

Craig Brischke carded a round of 2-over par 74 to finish as first alternate Thursday, while Iowa’s Matthew Weresh shot a 3-over par 75 to earn low-amateur honors and finished as the second alternate.

Championship –

Tentis did not make it to the match play round of the championship.
MGA/PGA CUP MATCHES

Established in 1977, the MGA/PGA Cup Matches has 20 amateurs and 20 professionals face each other for 18-holes of concurrent singles and four-ball matches.

Invitations are extended to the top 12 golfers in the MGA Player Point Standings and the top four golfers in both the MGA Men’s Senior Point Standings and the MGA Women’s Point Standings from the previous year. The PGA has a similar selection criteria.

2016 RESULTS

40TH MGA/PGA CUP MATCHES

May 24, 2016
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.
6,971 yards, par 72 men • 5,585 yards, par 72 women

MGA Team shown above. The MGA prevailed 21-19.

2017 INFORMATION

41ST MGA/PGA CUP MATCHES

Friday, May 26, 2017
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1421 N 4th St.
Stillwater, MN 55082
sccgolf.com
651.439.7992
Pro: Nick Haag

FUTURE SITES

2018 White Bear YC
May 30, 2018

Team Captains:
Doug Hoffmann (MGA)
and Darren DeYoung
(MNPGA)

MGA TEAM

SENIORS
Leif Carlson, Hastings CC
Jon Empanger, Island View GC
Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm
Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek GC

WOMEN
Paige Bromen, Minneapolis CC
Leigh Klasse, Keller GC
Claudia Pilot, Grand View Lodge
Brenda Williams, Windsong Farm

MEN
Jesse Bull, Golden Valley G&CC
Justin Burleson, Valleywood GC
Jonathan Hanner, Baker National GC
Andy Jacobson, Eagle Creek GC
Joel B. Johnson, Tanners Brook GC
JT Johnson, Keller CC
Riley Johnson, Meadows CC
Andrew McCain, Dellwood CC
Joe O’Brien, Rush Creek CC
Blake Onkka, Bunker Hills GC
Trent Peterson, Valleywood CC
Jesse Polk, Hastings CC

MN PGA TEAM

SENIORS
Bill Israelson, The Vintage at Staples
Dales Jones, Mendakota CC
Peter Krause, Edinburgh USA
Bump Werness, Golf Galaxy

WOMEN
Angela Ause, Oak Marsh CC
Jodi Christensen, Medina G&CC
Kelly Hoiness, The Minikahda Club
Lori Money, Deer Run CC

MEN
Scott Cole, StoneRidge GC
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Kris Kroetsch, Fargo CC
Ben Meyers, Medina G&CC
Julian Ramirez, StoneRidge GC
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Grant Shafranski, Hiawatha GC
Danny Sinksen, Elmwood GC
Brent Snyder, Troy Burne CC
Paul Speltz, Brackett’s Crossing CC
Kyle Thul, Stillwater CC
Pilot and Williams Give Amateurs Third Straight Win at MGA/PGA Cup Matches at Bunker Hills

By Nick Hunter

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – With one match to play at the 40th MGA/PGA Cup Matches Tuesday, the professionals held a two-point advantage before a late surge by Claudia Pilot and Brenda Williams gave the MGA a two-point victory at Bunker Hills Golf Club.

Pilot and Williams both won the 16th hole to swing the match in favor of the MGA as the two would sweep all four points from professionals Angela Ause and Jody Christensen.

“I was thinking on the last hole, ‘What if this put means something?’ Pilot said following the match Tuesday. “I was just trying to get my putt close. We had no clue how close it was but I said if it does come down us, I don’t want to lose.”

The professionals still hold a commanding 27-11-2 lead all-time, but the amateurs have won three consecutive events, its longest streak since winning three straight from 2003 to 2005. Only one championship has been decided by less than three points since the two sides tied in 2004, with the MGA retaining the cup.

Jim Lehman and Jon Empanger played a big role in the MGA’s victory Tuesday, sweeping all four possible points from professionals Bill Israelson and Peter Krause.

“The par on 16 was huge,” Pilot said. “We closed out the doubles match and [Williams] closed out her singles match and I went one up in singles. From there my mindset was to hit fairways and greens. I was proud of how we played on the back nine and finished solid.”

“We played pretty consistent,” Williams said, “I told myself I needed to just play my game when [Ause and Christensen] were out of the hole. Getting the speed of the greens was the toughest part for me today,” Williams said.

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Pilot and Williams Give Amateurs Third Straight Win at MGA/PGA Cup Matches... continued

“I had two bogeys and one birdie today so I was pretty steady and I really only had one poor shot on 17,” Lehman said. “I started out 1-down but it was a close match all day.”

“It was fun today because I grew up playing high school golf against Bill Israelson and have known him since we were kids. Back in those days Israelson was the superstar,” he said. “[Krause] used to be the Director of Golf at Windsong Farm and he used to be my swing coach, so it was fun to have a match against those two.”

Empanger, who won the 2015 Senior Amateur Championship, rolled in a birdie chance at the par-4 13th to take a late 2-up lead and would hang on to edge Israelson, 1-up.

“It’s fun to play because there’s good competition but it’s a relaxed atmosphere. I enjoy the format—it’s fun to have two things going on at the same time,” Empanger said.

Leigh Klasse and Paige Bromen also contributed to the MGA’s third straight victory Tuesday, sweeping all four points from Lori Money and Kellie Hoiness.

Klasse, a three-time MGA Women’s Player of the Year, won her singles match, 7 and 6, while Bromen earned a 4 and 3 victory and the two teamed up for a 4 and 3 victory in the doubles match to bring the MGA back within striking distance after the PGA jumped out to an early lead Tuesday.

Dale Jones and Bump Werness shined for the professionals Tuesday, winning all four points against Leif Carlson and Steve Whittaker as Jones and Werness played the first 12 holes at 8-under par.

Jones, a professional at Mendakota Country Club, earned a 6 and 4 victory in his singles match against Carlson thanks in large part to a birdie-eagle-birdie stretch to take a 5-up lead through the first five holes.

Rolling in a birdie at the 14th, Jones would close out his singles match while Werness took a 3-up lead after back-to-back birdies at the 10th and 11th holes before closing out Whittaker at the 16th with a par.

“We hit the ball well and had some nice shots, but we putted really well,” Jones said Tuesday. “It’s a fun event and it’s good camaraderie.”

Brent Snyder and Eric Rolland got the PGA out to a quick lead Tuesday by taking four points from Jesse Bull and Jesse Polk. Snyder won his match 5 and 4, while Rolland defeated Bull 3 and 2 and the two picked up another 3 and 2 win in the doubles match.

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Julian Ramirez, PGA and Andrew McCain, MGA watch Kyle Thul tee off for the PGA team.

Leif Carlson, MGA and Dale Jones, PGA.
Jing Yan Edges Anderson and Burnham to Qualify for U.S. Women's Open

By Nick Hunter

BECKER, Minn. – With two British amateur major titles and an appearance in the 2012 Ricoh Women's British Open to her credit, Chinese golfer Jing Yan can add the U.S. Women's Open to that list after carding an even par 144 Monday at the 2016 U.S. Women's Open Sectional Qualifying at Pebble Creek Golf Club.

Yan claimed the only qualifying spot in a field of 41 players, edging North Dakota native, Amy Anderson, and Minnesotan Sarah Burnham by one stroke Monday to earn a spot in the championship July 7-10 at CordeValle in San Martin, Calif.

“I started out really well, making a lot of birdies and got to 3-under on the front nine and then struggled a bit on the back nine,” Yan said Monday. “I feel like the back nine on this course is tighter and longer so it was a little tougher and I missed quite a few greens coming in.”

Yan started quickly during the opening round Monday, sinking her long birdie putt on the opening hole before reaching the green in two at the par-5 fifth, where she would two-putt for birdie to get to 2-under.

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Chipping in for birdie at the eighth, Yan would turn at 3-under before running into some trouble on back, carding three bogeys as she would finish the first 18 holes at even par 72.

“The second round I thought I needed to play a couple under to pull ahead because I saw some of the scores after I came in. I got off to a slow start—I wasn't really making any putts and I was leaving everything a few inches short all day. I kept it steady with one birdie and one bogey so I’m pretty happy right now,” she said.

Finding more consistency during the second round Monday, Yan carded a single birdie at the par-5 fifth hole before drawing even with a bogey at the 10th, rolling in eight consecutive pars to card a second straight round of 72, fending off Anderson and Burnham who finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

As an amateur, Yan finished inside the top-50 at the Women's British Open in 2012 despite carding an opening-round 80, shooting a 3-under par 69 during the second round. Yan made the cut in all five events she started as an amateur. She would win both the Girls’ British Open Amateur Championship and the Ladies’ British Open Amateur Championship in 2013.

Yan played in just three events for the University of Washington, earning her first collegiate victory in her second start before leaving the top-ranked women's team to turn pro in December 2014. She finished 34th at Final Qualifying to earn Priority List for the 2015 season, going on to make seven cuts in 14 events on the LPGA Tour.

Amassing more than $90,000 in career winnings, Yan most recently finished tied for 15th at the Yokohama LPGA Classic on May 5 and is currently ranked No. 131 in the Rolex Rankings. Her father and caddy, Yan Ming, was a longtime golf commentator for ESPN Asia.

“I was thinking coming in that shooting a red number would be pretty good,” Yan said of her expectations before the qualifier, “If someone shoots lower than that—there's nothing you can do. To qualify for the first time, I’m very excited.”

Anderson, West Fargo, N.D., defeated Burnham on the first playoff hole Monday to finish as first alternate after both Anderson and Burnham finished at 1-over par 145.

Following a 3-over par 75 during her opening round, Anderson carded a bogey on the opening hole of the second round before carding three birdies over the next 11 holes, finishing with a 2-under par 70.

Anderson turned professional following her career at North Dakota State University where she holds the school record with 20 victories. In 2014 she made nine cuts in 20 starts with one top-10 finish, earning more than $129,000 on her first full season on the LPGA Tour. Last season Anderson made 14 cuts in 21 events, notching another top-10 finish and earning more than $131,000.

Burnham, Maple Grove, Minn., carded a 73 during the opening round Monday before shooting even par during the second round to finish as second alternate. She qualified for the 2015 U.S. Women's Open, carding a 9-over par 151 in miserable conditions at Windsong Farm.

Shooting 13-over par 153 at Lancaster Country Club in Pennsylvania, Burnham would miss the cut by nine strokes. A sophomore at Michigan State University, Burnham won two events during the 2015-16 season and will compete at the NCAA Championship May 20-25, qualifying as an individual.

Championship –
Yan did not make it to the match play round of the championship.
Klasse and Anderson Win Weather-shortened MWGA Senior 4-Ball Tournament

By W.P. Ryan

FARIBAULT, Minn. – A little more than an inch of rain dampened the scoring juggernaut that was the better ball team of Leigh Klasse and Lynn Anderson today at the 22nd MWGA Senior Four-Ball Tournament at Faribault Golf Club. Before play was suspended at 10:25 a.m., Anderson had “good looks” at two birdies over the first three holes, settling for pars, while Klasse had just birdied the 305-yard par-4 4th, to add one more stroke under par to the dynamic duo’s first-round 65.

“We were reading the greens well, and hitting the ball well, and I felt like it could have been another day like yesterday,” Klasse said.

A round like yesterday included six birdies and an eagle, for an 8-under par 65, and an 11-stroke lead over two teams tied for second place at 76.

The championship was officially called at 1 p.m.

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Klasse and Anderson Win Weather-shortened... continued

Finishing in second place, determined after a scorecard playoff, was the team of Ellie Layton and Barb Miller. Three-time champions (2010, 2012 and 2014) Claudia Pilot and Brenda Williams took third. This is Klasse and Anderson’s second consecutive title (they won by seven shots last year), and the fourth overall senior 4-ball title for Klasse, who won in 2011 and 2013 with partner Mary Hoisser.

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MINNESOTA SENIOR OPEN

Format:  36 holes of stroke play.
Eligibility: Amateur or Professional aged 50 and over as of the first day of the tournament.

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32ND MINNESOTA SENIOR OPEN
June 2-3, 2016
Minnesota Valley Country Club, Bloomington, Minn.
6,665 yards, par 73

Champion: Thomas Vizina

Putter Propels Vizina to Victory at Minnesota Senior Open

By Nick Hunter

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Sinking two long birdie chances on the final two holes Friday at Minnesota Valley Country Club, professional Tom Vizina erased a three-stroke lead by Dave Podas to claim his first Minnesota Senior Open following his final-round 71.

Podas took the early lead after firing a 3-under par 70 during Thursday’s opening round and carried that lead until finding trouble at the 17th hole Friday where he lipped a short bogey putt after Vizina sank his 15-foot birdie chance.

Deadlocked at 1-under for the tournament on the final green, Vizina drained a 30-foot putt, while Podas could only tap-in for par as Vizina sealed the championship, putting an end to Don Berry’s four-year run in the process.

“After I bogeyed 14 I was down three and just wanted to make pars to finish,” Vizina said. “I didn’t think I was going to catch [Podas], he played so solid. I made two shaky pars after that and when he pushed his shot into the bunker [at No. 17], I thought I’d throw it back and the flag and see if I can get lucky.

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“Dave rolled it so good all day and his [bogey putt] on 17 was the first thing he’d missed. I thought I’d maybe be one down going to the final hole.”

Both Podas and Vizina’s approaches landed well short of the pin on the back of the 18th green as the two had similar distances and lines for birdie.

“His putt didn’t break at all coming down the slope and that helped because I was going to play it almost two feet out,” Vizina explained. “When his didn’t break I decided to play it three inches outside and it held the line and the rest is history.”

Following his opening round Thursday, Vizina said he hoped to be in a position to play aggressively during the final nine holes of the tournament and that plan proved beneficial as Vizina began the final round with a birdie on the opening hole before adding a second at the par-5 fifth to move to 2-under for the tournament.

A pair of late bogeys on the front nine returned Vizina to even par as Podas regained a three-shot lead heading to the final nine.

Podas rolled in a long birdie at the 10th to take a four-shot lead, but a bogey at the 11th and a Vizina birdie narrowed the margin to just two strokes before. Failing to get up-and-down for par at the 14th gave Podas a three-shot margin once again before finding the sand from the right rough on 17.

Podas’ third landed well short of the pin and would three-putt, while Vizina’s approach landed 15 feet short and right of the flag. Podas found trouble off the tee again on 18 as his ball found the left rough and he would punch out to the right side of the fairway on the par-5 final hole.

His approach would land 35 feet short of the flag, but he lagged nicely to inside three feet before Vizina’s birdie chance from 30 feet found the bottom of the cup.

“I was keeping track of where we stood in my mind but after you make a couple of shots and miss a couple of shots you start grinding and not paying attention to what the other person is doing,” Vizina said about the final two holes Friday. “He gave me an opportunity on 17 and I hit a great shot and made the putt and that got me more excited.

“For me, I don’t play a lot of competitive golf anymore—I play in maybe three or four section events, so to get in the hunt is a lot of fun for me. I don’t hit it anywhere like I used to hit it but I can still hit it good enough to get it in the hole once and awhile.”

Podas, the Director of Golf at Bel-Air Country Club, finished the final round at 2-over par 75 but insisted he enjoyed coming back home to play a fun event with a lot of his friends. He grew up playing Hiawatha Golf Course before eventually becoming head pro at Minneapolis Golf Club.

“It was fun to come up and see everybody and compete. I’m from here and we’re all getting older so it was a lot of fun. This week I did a lot of good things and hit a lot of good shots,” Podas said. “I wasn’t trying to do anything in particular today—this golf course I had to play pretty defensive. It’s narrow, the greens are very hard and I just wanted to hit the ball in the fairway and on the green and I was doing that for most of the day.”

After the trophies were handed out and the skies gave way to heavy rain, Podas, needing to catch a flight back to Los Angeles Friday, continued to shake his head about the short bogey putt at the 17th.
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“I still can’t believe I made a double-bogey on 17. I did my very best not to pay attention to what anyone else was doing. I thought if I played at par or better that I’d be just fine,” Podas said. “I knew [Vizina] was playing well and I hadn’t been keeping track before I missed the putt [on 17] but his three to my six had to do something—I didn’t know what, but I didn’t want to spend any time figuring it out.

“From there I just wanted to play steady on 18, but when he made that final putt I thought, ‘I don’t like the looks of that.’ He made a great putt; he had a great finish and when you finish birdie-birdie to win a championship, God bless you.”

Rick Friberg, Monticello Country Club, earned Low-Amateur honors Friday as his final-round 3-under par 70 put him in a tie for third at 147 along with four-time defending champion Berry.

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Women’s Event: Championship Flight—8 four-woman teams comprised of PGA Professional and 3 amateurs randomly drawn from A/B/C handicap pools. 2-Best Ball team event over 18 holes. Professional Championship 18-hole stroke play.

Sponsors at the $5000 level and higher can sign up an amateur team to be matched up with a pro instead of the randomly drawn team process.

Eligibility: Professional and Amateur

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45th Tapemark Charity Pro-Am
June 10-12, 2016

5th Tapemark Women’s Charity Pro-Am
June 11-12, 2016

Southview Country Club, West St. Paul, Minn.
6,150 yards, par 71 men • 4,745 yards, par 71 women

Champions: Erik Van Rooyen and Martha Nause

Van Rooyen Cruises to Victory at Tapemark
By Mike Fermoyle

WEST ST. PAUL -- It wasn’t quite the virtuoso performance that he turned in the day before, while shooting 64, but Erik Van Rooyen’s 4-under-par 67 on a breezy Sunday at Southview Country Club was more than good enough to claim his first victory as a professional at the 2016 Tapemark Charity Pro-Am.

The only real surprise was finding out that this is the first time the South African has won since he turned pro in the spring of 2013, after concluding his college career with the University of Minnesota golf team.

Van Rooyen got off to a rocky start on Friday, and was 3 over par after his first nine holes. But he played the next 27 in 12 under, and the last 45 in 16 under, thanks to an impressive display of power and precision.

As an example, on Sunday he reached the four par-5’s at Southview with pitching wedge, pitching wedge, 6-iron and 8-iron, and played them in 4 under even though he three-putted one of the greens.

What it all added up to was a 54-hole aggregate of 200, 13 under par. That was five better than the runner-up total of 205 by Justin Smith, the former Gopher All-American -- it was his putt that secured Minnesota’s NCAA team championship in 2002 -- who is now an assistant coach at his alma mater.

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Smith wasn't thrilled about his 70 on Sunday, but he finished it off with a nifty biride 3 at the ninth hole. (The leaders all started on the 10th hole.) After hitting a 275-yard drive dead into the wind, he had a tricky, 30-yard wedge shot to an elevated green, with the pin near the front edge. Most amateurs would think of that position as "the handcuff zone," but Smith executed the shot perfectly, lofting the ball softly a few feet onto the green and stopping it 18 inches from the cup.

That put him at 8 under for the tournament, and appeared to secure a third-place finish for the former Nationwide -- now webcom -- Tour regular, because his boss, Minnesota head coach John Carlson, was in the group right behind him, and he was 9 under. But then Carlson, a two-time Tapemark champion and perennial top-5 or top-10 finisher in this tournament, played what was almost certainly the worst hole he's ever played at Southview. By the time he putted out at No. 9, he had a triple-bogey 7, and a 72 for the round.

He still was able to tie for third, at 207, which is pretty impressive for someone who plays in only one or two tournaments a year. But it definitely wasn't the way he wanted to cap off his weekend.

The other two players at 207 were Ian Hessels, a former mini-tour pro who's now an assistant at New Richmond, and Elk River assistant Josh Whalen. Both of them had fairly wild rides to the finish line.

Hessels started the day one behind Van Rooyen, and quickly grabbed the lead with birdies on his first two holes, the 175-yard, par-3 10th and the 389-yard, par-4 11th. He got to 3 under for the day -- and 11 under for the tournament -- when he birdied the 14th (386 yards, par 4). Having picked up three strokes in the first five holes, he gave them back in the next two, making a double bogey at the 157-yard, par-3 15th and a bogey at the 446-yard, par-4 16th.

Undaunted, he bounced back with an eagle at the 490-yard, par-5 17th. Hessels made his third par of the nine that the 18th (481, par 5), to go with three birdies, a bogey and a double. For anyone who might have lost count, at that point he was 10 under for the tournament -- and two behind Van Rooyen, who was scorching the back nine.

On the front nine, however, Hessels struggled, making four bogeys on his way to a 73.

Whalen was coming from further back (four behind Van Rooyen), but he made nice progress on the back nine, with two birdies and no bogeys. Then he made the turn and went into reverse, with two double bogeys in the first five holes on the front side. But he rallied with three more birdies in his last four holes on the way to a closing 70.

One behind Carlson, Hessels and Whalen were Sam Matthew, the former Minnesota State Amateur champ who is now in his first year as a pro, and Chris Meyer.

Matthew produced the only score that was better than Van Rooyen's 67 in Sunday's windy conditions, and he beat it by three with a 64. The way Matthew did it was by birdying the first hole on each nine and the last three.

Meyer, who played on the PGA LatinoAmerica Tour each of the last two years, has decided that's too expensive. So after caddying for his former Gopher teammate Derek Chang this week in the U.S. Open at Oakmont, he's going to try a couple of Monday qualifiers for PGA Tour events, and some Dakotas Tour events.

On Sunday, he shot 71, which wouldn't make him all that happy normally. But he had to come back from 5 over after seven holes to do it.

"So that made the 71 feel pretty good," he said afterward.

He actually started off pretty well, with a birdie on the 11th hole. His round got pretty ugly after that, however, as he went double-par-double-bogey. His road to recovery started with birdies at the two par-5's at the end of the nine, 17 and 18, and he birdied four of the first six holes on the front nine, including both par-5's (4 and 6) before suffering a slight relapse, with a bogey at the seventh.

As for Van Rooyen, he started Sunday's round with his worst shot in two days, an 8-iron that wound up short and right of the green at the 175-yard, par-3 10th. He followed it with a weak chip and missed a 15-footer for his par.

He returned to form pretty quickly, though, and stiffed a 65-yard wedge at the 330-yard, par-4 12th, and made a 10-footer for birdie at the par-4 14th. The 17th is a short par-5, but it's all uphill. Van Rooyen took advantage of the wind at his back with a drive of almost 350 yards, hit a wedge to 4 feet and cashed in the putt for an eagle. He had another wedge to the par-5 18th, which is also uphill, and two-putted from 35 feet for his third birdie in seven holes.

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“It’s not just that he hits it so far,” marvelled Nathan Proshek, one of his amateur partners. “It’s that he hits it so straight. After the first nine holes on Friday, he hardly missed any fairways. And I don’t think he missed more than about three greens in the last 45 holes.”

(Proshek, a former Minnesota State Four-Ball winner -- with partner Jeff Pint -- finished fourth among the amateurs with a 221 (75-73-73), and he played the par-5’s pretty well himself. He made eagle 3’s at the 18th hole in each of the last two rounds.)

Van Rooyen hit his worst shot of the tournament from the tee at the 353-yard, par-4 first hole. It was supposed to be a 4-iron for accuracy, except that it went dead right into the trees, and it resulted in a bogey. Nevertheless, he still led by three, at 12 under (Carlson was 9 under at this point). It appeared that he would get back to Minus 13 when he hit a 6-iron second shot onto the green at the 470-yard, par-5 fourth, which played into the wind. But he left his first putt from 60 feet about 12 feet short and missed his birdie try on the low side.

It didn’t really matter. Two holes later, he hit yet another 300-yard drive and a 170-yard 8-iron to the middle of the green at the 476-yard, par-5 sixth and two-putted for birdie.

A blocked tee shot at the 363-yard, par-4 eighth led to another bogey, but he got that lost stroke back when he laid up with an iron from the ninth nearly tee and then nearly holed a wedge shot. The ball ended up just inches from the cup, and his tap-in birdie on the final hole was a fitting conclusion to dominating performance.

With the Tapemark victory, Van Rooyen gained an exemption into the State Open, which will be played at the end of July.

“I’m scheduled fly back (to South Africa) on July 18,” he noted. “But now that I’m exempt for the State Open, I might stay for that.”

In the meantime, he plans to try a two Monday qualifiers, one in June and one in July, and two Dakotas Tour events.

But his main goal for this year remains to become fully exempt for the European Tour. He’s been able to play in a few of the Euro tournaments for the last two years, but only events that are co-sanctioned by the European and Sunshine (South African) tours.

“I’m through to the Second Stage of Qualifying,” he said Saturday. “That will be in November.”

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Van Rooyen played in five tournaments early in the 2015-16 European Tour season, and was in the top 50 on the money list at one point. But he hasn’t played in any events over there since January, and he’s dropped to No. 167 on the money list, with 40,358 Euros. He’s still pretty high up in some of the statistical categories, however, such as Greens in Regulation (he’s No. 2 with 78.5 percent of greens hit), and Driving Distance (he’s No. 9 with an average of 307.1 yards).

The Tapemark established a Women’s Division in 2012, and Martha Nause won in each of the first two years. She won again this year, following a 70 on Saturday with a 73 on Sunday, and her cumulative 143 gave her a seven-stroke victory over Katie Detlefsen, the former four-time state high school champion from Eagan.

Nause might be the most under-rated golfer in Minnesota. She’s a former three-time LPGA Tour winner with one major (the 1994 du Maurier Classic) to her credit. She’s 61 years old – her birthdate is Sept. 10, the same as Arnold Palmer’s – and she can still really play, as she demonstrated over the weekend. After establishing a four-stroke lead in the first round, she kept adding to it by making a lot of pars in the second, and she polished off her victory with a birdie on the 18th hole.
Mounds Park Academy Boys and Fillmore Central Girls Claim Class A Titles

By Nick Hunter

BECKER, Minn. – Entering the final round of the 2016 Minnesota State Boys’ Class A Championship with an 11-stroke lead, the defending champions from Mounds Park Academy maintained that margin Wednesday at Pebble Creek Golf Club, defeating Mahnomen-Waubun for their second consecutive team title.

Leading the way for Mounds Park Academy was senior Dylan Merchant who fired a two-day total of 5-over par 149 to finish tied for second with MACCRAY’s Brady Madsen, 11 shots off the lead.

Merchant opened with a 2-over par 74 during the first round Tuesday before shooting 75 during the final round Wednesday.

Sophomore Matt Berning contributed to MPA’s team title by carding a final-round 77 Wednesday to finish tied for eighth at 155, while two-time defending individual champion, Brock Bliese, finished tied for 13th at 158.

Making their second state tournament appearance, Mahnomen-Waubun finishes as runner-up for the second time Wednesday getting a big boost from individual medalist and Mr. Golf Minnesota finalist, Blake Kahlbaugh.

Kahlbaugh fired a 4-under par 68 to open the championship Tuesday and answered with a 2-under par 70 during the final round Wednesday, cruising to an 11-stroke victory at 138.

The girls from Fillmore Central began the final round with a sizable 20-stroke advantage and extended that lead to 32 shots over Windom, finish on top of Class A for the first time in school history.

Senior Laura Donney’s 177 also contributed to Fillmore’s team title Wednesday as Donney slipped inside the top-20 with a final-round 88.

Abby Herding, of Westbrook-Walnut Grove, finished third at 159, while Springfield’s Callie Wersal finished fourth at 160.
A BOYS’ TEAM
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Mahnomen/Waubun 320-314 654
Lac Qui Parle Valley 339-330 669
Sleepy Eye United 335-337 672
Blooming Prairie 333-340 673
Mille Lacs 340-354 694
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 353-350 703
Murray County Central 387-365 752

A GIRLS’ TEAM
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Windom Area 368-356 724
BOLD 369-359 728
Minneota 381-357 738
Springfield 378-364 742
Park Christian 373-372 745
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Dylan Merchant, Mounds Park Academy 74-75 149
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Tommy Braaten, Blooming Prairie 75-78 153
Brett Reid, Community Christian 79-74 153
Jaden Kallhoff, Lac Qui Parle Valley 77-77 154
Ben Laffen, Sleepy Eye United 78-76 154
Ryan Pederson, United South Central 81-74 155
Spencer Vila, North Woods 81-74 155
Mason Mages, BOLD 80-75 155
Matt Berning, Mounds Park Academy 78-77 155
Christian Thoen, Dawson-Boyd 82-74 156
Ethan Weis, BOLD 80-78 158
Brock Bliese, Mounds Park Academy 79-79 158
Ethan DuCharme, Caledonia 80-79 159
Dain Schultz, Mille Lacs 81-78 159

A GIRLS’ INDIVIDUAL (Top fifteen listed)
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Sophie Gray, Legacy Christian 78-79 157
Abby Herding, Westbrook-Walnut Grove 82-78 160
Kyla Ruf, Legacy Christian 82-81 163
Taylor Christianson, Blooming Prairie 81-83 164
Madison Schaeve, Fillmore Central 86-79 165
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Emily Doeden, Park Christian 84-86 170
Rachel Halvorson, Lac Qui Parle Valley 87-83 170
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Lanie Attnmann, BOLD 86-86 172
Lauren Laffen, Sleepy Eye United 86-87 173
Kristen Liya, North Woods 88-85 173
Leigh Hanefeld, Windom Area 87-87 174

A Team Champions: Mounds Park Academy & Fillmore Central

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A 65 Helps Hitchner and Blake Boys Remain on Top of Class AA

By Nick Hunter

JORDAN, Minn. – It has been said that a golf tournament cannot be won on the first day. It’s a concept Blake sophomore clearly doesn’t buy into as he fired a 7-under par 65 during the opening round of the 2016 Minnesota State Boys’ Class AA Championship Wednesday at Ridges at Sand Creek.

Hitchner casually carded a 3-under par 69 during the final round Wednesday to earn medalist honors by 11 strokes while helping Blake to its second consecutive team title.

“The round went really well—it was one of the best putting days of my life,” Hitchner said following his early round Wednesday. “I gave myself some really good looks on the green. It was definitely a breakthrough round for me. I’ve been close a few times but I was finally able to put something together.”

While it’s unclear if a 65 set any tournament records, Hitchner was more than happy with the first bogey-free round of his career, dropping three birdies on the opening nine before carding four more on the back, narrowly missing an eighth on the final hole.

Carrying a five-shot lead into the final round, Hitchner started quick by rolling in a birdie at the par-4 fourth before chipping in for eagle at the seventh to move to 10-under par for the championship.

Hitchner’s only blemish during the 36-hole competition came at the par-4 eighth hole where he would find the water with his approach and take double-bogey, turning at 1-under for the round.

Stuffing his approach inside of five feet at the par-4 12th, Hitchner converted his birdie opportunity to move back to 9-under.

His collected demeanor was evident late during the second round as his tee shot found the right rough at the long par-4 13th. Hitchner’s second missed the green left, but with a spectacular pitch to within two feet, he was able to save par.

Hitcher again pushed his tee shot right of the 16th fairway but recovered by lying up with his second shot. Putting his approach 20 feet left of the flagstick, Hitchner’s birdie putt slammed inside the left edge of the cup to put him at 10-under for the championship.

A pair of two-putt pars was all that was left to cap an impressive performance from a 16-year-old as Hitchner claimed his first individual title and second straight by a sophomore from Blake.

“I wanted to come here and execute on every shot. I didn’t really have a score in my mind,” Hitchner said Wednesday. “I tried to take it one shot at a time and make birdie whenever I had the chance. “It was nerve-wracking to know that I was in a leading position but it helped to have [coach Marshall Hoiness] walk with me and calm me down in that respect.

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AA Boys’ Individual Champion: Derek Hitchner
A 65 Helps Hitchner and Blake Boys ...

“After making double-bogey I hit a couple good iron shots, which kind of reassured me that I could still shoot a solid round and then I made a couple of birdies coming in. It feels good—it probably hasn’t set in yet, but it will in the next couple of days. I have a lot of golf coming up and it’s a good start to the summer; it definitely gives me confidence that I can shoot that low round."

Junior Ian Murray also played a big role in Blake’s second straight title Wednesday as he opened with a 72 before finishing with a 78 to place 10th at 150.

Defending individual champion Reece Sanders, who won the title as a sophomore last year, finished tied for 18th at 153 following a final-round 75.

“We finished strong and I’m very proud of these boys,” Blake head coach Marshall Hoiness said Wednesday. “I say it every time, but they don’t quit. Obviously [Hitchner] was key, but even Reece, who didn’t have his best stuff, finished strong. Ian [Murray’s] round of 72 this morning was huge and we got a big round from Campbell Morrison who shot 3-under on the front and 5-over on the back for a 75, which was huge.”

Holy Family Catholic School finished 15 shots back of Breck at 604, while Minnewaska and Hermantown tied for third place at 614.

Holy Family’s Alex Wilson finished the championship in second place at 1-over par 145, two shots clear of Drew O’Hern (St. Paul Academy), Esten Stensrud (Minnewaska) and Cecil Belisle (Red Wing), who finished tied for third at 147.

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| AA BOYS’ INDIVIDUAL (Top fifteen listed) | | |
| Derek Hitchner, Blake | 65-69 134 |
| Alex Wilson, Holy Family Catholic | 70-75 145 |
| Drew O’Hern, St. Paul Academy | 76-71 147 |
| Esten Stensrud, Minnewaska | 72-75 147 |
| Cecil Belisle, Red Wing | 74-73 147 |
| Alex Syverson, Albert Lea | 72-46 148 |
| Paul Stankey, Providence Acad. | 73-75 148 |
| Dylan Kolquist, Hermantown | 76-73 149 |
| Lincoln Czek, Holy Family | 74-75 149 |
| Ian Murray, Blake | 72-78 150 |
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| Jake Pieper, Jordan | 77-75 152 |
| Mac Turner, Breck | 74-78 152 |
| Austin vanSytzama, Delano | 70-82 152 |
| Dylan Samberg, Hermantown | 71-81 152 |
| Campbell Morrison, Blake | 77-75 152 |
| Ryan Paskey, Detroit Lakes | 75-77 152 |

AA Boys’ Team Champions: The Blake School

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Smith, who’s committed to play college golf at the University of Nebraska this fall, played a steady front nine Wednesday with six consecutive pars before reaching the par-5 seventh in two.

Her eagle putt stayed right of the cup, but she would tap-in for birdie to move to 4-under for the championship. Taking advantage of her next par-5, Smith again reached the green in two at the 11th and two-putted for birdie to move to 5-under.

A bogey at the long par-4 13th moved Smith back to 4-under for the tournament but she would rebound by sticking her approach inside of five feet at the par-5 16th, converting birdie to return to 5-under.

With Heck already in at 139 as Smith made her way up the 18th fairway, she needed just a par to earn a share of medalist honors, while a birdie would’ve given her the outright victory.

Playing surprisingly cautious, Smith left her approach on the front edge of the heavily sloped, two-tiered final green. As Smith’s lag putt stopped well short of the cup, the first signs of uneasiness and doubt grew within the gallery surrounding the 18th green.

The final putt of her storied high school career tucked barely inside the right edge as an emotional Smith crouched, hands on her head as a champion for the fifth consecutive year.

“I don’t think that was me getting that putt in the hole,” Smith said of her final par putt. “There were some people up there that got it in for me.”

“She had angel on her shoulder,” her father, Kris, added from a few steps away.

“I wanted this one really badly—everyone asks me about it, everyone was talking about it; now I can just live my life,” Smith joked while still fighting back tears.

Smith made her first appearance at the state tournament as a seventh-grader and finished tied for 5th before earning her first title in 2012. In 2013 she shared medalist honors with teammate Natalie Roth and then with friend and current Minnesota Gopher, Maggie Heggerston, in 2014. A final-round 69 a year ago gave Smith a two-stroke victory for her fourth win.

While she’ll be remembered more for her individual accomplishments, Smith was a part of four championship teams during her six years playing varsity golf on a dominant Detroit Lakes team that won three consecutive titles from 2012-2014.

Smith was the first recipient of the Ms. Golf award Sunday in a ceremony at Windsong Farm.

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Smith Sets Record ... continued

“I use the word tenacious a lot with this team,” Detroit Lakes coach Cali Harrier said Wednesday. “We knew at the turn that we needed a fourth score and we turned our attention to our [No. 4, 5 and 6 players] and walked with them and said we needed someone to step up. We were able to do that and grinded it out.”

An emotional Harrier waited just off the final green as the first to greet Smith following the round.

“It’s the end of that era, those six years with Kate,” she said. “She’s a great person, fun to watch because she knows the game so well. But she’s so much more than that—it’s going to be tough not having her there.”

Heck’s first individual title, thanks to her remarkable final-round 68 Wednesday, was overshadowed by the magnitude surrounding Smith’s historical victory Wednesday.

But quietly making her fifth state tournament appearance as a junior, which she’s never finished worse than seventh, Heck put together two of the best rounds of her career. In 10 rounds at Sand Creek, Heck had yet to break par prior to Tuesday’s opening-round 71.

“I was hoping to go low today and I left a couple out there, but it was a good day,” Heck said. “The birdie at 17 was unexpected, I was putting from off the green and it went in and that really got me going. “I was pretty nervous because I’ve never been this low consistently. I didn’t want to know the score, I just wanted to focus on my game and keep the round going without my nerves giving me a mistake,” she said.

Starting on the back nine for the second consecutive day, Heck began with back-to-back birdies at the 10th and 11th holes to jump to 3-under for the tournament before taking bogey at the 13th.

Finishing her front nine with a pair of birdies, Heck moved to 4-under and into a share of the lead with nine holes to play. Heck would birdie the fourth but gave back a stroke at the fifth to remain at 4-under.

Taking advantage of her final par-5, Heck rolled in a final birdie and would finish the final round at 68.

“It feels good, it’s a little bit surreal,” she said. “I feel like my game right now is so strong, it speaks for itself in a way. I feel like I beat this course in a way because it’s been a challenge.”

**AA GIRLS’ TEAM**

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**AA Girls’ Team Champions: Detroit Lakes**

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Sigel, Minnetonka Are Water-Proof as They Sweep AAA Boys Titles

By Mike Fermoyle

COON RAPIDS -- It was almost as if Ben Sigel needed to spot the field two strokes in the Class AAA boys part of the Minnesota state high school tournament. That, in effect, was what he did Tuesday afternoon in the opening round at Bunker Hills Golf Course.

After starting off with three pars and a birdie at the 451-yard, par-5 fourth (No. 4 East), the player who has been the No. 1 in the MGA state rankings for the entire 2016 season blocked his tee shot at the par-4 fifth (No. 5 East) into the water hazard right of the fairway. He proceeded to do the same thing at the par-5 sixth. The bogeys he made on those two holes bumped him to 1 over par, but the Minnetonka junior got back to even with a birdie at the ninth.

The rain that plagued play for both the AAA boys and girls was getting worse as Sigel made the turn. Nevertheless, he parred the next three holes and then, as it began to pour, he holed his second shot at the 340-yard, par-4 13th. He played one more hole before the rain forced a suspension of play, the 530-yard, par-5 14th, and he birdied it.

Early on Wednesday morning, play was resumed, and the Minnetonka junior picked up where he left off, playing his four remaining holes in 2 under, with birdies at No. 16 (380 yards, par 4) and No. 18 (340, par 4). With that, he capped off a 5-under 31 on the back nine, and the resulting 67 (5 under) staked him to a six-stroke lead. Basically, the tournament was over, at least as far as the individual competition was concerned.

“After he shot 67, I didn’t think anyone was going to catch him,” said Harrison Cooper. “I don’t think anybody did. He’s really solid.”

Sigel was exactly that Wednesday afternoon in the second round, as he played a little more conservatively and shot 72. His 36-hole aggregate of 139 gave him a six-stroke victory, and it also tied the large-school tournament record set by Eden Prairie’s Scott Gustafson in 2002.

Cooper, a Simley senior -- and Augsburg recruit -- who had a 76 in the first round, came back with a 69 to take second place at 145. He finished with a putting flourish, making a couple of 12-footers for pars at the 16th and 17th holes and then draining a 45-footer for birdie at the 18th.

“From where I was on the right side of the green,” he admitted, “I was just trying to two-putt, because I knew it was going to be fast once it got past the hole. But then it went in.”

It’s a sign of the times that most of the elite high school players hit their drives in the neighborhood of 300 yards these days, and Cooper can hold his own off the tee. He had only pitching wedge second shot to the par-5 fourth Wednesday afternoon, and that set up an easy two-putt birdie. He also birdied the 370-yard, par-4 ninth.

Finishing third was another senior, Scott Fudenberg of Sibley. He was the only other player besides Sigel to match par on Wednesday, and he ended up at 146.

Chaska junior Clay Kucera put together a 73 and claimed fourth with a 147. He was just ahead of a group of five at 148: Ben Hauge (Anoka), Parker Anderson (Stillwater), Tanner Sperling (Lakeville South), Justin Tanquist (Chanhassen) and Trey Fessler (St. Michael-Albertville).

At amateur tournaments, and especially at high school tournaments, there are no leaderboards on the course, and scoreboards are updated only at the end of the round. So almost everyone is in the dark about what everyone else is doing. That’s fine with Sigel. It helps him stay focused on his own game.

The wind was blowing 10 to 15 miles per hour for the AAA boys in Round 2, which made scoring difficult. What’s more, Bunker Hills was wet, which meant that it played longer than it usually does.

“That probably hurts me,” Sigel said, “because I don’t hit it quite as far as some of the other guys.”

That comment notwithstanding, you’d probably have to say that Sigel hits it far enough (something like 280 or 285 yards), considering that he won all but two of the tournaments/matches he played in this spring.

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Sigel, Minnetonka Are Water-Proof ... continued

On Wednesday afternoon, he got off to a fast start, with birdies at the par-4 second hole and par-3 third, and also at the short, par-5 fourth -- for the second day in a row. At that point, he was 8 under for the tournament and all but completely out of sight of any potential challengers, all of whom were over par. The fifth and sixth holes are two of the easier holes on the front nine. You would have expected Sigel to birdie one or both of them. Instead, he bogeyed them both once again, although this time he kept his ball dry.

“I don’t know what it is about those holes,” he lamented afterward.

It was a surprising lapse, but it didn’t last long. The 200-yard, par-3 seventh and 430-yard, par-3 eighth are two of the toughest holes at Bunker, and Sigel, who has committed to Kansas as his college choice (he can’t sign a National Letter of Intent until November), parred them both. He also parred the ninth and turned in 35. By then, everyone else was playing for second.

With Sigel leading the way, Minnetonka won the AAA team championship. The Skippers put up a pair of 297’s for a two-day total of 594. Lakeville South was second at 607, and Edina was third with a 611.

This was the second team title for Minnetonka.

“We won in 2007,” John Coatta noted, “and if you look at the decade since then, you’ll see that teams from the Lake Conference have won quite a few times.”

As a matter of fact, teams from the Lake -- Wayzata (4), Minnetonka (2), Eden Prairie (1) and Edina (1) -- have won eight times in the last 10 years.

“It just goes to show you,” Coatta said, “how good the competition is in our conference is. After playing those teams for a couple of months, you’re pretty well prepared to play against anybody.”

### AAA BOYS’ TEAM

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### AAA BOYS’ INDIVIDUAL (Top fifteen listed)

1. Ben Sigel, Minnetonka: 67-72 = 139
2. Harrison Cooper, Stillwater: 76-69 = 145
3. Scott Fudenberg, Henry Sibley: 74-72 = 146
4. Clay Kucera, Chaska: 74-73 = 147
5. Ben Hauge, Anoka: 73-75 = 148
6. Harrison Cooper, Simley: 76-69 = 145
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AAA Boys’ Champion: Ben Sigel

AAA Boys’ Team Champions: Minnetonka

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5-Putt Doesn’t Derail Ledwein; Edina Wins with Record Score

By Mike Fermoyle

COON RAPIDS -- Taylor Ledwein made winning a second straight individual championship in the Class AAA portion of the Minnesota state high school tournament look relatively easy on Wednesday -- except for one hole.

The New Prague senior was cruising along, 1 under par through 13 holes at Bunker Hills Golf Course, and when she hit her second shot onto the green and about 35 feet from the cup at the 430-yard, par-5 14th (No. 5 West), her triumph appeared to be a done thing. Then she five-putted -- yes, five-putted! -- for a double bogey.

“That shook me up a little,” she admitted afterward.

It was the sort of thing that could cause a golfer to come unraveled. But not Ledwein. On the next hole, the 368-yard, par-4 15th, she ripped a drive of about 265 yards and hit her 58-degree wedge to within a foot of the hole for a tap-in birdie.

“I kind of needed that after the five-putt,” she said.

If there had been any doubt, the bounce-back birdie at No. 15 eliminated it, and the Bradley recruit concluded her second round with pars at the 17th and 18th holes, as she shot an even-par 72. That gave her a 36-hole total of 143 and a six-stroke victory over senior Hannah Hankinson of Edina and sophomore Megan Welch of Lakeville North.

Welch was the only girl to break par on Wednesday; she rallied from an opening round of 78 with a 71 on her way to an aggregate of 149.

“After I shot 78 yesterday,” he said, “I wasn’t really thinking about winning. I was just too far back, and Taylor’s too good. So I was just wanted to shoot as low a score as I could and then see what happens.”

There was an element of deja vu for Hankinson, who was also second to Ledwein last year.

“I didn’t play my best yesterday,” she conceded, “but I got it up and down and saved a lot of pars. “Today, I was trying to focus on every shot and not worry about anything else.”

Her second-day 74 helped Edina win the AAA team championship for the second consecutive year, and for the eighth time overall -- more than any other school.

The Hornets set a large-school scoring record Tuesday with a combined 298. On Wednesday, they posted put together a 312 (the third-lowest single-day total for Bunker Hills), and that was good for a record 36-hole total of 600. The old record of 622 was set by Wayzata in 2014.

Edina, which finished 98 strokes ahead of second-place Wayzata in the Section 6AA tournament, won their state title by 36 strokes over Forest Lake. The 2015 Class AA champ, Red Wing, which opted up into AAA this year, was another two behind, in third with a 638. The Wingers were the only team to defeat Edina in any tournament this year, in the Irish Invitational at Emerald Greens in early May. But no team came close to threatening the Hornets at Bunker Hills.

Their dominance was reflected in the fact that they had five players in the top 10 individually: Hankinson (T2), Christine Portillo (T4, 150), Grace Kellar (T4, 150), Katie Engelking (9th, 153) and Isabelle Ouyang (10th, 155).

This was the eighth state high school championship for Hankinson, who has been on three winning teams in golf, plus five in tennis.

“I’ve always pretty much stopped playing golf near the end of the summer, to get ready for tennis,” she noted. “But I’m not playing tennis anymore.”

Instead, she will be playing golf at Augustana this fall.

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In addition to being Ledwein’s second title in a row, it marked the fourth consecutive year that a girl from New Prague has won the Class AAA individual championship. The Trojans’ Kenzie Neisen tied Sarah Burnham of Wayzata for the crown in 2013 (the Minnesota State High School League doesn’t break ties at the state golf tournament), and Neisen won again the following year — with a record score of 135 to Burnham’s 136.

Neisen’s sister Steffi is now the New Prague coach. “They’ve both helped me more than I can say,” Ledwein said of the Neisens. “They’ve encouraged me, and been mentors to me, and they showed me what it takes to play high school golf at a really high level. I owe a lot to them.”

With the notable exception of the five-putt, Ledwein’s 72 on Wednesday seemed relatively stress-free. At 5 feet, 2 inches, she was one of the shorter players in the field, but she was also one of the longest hitters. (The Red Wing Invitational, which is played at Mississippi National, has the strongest field of the girls golf season every year. Ledwein, who owns the tournament record for lowest score, a 66, didn’t play especially well this year, but she did win both of the long-drive contests.)

She made good use of her length on Bunker Hills’ shortest par-5, the 405-yard fourth (No. 4 East), knocking a 7-iron onto the green and two-putting for birdie. Her other birdie on the front (East) nine came at the 314-yard, par-4 ninth, where she hit her tee shot over the water hazard and then plunked a 52-degree wedge shot 2 feet from the hole. At the 430-yard, par-5 11th, she hit a 6-hybrid second shot 10 feet from the cup and two-putted for another easy birdie.

AAA GIRLS’ TEAM
Edina 298-312 610
Forest Lake 317-319 636
Red Wing 322-316 638
St. Paul 321-335 656
Chanhassen 327-342 669
Buffalo 339-351 690
Woodbury 341-350 691
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AAA Girls’ Champion: Taylor Ledwein

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2016 AA Girls’ Team Champions, Detroit Lakes making their victory plunge.
MGA MID-PLAYERS’ CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Five rounds of 18-hole, single elimination matches.
Eligibility: Must be 30 years of age by the first day of the championship and qualify or have an exemption.

Handicap Index: 6.4 at the time of entry.

2017 Exemptions:
A. 2016 MGA Mid-Players’ Champion
B. 2016 MGA Player Point List – Excluding the Defending Champion, the 6 highest ranking players from the Regular Points list to enter.
C. Host Club Exemption (1) – #32 seed

10TH MGA MID-PLAYERS’ CHAMPIONSHIP
June 14-16, 2016
Bent Creek Golf Club, Eden Prairie, Minn.
6,522 yards, par 71

Champion: Andy Jacobson

Jacobson Wins MGA Mid-Players’ Championship to Avenge Last Year’s Early Exit

By Nick Hunter
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. – At the 2015 Minnesota Golf Association Mid-Players’ Championship, Andy Jacobson held a 4-up lead over Joe O’Brien through 10 holes before his lead quickly evaporated as he bogeyed four of the final six holes, watching O’Brien go on to beat Sammy Schmitz in the final.

That loss has resonated with Jacobson over the past 12 months and when given a second chance this week at the 10th MGA Mid-Players’ Championship at Bent Creek Golf Club, Jacobson took full advantage, birdying three consecutive holes Thursday to come from behind and defeat Joe McCormick, 2-up.

“I was excited to play in the final and I wanted the [Mid-Players’ title]. I felt like I should’ve been in that final last year, but I just didn’t finish it and I didn’t forget about that this year,” Jacobson said Thursday. “I love match play and this course fits my eye so I was excited to play Joe

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Jacobson Wins MGA Mid-Players’... continued

“He was making some putts and making some birdies. On eight I chunked an iron shot and had to get it together and made a nice par save on nine, which was very critical timing-wise, and then hung in there. I enjoy playing here and I like playing with the lead—it gives you confidence.”

His par save on nine kept Jacobson within two of McCormick before he would sink three consecutive birdies starting at the 10th to find himself with a 1-up lead over McCormick with six holes to play.

“I made a nice birdie putt on 10, birdied 11 and birdied 12 too—I was rolling then,” he said.

Taking advantage of a bogey by McCormick, Jacobson’s lead increased to 2-up after the 14, but he would give back a shot by making bogey at the 15th.

Jacobson’s second shot at the par-5 16th was held up in the rough short-left of the green, but he would chip up to eight feet with an uphill birdie look.

McCormick’s third from right of the green rolled well past the flagstick and he was unable roll his birdie chance as it slid right of the hole. Jacobson’s birdie putt never left the center of the cup and he would take a 2-up lead when it fell.

Missing the 17th green right, Jacobson nearly ended the match when his chip rolled within inches of the cup as McCormick faced an improbable 15-foot birdie chance to extend the match. When his putt dropped, Jacobson’s lead fell to one heading to the final hole.

After pulling his tee shot into the left rough amongst trees, Jacobson was unwilling to let a second straight tournament slip away as he drilled his 3-iron up and on the green, stopping just six feet from the cup. He clinched the match by sinking his putt to win, 2-up.

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Jacobson Wins MGA Mid-Players’... continued

“I wasn’t really planning on going to the last hole but then he rolled that putt in. I hit it a little left [at No. 18] and I can tell you for sure, that was the best 3-iron I’ve ever hit. My hand still hurts because I hit my caddie with a high-five so hard. It was a nice way to end it,” he said.

Jacobson trailed Trevor Anker by two with only four holes to play before rallying late to win the Round of 32 match. He breathed a little easier during the Round of 16, cruising to a 5 and 3 victory over Chris Little.

Taking an early lead in the quarterfinals, Jacobson would never trail during his match against Geoff Little before bouncing Andrew Crowder during a see-saw semifinal match.

“I squeaked through the first match, Trevor put me through the ringer,” Jacobson said of his Round of 32 match Tuesday. “I played well the next couple—I didn’t play great, but in match play you just need to get by. I never felt like I was lighting it up, but I will not complain to get a win.”

Jacobson won the 2012 MGA Players’ Championship at Windsong Farm before claiming the 2014 MPGA Four-Ball Championship with partner Aaron Barber. Last year Jacobson carded a 4-under par 140 to win the MPGA Public Links Championship at Greystone Golf Club.

McCormick had an impressive 2015 season, notching seven top-10 finishes, including a victory at the MGA Mid-Amateur Championship in Rochester and qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship all while easing back into competitive golf after health issues forced him to quit playing for nearly a decade. McCormick won the 1990 MGA Players’ Championship at White Bear Yacht Club.

“I hit lots of greens, made very few putts and was winning on pars,” McCormick said of his early matches this week. “I bet I made seven or eight birdies the entire tournament but I only missed two greens the last two matches.

“Today was just one of those days. The greens were perfect, I just couldn’t read them. Andy and I had a good battle out there; he’s a heck of a player. I was going to have to earn it—pars weren’t going to win it. I was driving it well, hitting lots of fairways and not missing many greens, but I needed to get the putter going.

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Whittaker Defeats Anderson at Bent Creek to Claim Second Senior Players’ Title

By Nick Hunter

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. – With each passing golf season, Steve Whittaker receives more and more reminders of what time and age will do to a person’s body.

A reconstructed knee last fall was his ninth procedure in recent years, but it was put on hold after he earned a spot in the 2015 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship at Hidden Creek Golf Club in Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

At 63, Whittaker keeps piling up trophies, refusing to listen to what his body may be trying to tell him. He won the 2015 Minnesota Public Golf Association Mid-Public Links Championship with a field of players half his age.

On Thursday Whittaker faced a 2-down deficit to John Anderson through 11 holes before winning five of the next six holes to defeat Anderson with a 20-foot birdie putt to win his second Minnesota Golf Association Senior Players’ Championship in four years.

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Whittaker Defeats Anderson... continued

“It’s very emotional for me. I’ve struggled to walk since November and I’ve been in a lot of pain so this is a big deal for me,” Whittaker said. “It’s worth it—I love the game and I love to be out here with the other gentlemen. It doesn’t get any better than this for me.”

Falling behind early to Anderson Thursday, Whittaker rolled in his birdie look at the par-4 seventh to pull within one before giving back a shot with a bogey at the ninth, turning 2-down to Anderson once again.

Whittaker’s consistency late in the round paid off as Anderson found the water hazard three times in a matter of four holes as Whittaker would pull even through 15 holes. Putting his second shot short of the par-5 16th green, Whittaker chipped to within three feet and converted birdie to take his first lead of the final match.

After missing the green at the par-3 17th, Anderson chipped perfectly to a few feet and looked as though the two would move on the 18th with pars as Whittaker’s tee shot landed 20 feet beyond the flag. Sporting his side-saddle putting style, Whittaker’s birdie putt dropped to clinch his second Senior Players’ title, 2-up.

Runner-Up: John Anderson

“This is a great course and it has great greens—you’ve got to have the speed and line perfect to make it, you’re going to make some but you’re going to miss some. You have to be patient and you can’t get frustrated. There are so many holes that you can’t press and have to wait it out until you have a chance and try and take advantage.”

Asked the motivation behind his resiliency each season, Whittaker said, “First off, my wife is extremely supportive and tells me each day to go out and do your best, I believe in you and you belong out there. There’s been many times where I would’ve quit if I didn’t have her.

“I’m also a man of faith and I believe that things happen. As long as I can make it around, I’m going to keep playing.”

Whittaker edged John Sexton, 1-up, to begin the championship before cruising to a 6 and 5 victory over Joe Eichten during the Round of 16. He slipped past Jim Lehman, 2 and 1, during the quarterfinals before rolling to another 6 and 5 victory over David Rehfeldt in the semifinals.

“I had all good matches against some really fun, nice guys and I just really enjoy being out here. One of the things I like most about senior golf is that you meet so many men that are good sports and play to have fun and keep golf in perspective. At the end of the day we play hard, but it is a game,” he said.

“There are 32 guys here and any single guy can beat any of the other 31 guys. You can’t control what the other guys shoot, you can only control how you handle the game mentally.”

Anderson has now finished as runner-up in back-to-back seasons as he lost to Todd Hillier during the final match a year ago at Wayzata Country Club. Also coming off of knee surgery this spring, Anderson said he’s starting to get back to where he can walk and play more golf.

“I was able to make a lot of birdies three rounds ago—pretty ho-hum,” Anderson said Thursday. “This morning was a struggle, but Donny [Howe] struggled worse, so I was able to get through and this one I was doing well and it was almost a repeat of last year where every putt that they had to make, they made.

“It’s frustrating to get to the end and it’s a repeat of last year, but I hung in there. I didn’t play very well on the back and hit three balls in the water, which is never good, but that’s the way it goes—you keep plugging along.”
ROUND 1 (ROUND OF 32)

Todd Hiller, Windsong Farm def. Bill Anderson, Bent Creek CC 3&2
John McEnroe, Whitefish GC def. Ken Gerzsenyi, Eastwood GC 4&3
David Rehfeldt, Stoneridge GC def. Bill Tadewald, Bunker Hills CC 3&2
James Price, Legends Club def. Randy Garber, University CC WD
Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek GC def. John Sexton, Valleywood GC 1 up
Joseph Eichten, Stillwater GC def. Tom Ryan, Hazeltine National GC 2&1
Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm def. Richard Blooston, Edina CC 1 up
Rick Frieburg, Monticello CC def. Brent Chozen, Jackson CC 6&5
Jon Empanger, Island View GC def. Tom Smith, Brackett’s Crossing CC 1 up
Mark Ecklund, Village Green GC def. Tim Kelley, Minneapolis GC 2 up
John Anderson, Bunker Hills CC def. David McCook, University CC 2 up
John Hoffman, Chaska TC def. Gerry Kauma, Chaska TC WD
Mark Hayes, Keller CC def. Leif Carlson, Valleywood CC 3&2
David Haslerud, Southview CC def. David Kokesh, Bent Creek CC 4&3

ROUND 2 (ROUND OF 16)

Hiller def. McEnroe WD
Rehfeldt def. Price 3&2
Whittaker def. Eichten 6&5
Lehman def. Frieburg 3&2
Empanger def. Ecklund 2&1
Anderson def. Hoffman 2&1
Hayes def. Haslerud 3&2
Howe def. Rislove 3&2

QUARTERFINALS

Rehfeldt def. Hillier 2&1
Whittaker def. Lehman 2&1
Anderson def. Empanger 2&1
Howe def. Hayes WD

SEMI FINALS

Whittaker def. Rehfeldt 6&5
Anderson def. Howe 2 up

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Whittaker def. Anderson 2&1

Jerry Rislove, Eagle Valley GC def. Greg Murphy, Keller CC 6&5
Don Howe, River Oaks Municipal GC def. Paul Korman, Columbia CC 22 holes

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Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek CC
John Anderson, Bunker Hills CC

2015 Wayzata CC
Todd Hiller, Windsong Farm
John Anderson, Bunker Hills CC

2014 Brackett’s Crossing CC
Pat Vincelli, Brackett’s Crossing CC
Leif Carlson, Valleywood CC

2013 Island View CC
Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek CC
Tom Ryan, Hazeltine Nat. CC

2012 Dacotah Ridge GC
David Kokesh, Bent Creek CC
Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek CC

2011 Olympic Hills GC
Robert Leaf, Hazeltine Nat. CC
Gary Thalhuber, Minikahda Club

2010 Interlachen CC
Colby Lund, Interlachen CC
Dave McCook, Hastings CC

2009 Chaska TC
Gary Johnson, Island View CC
Patrick Vincelli, Brackett’s Crossing CC

2008 Golden Valley G&CC
Larry Barnacle, Sawmill CC
Robert Anderson, Bent Creek CC

2007 Bearpath G&CC
Randy Garber, U of M, Les Bolstad GC
Bob Leaf, Hazeltine Nat. CC

2006 Grand View Lodge (The Preserve)
Rick Ehrmantraut, Southview CC
Steve Johnson, Elk River CC

2005 Giant’s Ridge GC
Tom Smith, Brackett’s Crossing CC
Tom Ihnot, Hastings CC

2004 Deacon’s Lodge
Jerry Crulid, Golden Valley G&CC
Tom Smith, Brackett’s Crossing CC

2003 White Bear YC
Steve Johnson, Elk River CC
John Christopherson, Edina CC

2002 Izatys G&YC (Blackbrook)
Jerry Crulid, Golden Valley G&CC
Ray Sauer, St. Cloud CC

2001 Grand View Lodge (The Preserve)
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Gene Parr, Hiawatha CC

2000 Grand View Lodge (The Preserve)
Rod Magnuson, Keller GC
John Berger, Northfield CC

FUTURE SITES

2018 Site TBD
Week of June 11, 2018

2019 Site TBD
Week of June 17, 2019

Champion:
Steve Whittaker
Burleson Comes From Behind in Tough Conditions to Win PGA Mid Public Links at Blackberry Ridge

By Nick Hunter

SARTELL, Minn. – Following what he called his worst round of the year Saturday, Justin Burleson came right back with one of his best rounds of the season, carding an even par 72 in windy conditions Sunday to win the 12th Minnesota Public Golf Association Mid Public Links Championship at Blackberry Ridge Golf Course.

Burleson opened the championship with a 5-over par 77 Saturday before his final round Sunday earned him a one-stroke victory over Jesse Voight at 5-over par 149.

The win Sunday comes after finishing second by one shot to Steve Whittaker at last year’s tournament as Burleson shot back-to-back rounds of 70 at Riverwood National Golf Course in Otsego, Minn.

“Yesterday was rough—I didn’t hit it very good and didn’t putt very good,” Burleson said of his opening round. “It wasn’t playing that hard but it just wasn’t a good day.

“I thought if I shot even or better I’d win today with the wind. It was blowing probably the hardest wind I’ve ever felt. I hit my driver great and had a couple par-4’s playing up and I drove both of those. I putted pretty good considering the wind, but it was mainly my driver today. I hit almost every fairway and hit it head-high, dead straight,” he said.

Burleson, Valleywood Golf Course, rolled in birdie on the opening hole Sunday to move to 4-over for the championship before taking a bogey at the second. Getting back to 4-over at the third with another birdie, Burleson again gave back a stroke with bogey at the fourth.

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Burleson Comes From Behind... continued

He would turn at 1-under following his birdie at the par-4 eighth hole and moved to 3-over for the championship after converting his birdie chance at the 10th. His first of two double bogeys came at the par-3 11th to put him back to even for the round.

Burleson answered by rolling back-to-back birdies at the 12th and 13th before taking a second double bogey at the 14th. He would finish with four-consecutive pars to shoot even par during the final round.

“After the double-bogey at 11 to fall back to even and came back and birdied 12 and 13 to get back to 2-under. It was a nice comeback—I could’ve easily let it go and shoot 80 after that double.

“I finished second in this last year, second at the [MPGA Public Links] last year so I’ve been close a few times at these MPGA events so it’s nice to finally get a flag—it feels good,” he said. “I came into the season wanting to make a run at the player points and it’s going to be tough with [Sammy Schmitz] getting the points he does, but I think this gives me a chance to do that.”

Following his second-place finish to Whittaker at the MPGA Mid Public Links last year, Burleson finished two strokes behind Andy Jacobson at the 2015 MPGA Public Links Championship but managed to earn five top-10 finishes on the season.

He finished seventh at the Minnesota Golf Champions in May, shooting 4-over par 223 at Golden Valley Golf and Country Club.

Voight, Bulrush Golf Club, carded a 2-over par 74 during the opening round Saturday and trailed 18-hole leaders Steve Whittaker and Daryl Schomer by two shots entering the final round Sunday.

Getting off to a rough start Sunday, Voight took a double-bogey on the first hole and a bogey at the second to drop to 5-over for the championship.

He bounced back with a birdie at the third before recording bogeys at the fifth and ninth holes to turn at 4-over for the day. A bogey at the 11th put Voight at 7-over for the championship before carding back-to-back birdies at the 14th and 15th.

A costly bogey at the par-4 17th put Voight at 6-over for the tournament and he would finish second at 150 following a round of 76 Sunday.

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MPGA NET PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Format:** Two-day, 36-hole Stableford event with flights based on the number of entries and handicaps. Full handicaps will be applied after adjusting to the slope rating of the golf course.

**Eligibility:** Amateur players who are members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA) and carry an active GHIN handicap.

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**2016 RESULTS**

**49TH MPGA NET PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**June 18-19, 2016**

**Blackberry Ridge GC, Sartell, Minn.**

**6,172 yards, par 72**

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**Stableford Scores**

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**MGA PLAYERS’ CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Format:* Six rounds of 18-hole, match play.

*Eligibility:* Must qualify or have an exemption.

*Handicap Index:* 6.4 at the time of entry.

**2017 Exemptions:**

A. 2016 MGA Players’ Champion
B. 2016 MGA Player Point List – Excluding the Defending Champion, the 14 highest ranking players from the Regular Points list to enter.
C. & D. 2016 MGA Men’s Players of the Year (Senior & Junior)
E. Host Club Exemption (1) – #64 seed

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**2017 INFORMATION**

**39TH MGA PLAYERS’ CHAMPIONSHIP**

Monday-Wednesday, June 19-21, 2017

The Jewel Golf Club
1900 Clubhouse Dr,
Lake City, MN 55041
jewelgolfclub.com
651.345.2672 x1
Manager: Debbie Lowther

Entry Deadline
Monday, May 1, 2017

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**Qualifying Sites**

May 15 Loggers Trail GC (Stillwater)
May 16 The Links at Northfork (Ramsey)
May 16 Oneka Ridge GC (White Bear Lake)
May 18 Highland National GC (St. Paul)
May 19 Interlaken GC (Fairmont)
May 19 Rich Spring GC (Cold Spring)
May 22 Timber Creek GC (Watertown)
May 23 Tipsinah Mounds GC (Elbow Lake)
May 23 Creeksbend GC (New Prague)
May 24 Bellwood Oaks GC (Hastings)
May 25 Oaks GC (Hayfield)
May 26 Black Bear GC (Carlton)

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**2016 RESULTS**

**38TH MGA PLAYERS’ CHAMPIONSHIP**

June 22-24, 2016
Madden’s on Gull Lake - The Classic, Brainerd, Minn.
6,705 yards, par 72

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**Champion: Trent Peterson**

Peterson’s Putter Helps Him Earn a Second MGA Players’ Championship Win

By Nick Hunter

BRAINERD, Minn. – Before turning professional, Trent Peterson won the 2008 Minnesota Golf Association Players’ Championship over Tom Jenkins at Northland Country Club.

Regaining his amateur status in 2011 after trying his luck on mini-tours, Peterson quickly rose to the top of amateur golf in the state, winning three times shortly thereafter. Peterson claimed the Minnesota State Open for the first time in 2014 at Mendakota Country Club.

For the past three seasons the MGA Players’ Championship has been the most frustrating for Peterson as he finished runner-up in back-to-back seasons, losing to Minnesota Gopher Genki Hirayama at Interlachen Country Club in 2013 before Johnny Larson defeated Peterson in a playoff at the 2014 event at Woodhill Country Club.

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Peterson's Putter Helps Him... continued

Peterson was eliminated during the semifinals of the championship a year ago at Spring Hill Golf Club, losing to eventual winner Sam Matthew, 1-up.

The 2014 MGA Player of the Year put together one impressive round after another this week, defeating 2015 MGA Mid-Players’ champion Joe O’Brien, 4 and 3, Wednesday in the championship match at The Classic at Madden’s Resort to claim the trophy once again.

“This is the fourth year in a row that I’ve made the semifinals so to finally be able to get it done again feels amazing,” Peterson said following the win Wednesday. “I’ve been so close; this win might actually feel a little better because I’ve been playing really well the last couple of years.”

A determined Peterson putted his way into the late stages of the tournament as he trailed just 11 of the 89 holes he played over the course of six rounds.

“I putted fantastic all week and this morning’s round I putted lights out,” he said. “I made some great putts this afternoon. I have a routine and when you stay in your routine, you stay less nervous and it’s easier to play well.”

Peterson and O’Brien began the first four holes deadlocked Wednesday, even as both players put their approaches inside of three feet at the third. O’Brien would take the first lead of the match after Peterson found the hazard short of the fifth green.

Following a drop, Peterson put his fourth shot to the front of the green where he would concede the hole as O’Brien had eight feet left for birdie. Peterson bounced right back by dropping his six foot birdie putt at the sixth to even the match.

O’Brien got into trouble at the seventh, finding the hazard and then the edge of the sand after taking a drop. After rolling his fourth over the green, O’Brien conceded the hole to give Peterson his first lead of the match, 1-up.

Winning his third consecutive hole at the par-4 eighth, Peterson extended his lead to 2-up with a bogey. Reaching the par-5 10th green in two, Peterson eased his downhill eagle putt right of the hole for a tap-in birdie and would take a 3-up lead with eight holes to play.

Fully in control of the match, Peterson snuggled a 4-iron inside of three feet at the par-3 12th hole, converting birdie to take a commanding 4-up lead with only six holes to play.

As he did for the duration of the championship, Peterson shut down any possibility by his opponent to gain momentum during the match. Looking as though O’Brien could two-putt for a par to win the 13th, Peterson drained a 20-footer from the front fringe to halve the hole, as O’Brien could only shrug his shoulders and smile.

O’Brien would stay alive at the 14th with a fantastic sand save, but the two would have the next two holes as Peterson closed out the match at the 15th to win, 5 and 4.

During his semifinal match against Jon Sauer, Peterson rolled in three consecutive birdies starting at the par-3 second hole to take a 3-up lead before extending his lead to 5-up following back-to-back bogeys by Sauer at the fifth and sixth.

A birdie by Peterson put lead to 6-up at the turn, but with birdies at the 10th and 12th holes, Sauer showed signs of life to cut the deficit to four. A bogey by Sauer at the 13th gave Peterson another 5-up lead and he would close out the match at the 14th with par to win, 5 and 4.

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MGA PLAYERS’ CHAMPIONSHIP  
Continued

Peterson’s Putter Helps Him... continued.

O’Brien, Rush Creek Golf Club, advanced to the final match after defeating David Christensen, 1-up, during the semifinals Wednesday.

“I felt good—my ball-striking was there and my putting was really, really solid,” O’Brien said of his play before the final match Wednesday. “I was excited to be in contention but my putter kind of failed me this afternoon when it was a strength this morning.

“I thought I could get at least one of them back at [No. 13] and he made a putt from 20 feet up the hill and that was pretty much the dagger.”

After regaining his amateur status in early 2015, O’Brien defeated four-time MGA Player of the Year Sammy Schmitz at the 2015 MGA Mid-Players’ Championship at Wayzata Country Club for his first amateur victory.

“I’ll take away a lot of confidence from this week, I wasn’t playing very well coming in,” O’Brien said Wednesday. “It gives me a little boost going into the State Amateur and State Open and it gets me re-energized for the rest of the year.”

ROUND 1 (ROUND OF 64)
Sammy Schmitz, Southview CC def. Brad Holland, The Classic 5&4
Nicholas Nielsen, Deer Run GC def. Andrew Crowder, Brackett’s Crossing 6&5
Jon Empanger, Island View CC def. Seth Heppner, Bemidji T&CC 6&4
Carter Haley, Terrace View CC def. David Scharenbrock, St. Cloud CC 7&6
Mack Farley, Brackett’s Crossing def. Joel (JT) Johnson, Valleywood CC 7&6
Brett Gaustad, Keller CC, def. Brady Hanson, Onaka Ridge CC 3&1
Joe O’Brien, Rush Creek def. Drew Massey, Tanners Brook CC 3&2
Brandon Stetmoen, Meadows CC def. Grady Meyer, Windsong Farm 2&1
Jon DuToit, Chaska TC def. Patrick Johnston, Pioneer Creek CC 4&3
Riley Johnson, Meadows CC def. Robert Stocker, St. Cloud CC 5&4
Will Holmgren, Baker National CC def. Dave Carothers, LeSuer CC 20 holes
Andy Jacobson, Eagle Creek CC def. Geoff Klein, LeSuer CC 5&4
Trent Peterson, Valleywood CC def. Austin Kotke, New Prague 8&7
Cody Cook, Hawley G&CC def. Eric Nystedt, Hiawatha CC 3&2
Justin Doeden, Legends Club def. Blake Onkka, Bunker Hills CC 4&2
Troy Johnson, Medina G&CC def. Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek GC 2 up
Matt Swanson, Purple Hawk CC def. Alex Uloth, Crystal Lake CC 1 up
Jess Polk, Somerby def. John Svay, Riverwood National CC 5&4
Will Czeh, Oakcrest CC def. Travis Mauer, Oak Marsh CC 6&5
Jon Sauer, Tianna CC def. Shane Johnson, Northland 3&1
Max Mason, Spring Hill CC def. Dominic Kieffer, Somerby CC 4&2
Joe Conzemius, Dakota Pines CC def. Jesse Voight, Bulrush CC 19 holes
Andrew Howard, Hiawatha CC def. Jesse Bull, Golden Valley G&CC 2&1
Will Hickey, Stoneridge CC def. Michael Smith Redwood Falls CC 7&5
David Stein, Rush Creek CC def. Noah Lawson, Forest Hills CC 6&4
Myles Pfingsten, Interlaken CC def. Topher Baron, Bunker Hills CC 1 up

ROUND 2 (ROUND OF 32)
Schmitz def. Nielsen 2&1
Haley def. Empanger 2&1
Farley def. Caustad 20 holes
O’Brien def. Stetmoen 2 up
Johanson def. DuToit 19 holes

Holmgren def. R. Johnson 2&1
Christensen def. Jacobson 1 up
Joel B Johnson def. Thomas 4&3
Peterson def. Cook 3&1
Doeden def. T. Johnson 2&1
Swanson def. Carl 2&1
Czech def. Polk 4&3
Sauer def. Kieckner 6&5
Mason def. Conzemius 1 up
Hickey def. Howard 3&2
Pfingsten def. Stein 3&2

QUATERFINALS
O’Brien def. Schmitz 1 up
Christensen def. Holmgren 2&1
Peterson def. Swanson 7&5
Sauer def. Pfingsten 2&1

SEMIFINALS
O’Brien def. Christensen 1 up
Peterson def. Sauer 5&4

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Peterson def. O’Brien 4&3
Champion listed first with Runner-Up listed second.

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PAST CHAMPIONS

2016
Madden’s on Gull Lake - The Classic
Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC
Joe O’Brien, Rush Creek GC

2015
Spring Hill GC
Sam Matthew, Keller GC
Jonathan Hanner, Baker Nat. GC

2014
Woodhill CC
Johnny Larson, Dacotah Ridge GC
Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC

2013
Interlachen CC
Genki Hirayama, University GC
Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC

2012
Windsong Farm
Andy Jacobson, Eagle Creek GC
Tim Hamm, Rush Creek GC

2011
Deacon’s Lodge
Ryan Peterson, Cannon GC
Devin Holmes, Rum River Hills GC

2010
Spring Hill CC
Erik Christopherson, Teemaster CC
Donald Constable, Spring Hill CC

2009
Oak Ridge CC
Donald Constable, Spring Hill CC
Travis Ross, Rush Creek GC

2008
Northland CC
Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC
Tom Jenkins, Sundance GC

2007
Somerset CC
Tom Jenkins, Sundance GC
Clayton Rask, Monticello CC

2006
TPC-Twin Cities
Andrew Paulson, U of M, Les Bolstad CC
Theo Frentzos, Elk River CC

2005
Dellwood Hills CC
Parker Pemberton, Hazeltine Nat. GC
Joe Stansberry, Hiawatha GC

2004
Spring Hill CC
Clayton Rask, Monticello CC
Wayne Severud, Edinburgh USA

2003
Chaska TC
Mark Christensen, Elk River CC
Philip Ebner, Interlachen CC

2002
The Legacy at Cragun’s
David Morgan, Rochester G&CC
Ryan Paulson, Minnetonka CC

2001
Interlachen CC
Jered Gusso, Olympic Hills CC
David Morgan, Rochester G&CC

1998
Golden Valley CC
David Christensen, Elk River CC
Mitch Thorell, Valleywood CC

1997
White Bear YC
Terry O’Loughlin, White Bear YC
Adam Dooley, University CC

1996
Northland CC
Terry O’Loughlin, White Bear YC
Reed Kohlquist, Enger Park GC

1995
Woodhill CC
Joe Stansberry, Hiawatha CC
Jay Coatta, Minneapolis CC

1994
Rochester G&CC
Ted Bodine, Minneapolis CC
Rolf Engwall, Bunker Hills CC

1993
Mankato GC
J.B. Lloyd, Southview CC
James Dolan, Southview CC

1992
Somerset CC
Ted Bodine, Minneapolis CC
Tim Duren, Austin CC

1991
Edina CC
Greg Murphy, Keller CC
John Harris, Edina CC

1990
White Bear YC
Joe McCormick, Crow River CC
Bob Rodriguez, Como CC

1989
Golden Valley CC
Steve Johnson, Elk River CC
Rick Render, The Minikahda Club

1988
Interlachen CC
Steve Johnson, Elk River CC
Jay Swanson, Golden Valley G&CC

1987
Town & Country Club
Jeff Teal, Meadowbrook CC
John Harris, Edina CC

1986
Woodhill CC
John Paulson, Minikahda Club
Pat Herzog, Alexandria GC

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Dave Tentis, Dellwood Hills CC
Steve Johnson, Elk River CC

1984
The Minikahda Club
John Sprueiter, Litchfield CC
Pat Herzog, Alexandria CC

1983
Interlachen CC
Jim Kidd, Interlachen CC
Mike Capstur, Cross CC

1982
Edina CC
Scott Harris, Oakcrest GC
Greg Harvey, Bunker Hills CC

1981
Woodhill CC
Tom Lehamn, Alexandria CC
Dick Blooston, Edina CC

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White Bear YC
Tom Lehamn, Alexandria CC
John McMorrow, Edina CC

1979
Interlachen CC
Scott Harris, Oakcrest CC
Chris Perry, Dwan GC

Champion: Trent Peterson
Burnham Claims Third Straight MWPGA Match Play Title With Impressive Performance at Bunker Hills
By Nick Hunter

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – Sarah Burnham’s sophomore season was one of the best in the history of the Michigan State University Women’s golf program as she claimed two victories and qualified for the national championship as an individual.

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Herrick Overcomes Slow Start to Claim Second MWGA Match Play Title
By Nick Hunter

MONTICELLO, Minn. – Bouncing back from a bumpy start Wednesday, Olivia Herrick carded three birdies in a span of nine holes to come from behind and defeat Athena Yang at Monticello Country Club to claim her second Minnesota Women’s State Match Play title.

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Format: The Match Play Championship will start with an 18-hole qualifying round to flight for match play rounds. Top 15 players will join the Defending Champion to compete in the Championship flight. Remaining players will be placed in flights of 8 based qualifying score.

The Senior Match Play Championship (Open to players 50 years old as of the first day of the championship) will be placed in flights of 8 according to handicap index. The Defending Champion will be seated #1 in the Senior Championship flight.
Burnham Claims Third Straight MWPGA Match Play... continued

At season’s end she held the school record for scoring average (72.42) and found herself as the 38th-ranked collegiate golfer in the country—for good reason. Many of which were on display Sunday as Burnham carded six birdies over a 10-hole stretch at Bunker Hills Golf Club to beat Olivia Herrick and claim her third consecutive Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association Match Play Championship.

“I felt really solid today and after the birdie at [No. 6], I felt like I had a really good round going,” Burnham said after her victory Sunday. “I feel like my irons are the best part of my game, I was able to stick a lot of pins and had some short putts.”

In a rematch of last year’s final, Herrick surrendered an early lead with back-to-back bogeys to begin the championship match before Burnham rolled back-to-back birdies putts at the third and fourth holes to take a daunting 4-up lead after four holes.

Confident off the tee the entire final match, Burnham took aim at the flagstick Sunday with superb ball striking ability as four of her first six birdies came from within 10 feet. She would play the final 28 holes of the championship bogey-free with seven birdies.

After tucking her 5-foot birdie putt inside the left edge at the par-5 sixth hole, Burnham again put her approach close from the left rough at the eighth hole, converting birdie and would take a 6-up lead to the back nine.

Missing the 10th green short, Burnham chipped to inside three feet to save par and increase her lead to 7-up as Herrick was unable to get up-and-down for par.

The two halved the 11th as Burnham reached the 430-yard, par-5 in two but left her eagle putt a foot short. Herrick hit a beautiful third shot to eight feet from right of the green and would roll birdie to extend the match.

Burnham’s tee shot at the par-3 12th hole rolled to a stop 30 feet behind the cup, but her most impressive putt of the championship found the bottom of the cup for birdie and she clinched her third consecutive win, 8 and 6.

Burnham won an individual state title her junior year at Wayzata High School along with two team titles. She’s collected 14 amateur titles in the state and has qualified for six USGA events, including the 2015 U.S. Women’s Open and two U.S. Women’s Amateur Championships.

She is a three-time MGA Junior Girls’ Player of the Year and two-time Women’s Player of the Year and later this month, Burnham will travel to France as a member of Team USA to compete in the 16th World University Golf Championships.

“I don’t know what to expect—I’ve never been out of the country, besides Canada, to play golf. I’m a little nervous because I’m going by myself and I’ve never been overseas, but I think it will be a good experience for me,” Burnham said.

As the MGA’s top-ranked high school golfer her senior season in 2014, Burnham says her game has grown a lot over the past three seasons. But for the first time in her career, Burnham struggled with the game during her freshman season in East Lansing before claiming three wins and seven top-5 finishes last summer.

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MGA WOMEN’S AMATEUR MATCH PLAY & WOMEN’S SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS  Continued

Burnham Claims Third Straight MWPGA Match Play... continued

“A lot of practice—I’m longer and a better putter, overall,” she said. “I definitely got a lot of confidence playing in the [U.S. Women’s Open] against all those good players and on a longer course.”

Sunday’s final result was certainly deceiving and hardly indicative of Herrick’s performance during her final two matches of the championship as the 2008 and 2010 winner played the final 29 holes at 4-over par.

“There’s no one I’d rather lose to—Sarah is a great player,” Herrick said Sunday. “Some days it works out and some days it doesn’t. I definitely didn’t play my best but it seemed like all the greens I reached in regulation, she would birdie. She kept hitting it close and she’s a great putter.

“I played well during the first two matches and I felt like I played fine today. I have time now to tune up for the rest of the summer.”

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Herrick Overcomes Slow Start in MWGA Match Play ...

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Stumbling early, Herrick was unable to get up-and-down for par on three of the first four holes, facing a 2-down deficit before rolling in her first birdie putt from 15 feet at the par-3 seventh.

“It was only a matter of time before Herrick, a three-time MGA Women’s Player of the Year, showcased her tournament experience by sticking to a fundamental and patient game while her opponent’s struggles began at the eighth hole.”

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“You can definitely feel momentum shift and I’ve played a lot of match play and I’ve seen it from both sides,” Herrick said. “You’re either trying to scramble to get it back to even it out or you are pushing the gas pedal to keep it going.”

“I felt really good about my ball striking this week; I’ve struggled off the tee over the course of the summer but I was pretty confident today and coming in I felt like my best golf was still out there.”

Yang failed to reach the green with her third shot from the wet and thick rough short of the green, while Herrick managed to get up-and-down for the first time during the championship match, drawing even by rolling in her par putt from four feet.

“I don’t find any value in wondering if she’s going to make a putt or get up-and-down or not. I try to stay inside my own game as much as possible,” she said.

Finding the left greenside bunker off the 10th tee, Yang was unable to save par as Herrick took her first lead of the match, lagging her birdie putt from the front of the green to within four feet and rolling in her par putt.

Sinking what she called her best putt of the season, Herrick took a 2-up lead at the par-4 11th when her birdie putt from 35 feet found the bottom of the cup, and she would increase her lead to 3-up following Yang’s third bogey in a span of five holes.

Herrick and Yang halved the 13th and 14th holes before Herrick closed out the match by sinking her 12-foot birdie putt at the par-5 15th to win, 4 and 3.

“I had the speed on the greens right all week but I just had not rolled any putts in. I hit good putts on one and three and thought they were in the hole,” Herrick said of her early bogeys Wednesday.

“This is really special to me,” Herrick said Wednesday, “I love match play—it’s such a fun format and so different from traditional stroke play. As mental as regular stroke play is, it’s even more of a head game.”

Reaching the final match at the event for the fourth time, Herrick claimed the 2010 championship, defeating former University of Minnesota golfer, Mary Narzisi, at Baker National Golf Club. Herrick, Dellwood Country Club, finished as runner-up in both 2007 and 2013.

Originally from Minnesota, Yang’s family recently returned to the state after 13 years in Florida, where Yang won the 2015 Florida State Class 3A individual title as a junior.

“My plan was to play aggressive but stay consistent,” Yang said following Wednesday’s round. “I felt good about the start, but wish I would’ve played a little harder—you can’t just be on the green, you have to go pin-seeking because it is the championship match. I felt like my irons weren’t the greatest today. Olivia is a great golfer and I can’t wait to play with her again.

Playing in her only state event of the season this week, Yang said she struggled to stay focused and positive once her early lead began to slip away Wednesday.

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Herrick Overcomes Slow Start in MWGA Match Play ... continued

“It was tough trying to switch my mindset and forget about the last hole,” she said.

In January, Yang received the 2016 ANNIKA Foundation ACE Grant from the American Junior Golf Association. She will begin her freshman year at Mississippi State University this fall.

“I can’t wait to be part of a team, learn from my coaches and enjoy playing college golf,” she said.

Yang, Edinburgh USA, accumulated 12 top-10 finishes at AJGA events during the past three seasons, including a victory at the 2015 Target Junior Championship at Rush Creek last year.

Along with playing partner, Kendall Griffin, Yang advanced to the quarterfinal match of the 2015 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship after earning medalist honors during the first two rounds of stroke play.

The two qualified for this year’s championship, but fell during the opening round of match play.

21ST MINNESOTA WOMEN’S STATE MATCH PLAY RESULTS

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Amy Dahle  
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| 1997 | Island View GC  
Carolyn Klecker  
Amy Dahle |
| 1996 | Somerset CC  
Carolyn Klecker  
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| 1995 | Oak Ridge CC  
Kristin Leighton  
Alissa Herron |
| 1994 | Southview GC  
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Julie Melby |
| 1993 | Wayzata CC  
Kristin Leighton  
Pat Cooper |
| 1992 | Town & Country Club  
Nikki Ross  
Sara Evans |
| 1991 | Hillcrest GC of St Paul  
Julie Kalina  
Barbara Finkelstein |
| 1990 | Minneapolis GC  
Nancy Harris  
Lisa LaBelle |
| 1989 | White Bear YC  
Barbara Finkelstein  
Jodi Krafta |
| 1988 | Bracketts Crossing  
Karen Weiss  
Nancy Harris |
| 1987 | Dellwood Hills GC  
Dee Forsberg  
Kate Hughes |
| 1986 | Oak Ridge GC  
Anne Zahn  
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| 1985 | Buri Oaks GC  
Nancy Harris  
Barbara Nickels |
| 1984 | Town & Country Club  
Nancy Harris  
Dee Forsberg |
| 1983 | Olympic Hills GC  
Jody Rosenthal  
Anne Zahn |
| 1982 | Hazeltine Nati GC  
Jody Rosenthal  
Anne Zahn |
| 1981 | Golden Valley G&CC  
Jody Rosenthal  
Anne Zahn |
| 1980 | Minnesota Valley CC  
Lisa Kluver  
Kathy Williams |
| 1979 | Wayzata CC  
Anne Zahn  
Peggy Kirsch |
| 1978 | Minneapolis GC  
Joan Carvin  
Jan Calin |
| 1977 | Southview CC  
Joan Carvin  
Nancy Hay |
| 1976 | Interlachen CC  
Anne Zahn  
Joan Carvin |
| 1975 | Oak Ridge CC  
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Jan Calin |
| 1974 | Midland Hills CC  
Jan Calin  
Becky Pearson |
| 1973 | Mendakota CC  
Jan Calin  
Bev (Gammon) Vanstrum |
| 1972 | Rolling Green GC  
Joan Carvin  
Betsy (Croonquist) Seitz |
| 1971 | North Oaks GC  
Julie Cummil  
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| 1970 | Minnesota Valley CC  
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| 1968 | Minneapolis GC  
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| 1967 | Edina CC  
Bev (Gammon) Vanstrum  
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| 1966 | White Bear YC  
Joan Carvin  
Betty Swanson |
| 1965 | NO TOURNAMENT DUE TO THE WESTERN OPEN |
| 1964 | Interlachen CC  
Darlene Anderson  
Mrs. Herb Marcsussen |
| 1963 | Southview CC  
Bev (Gammon) Vanstrum  
Mrs. Howard Dahleen |
| 1962 | Rochester G&CC  
Bev (Gammon) Vanstrum  
Nancy MacCibbon |
| 1961 | Brookview GC  
Beatrice (Barrett) Atmeyer  
Betty Swanson |
| 1960 | Minnesota Valley GC  
Marlene (Cesell) Miller  
Beatrice (Barrett) Atmeyer |
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Mrs. Martin Falk |
| 1956 | Oak Ridge CC  
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Katherine Reichert |
| 1955 | Interlachen CC  
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| 1954 | Northland CC  
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| 1953 | The Minkahda Club  
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| 1952 | Midland Hills CC  
Rosalyn Wisen  
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TWIN CITIES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Three age divisions: 18 holes of stroke play for the 13-15 and 16-18 divisions; 9 holes of stroke play for the 9-12 division.

Eligibility: Open to all amateur players of any ability with or without a Handicap Index. Contestants must be 18 years of age or younger on September 1 of the championship year.

2016 RESULTS
25TH TWIN CITIES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
June 22, 2016
Victory Links Golf Course, Blaine, Minn.
6,282 yards, par 71 boys • 5,543 yards, par 71 girls

BOYS 16-18
Peder Larson, Medina G&CC 69
Brady Arzdorf, Refuge CC 71
Lincoln Johnson, Chaska T&C 72
Conner Jensen, Island View CC 73
Michael Uhas, Windsong Farm GC 75
Anson Kuznik, Buhl Oaks CC 75
Daniel Nemi, Eagle Creek CC 77
David Walker, Edinburgh USA 77
Spencer Hyjuljen, Bent Creek GC 77
Tony Franks, University CC 77
Seth Johnson, Island View CC 78
Michael Sauro, Edinburgh USA 78
Robert Hargol, Willinger’s CC 79
Jarrett Smith, Eagle Creek CC 80
Jack Zurn, Bent Creek CC 80

GIRLS 16-18
Anni Heck, Southview CC 68
Lexi Geoliat, The Jewel CC 79
Allison Hansen-Rogers, TPC Twin Cities 81
Kiera Smith, Fox Hollow GC 85
Erika Lee Olson, Tanners Brook CC 87
Hannah Bruns, Fairway Foundation 89

BOYS 13-15
Muzzy Donohue, Southview CC 65
Matthew Carisle, Tanners Brook CC 69
Benjamin Yang, River Oaks GC 72
Bennet Olson, Bluff Creek CC 73
Samuel Spears, Bluff Creek CC 78
Bert Olson, Minneapolis CC 79

BOYS’ 12 & UNDER (9 HOLES)
Myles Jarrett, Fairway Foundation 43
Carrington McNeal, Fairway Foundation 46

PAST CHAMPIONS

BOYS’ & GIRLS’ DIVISIONS
(2003-Present)

Key – B: Boys’, G: Girls’

2016 Victory Links GC
Peder Larson, Medina G&CC (B)
Anni Heck, Southview CC (G)

2015 Victory Links GC
Daniel Chi, Rush Creek CC (B)
Taylor Ledwien, New Prague CC (G)

2014 Victory Links GC
Paul Vogt, Minnesota Valley CC (B)
Sarah Burnham, Rush Creek CC (G)

2013 Victory Links GC
Max Mason, Spring Hill CC (B)
Sarah Burnham, Rush Creek CC (G)

2012 Victory Links GC
Miles Death, Buhl Oaks CC (B)
Sarah Burnham, Rush Creek CC (G)

2011 Victory Links GC
Max Rosenthal, Bearpath GC & CC B
Anna Laorr, Hazeltine Nat CC (G)

2010 Victory Links GC
Tyler Lowenstein, Rush Creek CC (B)
Anna Laorr, Hazeltine Nat CC (G)

2009 Victory Links GC
Eric Laorr, Hazeltine Nat CC (B)
Gretchen Huhnerkoch, U of M CC (G)

2008 Victory Links GC
Chase Hahne, Links at Northfork (B)
Gretchen Huhnerkoch, U of M CC (G)

2007 Victory Links GC
Stephen Bidne, U of M CC (B)
Gretchen Huhnerkoch, U of M CC (G)

2006 Theodore Wirth GC
Ryan Peterson, Cannon CC (B)
Olivia Lansing, White Bear CC (G)

2005 Theodore Wirth GC
Trent Peterson, Parkview CC (B)
Katie Detlefsen, Wilds CC (G)

2004 Theodore Wirth GC
A.J. Gunderson, Theo Wirth CC (B)
Lauren Huhnerkoch, U of M CC (G)

2003 Theodore Wirth GC
Andrew Du Plessis, Oak Glen CC (B)
Lauren Huhnerkoch, U of M CC (G)

2002 Theodore Wirth GC
Trent Peterson, Parkview CC

2001 Theodore Wirth GC
Brian Colehour, Theo Wirth GC

1999 Theodore Wirth GC
Darren Grinther, Theo Wirth GC

1998 Theodore Wirth GC
David Isaacson, North Oaks CC

1997 Theodore Wirth GC
Thaddeus Bloberger, Pheasant Acres CC

1996 Theodore Wirth GC
Josh Smith, Unattached

2017 INFORMATION
26TH TWIN CITIES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Victory Links Golf Course
2010 105th Ave NE
Blaine, MN 55449
victorylinks.org
763.717.3240
Pro: Scott Roth
Entry Deadline
Friday, June 17, 2017

FUTURE SITES
2018 TBD
**U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR & U.S. GIRLS' JUNIOR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**

**Format:** 36 holes of stroke play  
**Eligibility:** Cannot be 18 years or older on or before the final day of the championship.  
**Handicap Index:** 4.4 or lower (boys), 9.4 or lower (girls) at the time of entry

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### 2017 INFORMATION

**70TH U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING & 69TH U.S. GIRLS' JUNIOR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**  
**Thursday, June 22, 2017**

Emerald Greens Golf Club  
14425 Goodwin Ave, Hastings, MN 55033  
emeraldgreensgolf.com  
651.480.8558  
Pro: Barry Wallin

**Entry Deadlines**  
U.S. Junior Amateur  
Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
U.S. Girls' Junior  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

### Championship Dates/Sites

**U.S. Junior Amateur Championship**  
July 17-22, 2017  
Flint Hills National Golf Club  
Andover, Kan.

**U.S. Girls' Junior Championship**  
July 24-29, 2017  
Boone Valley Golf Club  
Augusta, Mo.

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### Future Sites

2018  
TBD

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**North Dakota Medalist & Qualifier: Kate Smith**

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### 2016 RESULTS

**69TH U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**  
**68TH U.S. GIRLS’ JUNIOR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**

**June 16 2016**  
Victory Links Golf Course, Blaine, Minn.  
6,836 yards, par 71 boys • 5,943 yards, par 71 girls

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**Junior Amateur Medalist:** Frankie Capan  
**Girls' Junior Medalist:** Anni Heck

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**Junior Amateur Qualifiers:**  
Frankie Capan, North Oaks  
Trey Fessler, Otsego  
Lincoln Johnson, Chaska

**Girls’ Junior Qualifiers:**  
Gabriella Ruffels & Jessica Lee

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**2016 RESULTS**

**QUALIFIERS**

- Frankie Capan, North Oaks: 68-66 134  
- Trey Fessler, Otsego: 68-69 137  
- Lincoln Johnson, Chaska: 72-67 139

**ALTERNATES**

- Ben Sigel, Deephaven: 69-70 139  
- Jack Ebner, Edina: 72-69 141

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**GIRLS’ JUNIOR RESULTS**

**QUALIFIERS**

- Anni Heck, Eagan: 36-35 71  
- Gabriela Ruffels, Laguna Niguel, Calif.: 37-36 73  
- Jessica Lee, Oak Brook, Ill.: 36-37 73

**ALTERNATES**

- Madelyn Hawkins, Dubque, Iowa: 36-40 76  
- Kate Lillie, Saint Charles, Ill.: 38-39 77

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**Junior Amateur Qualifiers:** Trey Fessler & Lincoln Johnson  
**Girls Junior Qualifiers:** Gabriella Ruffels & Jessica Lee

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**MINNESOTANS WHO QUALIFIED AT OUT OF STATE SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS**

**US GIRLS’ JUNIOR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**  
FARGO N.D. - FARGO COUNTRY CLUB  
JUNE 16, 2017

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mngolf.org  
2017 MGA Yearbook and Media Guide
Capan Medals, Fessler and Johnson Earn Spots at U.S. Junior Amateur
By Nick Hunter

BLAINE, Minn. – Frankie Capan, of North Oaks, Minn., carded an opening round 68 Thursday at Victory Links Golf Course before shooting a 5-under par 66 to earn medalist honors as well as a spot in the 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship.

A total of 83 players looked to claim one of three qualifying spots to this year’s national tournament, which will be played July 18-23 at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tenn.

Joining Capan at the championship will be Trey Fessler, Otsego, Minn., who fired a 5-under par 137 and Lincoln Johnson, Chaska, Minn., who needed a playoff to defeat Ben Sigel after carding a 3-under par 139.

On Wednesday Fessler, a freshman at St. Michael-Albertville, finished tied for fifth at 148 at the Minnesota State Boys’ Class AAA Championship at Bunker Hills Golf Club.

Capan rolled in five birdies with two bogeys during the morning session Thursday to card 68 before taking a bogey at the fifth hole during the final round. Capan rolled five consecutive birdie putts starting at the seventh before adding another for good measure at the par-5 15th to shoot 66.

In January Capan won the 2016 Puerto Rico Junior Open with a tournament-record 12-under par 204, which earned him a spot in the 2016 Puerto Rico Open, a PGA Tour event where he would narrowly miss the cut as a 16-year-old.

Last month Capan and partner, Shuai Ming Wong, advanced to the Round of 16 at the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Ben Sigel, Deephaven, Minn., and Jack Ebner, Edina, Minn., finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

Championship – None of the local qualifiers made it to the match play round except for Frankie Capan who made it to the round of 16 before falling to Min Woo Lee, Australia, in 19 holes.

First It’s a State Title, Then It’s On to the U.S. Junior Girls’ Championship For Heck and Smith
By Nick Hunter

BLAINE, Minn. – Just 24 hours after shooting a final-round 68 to win her first Minnesota State Class AA individual title, Anni Heck carded an even par 71 Thursday at Victory Links Golf Course to earn medalist honors and qualify for the 2016 U.S. Girls’ Junior Amateur Championship.

A field of 25 players competed for three qualifying spots to this year’s championship, which will be played July 18-23 at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J.

While it’s the first national championship Heck has qualified for, she’s already established herself as one of the state’s best junior golfers.

Last year she won the Minnesota State Junior Girls’ Championship as well as the Minnesota Junior PGA Championship, which she also won in 2013 as a 14-year-old. She won the Minnesota Junior Players Tournament of Champions in 2014.

Starting on the back nine Thursday, Heck began with birdies at the 12th and 14th holes to quickly move to 2-under for the round before taking bogey at the 15th.

She would draw even with a second bogey on the first hole before carding her third birdie at the par-4 third. Heck would finish her round at even par 71 following a bogey at the 170-yard fourth hole.

Garbriela Ruffels, Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Jessica Lee, Oak Brook, Ill., claimed the final two qualifying spots Thursday as both carded rounds of 2-over par 73.

Madelyn Hawkins, Dubuque, Iowa, and Kate Lillie, St. Charles, Ill., finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

As for fellow 2016 Class AA co-champion Kate Smith, she carded a 3-over par 75 Thursday at Fargo Country Club earning medalist honors to also qualify for the 2016 U.S. Junior Girls’ Championship.

Smith, Detroit Lakes, Minn., finished two shots better than two Canadian golfers, Bobbi Uhl, who shot 77, and Camryn Roadley, who claimed the final spot with a 78.

Championship – None of the local qualifiers from Victory Links made it to the match play round. Kate Smith, Detroit Lakes, Minn., who qualified in North Dakota made it to the round of 32 before falling to Hailee Cooper, Montgomery, Texas, 2&1.
**TWIN CITIES MEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Format:** 36 holes of stroke play  
**Eligibility:** Amateur  
**Handicap Index:** 5.4 or lower at the time of entry

**2016 RESULTS**

**25TH TWIN CITIES MEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP**

June 25-26, 2016  
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.  
and Keller Golf Club, St. Paul, Minn.  
6,971 yards, par 72 Bunker Hills GC  
6,675 yards, par 72 Keller GC

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**Peterson Wins For Second Time in a Week, Comes From Behind to Win Twin Cities Championship**

By Nick Hunter

MAPLEWOOD, Minn. – A good week for Trent Peterson got even better Sunday as the 2014 Minnesota Golf Association Player of the Year carded a final-round 69 at Keller Golf Club to win the 25th Twin Cities Championship.

Peterson, who won the MGA Players’ Championship for a second time Wednesday at Madden’s Resort, opened up the championship with a 74 Saturday at Bunker Hills Golf Club before rolling in three birdies over the final nine holes Sunday to finish at 1-under par 143, edging Sam Foust by one stroke.

“It was a great week—I’m 2-for-2,” Peterson said following his victory Sunday. “My game is good right now, it’s consistent and I know where the ball is going. I putted great earlier in the week and these greens today are different so it was a little more challenging, but I’m really happy with how I’m playing.”

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Peterson Wins For Second Time in a Week... continued

The Twin Cities Championship is one of the only tournaments Peterson hasn’t collected hardware from during his career as his previous best was a tie for second place in 2013 along with a third-place finish in 2007.

Peterson began the final round three shots off the lead and with a three-putt for bogey at the par-4 second hole would fall back to 3-over for the championship. He responded by rolling his birdie opportunity on the ensuing hole and would make the turn at even par for the round.

Starting quickly on the back nine, Peterson converted birdie at the par-5 10th and again at the par-5 12th to move to back to even par for the championship. Rolling his approach 10 feet left of the pin on the final hole, Peterson dropped his birdie putt and gave a fist pump as he clinched the championship by a one-stroke margin.

“I hit the driver pretty well today,” Peterson said Sunday, “I tried to keep the ball low and keep it in play between the trees because it’s pretty tight out there. Getting near the greens I was lagging and trying to keep it close because the greens were a slower and a little bumpy, so I didn’t want to stress over some longer par putts.

“I tried to take advantage of the par-5’s, I think that’s what did it for me.”

Foust carded two birdies with two bogeys during the opening round Saturday at Bunker Hills and began Sunday’s final round at Keller Golf Club just one shot off the lead.

Bogeys at the fourth and sixth holes put Sunday Foust at 2-over for the championship heading to the final nine holes. He would take advantage of the three par-5’s on the back nine, making birdie on all three, but a bogey at the par-4 11th proved costly as Foust finished the championship at even par 144.

“I got off to a bad start yesterday and came back a little bit,” Foust said Sunday. “I hit the ball well but I just didn’t putt well. Today I tried to do the same thing and make a few more putts but played about the same. I kept it in play; hit the green and two-putted most holes. I hit the ball well but I was pretty cold with the putter the whole round. I missed a lot but made a good 8-footer for par on the last hole.

“[Peterson] is a great player and obviously he had a good round out here with this wind, but I know I got some things to work on to be better for the next tournament.”

Foust finished his freshman season at the University of Oregon this spring with the first national championship in school history. He played in four events during the 2015-16 season and saw his first collegiate action as an individual at the Husky Invitational where he finished tied for 27th.

“I had a good year out there and really enjoyed it,” Foust said of his freshman season. “It was a good experience and with the national championship, I couldn’t have asked for a better year. We had a lot of hometown fans and it was really cool to be a part of.

“Next year we should be pretty good again, we lost our best player [NCAA individual champion and Ping All-American Aaron Wise] but we’ve got a few good players coming in and some really good players that didn’t play a lot last year so we should still have a really solid team.”

Peterson will team up with Olivia Herrick Tuesday as the 26th MGA Mixed Team Championship gets underway at Valleywood Golf Course.

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MGA MIXED AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Four-Ball stroke play (first day);
        Modified Chapman alternate shot stroke play (second day)
Eligibility: Mixed team entry; one male, one female. Team members may be from different member clubs.
Handicap Index: 28.4 (per team) at the time of entry.

2016 RESULTS
26TH MGA MIXED AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
June 28-29, 2016
Valleywood Golf Course, Apple Valley, Minn.
6,438 yards, par 72 men • 5,228 yards, par 72 women

Herrick and Peterson Claim MGA Mixed Team Championship at Valleywood
By Nick Hunter

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. – Prior to Tuesday’s opening round of the 26th Minnesota Golf Association Mixed Team Championship at Valleywood Golf Course, Trent Peterson and Olivia Herrick hadn’t played together since their days of junior golf.

The result was a 7-under par 65 to take a one-stroke lead over the team of Emily Israelson and Dakota Waverek as well as the team of Leigh Klasse and Leif Carlson.

Herrick and Peterson survived a furious charge by Israelson and Waverek during the final round Wednesday, winning in extra holes as both teams finished the 36-hole championship at 15-under par 129.

“We were behind right off the bat,” Peterson said following the victory Wednesday. “[Israelson and Waverek] were on fire; they made a ton of putts and I think they were 6-under through six holes. We were just trying to hang on and survive at that point. We slowly stayed with them and at the end we were able to come out on top.”

The victory for Peterson Wednesday gives him three tournament wins in the last eight days as he won his second MGA Players’ Championship June 22nd at the Classic at Madden’s Resort followed by his first Twin Cities Championship Sunday at Keller Golf Club.

I’m so happy because I’ve played this event every year since about 2004 and I’ve come close but have never done it. To finally do it with such a great partner, I couldn’t be more excited,” he said.

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Herrick and Peterson Claim MGA Mixed Team...

Trailing Israelson and Waverek by three heading to the 14th hole, Herrick stuck her approach to three feet and Peterson would convert birdie to get within reach of the Augustana University golfers.

Israelson and Waverek would both find trouble off the tee at the 17th leading to double-bogey and saw their lead evaporate late as Herrick and Peterson made par.

Getting up-and-down on the final green, Israelson and Waverek made par, while Herrick’s birdie putt stopped inches short of the cup and Peterson tapped in to force extra holes.

Herrick nearly sank her 20-foot birdie chance on the first playoff hole as Peterson again tapped in for par before Waverek’s 8-footer to remain alive wouldn’t drop, giving Herrick and Peterson the victory.

“Walking up [14th fairway] we said we’ve both seen crazy comebacks and have come back from far behind and also lost to people who have come from behind,” Herrick said. “One of the benefits of being a little bit older is that we’ve weathered the storm and weren’t discouraged by the status of our round.”

Two players who rarely need any advice navigating most courses, were forced to rely on one another during the team event this week, which was made easier by the fact that Peterson is a former club champion at Valleywood.

“We were talking to each other all the time, especially since Trent’s played out here so much, I would ask him for feedback and where to aim on certain holes. We really played our own games but if we wanted to read together, we would,” Herrick said.

Tuesday’s opening round was a standard four-ball format before switching to an alternate shot during the final round, both of which seemed to benefit Herrick and Peterson.

“I love the format—it’s so much fun and so different because you never get to play it,” Peterson said. “You can feed off each other a bit and I got to hit her beautiful drives that were right down the middle of the fairway, way closer than I would be off my tee box and hitting wedges in instead of 6-irons.”

“I think it’s really fun because it’s impossible for one person to carry the team,” Herrick said. “You both have to be in it if you want to play well. There were a lot of holes where one of us didn’t hit the best drive but came back and made a putt so you feel very engaged the whole round.”

Peterson, the 2014 MGA Player of the Year, has now amassed 19 career amateur wins in the state, leaving just the Minnesota Golf Champions the lone tournament that he’s eligible to play in that he has not won.

Herrick’s resume is equally impressive as she’s notched 24 amateur victories in the state following her win Wednesday, earning MGA Women’s Player of the Year honors three times.

Peterson finished tied for third with partner Sara Detlefson at last year’s event, shooting 9-under par 135 at Oak Glen Golf Course, while Herrick finished tied for 11th with partner Ben Freeman at 2-under.

“We started off strong—we were 6-under through the first five holes,” Waverek said Wednesday.

“We made a lot of putts,” Israelson added. “We came into 17 with a two-stroke lead they made par and we double-bogeyed. We were thinking birdie on the last hole.”

Israelson finishes as runner-up for the second year in a row as her and younger brother, Andrew, carded a final-round 66 last year to finish four shots behind two-time winners Cassie Deeg and Dominic Kieffer.
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Trent Peterson, Valleywood CC/ Olivia Herrick, Dellwood CC

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Oak Glen GC
Casse Deeg, Golden Eagle CC/ Dominic Kieffer, Somerby GC

2014
Edina CC
Samantha Sommers, Wapicada CC/ Daryl Schomer, Wapicada CC

2013
Pepple Creek GC
Monifa Sealy, Fox Hollow CC/ McCabe Buege, Fox Hollow GC

2012
Fox Hollow CC
Claudia Pilot, Austin CC/ Dave Carothers, Wild Marsh CC

2010
Owatonna CC
Olivia Lansing, White Bear YC/ Ben Freeman, Village Green GC

2009
Medina G&CC
Leigh Klasse, Meadowbrook GC/ JT Johnson, Keller GC

2008
Mississippi Dunes GL
Elizabeth Clark/ Michael Clark, Mendakota CC

2007
Forest Hills GC
Betsy Aldrich, Mendakota CC/ Mark Aldrich, Woodhill CC

2006
Brackett’s Crossing CC
Laura Olin, TPC Twin Cities/ Mike Fiedler, Olympic Hills CC

2005
St. Cloud CC
Laura Olin, Minnetonka CC/ Ryan Paulson, Olympic Hills CC

2004
Hastings CC
Leigh Klasse, Meadowbrook GC/ Joe Stansberry, Hiawatha CC

2003
Burl Oak GC
Claudia/David Pilot, Austin CC

2002
Elk River CC
Deb Means/ Ben Greve, U of M, Les Bolstad GC

2001
Monticello CC
Allie Bloomquist/ Eric Christopherson, Mississipi Dunes GC/

2000
Braemar GC
Cindy Cannon/Marshall Nowlin, Minnetonka GC

1999
Bent Creek GC
Shelby Strong/Herb Nowlin, Dellwood Hills GC

1998
Minnetonka CC
Julie Kalina/Terry Moors II, Elk River GC

1997
Austin CC
Kristin Leighton/Peter Honsa, Southview CC

1996
Prestwick GC
Kati & Tim Herron, Wayzata CC

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Alissa/Tim Herron, Wayzata CC

1994
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Amy Schmiesing/Aaron Barber, Little Crow CC

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Dacotah Ridge Qualifiers:
Matt Bennett & Graysen Huff

Hillcrest Qualifier:
Broc Everett
Minnesotan Matt Bennett One of Three Players to Qualify for U.S. Amateur Championship

By Nick Hunter

MORTON, Minn. – Carding a 2-under par 142 during the 2016 U.S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying Monday at Decotah Ridge Golf Club, Chad Merzbacher earned medalist honors as well as a spot in this year’s national tournament.

Finishing five strokes better than the field, Merzbacher fired back-to-back rounds of 1-under par 71 to qualify Monday and will be joined by Minnesotan Matt Bennett and Graysen Huff who finished tied for second at 3-over par 147.

“This is a really hard event to qualify for and I don’t know how many times I’ve tried to qualify for it, but it feels really good,” Merzbacher said Tuesday. “I think I’ll turn pro after this tournament so this is my last [U.S. Amateur]. I really wanted to make it; I’ve put in a lot of work and I think I deserve it.

“I think it’s pretty cool that the U.S. Amateur will be my last amateur tournament; a lot of good professional golfers played that as their last event, so I’m hoping to go there and do what I did this week and play well. It would be great to end my amateur career with a big finish.”

Starting his second round at the tenth hole, Merzbacher blocked a 4-iron into the right greenside bunker but managed to get up-and-down for birdie to move to 2-under before giving back a stroke with a bogey at the 15th and head to his final nine holes at 1-under.

Merzbacher put his approach inside 10 feet at the par-4 second, rolling in his birdie chance to move to 2-under for the tournament. A bogey at the par-4 eighth hole dropped him to 1-under, but would put his approach inside of five feet on his final hole, converting birdie to shoot another 71 to earn medalist honors by five shots.

“I was playing pretty well, I made an early bogey, but I had five birdies and three bogeys and played consistent all day,” Merzbacher said. “I missed a couple of birdies but I happened to make a couple more birdies than I did bogeys. 

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Stankey and Hanner Headed to Oakland Hills to Compete at U.S. Amateur

By Mike Fermoyle

ST. PAUL, Minn. – When Paul Stankey was about 3-years-old, he recollects sitting on the couch with his father watching the U.S. Amateur Championship on television and telling him he wanted to play in that tournament some day.

Stankey will get that chance next month as he carded a 5-under par 137 Monday at Hillcrest Golf Club to earn a share of medalist honors with Jonathan Hanner, punching his ticket to the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

“I don’t even know how I remember it, but it was one of my first memories,” Stankey said Monday. “This is huge—it’s been a dream of mine since I could walk. It’ll be pretty special to be able to play in it now.”

Stankey, who will be a senior at Providence Academy this fall, carded a 3-under par 68 during his opening round Monday, rolling in two birdies on his front nine and added two more with one bogey over his final nine holes.

Beginning the second round with a three-putt for bogey at the second, Stankey fell to 2-under for the tournament but answered by spinning his wedge to four feet and converting his chance to get back to 3-under. Stankey blasted a 4-iron 240 yards to reach the par-5 seventh in two where he two-putted for birdie and would turn at 1-under for the round.

He would drop a shot at the 10th with bogey, but again bounced back with a pair of birdies at the 13th and 14th holes to move to 5-under. After carding his third birdie of the round at the par-4 17th, Stankey finished strong with a birdie on the final hole, rolling in his putt from eight feet.

“I had three goals coming in—I was trying to be positive, take it one shot at a time and I wanted to be patient,” Stankey said following his final round Monday. “My coach told me the greens are tough out here and if you keep getting chances, eventually they’ll fall.

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During his opening round, Merzbacher made bogey at the par-4 second hole, but would pull even after rolling in his birdie chance at the par-5 sixth, turning at even par for the tournament. He would birdie the 157-yard 11th to move to 1-under and would finish the opening round with seven consecutive pars to shoot 71.

Merzbacher, Knoxville, Tenn., graduated this past spring after playing four seasons at the University of Tennessee. During his collegiate career for the Volunteers, Merzbacher notched 18 top-25 finishes and 10 collegiate golf career with a 72.92 scoring average while playing in 39 tournaments.

He qualified for the 2012 U.S. Amateur Championship at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village, Colo., shooting 76-76—152 to miss the cut for match play by three shots.

After graduating from high school in Dublin, Ohio, Merzbacher's father, Chuck, took a job in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Bennett, Marshall, Minn., earned his spot Monday after taking the 18-hole lead by firing a 4-under par 68 during the morning session. Getting off to a rough start on the opening nine of his second round, which included three double-bogeys, Bennett regained his composure to play a steady final nine holes to qualify for his first U.S. Amateur Championship in his first attempt.

“It feels great to qualify my first time,” Bennett said Tuesday, “I’ve played the course a couple times and I have always been a big fan of the course. I played a junior event there and I knew if there was ever a tournament there that I’d love to qualify there. I’m really excited and I hope to play well. I’d be pretty happy to finish inside the top-64 and get into the match play portion.

“I didn’t putt phenomenal, but I made all the putts I needed to,” he said. “In years past in pressure situations, the putter has failed me. This year, coming down the stretch I knew I had to make some putts and I was able to do that.”

Starting his opening round on the back nine Monday, Bennett started with a birdie at the 13th hole before rolling in back-to-back birdie putts at the 15th and 16th holes to quickly jump to 3-under.

After taking bogey at the 17th, Bennett would rebound with a birdie at the 18th to turn at 3-under once again. Rolling in two more birdies with one bogey on his back nine, Bennett would finish the opening round at 68 to distance himself with a three-shot cushion.

With two bogeys over the first four holes Monday, Bennett’s second round went from bad to worse after taking double-bogey at the par-4 fifth hole.

He would answer by taking advantage of his distance with an eagle at the sixth to get back to 2-under for the tournament.

Bennett found the water on the eighth and ninth holes leading to back-to-back double-bogeys and would turn at 3-over despite carrying a three-shot advantage heading into the final round.

With the help of his caddy and college roommate, James Baker, Bennett was able to quickly turn things around to remain in contention on the back nine.

“After going in the water twice, I was a little nervous at that point and I didn’t think I had much of a chance. My caddy reminded me that I had the lead and that the course is playing harder and the scores were going to be higher, so he really helped calm me down,” Bennett said.

He would roll in one birdie with one bogey during the final nine holes Monday to shoot a final-round 79 to finish tied for second at 147.

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Bennett, 21, capped off his first season at Iowa Lakes Community College by shooting 3-over par 291 to finish 11th at the 2016 NJCAA Division II National Tournament, the best finish for a Laker at the event in the last 21 years.

After shooting even par 72 during his opening round, Huff, of Eagle, Idaho, carded two bogeys on the first nine holes of the second round Monday to drop to 2-over for the tournament.

Back-to-back bogeys at the 10th and 11th holes put him at 4-over and he would drop to 5-over following his fifth bogey of the round at the par-4 15th. Huff would finish strong with two birdies over the final three holes to card a final-round 75, claiming the final spot at 147.

Jamie Quesnel, Lakeville, Minn., and Ben Skogen, Onalaska, Wis., finished as first and second alternates, respectively, after both players carded a 4-over par 148.

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Minnesotan Matt Bennett One of Three Players to Qualify...  

With the wind picking up during the second round Bennett said conditions were dramatically tougher late Monday.

“I would say the course played five strokes harder—the difficulty level increased greatly,” Bennett said Tuesday. “The wind was really up and on a course that’s unprotected, it made it really tough. On a lot of the holes the wind changed directions completely from the first round. Everyone struggled during that second wave and every little mistake is magnified at that point.

“During the opening round the conditions were a lot better, the wind was only blowing 10-15 MPH and it was a lot more scorable. There some nice pins that were tough but fair and I had a lot of wedges into the green. When you can hit a wedge from 80 yards, it’s a lot better than hitting 7-iron or 8-irons in.”

At 39-years-old and after many attempts to compete on a national stage, Hanner qualifies for his first USGA event, saying it was well worth the wait.

“This is massive for me; I’ve been trying to get into this event for a long time and there’s been a lot of disappointment where I’ve come out and can’t even compete with the guys out there—not even close to getting in,” Hanner said Monday. “I can cross this one off the list and enjoy it now, so it’s a big deal. For the amount of work I’ve put into my game, I feel something like this should happen at some point.

“This is my home track and I probably wouldn’t have tried to qualify if it wasn’t here,” he said. “Even if you’re not hitting it well, there’s a comfort level where you’ve hit all the shots and know where to miss. I think you can visualize shots better and know exact lines you want to hit, which was a big advantage.”

Hanner, Minneapolis, Minn., played a flawless opening round as he carded two birdies on his front nine and would card 11 consecutive pars to shoot 2-under par 70 during the morning session.

During the second round, starting on the tenth tee, Hanner started quickly again by rolling in a 10-footer for birdie to move to 3-under for the tournament. Hitting his tee shot heavy at the par-3 12th, Hanner’s ball landed on the front of the green, leaving himself with a long birdie chance from well over 60 feet, which he would make to move to 4-under.

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“That was one of the longest putts I’ve made in my life—it was ridiculous,” he said. “I was trying to convince myself that I could make it as I was standing over it,” he said. “I was trying to tell myself, ‘This is your day today,’ as something positive in my head and have that self belief that I could do it.”

Hanner rolled in his birdie look at the second and following his birdie at the par-4 sixth to get to 7-under for the tournament, he said his plan was to make five more good swings over the final three holes.

Instead, he carded his first bogey in 34 holes and finished with a second bogey at the par-3 ninth to shoot a final-round 68.

“I made a really ugly swing on the last hole just because I was so nervous,” he said. “Expectations were very low coming in because I thought I was playing well going into the [State Amateur] and that didn’t go well,” Hanner said Monday. “I’m coming of a 42 during my last nine holes at the State Open when I shot 79, but I went out to practice last night to figure some things out and made a little progress.”

Hanner caddied for his friend, Sammy Schmitz, when Schmitz won the 2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship at John’s Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla., and was on the bag when Schmitz played at the 2016 Masters Tournament. Both will be in the field in August at Oakland Hills.

West Des Moines, Iowa, native Broc Everett fired a 4-under par 138 to earn the third and final qualifying spot from a field of 68 players Monday, returning to the national championship for the second consecutive year.

Everett carded a 3-under par 68 during the morning session Monday and came back with a two birdies and a pair of bogeys on the front nine during the second round.

Everett, who will be a redshirt junior at Augusta University later this fall, rolled in two birdies with one bogey to card a 2-under par 70 to earn the final qualifying spot at 138.

Qualifying for the national tournament last year, Everett shot rounds of 77 and 75, respectively, to miss the cut for the match play portion of the championship.

Derek Hitchner, Minneapolis, Minn., and Dylan Gergen, Mendota Heights, Minn., finished as first and second alternates, respectively.


**Correction**

Stankey has not verbally committed to the University of Minnesota and has not yet made any decisions about his future following high school.

Championship – None of the local qualifiers made it to the match play round of the championship.
U.S. WOMEN’S AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Format: 18 hole stroke play  
Handicap Index: 5.4 or lower at the time of entry.

2016 RESULTS  
116TH U.S. WOMEN’S AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING  
June 30, 2016  
Forest Hills Golf Club, Forest Lake, Minn.  
6,226 yards, par 72

Medalist: Casey Danielson

QUALIFIER
Casey Danielson, Osceola, Wis.  37-35 72  
Gabrielle Curtis, Eau Claire, Wis.  37-37 74  
Sarah Burnham, Maple Grove  36-38 74  
Heather Ciskowski, Barrington, Ill.  36-38 74

QUALIFIERS: Gabrielle Curtis, Sarah Burnham & Heather Ciskowski

ALTERNATES
Megan Furtney, South Elgin, Ill.  38-36 74  
Marissa Chow, Honolulu, Hawaii  39-36 75

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Danielson Medals While Minnesotan Burnham and Gopher Ciskowski Earn Spots at U.S. Women's Amateur

By Nick Hunter

FOREST LAKE, Minn. – After two quick bogeys to begin the 2016 U.S. Women's Amateur Qualifying at Forest Hills Golf Club, Casey Danielson stood in the fifth fairway with a tough decision to make.

She could play conservative and lay up with her 6-iron or go for the green in two and get back into contention by making at least birdie at the 478-yard par-5.

Danielson pulled her 3-wood from her bag and blasted her second shot 230 yards to within 12 feet where she would make eagle and go on to earn medalist honors Thursday, shooting even par 72 to qualify for her seventh straight U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

“I wanted to come in a play really steady, it's been a month since I've competed and I knew that I had to be patient because it was going to be a little rusty,” Danielson said after qualifying. “I was a little nervous because it's only one round so 18 holes can make or break it. I've qualified the last six times and this might be my last one so I felt a little added pressure on myself.”

“That was one of the longest puts I've made in my life—it was ridiculous,” he said. “I was trying to convince myself that I could make it as I was standing over it,” he said. “I was trying to tell myself, ‘This is your day!’

Danielson, Osceola, Wis., would take a bogey on the ensuing par-3 sixth hole, but found her consistency for the remainder of the round, carding consecutive pars before sticking her approach at the 11th to ten feet and converted birdie to get back to even. She would then par the final seven holes to finish ahead of the field by two shots at 72.

“It was a pretty solid round—nothing too fancy—but I think I hit almost every green,” she said. “I probably had too many putts but the eagle at [No. 5] gave me a confidence boost.”

A soon-to-be senior at Stanford University, Danielson notched four top-10 finishes and ended the season as the nation's 63rd-ranked golfer during her junior season. She finished tied for sixth individually at the national tournament in May, while Stanford lost to the University of Washington in the national championship match.

“Our team gets along really well so we have a lot of fun and I’m learning a lot about golf, my game and how to manage a course. It was really fun to give it another run at nationals. It was a great match, it didn’t go in our favor, but there’s nothing you can do about good golf,” she said.

Danielson has advanced to the match play portion of the national championship four times in her six appearances, with her best finish coming in 2011 when she lost during the quarterfinal round.

Joining Danielson at this year's championship, which will be played August 1-7 at Rolling Green Golf Club in Springfield, Pa., will be Sarah Burnham, Heather Ciskowski and Gabrielle Curtis as all three finished tied for second at 2-over par 74, surviving a one-hole playoff to advance.

Burnham, Maple Grove, Minn., opened her round Thursday with a bogey at the third before answering with a birdie at the fifth to draw even. She would bogey the par-4 seventh, but turned at even par again after rolling in her birdie chance at the ninth.

Slipping back to 1-over par with a bogey at the 11th, a resilient Burnham bounced back by converting her birdie opportunity at the par-4 15th to remain even.

Spinning her approach off the front of the 17th green, Burnham would chip up and two-putt for bogey to fall to 1-over for the round before missing a short par putt on the 18th, carding a second straight bogey to finish at 74, advancing to her third consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

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Danielson Medals... continued

“I was hitting my irons pretty pure but I struggled putting a little bit today, I had a couple three-putts,” Burnham said after qualifying Thursday. “Overall I thought I played pretty solid. It’s good to be going back.”

Burnham returned home from the 2016 World University Golf Championships in Brive, France on Tuesday where she was one of three players to represent the United States, finishing ninth individually and leading the Americans to a third-place finish.

“France was good experience but our team struggled,” she said. “I didn’t play well—it was a really short and tight course so I took a lot of penalty strokes for going [out of bounds], which I’m not used to getting.”

After advancing to the first round of match play in 2014, Burnham carded a 9-over par 153 to miss the cut by five shots. Burnham, who will begin her junior season at Michigan State University this fall, said her goal during this year’s championship is to advance to the Round of 32.

Ciskowski, a soon-to-be junior at the University of Minnesota, earned her first trip to the U.S. Women’s Amateur Thursday after her round of 74, a little over a week after winning the Minnesota Golf Association Women’s Four-Ball Championship with Gopher teammate Sabrine Garrison at Somerby Golf Club.

A native of Barrington, Ill., Ciskowski started slow during the qualifier Thursday, making two early bogeys before finding a groove with two birdies to close out the front nine to draw even.

Carding three bogeys over the first seven holes on the back nine, Ciskowski fell to 3-over for the round, but answered with a crucial putt at the 18th, rolling in a 20-footer for birdie to card 74.

“Overall today I thought I played pretty consistent,” Ciskowski said Thursday. “My tee shots weren’t really to my liking but I wasn’t in any bad places and I was able to hit greens in regulation and what I think helped me the most was being able to make some putts. Staying confident and staying calm is the most important thing in these qualifiers because you can get away from yourself.”

Competing in every tournament during the 2015-16 season, Ciskowski set a new school record for a single-season scoring average at 73.93, while notching two top-20 finishes.

“I came off a really good summer of golf last year so I came into this season ready to go and ready to compete. Our team was wonderful this year—I can attribute my great play to having fabulous teammates and enjoying my coaches,” she said.

“This is my first time qualifying—I’ve missed the cut by one or two the past two years so it feels great. It’s a little surreal so it may not hit me until tomorrow or maybe when I’m in bed tonight.”

Curtis, Eau Claire, Wis., earned a qualifying position Wednesday finishing tied for second at 2-over par 74 carding two bogeys and a birdie on the front side before carding another two bogeys and a birdie on the back.

Megan Furtney, South Elgin, Ill., finished at 2-over par 74 before making bogey on the first playoff hole to finish as first alternate, while Marissa Chou, Honolulu, Hawaii, finished as second alternate, shooting a 75 and prevailing in a one-hole playoff with Kenzie Neisen and Taylor Ledwein.

Championship – None of the local qualifiers made it to the match play round of the championship.
MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR BOYS’ CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 36 holes of stroke play.
Eligibility: Must be a permanent resident of Minnesota or must be an associate member of the MGA. Must not reach his 19th birthday before the last day of the championship.
Handicap Index: No requirement.

2017 INFORMATION
91ST MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR BOYS’ CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday-Tuesday, July 10-11, 2017
The Bridges Golf Club
22852 Co Rd 17,
Winona, MN 55987
winonagolf.com
507.452.3535
Manager: Blake Westerberg
Entry Deadline
Monday, June 26, 2017

FUTURE SITES
2018 The Bridges
Monday-Tuesday, July 9-10, 2018
2019 TBD
Week of July 8, 2019

Israelson

2016 RESULTS
90TH MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR BOYS’ CHAMPIONSHIP
July 5-6, 2016
Eagle Creek Golf Club, Willmar, Minn.
6,349 yards, par 72

Champion: Andrew Israelson

Israelson Holds Off Sigel to Win 90th Minnesota State Junior Boys’ Championship
By Nick Hunter
WILLMAR, Minn. – Scrambling most of his back nine during the final round of the 90th Minnesota State Junior Boys’ Championship, Andrew Israelson rolled in a late birdie and held on to defeat Ben Sigel by a single shot Wednesday at Eagle Creek Golf Club.

Named the inaugural Mr. Golf Minnesota prior to the state tournament in June, Israelson played just three holes of the opening round Tuesday before inclement weather caused the first round to be suspended until Wednesday.

Israelson would piece together a 5-under par 67 to take the early lead once the first round was completed Wednesday and came back to shoot a 71 during the final round, shooting 6-under par 138 to claim the title.

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“I’ve played in this tournament for five years and I’ve always played good one day and then very poorly the other day. I just wanted to play a good tournament,” Israelson said Wednesday. “I played really well—I think ever since the high school season ended, I’ve played a lot better. At the state tournament, you’re competing against the best players in your class—this is a good win because you’re playing the best players in the state.

“I struck the ball really well and I found my putter this week. As the round went on the nerves started to kick in because I’ve never really been in that position before. It definitely was a learning experience; I’ve learned a lot growing up as a junior player in Minnesota. It’s helped me progress as a player a lot.”

As he did during the opening round, Israelson carded three birdies over the first four holes and narrowly missed his birdie chance from 10 feet at the second as he quickly jumped to 8-under for the championship.

Following a bogey at the fifth, Israelson found trouble off the ninth tee leading to a second bogey before missing the green at the 10th, failing to convert par and slipped to 5-under.

Israelson got back on track at the 11th as he narrowly drove the green and would make par before sending his approach at the 12th over the green. Showcasing his signature scrambling abilities, Israelson chimed up and converted par to stay at 5-under.

Missing the 13th green left, Israelson once again managed to make par before sinking a 20-footer for birdie at the par-4 15th to maintain a slight advantage over Sigel.

Israelson, whose father, Bill, won the event three times from 1973-75, missed the chance to distance himself from Sigel by missing a short birdie putt at the 17th and would fly the 18th green, getting up-and-down once again on the final hole, rolling in his par putt from 10 feet for the win.

“That’s my style of play—I’m more of a scramble golfer,” Israelson said following his victory Wednesday. “My game looks ugly, but it’s gets me around.”

Before leading Staples-Motley to the Class AA team title in 2013 and the individual title the following year, Israelson admitted he struggled with his temperament as a younger golfer.

“I’ve matured a lot. When I was younger I had a little attitude and it ruined some of my rounds. I finally figured out this year that no one shoots 6-under when they’re angry the whole time,” he said.

“I decided to change my attitude and realized that every day you get to go out and play golf is a blessing.”

Following his opening round 69, Sigel began his final round with a birdie at the third, sinking a 6-footer to move to 4-under for the championship. Hitting a wedge to six feet at the par-4 ninth, Sigel would again convert birdie to climb to 5-under before taking a bogey at the par-4 14th.

Sigel put his tee shot 20 feet above the hole at the par-3 16th and buried his birdie putt to move back to 5-under before making par on the final two holes to card a 2-under par 70, falling one stroke short of Israelson at 139.

“You can’t win them all,” Sigel said following the final round Wednesday. “I gave it a good run—it wasn’t my best stuff, but I was pretty happy with that and I’m excited for the State Open and some other tournaments coming up. I knew I had to go low today to win the tournament,” Sigel said.

“Andrew is a great player and I wasn’t counting on him making any mistakes. I thought I’d have to shoot in the 60’s—at least 69 to have a chance to win.”

“I had a rough stretch of holes yesterday, but besides that, I played solid all day,” Sigel said Wednesday. “Today I was kind of scrappy but I scored alright. I wasn’t very straight off the tee, which is usually my strength and it kind of hurt me, but I made some good putts to stay in the tournament. I hit my wedges good and I putted well all week.”

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The Minnesota State Junior Boys’ Championship went through a number of format and name changes through the years. Past Champions are shown separately as changes occurred.

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**Champion:** Andrew Israelson
MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP
(previously Minnesota Junior Girls’ State Championship)

Format: 36 holes of stroke play.
Eligibility: Open to female golfers who have not reached 19th birthday by September 1 of tournament year and are permanent Minnesota residents.
Handicap Index: No requirement.

2016 RESULTS
71ST MINNESOTA STATE JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIP

July 5-6, 2016
Chaska Town Course, Chaska, Minn.
5,705 yards, par 72

Champion: Taylor Ledwein

Ledwein Perseveres at Chaska TC, Edges Smith to Win Junior Girls

By Mike Fermoyle

CHASKA -- Taylor Ledwein could very well be Minnesota’s most under-rated junior golfer of the last decade.

She has been one of the state’s elite players since she was in ninth grade, and finished in the top 10 in the Class AAA portion of the state high school tournament every year since then, improving her 36-hole total each year, from 157 to 150, to 149, to 143 and winning the large-school individual championship as a junior and again this year as a senior. She also won the biggest tournament of the Minnesota girls high school regular season, the Red Wing Invitational, with a record score of 66 at Mississippi National.

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The high school tournament gets more publicity than any other tournament the juniors play, but the Junior Girls is a better test, because the girls aren’t spread out over three different courses.

“It’s a great tournament, and a great field,” Ledwein said afterward. “Everyone’s here. All the best players. I’m really happy to have won it.”

Ledwein started nicely on Wednesday but had to play through a nasty patch -- 5 over in an eight-hole stretch -- before making two late birdies, which gave her a 1-over-par 73 and a two-day total of 145.

Smith, who shot 77 in the opening round, continued to go in the wrong direction for a while on Wednesday. She bogeyed two of the first four holes. But she eagled the seventh hole, which sent her off on a run of 6 under for the next 10 holes. At the 510-yard, par-5 18th, she hit two gorgeous shots and was green high, only to have her short game betray her. The University of Nebraska recruit needed four shots to get into the hole from approximately 100 feet away and ended up making a bogey on the last hole.

She still shot 69, which was the low score of the day by four strokes, but the cumulative 146 was one too many, and she had to settle for second place.

Grace Kellar was sensational on Day 1, making birdies on seven of the first 10 holes she played on the way to a 69. On Day 2, she picked up pretty much where she had left off. She made a double bogey at the fifth hole, but she compensated with a pair of birdies on the front nine and was four strokes ahead when she got to the 11th tee. This was her first time in contention for a state championship, and she struggled on the last eight holes.

The Edina senior-to-be wound up with a 79, but her overall 148 was still good enough for third.

Another soon-to-be-senior, Red Wing’s Stephanie Herzog, also got off to a good start, hitting her second shot to 3 feet at the first hole for a birdie. But she bogeyed three of the next four holes, and a triple-bogey 8 at the seventh hole eliminated her from contention. She was 7 over after 11 holes, but played the last seven in even par to salvage of 79, and she finished fourth at 150.

Hannah Hankinson, who graduated from Edina a few weeks ago having been a part of eight state championship teams (five in tennis, three in golf) -- she also had two second-place individual finishes at the state golf tournament -- shot 76 on Wednesday to claim fifth place with a 154. And the defending champion, Anni Heck, who capped off her junior year at Visitation three weeks ago by tying Smith for the Class AA individual title, posted 78 for the second day in a row. The resulting 156 was good for sixth.

Chaska Town Course measured 5,705 yards for the Junior Girls tournament, which is several hundred yards longer than any of the three courses that were used for the state high school tournament. But there were three drivable par-4’s, and the par-5’s were reachable in two for the longer hitters; so there were ample opportunities for birdies. On the other hand, there were water hazards in play on most of the holes, including Nos. 11 through 18.

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With that in mind, it shouldn't be all that surprising that there were wild swings in momentum during Wednesday's final round.

Ledwein teed off on No. 1 trailing Kellar by three strokes, and it stayed that way as they both went par-par-birdie-par through the first four holes. Then Kellar made a double bogey at the 331-yard, par-4 fifth, and Ledwein birdied it, her second birdie in three holes. Suddenly, they were tied, both 2 under for the tournament.

Meanwhile, one group in front of them, Smith had made bogeys at the 305-yard, par-4 first and the 100-yard, par-3 fourth. At that point, she was 11 behind, at 7 over, but Kellar's double reduced her deficit to single figures. She was now nine behind.

Ledwein began going backwards with a bogey at the 154-yard, par-3 sixth, and even worse, she bogeyed both of the par-5's on the front nine, the seventh and ninth. Kellar was just short of the 511-yard ninth in two and got up and down for a birdie, which gave her a four-stroke advantage over Ledwein (Minus 3 to Plus 1) as they headed for the back nine.

Up ahead, Smith had started to make her move at the 495-yard, par-5 seventh. Her hybrid second shot left her a few yards from the green, and she chipped in for a 3. She birdied the ninth, as well, which put her at Minus 1 for the round, and Plus 4 overall.

Kellar came back almost Ledwein by making a bogey at the 11th (336 yards, par 4) and then four-putting for a double at the par-3 12th (132 yards). But Ledwein thinned her tee shot into the water hazard in front of the tee at the 13th (285, par 4). Kellar then hit her tee shot into the hazard left of the fairway. She made a bogey and was over par for the tournament for the first time (Plus 1), but she was back two ahead of Ledwein, who made a double (Plus 3).

Smith had birdied No. 13. The winner of Minnesota's first Ms. Golf Award probably should have birdied 14, too, but she missed a 3-footer. Undaunted, she hit a wedge to 5 feet and made that one for a birdie at the 15th (472, par 5). She followed that up by hitting her drive to within 20 yards of the 276-yard, par-4 16th and making an 11-footer for birdie, which got her to 4 under for the day -- and 1 over for the tournament.

Although she didn't know it just yet -- but would find out in a couple of minutes -- Smith was now leading. That was because Kellar had just bogeyed the 15th and dropped back into a tie -- at Plus 2 -- with Ledwein, who made a 15-footer for birdie on the same hole.

"People were telling me what Taylor and Grace were doing in that last group," Smith said. "I kind of like knowing what's going on with other players, but I don't know if that helps. Sometimes I think that you should just pay attention to your own game, and not worry about anybody else. Who knows?"

Kellar also bogeyed the 16th, but Ledwein hit her drive roughly 10 yards short of the green, hit a nifty little pitch to 4 feet and made her second birdie in a row, thereby climbing into a tie for the lead with Smith at Plus 1.

They were two ahead of a dejected Kellar, but she crushed a drive at 17 (310, par 4), hit a lob wedge to 8 feet and made the birdie putt. That resurrected her chances and got her back to Plus 2.

The par-5 18th at Chaska TC hugs the water hazard to the left of the fairway all the way to the green. Actually, the hazard guards the front of the green.

After a long drive, it's still risky to go for the green, but laying up is no bargain, either, because the fairway isn't all that wide. When Smith hit her second shot past all the trouble and onto the hill to the right of the green, she seemed to have gotten all the hard work out of the way. A decent pitch would pretty much guarantee a par and give her a good chance at a birdie. But the lie was severely downhill, and she didn't make solid contact with her wedge.

Her ball didn't even get to the green. Now she had to chip from 70 feet, and she got it to 8 feet. From there, she missed the putt.

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Ledwein nearly hit her drive into the hazard. The ball stayed dry -- barely -- but the stance for her second shot was awkward, the ball well above her feet. She laid up and hit her third shot to 30 feet. From there, she two-putted, and the trophy was hers.

“I was just hanging in there,” said Ledwein, who will be heading off to Peoria, Ill, in August to begin her freshman year at Bradley University (and, as a result, will miss the Minnesota Women’s State Open and the Women’s State Amateur). “There were some problems in the middle of the round, but I got through them. I knew I needed to make some birdies on the back nine, and that was really all I was trying to do.”

Champion: Taylor Ledwein

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

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JUNIOR GIRLS’ STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Minnesota Junior Girls’ State Championship went through a number of format and name changes through the years. Past Champions are shown separately as changes occurred.

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MWGA & MGA JUNIOR GIRLS’ CHAMPIONSHIPS (1975-2001)

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2001
Oaks GC (MSJ)
Town & Country Club (MGA)
Laura Olin

2000
St. Cloud CC (MSJ)
Laura Olin
University GC (MGA)
Keeley Dolan

1999
New Ulm CC (MSJ)
Laura Olin
Shoreland CC (MGA)
Lisa Meshke

1998
Detroit CC (MSJ)
Lisa Meshke
Dahlgreen GC (MGA)
Deb Means

1997
Forest Hills GC (MSJ)
Ingrid Rickers
Pokegama GC (MCA)
Jennifer Norlien

1996
Waseca Lakeside (MSJ)
Hilary Homeyer
Pebble Lake GC (MCA)
Katie Brenny

1995
Stillwater CC (MSJ)
Kelly Kerwin
Purple Hawk CC (MGA)
Kalen Anderson

1994
Worthington CC (MSJ)
Kalen Anderson
New Ulm CC (MGA)
Kelly Kerwin

1993
Interlaken CC (MSJ)
C. Schneekloth
Enger Park GC (MGA)
Karen Schroeder

1992
Shoreland CC (MSJ)
Julie Melby
Crown River CC (MGA)
Kelly Kerwin

1991
Willmar CC (MSJ)
Amy Osmundson
LeSueur CC (MGA)
Julie Melby

1990
Northfield CC (MSJ)
Alisa Herron
Timber Creek GC (MCA)
Laura Bleyhl

1989
Alexandria GC (MSJ)
Kim Dutelle
New Prague CC (MGA)
Holly Duncan

1988
New Prague GC (MSJ)
Krista Reuterfeldt
Forest Hills GC (MGA)
Kris Leighton

1987
Island View GC (MSJ)
Chris Wellak
Tartan Park GC (MGA)
Chris Cerr

1986
Ridgeview CC (MSJ)
Liza LaBelle
Dahlgreen GC (MGA)
Jeanine Gibson

1985
Rochester G&CC (MSJ)
Christine Lagow
Purple Hawk CC (MCA)
Liza LaBelle

1984
Waseca Lakeside (MSJ)
Elk River CC (MCA)
Lynda Otness

1983
New Ulm CC (MSJ)
Island View GC (MGA)
Dee Forsberg

1982
Mendakota CC (MSJ)
Burl Oak GC (MCA)
Sheila Peterson

1981
Alexandria GC (MSJ)
Jody Rosenthal
Interlaken GC (MGA)
Sheila Peterson

1980
Northfield GC (MSJ)
Jody Rosenthal
Crow River CC (MCA)
Michelle Posch

1979
Faribault G&CC (MSJ)
Jody Rosenthal
Hastings CC (MCA)
Debby Derham

1978
Dellwood Hills GC (MSJ)
Kelly Skalicky
White Bear GC (MCA)
Jody Rosenthal

1977
Detroit CC (MSJ)
Tartan Park GC (MGA)
Kathy Williams

1976
Indian Hills GC (MSJ)
Kelly Varty
Island View GC (MCA)
Kathy Williams

1975
Stillwater CC (MSJ)
Julie Gumla
Minnetonka CC (MGA)
Kelly Varty

MWGA MINNESOTA JUNIOR GIRLS’ STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (1939-1974)

1974
Mankato GC
Forest Hills GC
Becky Pearson

1973
Tianna CC
Joan Nesset

1972
Lost Spur GC
Julie Gumla

1970
University GC
Barbara Kuhlmann

1968
St. Cloud CC
Linda Welchlin

1967
1966
Lafayette Club
LeSueur CC
Candace Michaeloff

1965
1964
Minnetonka CC
Kris Gilbertson
LeSueur CC
Pamela Michaeloff

1963
1962
Lafayette Club
Kris Gilbertson
Lafayette Club
Lynn Esa

1960
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1952
University GC
Barbara Hegg
University GC
Carole Pushing
University GC
Kathy Reichert
University GC
Sharon Credig
University GC
Kathy Reichert
Town & Country Club
Nancy Gorman

1951
Edina CC
Nancy Brown

1950
Lafayette Club
Somerset CC
Joan Seidl

1948
Somerset CC
Pat Hickey

1941-1947
NO TOURNAMENTS

1940
Interlachen CC
Eileen Quinlan

1939
Town & Country Club
Jane Goodwill
The Boys and Girls Junior PGA Championship is a national junior championship event.

This event is open to girls who are 18 and under through the final round of the Girls Junior PGA Championship on July 21, 2017 and boys who are 18 and under through the final round of the Boys Junior PGA Championship on August 3, 2017.

Junior boys ages 13-18 will have to attempt to qualify at an 18-hole qualifying site. This year there will be six qualifying sites to choose from. From each qualifying site, those who qualify will be invited to participate at the Minnesota Section Boys Junior PGA Championship. This is a two-day, 36-hole event. The overall lowest scratch boy and runner-up from the Minnesota Section Boys Junior PGA Championship will represent the Minnesota Section at the National Junior Boys PGA Championship. Only juniors who play in the 13-18 age groups are eligible.

The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association will also conduct a Minnesota Section Junior PGA Championship for juniors ages 12 & under. Juniors who participate in this will not have to qualify, but space is limited. The championship for juniors 12 & under will be an 18-hole event and there will be no age groups just a Boys and Girls Division.

The 12 & under championship is not covered in this Media Guide. For more information see minnesotajuniorgolf.com or please contact the Minnesota Section PGA Junior Golf Association at info@minnesotajuniorgolf.com, 763.754.6641

Junior Girls ages 13-18 will not have to attempt to qualify at an 18-hole qualifying site to play in the Minnesota Section Girls’ Junior PGA Championship. This event will be first come, first serve registration. The Minnesota Section Girls’ Junior PGA Championship will be a two-day, 36-hole event. The overall lowest scratch girl and runner-up from the Minnesota Section Girls’ Junior PGA Championship will represent the Minnesota Section at the National Junior Girls PGA Championship. Only juniors who play in the 13-18 age groups are eligible.
2016 RESULTS

2016 MINNESOTA SECTION JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP (Ages 13-18)

July 12-13, 2016
The Jewel Golf Club, Lake City, Minn.
6,604 yards, par 71 boys • 5,803 yards, par 71 girls

Garside and Herzog Advance to Junior PGA Championship

By Nick Hunter

LAKE CITY, Minn. – Despite entering the final round with a one-stroke lead Wednesday, Matthew Garside needed two late birdies to force a three-way playoff before rolling in a short par putt to win the 2016 Minnesota Junior PGA Championship at the Jewel Golf Club.

Stephanie Herzog built a comfortable six-stroke lead and wouldn't look back during the final round Wednesday, posting a final-round 76 to win by six shots at 149 as both Garside and Herzog advance to the national championship August 9-12 at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, R.I.

“I just wanted to play as safe as I could. I didn't want to do anything if I felt that I didn't have a high percentage shot. This was completely unexpected; I haven't really thought it through. I'm excited to compete on the national stage,” Garside said following his victory Wednesday.

Opening the championship with a 2-under par 69 during the opening round Tuesday, Garside began the final round with a three-putt for bogey on the opening hole to drop to 1-under and would turn at 1-over following bogeys at the seventh and ninth holes.

Garside, Vadnais Heights, Minn., rebounded by rolling in his birdie chance at the par-4 10th, but would take a bogey at the 11th.

His lead would evaporate after taking a double-bogey at the par-4 14th after hitting his tee shot into the weeds, but the 15-year-old showed his grit by rolling in back-to-back birdies at the 16th and 17th holes before making par on the final hole to finish tied for first with Connor Glynn and Will Lonnquist at 1-over par 143.

Unwilling to lose an opening round lead for the second consecutive year, Garside rolled in his par putt from five feet to earn a spot in the national tournament, while Glynn and Lonnquist both failed to convert short par putts.

“I started off the round with a 3-putt, which was kind of a sour start, but I finished really well,” Garside said. “After I hit it in the weeds on 14 [leading to a double-bogey], I just tried to keep myself calm. I made a good putt on 16 and that made me feel like I still had a chance. Then I made another long putt on 17.”

Garside fired an opening-round 71 at last year's championship, earning a share of the early lead before carding a 78 during the final round to finish tied for eighth at 149.

Glynn, Waconia, Minn., opened the championship Tuesday with a 3-over par 74 before firing a 2-under par 69 to finish in a three-way tie on top of the leaderboard.

Lonnquist, Edina, Minn., carded a 72 to begin the tournament Tuesday and finished with an even par 71 on the final day.

Herzog, Red Wing, Minn., started her final round with a bogey at the second hole before converting her birdie opportunity from 10 feet at the par-4 sixth to remain even for the round. She gave back a shot with bogey at the seventh and would head to the final nine holes 3-over for the tournament.

“Going into today I wanted to keep the ball in the fairway and try to stay consistent and not get ahead of myself,” Herzog said Wednesday. “I knew if I kept the ball in play that I had a pretty lenient lead.

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MINNESOTA SECTION JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

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“I struck the ball pretty good [on the front nine] and putted really well; I made quite a few 10-footers for par, which really helped. That did not happen on the first four holes on the back.”

Playing a consistent 27 holes to begin the tournament, Herzog would run into trouble during the final nine as she carded four consecutive bogeys to fall to 7-over.

Her seventh bogey of the round at the par-5 16th put her at 8-over, but Herzog would bounce back with a birdie at the 17th from seven feet and earned a six-stroke victory at 7-over par 149, qualifying for her first national tournament.

“I guess it hasn’t really hit me yet, but it’s always fun winning a tournament,” Herzog said. “I’ve never competed in a national tournament so this will be interesting and I’ve never been out east either. It’ll be fun—a good experience.

“On Monday I shot an 85 and I didn’t feel too good coming into this tournament,” she said. “It was really nice to see that even if I have a bad round I can come back and stay steady throughout this tournament.”

Herschel’s high school teammate, Sophia Yoemans, carded a two-day total of 13-over par 155 to finish in second place Wednesday.

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MPGA SENIOR PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Two rounds, 36-hole stroke play with one Championship gross division, one Championship (65+) gross division, and up to 3 flights based on the number of entries and handicaps. Full handicaps will be applied after adjusting to the slope rating of the golf course.

Eligibility: Amateur players who are members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA), carry an active GHIN handicap at that club, and are at least 50 years of age as of the first day of the championship.

Hogan Hangs on to Win 65th MPGA Senior Public Links at Como
By Nick Hunter

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Following his opening round of 69 Saturday at Phalen Park Golf Course to take the early lead at the 65th Minnesota Public Golf Association Senior Public Links Championship, Scott Hogan came back with a 1-over par 71 Sunday at Como Golf Course to edge Steve Whittaker by one shot.

Helped by two birdies during his final six holes Sunday, Hogan’s birdie chance on the final hole slid well past the cup, but he would sink his come-backer from five feet to earn his first amateur victory.

“This is unbelievable. It’s a first for me because I’ve never done anything like this before. It’s kind of unexpected—I haven’t been playing that well coming in and it just kind of clicked when I got here,” he said. “To win a state-type event is like, wow, I’ve got goosebumps.”

Hogan got off to a steady start Sunday as he rolled in six consecutive putts before taking bogey at the par-4 seventh to move to even par for the championship. Back-to-back bogeys at the ninth and 10th holes put Hogan at 2-over, but he would come back with a birdie at the par-3 13th, sticking his approach inside of five feet.

After his tee shot at the par-3 16th barely crept onto the front edge of the green, Hogan drilled his birdie putt from 40 feet to draw even for the championship. He would two-putt for par on the final two holes to claim the win.

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Hogan Hangs on to Win ... continued

“I putted well yesterday and didn’t get into trouble,” Hogan said Sunday. “I kept it in the fairways and on the greens. Today I just wanted to play like I did the day before; avoid trouble and hopefully get putts a little closer to the hole.

“I was disappointed with the bogeys, naturally, but after I made the birdie on 13, I figured I just needed to keep playing because you never know what’s going to happen. I wasn’t focused so much on the guys I was playing with; I just wanted to keep playing my own game.”

Whittaker carded an even par 70 during the opening round at Phalen Park Saturday and entered Sunday’s final round one shot off the lead, drawing even with Hogan after sinking his birdie chance at the par-4 third. He ran into trouble late on the front nine with three bogeys in a five-hole span to turn at 2-over for the tournament. Whittaker would take a brief lead after back-to-back birdies at the 12th and 13th holes but a three-putt bogey at the 16th, along with a Hogan birdie, erased the lead as Whittaker would also par the final two holes to shoot 71 during the final round.

John Anderson, champion in 2009, carded a 1-over par 71 during the final round Sunday to finish in a tie for third place with Mark Sperling at 2-over par 142.

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MGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 54 hole stroke play. Top 60 and ties make the cut for the final 18 holes.
Eligibility: Must qualify or have an exemption.
Handicap Index: 6.4 at the time of entry.

2017 Exemptions:
A. Past Champions (Previous five years: 2012-2016)
B. 2016 MGA Amateur (Low 15 + Ties)
C. MGA Players’ Championship: 2015 & 2016 Champions
   2016 Runner-Up • 2017 Current Semi-finalists
D. 2016 MGA Men’s Players of the Year (Junior, Regular, and Senior)
E. 2016 MGA Senior Amateur Champion
F. 2016 Minnesota State Open (Amateurs placing in the top 12 + ties)
G. 2017 Minnesota Senior Open (Low Amateur)
H. 2016 MGA Senior Amateur Champion
I. & J. 2017 MGA Mid-Players’ & Senior Players’ Champion
K. 2017 Minnesota State Junior Boys’ Champion
L. 2016 MPGA Public Links Champion
M. 2016 MPGA Mid-Public Links Champion
N. 2016 MGA Player Points List (Top 15 finishers + ties)
O. 2016 Mid-Amateur Championship (Low three finishers + ties)
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2016 RESULTS

113TH MGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 18-20, 2016
North Oaks Golf Club, North Oaks, Minn.
6,698 yards, par 71

Champion: Alex Uloth

Uloth Sinks Eagle Putt on Final Hole to Win 113th MGA Amateur Championship at North Oaks

By Nick Hunter

NORTH OAKS, Minn. – After watching his final-round lead evaporate on a sticky July afternoon Wednesday, Alex Uloth walked to the final green needing to make birdie to force a playoff with University of Minnesota golfer Riley Johnson at 6-under par 207.

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Uloth Sinks Eagle Putt on Final Hole... continued

“I putted well yesterday and didn’t get into trouble,” Hogan said Sunday. “I kept it in the fairways and on the greens. To

Reaching the par-5 18th in two, Uloth did one better by sinking his eagle putt from 30 feet to clinch the 113th Minnesota Golf Association Amateur Championship at North Oaks Golf Club at 7-under par 206 to notch his first victory as an amateur.

“This gives me some confidence in my game and also going forward to next year. I’ve been working really hard to get more consistent and put myself in position and I knew that I could do this,” Uloth said Wednesday. “I’m relieved to be done—it was a pretty stressful week.”

Uloth tied a tournament record during the opening round Monday, shooting an 8-under par 63 before carding a 70 during Tuesday’s second round to take a four-stroke lead over 2008 champion, Trent Peterson.

With a four-stroke lead to begin the final round Wednesday, Uloth got off to a solid start on the front nine despite taking a bogey at the seventh, hitting his tee shot out of bounds. He answered by rolling in a short birdie putt at the ninth to turn at even for the day.

“I was obviously a little nervous starting off and I thought I started really well and played the front nine really good and didn’t make any big mistakes,” Uloth said.

“I knew I needed to step on the gas a little bit,” he said after getting back to even par on the front nine Wednesday. “I didn’t give myself a lot of good opportunities early and those holes were birdie holes.”

Taking advantage of the short, par-4 10th, Uloth rolled in his second straight birdie before dropping six shots in a span of five holes early on his back nine.

With a hot putter during the first 36 holes, Uloth’s troubles began at the 11th where he left his birdie putt from 35 feet woefully short, missing his 10-foot par putt to fall to 9-under.

At the 13th Uloth’s tee shot found the fringe left of the flagstick where he would again leave his second well short before lipping-out twice, finally tapping in for double-bogey to slip to 7-under as his lead shrunk to two.

“I just hit a bad putt,” he said of his first double-bogey at 13, “I pulled my iron a little bit and then hit a few too many putts.”

Uloth’s approach reached the green in regulation at the par-4 14th, but his birdie attempt slid well right and stopped near the rough off the front edge of the green. His par putt came to rest four feet behind the cup to leave himself another slippery, downhill putt which slid past the hole. Tapping in for a second straight double-bogey, Uloth’s lead had vanished and he was tied with Johnson at 5-under.

“[No. 14] was a big flipping point for me and a momentum change in the group. I was only 1-up on [Christensen] at that point so I tried to stay calm and turn things around,” Uloth said.

He would pull his tee shot left at the par-3 15, hitting a flop shot past the flag and two-putted for bogey to relinquish his lead with just three holes to play.

Trailing for the first time in 49 holes, Uloth sank an important birdie at the par-5 16th after sticking his approach inside of five feet to draw even with Johnson before sinking his eagle chance on the final hole, shooting 73 during the final round Wednesday.

“My approach shot into 16 was maybe the best shot I hit all tournament. The tee shot was great—I had been hitting that tee shot poorly all tournament and to get up-and-down there was crucial for me,” he said.

“On 18 I hit the drive where I wanted up the left side—you don’t want to flirt with that water on the right. I had about [200 yards] to the pin and hit a normal 7-iron and it ran up to about 25-30 feet. I had a good look and fortunately made the putt. I didn’t think I putted bad today—I had a few bad putts, but overall I made a few good short ones on the front.”

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Uloth Sinks Eagle Putt on Final Hole… continued

The win for Uloth Wednesday was the first wire-to-wire victory since Donald Constable shot an opening-round 66 and went on to win by three strokes at White Bear Yacht Club in 2011, also finishing at 206.

Following his round Wednesday, the 20-year-old Uloth admitted he was unaware and slightly startled that he was playing with two past champions when MGA President Kip Colwell introduced the players on the first tee box.

Uloth, Crystal Lake Golf Club, played two seasons a Concordia University, St. Paul and said he hopes to transfer to either the University of Indianapolis or the University of Wisconsin to continue his collegiate golf career.

Johnson, a Fargo, N.D., native, who will begin his junior season with the Gophers this fall, opened the championship with a 3-under par 68 Monday and fired an even par 71 in breezy conditions during the second round Tuesday to enter the final round six shots off Uloth’s lead.

Rolling in consecutive pars on his first six holes Wednesday, Johnson moved to 4-under for the championship by sinking a 15 -footer for birdie at the seventh before adding back-to-back birdies at the ninth and tenth to move to 6-under with eight holes to play.

Failing to get up-and-down for par at the par-3 11th, Johnson would fall to 5-under with bogey but would pull even with Uloth following his double-bogey at the 14th. Johnson took a slim, one-shot lead to the final hole where he two-putted for birdie before Uloth sank an eagle for the win.

“[Uloth] had an outstanding lead on me, I didn't know what the scores were at—I didn't even look,” Johnson said Wednesday. “I just wanted to stick to what I do best and I knew on 16, 17 or 18 I needed something to happen. They were fairly easy holes today with the wind and I was hoping to get to six or 7-under and see where he comes in.

“I was striking the ball well and was in control today,” he said. “The bogey at 11 would’ve put a lot of people down in the dumps, but I had a lot of holes left and just tried to give myself a shot. Alex played an outstanding tournament and I’m really happy with how I played.”

Erik Christopherson carded a final-round 70 to finish in a tie for third place with Christensen, the 1995 champion, at 4-under par 209, while Peterson shot a 73 Wednesday to finish tied for fifth with Sam Foust at 210.

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- **1966** Midland Hills CC
  - Norb Anderson, Keller GC
  - Tom Cook Jr., Pebble Lake CC

- **1965** Hazeltine National GC
  - Jim Archer, Minikahda Club
  - Jim Hinkler, Hastings CC

- **1964** Somerset CC
  - Bob Barbarossa, St. Cloud CC
  - Bob Finseth, Kenyon CC

- **1963** Stillwater CC
  - Rolf Deming, Hiawatha GC
  - Bud Chapman, Minneapolis GC

- **1962** Hillcrest CC
  - Gene Hansen, Francis A. Gross CC
  - Neil Cronquist, Interlachen CC

- **1961** Wayzata CC
  - Gene Hansen, Francis A. Gross CC
  - Neil Cronquist, Interlachen CC

- **1960** Town & Country Club
  - Neil Cronquist, Interlachen CC
  - Joel Goldstrand, Worthington CC

- **1959** Mankato GC
  - Ted Vickerman, Mendakota CC
  - Bill Waryan, Midland Hills CC

- **1958** Edina CC
  - Bob Henrikson, University GC
  - Gene Hansen, Francis A. Cross CC

- **1957** North Oaks GC
  - Clayton Johnson, Como GC
  - Tom Hadley, Meadowbrook CC

- **1956** Rochester G&C
  - William Waryan, Midland Hills CC
  - Tom Hadley, Meadowbrook CC

- **1955** Minnesota Valley CC
  - Tom Hadley, Meadowbrook CC
  - Neil Cronquist, Interlachen CC

- **1954** White Bear YC
  - Spero Daltas, University GC
  - Dick Copeland, Highland Park CC

- **1953** Minneapolis GC
  - Henry Ernst, Francis A. Cross CC
  - Don Holick, Francis A. Cross CC

- **1952** Ridgeview GC
  - William Zieske, Minnesota Valley CC
  - William Waryan, Midland Hills CC

- **1951** Oak Ridge CC
  - Ade Simonson, Minneapolis CC
  - Kenny Young, Interlachen CC

- **1950** Golden Valley CC
  - Ade Simonson, Minneapolis CC
  - Al Clasen, Como CC

- **1949** Midland Hills CC
  - Larry Karkhoff, Francis A. Gross
  - Oliver Williamson, Westwood GC

- **1948** Interlachen CC
  - Charles Sawyer, Interlachen CC
  - Kenny Young, Golden Valley CC

- **1947** Bemidji T&CC
  - Lawrence Karkhoff, Interlachen CC
  - James Nordine, Minneapolis CC

- **1946** Minikahda Club
  - Charles Sawyer, Interlachen CC
  - Neil Cronquist, Interlachen CC

- **1945** Edina CC
  - Al Clasen, Como CC
  - William Zieske, Golden Valley CC

- **1942-1944** NO TOURNAMENTS - WWII

- **1941** Town & Country Club
  - Neil Cronquist, Interlachen CC
  - Gene Christensen, Northfield CC

- **1940** White Bear YC
  - Tom Hamper, Hillcrest CC
  - Virgil Roby, Interlachen CC

- **1939** Golden Valley CC
  - George Wright, Golden Valley CC

- **1938** Midland Hills CC
  - Kenneth Young, Armour
  - Dudley Mudge Jr., Minikahda Club

- **1937** The Country Club (now Edina CC)
  - Bobby Campbell, Northfield CC
  - Neil Cronquist, University CC

- **1936** Minneapolis CC
  - Dick Sawyer, The Country Club
  - Oliver Williamson, Owatonna CC

- **1935** Somerset CC
  - Al Clasen, Hillcrest CC
  - Chauncey Griggs, Somerset CC

- **1934** Northland CC
  - Bobby Campbell, Northfield CC
  - Carson Herron, Interlachen CC

- **1933** Interlachen CC
  - Carson Herron, Interlachen CC
  - Bobby Campbell, Northfield CC

- **1932** Midland Hills CC
  - Charles Sawyer, Golden Valley CC
  - Lee Herron, Interlachen CC

- **1931** Minikahda Club
  - Les Bostad, Midland Hills CC
  - Art Tveera, Superior

- **1930** Rochester G&CC
  - Charles Sawyer, Golden Valley CC
  - Art Tveera, Superior

- **1929** Town & Country Club
  - Frank Broki, Jr., Midland Hills CC
  - Harry Robinson, Jr., Minikahda Club

- **1928** Bemidji T&CC
  - Rudy Jurun, Golden Valley CC
  - Ronke B. Martin, Northland CC

- **1927** Somerset CC
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - Clive Jaffray, Minikahda Club

- **1926** The Country Club (now Edina CC)
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - John Wetherby, Minneapolis CC

- **1925** Minneapolis CC
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - Lester Bostedt, Columbia CC

- **1924** Interlachen CC
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - George K. Labatt, Interlachen CC

- **1923** White Bear YC
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - James Thompson, White Bear YC

- **1922** Golden Valley CC
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - John Wetherby, Minneapolis CC

- **1921** White Bear YC
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC
  - Clive Jaffray, Minikahda Club

- **1920** Northland CC
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Dudley Mudge Jr., Town & Country Club

- **1919** Minikahda Club
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Jimmy Johnston, White Bear YC

- **1918** Interlachen CC
  - Robert Hopwood, Minikahda Club
  - Fred Mahler, Town & Country Club

- **1917** White Bear YC
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Fred Mahler, Town & Country Club

- **1916** Town & Country Club
  - Dudley Mudge Jr., Town & Country Club
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club

- **1915** Minikahda Club
  - Dudley Mudge Jr., Town & Country Club
  - Howard McMillan, Minikahda Club

- **1914** Northland CC
  - Richard Patrick, Northland CC
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club

- **1913** Interlachen CC
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Dudley Mudge Jr., Town & Country Club

- **1912** Town & Country Club
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Lynn Johnson, Minikahda Club

- **1911** Minikahda Club
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Richard Patrick, Northland CC

- **1910** Town & Country Club
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
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- **1909** Northland CC
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
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- **1908** Minikahda Club
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- **1907** Town & Country Club
  - Lynn Johnson, Minikahda Club
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club

- **1906** Minikahda Club
  - Clive Jaffray, Minikahda Club
  - Harold Bend, Town & Country Club

- **1905** Northland CC
  - Harry Legg, Minikahda Club
  - Lynn Johnson, Minikahda Club

- **1904** Meadow Brook
  - Harold Bend, Town & Country Club
  - C. T. Jaffray, Minikahda Club

- **1903** Town & Country Club
  - Mike Doran, Jr., Town & Country Club
  - Bill Finch, Town & Country Club

- **1902** Minikahda Club
  - Harold Bend, Town & Country Club
  - Ben Schumacher, Town & Country Club

- **1901** Meadow Brook
  - Theodore Thurston, Meadow Brook
  - William Bolcom, Meadow Brook
**MPGA JUNIOR PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Format:** 18-hole stroke play. There will be multiple divisions based on age. The low 12 players and ties regardless of division will play an additional 9 holes to determine the champion.

**Eligibility:** Open to all male junior amateur players, ages 13 to 18, who are affiliated with or play substantially all of their golf at a public golf course.

**2016 RESULTS**

**30th MPGA JUNIOR PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**July 31, 2016**  
**Southern Hills Golf Club, Farmington, Minn.**  
**6,011 yards, par 71**

Champion: Ian Mackenzie-Olson

Mackenzie-Olson Claims MPGA Junior Public Links Title, Winning with an Eagle in Playoff

By Nick Hunter

FARMINGTON, Minn. – Carding a 1-over par 107 to finish tied for the lead with Jack Peterson Sunday, Ian Mackenzie-Olson rolled in his short eagle putt on the first playoff hole to claim the 2016 Minnesota Public Golf Association Junior Public Links Championship at Southern Hills Golf Club.

Mackenzie-Olson opened the championship with a 74 during the first 18 holes of play before carding a 2-under par 33 over the final nine holes, making birdie on his final two holes of regulation to force the playoff with Peterson.

Pulling his drive left on the first playoff hole, Mackenzie-Olson bounced back by sticking his 8-iron from 178 yards to within three feet for a tap-in eagle to seal the victory.

“I started off 4-over through four during the first round but I pulled it back together,” Mackenzie-Olson said following his win Sunday.

“This whole summer has been like that—I’ll have a stretch of holes like that, but right now my swing feels good and I just wanted to play solid. A win feels good—I’m pretty happy right now.”

The 27-hole event was cut to the top-12 players, plus ties, following the first 18 holes of play Sunday. A total of 16 players advanced to play the final nine holes.

Mackenzie-Olson, who will be a senior at Wayzata High School this fall, bogeyed the second hole before taking double-bogey at the third. He would fall to 4-over after his bogey at the par-3 fourth.

He rebounded by sticking his approach inside of three feet at the par-4 seventh and converted birdie before giving back a shot at the eighth with another bogey.

He would turn at 3-over following a two-putt birdie at the par-5 ninth. Rolling in four consecutive pars on the back nine Sunday, Mackenzie-Olson bogeyed the 14th before going wedging his approach from 80 yards up and over a tree right of the 16th green, leading to birdie and he would finish the first 18 holes with a round of 74.

Champion: Ian Mackenzie-Olson

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“That was the best shot I’ve ever hit in my life,” he said of his approach at 16. “I pushed my drive right of the creek and I had 80 yards in. There’s a huge tree in front of the green and I knew if I got it really high, it would drop straight down. I opened the face on my 56 degree and got it up there to three feet and made the putt.”

Mackenzie-Olson got off to a rocky start during the final nine holes with a bogey at the first before rolling in back-to-back birdies at the second and third holes to move to 2-over.

A double-bogey at the par-3 fourth put him at 4-over, but he would answer by making eagle at the par-4 fifth. He would slip to 3-over again after a bogey at the sixth but finished strong with birdies at the eighth and ninth holes to finish tied for the lead at 107.

Peterson carded three birdies and one bogey on the front nine to open the championship Sunday to turn at 2-under par 33.

With three bogeys over the first eight holes on the back, Peterson made birdie on the final hole to finish the first 18 holes with a round of 71. He finished the final nine holes of regulation at 1-over par 36.
MINNESOTA STATE OPEN

Format:  54 hole stroke play; top 60 and ties make the cut for the final 18 holes.
Eligibility: Amateur or Professional. Must qualify or have an exemption. Professional eligibility –
Minnesota Section PGA Members, Apprentices and non-PGA professionals who currently reside
and have physically resided within the territorial boundaries of the Minnesota Section for a mini-
mum of six (6) months since the completion of the preceding State Open shall be eligible to
compete in any qualifying event. Any past champion is eligible to participate regardless of
their residency.
Amateur Handicap Index:  6.0 at the time of entry.

2016 RESULTS

99TH MINNESOTA STATE OPEN
July 22-24, 2016
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.
7,137 yards, par 72

Champion: Ben Greve

Weather Can’t Stop Greve From Shooting 64 to Win Minnesota State Open at Bunker Hills

By Nick Hunter

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – Former University of Minnesota golfer Ben Greve began the second round of the 99th Minnesota State Open 4-un-
der par through 12 holes and stood on the 13th green with a 15-foot
putt for birdie before play was suspended due to severe weather.

It seemed a bad omen for a player who hadn’t claimed a tournament vic-
tory in more than 10 years as tournament officials suspended play for the
day Saturday, deciding the conditions were unplayable with large pools
of water on the course.

“I was really disappointed yesterday, I wanted to go back out because I was
playing really well and you don’t want to break up your rhythm. It’s a weird
start to have a 15-footer for your first shot of the day,” Greve said Sunday.

The championship was shortened to 36 holes and when play resumed
Sunday, Greve wasted little time finishing what he started, sinking his
birdie putt and carding three more during his final five holes of play to
shoot a 64 to win the championship by two strokes over Sam Matthew.

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“Being from Minnesota, I love the State Am and amateur golf, but in my opinion, this is a little harder event to win because you have the mini tour guys and the professionals, so it means a ton to say you’ve won the State Open.

“This year, the way things have fallen, this is the only big tournament I’ll be able to play. I won in high school, once in college and that was it, so to be able to win on a bigger stage again is pretty cool.”

The victory by Greve Sunday marks the fourth consecutive year an amateur has claimed medalist honors as Ryan Peterson’s win at the 2012 championship at Bunker Hills was the most recent for a professional.

After shooting a 2-under par 70 to open the championship Friday, Greve started his second round Saturday by rolling in his birdie chance from four feet at the par-4 second.

Greve put his approach inside five feet at the sixth and would convert birdie to move to 4-under before sinking his birdie from inside three feet to turn at 5-under for the championship.

He found the greenside bunker with his second shot at the par-5 11th and would get up-and-down for birdie, moving to 6-under before sticking his approach 15 feet left of the flag at the 13th before players were pulled from the course Saturday.

Casting aside any doubts of whether he’d be able to continue his hot hand when he resumed his second round Sunday, Greve rolled in his 15-footer for birdie at the 13th before chipping in for birdie at the par-5 14th to get to 8-under.

Greve’s birdie putt at the 15th lipped out on the high side and he left his birdie putt at the 16th short of the cup before hitting what he called his best shot of the week. He cut a 4-hybrid to six feet past the cup and converted birdie to move to 9-under before sticking his approach on the final hole to four feet, leading to a bogey-free 64 during the final round.

“My iron play was really good all week; I didn’t have to scramble a whole lot. I was hitting everything inside of 15 or 20 feet and had a lot of good looks,” Greve said. “The whole event I thought I drove the ball, for me, really poorly. It’s usually a strength of my game—I like to cut the ball and I was hitting these hooks. I was really fortunate to have some good angles out of the trees. I started to put it together after a few holes during the second round.

“The first year [after regaining amateur status] I had really high expectations, but you can’t hit all the shots you need to when you’re not playing and practicing every day,” he said. “Now I’m just excited to go out and compete and see how it goes and I think that’s translated into playing a little better here and there.”

Greve, now in the insurance business and plays out of Minneapolis Golf Club, won the Class A individual title while at Annandale High School before attending the University of Minnesota where he was a part of the 2002 NCAA national championship team, turning professional following graduation in 2005. He played mini tours for seven years before regaining his amateur status in 2013.

Carding a 4-under par 68 to open the championship Friday, Matthew began the final round on the 10th hole Sunday rolling in a birdie at the 11th to move to 5-under before giving back a stroke with a bogey at the 12th.

He would again trade a birdie at the 14th for a bogey at the 16th to remain at 4-under for the championship heading to the final nine.

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Momentum would shift quickly for Matthew as he carded an eagle at the par-5 third to quickly move to 6-under for the tournament before rolling in his birdie chance at the sixth. He would convert his birdie look on the final hole to shoot a second straight round of 68, finishing second at 136.

“I ended up shooting a great score today, but I wasn’t hitting the ball that well,” Matthew said following his final round Sunday. “I hit one fairway on the front—kind of slapped it around and probably only four or five greens. I got up-and-down a few times, made some good par saves and on the back I started hitting it a little better.

“My short game has been great; I got up-and-down when I needed to,” he said. “You come into a tournament and you plan on winning it. I’ve been playing pretty good lately—not hitting the ball great, but still shooting some good scores and I felt good coming in. It definitely gives me some confidence knowing I can grind out rounds when I’m not hitting the ball that well.”


Former Gopher and 2012 MGA State Amateur champion, Erik Van Rooyen, carded a final round 72 Sunday to finish in third place at 138.

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Format: 18-hole stroke play
Eligibility: Men must be 55 and women must be 50 on or before the first day of the Championship.
Handicap Index: 7.4 or lower at the time of entry

FUTURE SITES

63RD U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Monday, July 24, 2017
Wayzata Country Club
200 Wayzata Blvd W,
Wayzata, MN 55391
wayzatacc.com
952.475.9769
Pro: Max Addler

Entry Deadline
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Championship Dates/Site
August 26-31, 2017
The Minikahda Club
Minneapolis, Minn.

Qualifer:
Larry Montplaisir

2016 RESULTS
62ND U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

August 15, 2016
White Bear Yacht Club, Dellwood, Minn.
6,458 yards, par 71

Co-Medalists: Jerry Rose & David Kokesh

Rose and Kokesh Headed to U.S. Senior Amateur

By Nick Hunter

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minn. – Both Jerry Rose and David Kokesh carded rounds of 1-over par 72 Monday at White Bear Yacht Club, and as a result, both earned a spot in the 2016 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship for the first time.

A field of 54 players competed for three qualifying spots to this year’s national championship, which will be played September 17-22 at Old Warson Country Club in St. Louis, Mo.

“I didn’t drive the ball that great today but I managed my way around the golf course pretty well,” Rose said Monday. “I felt pretty good about it but I just didn’t think it was going to get in. The greens were pretty soft and held well so I thought there were going to be some scores under par.”

Rose played in three U.S. Junior Amateur Championships but practically gave up competitive golf for nearly 30 years upon graduating from college and raising a family. Gradually returning to compete in state championships in both Minnesota and Florida over the last five years, Rose has shown he’s ready to compete at the national level once again.
Rose and Kokesh Headed to U.S. Senior Amateur... continued

“I was first alternate in [U.S. Senior Open qualifying] three years ago; I missed it by a shot in Chicago. Two years ago in the U.S. Senior Amateur qualifying I played pretty good but made a triple-bogey on 16 and ended up missing by two shots.”

“It feels great,” Rose said after qualifying Monday, “I’m excited and thrilled to have the opportunity. USGA events are fantastic and I’m looking forward to it and hopefully I’ll get my game going.”

Rose, Alexandria, Minn., started quickly Monday by sinking a 15-footer for birdie on the opening hole but gave back a stroke on the ensuing hole with a bogey.

Rolling in his birdie chance from 40 feet at the par-4 fifth, Rose moved back to 1-under for the day, but his approach at the seventh landed short and rolled off the front of the green, leading to bogey. Reaching the par-5 ninth in two, Rose two-putted for birdie to turn at 1-under.

He fell back to even after hooking his tee shot at the 13th, scrambling for bogey and would three-putt from the front edge of the final hole for bogey to shoot 1-over par 72, earning co-medalist honors with Kokesh.

“The game’s been okay but I wasn’t very familiar with this golf course so my expectations weren’t very high. I played pretty well—I hit a couple screwy shots, but I played pretty good golf.”

Kokesh, Bloomington, Minn., began his round by rolling in his birdie from six feet at the par-3 third before falling back to even with bogey at the fifth. Another bogey at the par-5 ninth put Kokesh at 1-over heading to the final nine holes.

He would rebound nicely by sticking his approach four feet below the hole and converted birdie to get back to even before taking a bogey at the 11th.

Leaving himself on the wrong side of the cup on the 15th green, Kokesh would three-putt for bogey to drop to 2-over, but finished on a high note by burying his birdie putt from 30 feet at the par-5 16th.

“It’s always a goal to play in a national event,” Kokesh said Monday. “It’s a great way to get more experience for tournament play. We’ve got a couple of big tournaments here and knowing you can play well here, you hope it can keep going. I hadn’t been playing that great the last couple weeks, but at something like this, my mindset changes and you focus a little bit more.

“I hit the ball well today. My putting was good; I made some birdies at crucial times. I kept it in play—with these greens and some of the slopes, a couple of my bogeys I putted on the wrong side,” Kokesh said. “I turned at 1-over and I knew if I could stay right there that I had a good chance. I knew from a practice round that there are some birdie holes out there and got a couple of them on the back side.”

Kokesh qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship in 1994 when it was held at Hazeltine National Golf Club, and again eight years later at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, Conn., missing the cut at both events.

“I didn’t make the cut in the last two tournaments I was at. Hopefully I can play well and make a cut—that would be something.”

Joining Rose and Kokesh at this year’s championship will be Larry Montplaisir, of Mesa, Ariz., who fired a 2-over par 73 Monday and prevailed in a two-hole playoff with Jim Lehman to earn the final qualifying spot.

Lehman and Leif Carlson finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

Championship – None of the local qualifiers made it to the match play round of the championship.
Burnham Sets Course Record En Route to Her Second MWPGA State Public Links Title
By Nick Hunter
PAYNESVILLE, Minn. – Carrying a three-stroke lead into the final round of the 69th Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association Public Links Championship at Koronis Hills Golf Club, Sarah Burnham felt a second straight round of even par would be good enough to win her second Public Links trophy.

Instead, Burnham set a new course record by firing a 6-under par 65 Sunday, cruising to an 11-stroke victory over Leigh Klasse for her second win of the season.

“Yesterday I struggled on the front nine with a few bogeys, but I played well on the back,” she said. “I wasn’t thinking about much coming into today’s round, I figured if I could shoot even par again, it would be alright.”

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Burnham Cruises to Second Minnesota Women’s State Amateur Title with Final Round 69
By Nick Hunter
LAKEVILLE, Minn. – Prior to beginning her junior year at Wayzata High School in 2012, Sarah Burnham outlasted New Prague’s Kenzie Neisen in a three-hole playoff to win the Minnesota Women’s State Amateur Championship at Mendakota Country Club.

In both 2013 and 2014 Burnham tied for third before missing last year’s championship to compete in the Canadian Women’s Amateur Championship in Saskatchewan, Canada, and finished tied for third.

On Friday Burnham will head back to East Lansing, Mich., where she will begin her junior season at Michigan State University, and because history has a way of repeating itself, Burnham cruised to an eight-stroke victory at Brackett’s Crossing Country Club to collect her second Women’s State Amateur title.

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Starting quickly by sinking her 10-foot birdie putt on the opening hole Sunday, Burnham gave back a stroke after failing to get up-and-down for par at the sixth.

Burnham, Rush Creek Golf Club, took control of the tournament at the sixth hole Sunday as she would make six birdies over her next eight holes to pull away from the field with five holes to play.

Her second shot at the par-5 sixth landed shy of the green but she would two-putt for an easy birdie before a second tap-in birdie at the eighth, moving to 2-under for the championship.

The 2015 Minnesota Golf Association Women’s Player of the Year converted her 12-foot birdie chance at the par-4 ninth hole before dropping her fifth birdie putt of the round from eight feet at the 10th hole.

Taking advantage of her length from the tee, Burnham reached the par-5 12th hole in two, leaving her eagle putt within a foot of the cup for yet another tap-in birdie.

She would move to 6-under for the tournament on the ensuing hole by sticking her tee shot to eight feet and dropping her birdie before cruising over the final five holes with consecutive pars to post the only score below par for the tournament.

“[No. 8] for a tap-in birdie, I felt like I was in a pretty good groove,” Burnham said Sunday. “I felt good—I hit a lot of good irons and I kept rolling in the putts today. I love playing in this tournament.”

Burnham, who will be a junior at Michigan State University this fall, will travel internationally for the second time in as many months as she will compete in the 2016 Canadian Women’s Amateur Championship July 29-31 in Saskatchewan, looking to improve on a third-place finish at last year’s event.

Last month Burnham had a dominating performance at the MWPGA State Match Play Championship at Bunker Hills Golf Club before finishing ninth at the 2016 World University Golf Championships in Brive, France on June 26.

Klasse, the defending champion and five-time winner of the event, entered the final round tied for second with Haley Tollette after shooting 3-over par 74 during the opening round Saturday.

On Sunday, Klasse began by rolling in her birdie chance at the par-5 third hole before drawing even for the round with a bogey at the eighth. She would turn at 2-over for the championship after her second birdie of the day at the ninth, but Klasse would card three bogeys over the final nine holes to shoot 73 and finish in second at 5-over par 147.

Tollette, Rum River Hills Golf Club, carded a second consecutive round of 74 Sunday to finish third at 148, while three-time champion, Olivia Herrick, fired a final-round 71 to finish fourth at 149.

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MWPGA State Public Links Champion & MN Women’s State Amateur Champion: Sarah Burnham

MWPGA STATE PUBLIC LINKS PAST CHAMPIONS
“I played solid today—I didn’t have many mistakes so I was really happy with that,” Burnham said following her victory Wednesday. “I played the front nine really well this week; I think I was 5-under and then the back side kind of got me.

“This definitely gives me confidence going into the season and I’m hoping I can continue to get better. I still feel like there were some shots out there that I could’ve hit better, so working on that to get ready for the season will definitely help.”

Burnham’s near-perfect round of 69 Wednesday marked just the second round below par at the 54-hole event next to the University of Minnesota’s Heather Ciskowski’s second-round 69 Wednesday. It was also the largest margin of victory since Nancy Harris defeated Leigh Klasse by nine strokes at Edina Country Club in 1988.

Setting the tone early during the final round Wednesday, Burnham’s approach on the opening hole found the back edge, but she would chip in from 25 feet for birdie to increase her lead over Ciskowski to two.

Sinking a 10-footer for par at the fifth, Burnham maintained her two-shot advantage before increasing it to three following a key up-and-down for par at the sixth.

After sticking her approach to six feet and rolling in her birdie chance, Burnham’s lead grew to five shots following a double-bogey by Ciskowski. Her lead increased further at the 10th when Ciskowski’s tee shot found the hazard left of the fairway.

In complete control of her round and the championship, Burnham rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt at the 12th to increase her lead to 10 before her lone blemish at 16, where she failed to get up-and-down from left of the green at the par-3.

Finding the front of the final green with her approach, Burnham made a simple two-putt to clinch her second Women’s State Amateur title in five years.

For the second time in her last five rounds, Burnham was able to avoid a big number on the scorecard as she made two double-bogeys and a triple-bogey during the Minnesota Women’s State Open a week ago at Indian Hills Golf Club.

Burnham opened the championship with a 2-over par 73 Monday despite a string of four bogeys in a span of six holes. During her second round Tuesday, Burnham took a double-bogey on the final hole to shoot 71 and watched what would’ve been a comfortable lead, shrink to just one before the final round.

“I prefer to play with the lead to have an advantage on someone,” she said. “I would’ve liked to have had a bigger lead, but the pressure was still on today.

“What was going through my mind was not blading or chunking my wedges, which happened the last two days—it happened once or twice today, too, but I was able to recover.”

Gopher golfer Emie Peronnin carded a 73 Wednesday to finish in second place at 7-over par 220, eight shots behind Burnham.

Peronnin, of Frejus, France, began the final round four shots off Burnham’s lead and started slow with a pair of bogeys over the first three holes to fall to 7-over for the tournament. She would roll in her long birdie putt from the front edge at the par-4 fourth, but would turn at 7-over following a bogey at the eighth.
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A double-bogey at the 11th and a bogey at the 12th put Peronnin at 10-over for the championship, but she battled back with three consecutive birdies beginning at the par-4 15th to shoot 73 and finish in second place.

“I knew it was going to be a hard one to go in and get [Burnham],” Peronnin said Wednesday, “Then she chipped in on one and it was like ‘Hey, I’m going to be there guys.’ It was a tough round and I kind of lost myself after 12 and I knew if I wanted to get to second place I needed to make a couple birdies. I made three, so I was happy about it.

“I haven’t been practicing much this summer so I didn’t have too many expectations and I was surprised how good my game was. My driving and my putting were really good. For me it’s a nice confidence boost because I need to have a strong fall if I want to have a decent season. [The Minikahda Club] is a hard course to start the season on, but I’m really confident now, so it’s nice.”

Fellow Gopher Ciskowski’s 69 during Tuesday’s second round put her one stroke behind Burnham ahead of Wednesday’s final round, but a trio of double-bogeys led to a final-round 80 as Ciskowski finished in third place at 224.

**45TH MINNESOTA WOMEN’S STATE AMATEUR RESULTS**

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TWIN CITIES SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 18 hole stroke play in two divisions: Senior (50-64 years old) and Masters (65 and up).
Eligibility: All senior players who are 50 years and older by championship date.

2016 RESULTS
25th TWIN CITIES SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
July 27, 2016
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.
6,379 yards, par 72

Champion: J.T. Johnson

Johnson Fires 68 at Bunker Hills to Earn Second Twin Cities Senior Championship Crown
By Nick Hunter

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – With the help of back-to-back birdies on the final two holes, J.T. Johnson fired a 4-under par 68 Wednesday at Bunker Hills Golf Club to claim his second Twin Cities Senior Championship title.

Johnson started with a bogey on the opening hole before drawing even by sinking his birdie chance at the par-5 fourth. He would move into red numbers for the championship following his second birdie at the sixth, but fell to 1-over with a pair of bogeys at the seventh and eighth holes.

Rebounding with a birdie at the ninth, Johnson would turn at even par for the championship before converting birdie at the 11th.

Rolling in his birdie opportunity at the 13th, Johnson would get to 2-under before finishing with a pair of birdies on the final two holes to shoot 68, four shots better than Joe McInnis and Scott Thul, who finished tied for second with rounds of even par 72.

McInnis rolled in two birdies on his front nine Wednesday before carding two bogeys on the final nine holes to shoot even par 72, while Thul rolled in a pair of birdies with one bogey on the front before a bogey at the par-3 17th put him into a tie for second at 72.

Skip Schultz finished on top of the Masters Division Wednesday, shooting 3-under par 69. Schultz started quickly Wednesday with three birdies over the first four holes to quickly get to 3-under before giving back a shot with a bogey at the par-5 fifth.

Following a three-putt for bogey at the par-4 12th, Schultz would roll in a pair of birdie chances at the 13th and 14th holes and would finish the championship at 3-under par 69.
### SENIOR DIVISION

- Scott Peters, Tanners Brook GC
- Darryl Tilden, Columbia GC
- Mark Thompson, Valleywood GC
- Gary Huber, Loggers Trail GC
- Eric Sisler, Wirth GC
- Jim Strandemo, Wilds GC
- Tom Nordstrom, Eagle Valley GC
- Tom Johnson, Rush Creek GC
- Thomas Grabinski, Monticello CC
- James Geiger, Baker National GC
- Rick Sandretto, Rush Creek GC
- Bob Auman, The Links at Northfork
- Randy Siemers, Pebble Creek GC
- David Steingart, Edina CC
- Leif Carlson, Hastings CC
- Paul Korman, Columbia GC
- Damian Carpenter, Purple Hawk GC
- Bob Griesgraber, Keller GC
- Bill Tadewald, Bunker Hills GC
- JT Johnson, Valleywood GC
- Joe McGinnis, Windsong Farms GC
- Scott Thul, Bunker Hills GC
- Robert Snyder, Cannon GC
- Bill Tadewald, Bunker Hills GC
- Lef l Carlson, Valleywood GC
- Jon Empanger, Island View GC
- Stuart Finley, Bunker Hills GC
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### MASTER DIVISION

- Skip Schultz, University GC
- Bob Griesgraber, Keller GC
- Patrick Vincelli, Brackett's Crossing
- Tom Smith, Brackett's Crossing
- Steve Fellows, Anoka CC
- David McCook, University GC
- Douglas McFarland, St Andrews
- Larry Benzing, Anoka CC
- Tom Sletten, Bunker Hills GC
- Tryg Pederson, Interlachen CC
- Richard Horst, Bent Irons CC
- Charles Thompson, Highland Nat GC
- Gary Schrantz, Fox Hollow GC
- Steve Silken, Brookview CC
- Gregory Horn, Chaska TC
- Jose Mendoza, Wirth GC
- Rob Davies, Hiawatha GC
- Michael Mattern, Wirth GC
- Hal Holtkamp, River Oaks Muni GC
- Gary Prevost, Wirth GC
- Dana Kelly, University CC
- Ralph Schwartz, Wirth GC
MGA JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Players form their own teams to enter. No club affiliation required. Teams made up of a maximum of four players.

Format: 36-hole team score based on lowest scores of players on each team (boys - three scores, girls - two scores). Team medalists and Individual medalists recognized.

Eligibility: Must be a permanent resident of Minnesota or must be an associate member of the MGA. Must not reach his/her 19th birthday before the last day of the championship.

Handicap Index: No requirement.

2017 INFORMATION

57TH MGA JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday-Tuesday, August 1-2, 2017
Heritage Links Golf Club
8075 Lucerne Blvd, Lakeville, MN 55044
heritagelinks.com
952.440.4656
Pro: Brett Martinson
Entry Deadline
Monday, July 17, 2017

FUTURE SITES

2018 Fox Hollow GC
Week of August 6, 2018
2019 Site TBD
Week of August 5, 2019

2016 RESULTS

56TH MGA JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

August 1-2, 2016
Minnewaska Golf Club, Glenwood, Minn.
6,483 yards, par 72 boys • 5,444 yards, par 72 girls

Boys’ Champions (from left to right): Matt Mills, William Moore, Noah Rasinski, and Tanner Sperling

Girls’ Champions (from left to right): Erica Olson, Allyson Rogers, and Alexa Filipiak

Heritage Links Boys Claim MGA Jr. Team Championship

By Nick Hunter

GLENWOOD, Minn. – With a six-stroke lead entering the final round of the 56th Minnesota Golf Association Junior Team Championship at Minnewaska Golf Club, the foursome from Heritage Links carded a final-round team score of 232 Tuesday to edge Detroit Country Club by one stroke to capture its second title in three years.

Noah Rasinski led the way for the second consecutive round Tuesday, shooting a 71 during the final round after posting a 2-under par to open the championship Monday, the two lowest rounds of the championship.

Tanner Sperling carded an 80 during the final round, while Matt Mills’ round of 81 helped to lift Heritage Links to the victory.

Ben Unruh opened the tournament with a 3-over par 75 Monday before shooting even par 72 during the final round Tuesday to help put the foursome from Detroit Country Club in contention. Wyatt Blomseth added a 75 Tuesday, while Aaron Schnathorst posted an 8-over par 80.

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Filipiak, Olson and Rogers Cruise to Girls’ Title

Opening with a team score of 160 to lead the field by seven shots Monday, Alexa Filipiak, Ally Rogers and Erica Olson widened their margin during the final day to shoot a 162 at Minnewaska Golf Club, cruising to a 10-shot victory.

Filipiak, of Elk River Golf Club, led the way for the second straight round Tuesday, shooting 8-over par 80 to lead her squad. Rogers contributed an 82, while Olson shot an 87 during the final round.

Amelia and Alayna Simonds, both of the Minikahda Club, paired with Claudia and Cayla Kim, of Oak Marsh Golf Club, finished the final round with a team score of 165 Tuesday to earn a second-place finish, 10 strokes back.

BOYS’ TEAM RESULTS

*Take top 3 of 4 scores per team

Matt Mills, William Moore, Noah Rasinski, Tanner Sperling 220-232 452
Wyatt Blomseth, Ryan Paskey, Aaron Schnathorst, Ben Unruh 226-227 453
Levi Hauser, Brady Madsen, Brett Reid, Jacob Zosel 231-228 459
Beck Erholtz, Finn Erholtz, Jack Evans, Andrew Israelson 232-234 466
Brett Buckingham, Isaac Burgess, Jake Peters, Esten Stensrud 230-236 466
Wyatt Ebner, Connor Humble, Nick Peare, Parker Trana 240-229 469
Spencer Cowley, Vann Hartigan, Jack Richardson, Riley Stegeman 228-244 472
Dylan Crist, Dylan Kolquist, Joe Liberty, Braden Thomas 236-237 473
Mason Mages, Andrew Moore, Jack Ryan, Ethan Weis 242-238 480
Ben Dirk, Tyler Lund, Harrison Patzer, Christian Thoen 250-235 485
Sam Albrecht, Sam Skaar, Gordon Skaar, Hunter Trevena 250-245 495
Carson Hagen, Ryan Oberg, Joey Thomas, Marc Worsen 249-246 495
Timmy Berger, Gavin Cronkhite, Ben Rasinski, Brandon Sperling 250-246 496
Jack Brinkman, Spencer Ehlers, Ben Koepsell, Mason Plante 251-247 498
Gavin Bruegman, Braden Gudahl, Manning Lane, Hunter Spencer 259-249 508
Carter Janssen, Nick Lechtenberg, Jacob Struff, Carter VanTassel 264-258 522
Logan Bursans, Hunter Burnside, Isaac Chak, Collin Ginnaty 266-257 523
Hayden Carlson, Tommy Hiniker, Will Johnson, Joe Karos 277-262 539
Nate Graslewicz, Joe Paradise, Tommy Paradise, John Poirier 281-292 573
Dylan Elliot, George Gray, Tate Horgen, Cole Johnson 312-294 606
Max Beutner, Wyatt Carlson, Stu Handzel, Evan Johnson 307-301 608

GIRLS’ TEAM RESULTS

*Take top 2 of 4 scores per team

Allyson Rogers, Alexa Filipiak, Erica Olson 160-162 322
Amelia Simmonds, Alayna Simmonds, Claudia Kim, Cayla Kim 167-165 332
Alexa Hanson, Annika Wellman, Brittany Cuff, Alissa Carlson 172-169 341
Olivia Peterson, Kaylee Gossen, Ana Schwarz, Rachel Schwarz 177-170 347
Grace Miller, Madison Scheveel, Caley Rindels, Taylor Christianson 181-168 349
Morgan Williams, Amber Youngrgren, Abby Kelm, Taylor Offerdahl 181-168 349
Iyanna Hutchinson, Shelby Kieffer, Hannah Bruns 181-179 360
Trinity Sundborn, Francesca Otterson, Megan Chaffey 196-173 369
Lanei Altmann, Whitney Trongard, Lanie Mages, Madison Vanderhagen 181-188 369
Andrea Peterson, Erin O’Hara 184-189 373
Nicole Spitzstrosser, Ahna Boe, Jordyn Danielson, Alison Birch 185-195 380
Alexa Weber, Meghan McBride, Caroline Rosener 195-187 382
Tegan Tonjum, Olivia Boe, Madeline Birch, Cece Gray 224-208 432

BOYS’ INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

(BOYS' INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (top twenty)

Noah Rasinski, Heritage Links CC 70-71 141
Ben Unruh, Detroit CC 75-72 147
Dylan Kolquist, Ridgeview GC 77-73 150
Connor Humble, Emerald Greens GC 77-73 150
Vann Hartigan, TPC Twin Cities 79-72 151
Wyatt Blomseth, Detroit CC 77-75 152
Sam Skaar, Eagle Ridge GC 80-73 153
Brad Madsen, Hawk Creek CC 78-75 153
Brett Reid 76-77 153
Brett Buckingham, Minnewaska GC 73-80 153
Ethan Weis, Olivia GC 77-78 155
Tanner Sperling, Heritage Links CC 75-80 155
Ryan Paskey, Detroit CC 74-81 155
Isaac Burgess, Minnewaska GC 81-75 156
Mason Mages, Olivia GC 81-75 156
Parker Trana, Emerald Greens GC 81-75 156
Levi Hauser, Eagle Creek GC 80-76 156
Esten Stensrud, Minnewaska GC 76-81 157
Matt Mages, Heritage Links CC 76-81 157
Joe Liberty, Ridgeview GC 79-79 158

GIRLS’ INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

(BOYS’ INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (top ten)

Alexa Filipiak, Elk River CC 78-80 158
Claudia Kim, Oak Marsh GC 81-83 164
Allyson Rogers, TPC Twin Cities 84-82 166
Alexa Hanson, Olympic Hills GC 86-81 167
Alayna Simonds, Minikahda Club 86-82 168
Erica Olson, TPC Twin Cities 87-87 174
Morgan Williams, Bemidji T&CC 87-83 170
Grace Miller, Southern Hills GC 91-81 172
Lanei Altmann, Olivia GC 89-83 172
Amelia Simonds, Minikahda Club 87-85 172
Cayla Kim, Oak Marsh GC 87-85 172

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### Past Champions

**Format change in 2016.**

**2016**
- Boys: Matt Mills / William Moore / Noah Rasinski / Tanner Sperling, Heritage Links GC

**2015**
- Rum River Hills GC
  - Ridgeview CC (Boys)
  - Rum River Hills (Girls)

**2014**
- Heritage Links GC
  - Heritage Links CC (Boys)
  - Bemidji T&CC (Girls)

**2013**
- Ridgeview CC
  - Indian Hills CC (Boys)
  - Detroit CC (Girls)

**2012**
- Univ. of Minnesota, Les Bolstad GC
  - Bent Creek CC (Boys)
  - Rich Spring CC (Girls)

**2011**
- Pokegama GC
  - Braemar CC (Boys)
  - U of M, Les Bolstad CC (Girls)

**2010**
- Braemar GC
  - Braemar CC (Boys)
  - U of M, Les Bolstad CC (Girls)

**2009**
- Monticello CC
  - Minnetonka CC (Boys)
  - U of M, Les Bolstad CC (Girls)

**2008**
- Marshall GC
  - Hillcrest GC of St Paul (Boys)
  - U of M, Les Bolstad CC (Girls)

**2007**
- Mississippi Dunes GL
  - River Oaks CC (Boys)
  - U of M, Les Bolstad CC (Girls)

**2006**
- LeSueur CC
  - Cannon CC (Boys)
  - U of M, Les Bolstad CC (Girls)

**2005**
- Rolling Green CC
  - Cannon CC (Boys)
  - Bemidji T&CC (Girls)

**2003**
- Izatys Resort
  - Rochester C&CC (Boys)
  - Bemidji T&CC (Girls)

**2002**
- Braemar GC
  - University CC (Boys)
  - Red Wing CC (Girls)

**2001**
- Town & Country Club
  - Braemar CC (Boys)
  - Olympic Hills CC (Girls)

**2000**
- University CC
  - Highland Park CC (Boys)
  - Oakcrest CC (Girls)

**1999**
- Shoreland CC
  - Detroit CC (Boys)
  - Owatonna CC (Girls)

**1998**
- Dahlgreen CC
  - Bemidji T&CC (Boys)
  - Owatonna CC (Girls)

**1997**
- Pokegama CC
  - Bemidji T&CC (Boys)
  - Como CC (Girls)

**1996**
- Pebble Lake CC
  - Forest Hills CC (Boys)
  - Elk River CC (Girls)

**1995**
- Purple Hawk GC
  - Interlaken CC (Boys)
  - Pokegama CC (Girls)

**1994**
- New Ulm CC
  - Pebble Lake CC (Boys)
  - Pokegama CC (Girls)

**1993**
- Enger Park CC
  - Elk River CC (Boys)
  - Bunker Hills CC (Girls)

**1992**
- Crow River CC
  - Minnesota Valley CC (Boys)
  - Terrace CC (Girls)

**1991**
- LeSueur CC
  - Minnesota Valley CC (Boys)
  - Alexandria CC (Girls)

**1990**
- Timber Creek CC
  - Winona CC (Boys)
  - Alexandria CC (Girls)

**1989**
- New Prague CC
  - Bemidji T&CC (Boys)
  - Westfield CC (Girls)

**1988**
- Forest Hills CC
  - Brackett's Crossing CC (Boys)
  - Interlachen CC (Girls)

**1987**
- Tartan Park CC
  - Pokegama CC (Boys)
  - Interlachen CC (Girls)

**1986**
- Dahlgreen CC
  - Brookview CC (Boys)
  - Enger Park CC (Girls)

**1985**
- Purple Hawk CC
  - Green Lea CC (Boys)
  - Enger Park CC (Girls)

**1984**
- Elk River CC
  - Tartan Park CC (Boys)
  - Fosston CC (Girls)

**1983**
- Island View CC
  - Edenvale CC (Boys)
  - Fountain Valley CC (Girls)

**1982**
- Burr Oaks CC
  - Soldiers Field CC (Boys)
  - Interlachen CC (Girls)

**1981**
- Interlaken CC
  - Green Lea CC (Boys)
  - Interlachen CC (Girls)

**1980**
- Crow River CC
  - Francis A. Gross CC (Boys)
  - Little Falls CC (Girls)

**1979**
- Hastings CC
  - Eastwood CC (Boys)
  - Braemar CC (Girls)

**1978**
- White Bear YC
  - Eastwood CC (Boys)
  - Braemar CC (Girls)

**1977**
- Tartan Park CC
  - Eastwood CC (Boys)
  - Alexandria CC (Girls)

**1976**
- Island View CC
  - Olympic Hills CC (Boys)
  - Ramsey CC (Girls)

**1975**
- Minnetonka CC
  - Francis A. Gross CC (Boys)
  - Elk River CC (Girls)

**BOYS DIVISION ONLY (1961-1974)**

**1974**
- Francis A. Gross CC
  - Willmar CC (Boys)

**1973**
- University GC
  - Meadowbrook CC (Boys)

**1972**
- Forest Hills CC
  - North Oaks CC (Boys)

**1971**
- St. Cloud CC
  - Meadowbrook CC (Boys)

**1970**
- Hiawatha CC
  - Hiawatha CC (Boys)

**1969**
- Greenhaven CC
  - Hiawatha CC (Boys)

**1968**
- University GC
  - Highland Park CC (Boys)

**1967**
- Minnetonka CC
  - Hiawatha CC (Boys)

**1966**
- Mendakota CC
  - Francis A. Gross CC (Boys)

**1965**
- Meadowbrook CC
  - Interlaken CC (Boys)

**1964**
- North Oaks CC
  - St. Cloud CC (Boys)

**1963**
- Interlachen CC
  - Hiawatha CC (Boys)

**1962**
- White Bear YC
  - White Bear YC (Boys)

**1961**
- Somerset CC
  - Somerset CC (Boys)
U.S. SENIOR WOMEN’S AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Format: 18-hole stroke play
Eligibility: Men must be 55 and women must be 50 on or before the first day of the Championship.
Handicap Index: 18.4 or lower at the time of entry

2016 RESULTS
55TH U.S. SENIOR WOMEN’S AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

July 24, 2016
Wayzata Country Club, Wayzata, Minn.
5,864 yards, par 73

Medalist: Leigh Klasse

QUALIFIERS
Leigh Klasse, St. Anthony  39-37—76
Susan West, Tuscaloosa, Ala.,  43-36—79
Lynn Anderson, Hopkins  40-40—80

ALTERNATES
Claudia Pilot, Lake Shore  41-40—81
Brenda Williams, Minnetrista  45-37—82

Klasse and Anderson Punch Tickets to U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship
By Nick Hunter

OWATONNA, Minn. – Just 24 hours after winning her sixth Minnesota Senior Women’s Amateur Championship by 10 strokes at Owatonna Country Club, Leigh Klasse carded a 3-over par 76 Wednesday to earn medalist honors and qualify for her sixth U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship.

A field of 13 golfers competed for three qualifying spots to this year’s championship, which will be played September 17-22 at Wellesley Country Club in Wellesley, Mass.

Joining Klasse at this year’s national championship will be Susan West, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., who carded a 6-over par 79 and Hopkins, Minn., native Lynn Anderson, who earned the final qualifying spot by shooting 7-over par 80 Wednesday.

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Klasse, St. Anthony, Minn., opened her round with consecutive pars before carding back-to-back bogeys at the fifth and sixth holes. The six-time Minnesota Golf Association Senior Women’s Player of the Year would record a single bogey over the final 12 holes to finish ahead of the field at 3-over par 76.

Klasse has reached the match play portion of the championship in each of her six appearances, reaching the Round of 32 in 2013 and advanced to the Round of 16 in 2011 and 2012.

West got off to a rough start by taking double-bogey on the opening hole before carding four bogeys over the final eight holes on the front nine to turn at 6-over. Finding her footing over the final nine, West recorded one birdie and one bogey on the back side to finish in second at 79, three shots behind Klasse.

Anderson’s qualifies for her second USGA event this season Wednesday as she earned a spot in the 2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship at The Kahlwa Club in Erie, Pa., September 10-15 by shooting 78 at Minnesota Valley Country Club two weeks ago.

Carding three bogeys on the front nine Wednesday, Anderson turned at 3-over before carding another four bogeys on the back and would finish at 7-over par 80.

Anderson teamed up with Klasse to win their second straight MWGA Senior Four-Ball Championship in June before falling to Klasse at the MWPGA Senior Public Links Championship in early August.

Anderson bounced back by winning the 2016 Minnesota Women’s State Open at Indian Hills two weeks later.

Claudia Pilot, Lake Shore, Minn., and Brenda Williams, Minnetrista, Minn., finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

**Championship** – Klasse, West and Anderson all made it to the match play round of the championship where they lost their first matches and failed to move on to the round of 32.
Pilot Survives Bumpy Start to Earn Fifth Women's Mid-Amateur Title

By Nick Hunter

BECKER, Minn. – Olivia Herrick, the two-time defending Minnesota Golf Association Women's Mid-Amateur champion, possesses an undeniable set of skills on the golf course that has allowed her to reach the top of women's golf in the state for a number of years.

Herrick knocked off two Minnesota Golf Hall of Fame members, Claudia Pilot and Leigh Klasse to win her first two women's mid-am titles upon turning 25-years-old.

But there's one advantage Pilot has over every golfer she faces and carries with her each time she steps on the first tee—experience.

It proved invaluable Monday as Pilot overcame a rocky start to shoot 2-over par 74 at Pebble Creek Golf Club to claim her fifth Minnesota Golf Association Women's Mid-Amateur Championship title.

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Pilot Survives Bumpy Start... continued

Struggling to recover from eye surgery three weeks ago, Pilot said her mantra this week was to ‘trust it’ and that she was relying on a lot of muscle memory to navigate the golf course.

“I’m having a lot of flickering and I don’t have good vision out of my left eye,” Pilot said Monday. “It’s hard concentrating and focusing on each golf shot.

“I’ve been playing for so long that I wanted to rely on my instincts and how I normally play this game. Trying to get myself set up and then let my swing and putting stroke go the way it naturally does.”

Pilot opened the championship with an impressive 4-under par 68 Sunday as she rolled in five birdies on the front nine before playing the final nine at 1-over.

“Yesterday was one of those days where things were going right—I was hitting shots close and making putts—it was a lot of fun. The round kept going on and I kept going further under par.

“I really haven’t played a lot of tournament golf this summer,” Pilot said. “I knew I wouldn’t be able to match what I did yesterday. That’s the thing about having a great round is you know it’s not going to happen two days in a row. I just wanted to play steady and I wanted to trust what I’ve learned in this game for all these years.”

Pilot opened her final round with a six-shot lead over Klasse and Herrick and took a bogey on the opening hole, missing her par putt from six feet. Saved by her putter for most of the round, Pilot sank back-to-back 20-footers for birdie at the second and third holes to get to 5-under for the tournament.

Pilot battled with her irons and ball striking early during the front nine and went to 1-over with a double-bogey at the par-3 fourth. Missing both the sixth and seventh greens, Pilot carded back-to-back bogeys to fall to 1-under as her lead over Klasse shrunk to just one stroke.

But after a tumultuous opening seven holes, Pilot regained her footing and would card a single birdie with 10 pars over the final stretch.

Her birdie at the 15th came after she sent her tee shot left of the fairway. She recovered by putting her approach to 12 feet and tucked her birdie putt inside the left edge to get to 2-under for the tournament.

Hitting one of her most important shots of the tournament, Pilot’s fourth from the sand short of the 16th bunker rolled inside three feet and she would save par to stay one shot better than Klasse.

Missing the green left at the 17th, Pilot lagged to three feet and rolled in her par to head to the final hole with a one-shot advantage.

Pilot pushed her tee shot right of the fairway but hit a spectacular low-punch under trees that ran up and on the green and came to rest 25 feet right of the cup. Her birdie chance slid left of the cup, but she would bury her 4-foot par putt to clinch her first mid-am title since 2013.

“I had a rough front nine but I was so proud of myself on the back and how I was able to stay steady and finish under par on the back,” Pilot said. “There are a few holes on the front that are just tough. I felt like the holes on the back are a little more wide open and you can make a few more errors. I settled down and hit some better iron shots.

“This means the world to me. With Olivia in the field—she’s always so tough and such a great player and Leigh is tough as nails. This is the greatest mid-am win I’ve had so far. I’m very, very thrilled right now.”

At 59, Pilot has been named MGA Women’s Player of the Year seven times and twice named MGA Senior Women’s Player of the Year. She’s collected more than 40 amateur victories, qualified for over 20 USGA events and won an individual national championship at the USGA State Team Championship in 2001.

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Pilot Survives Bumpy Start... continued

Pilot notched six top-5 finishes in 2015, including a victory at the MWPGA Senior Public Links Championship at Pebble Lake Golf Course in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Klasse opened with a 74 Sunday before shooting 3-under par 69 Monday to finish one shot behind Pilot at 143, while Herrick carded a final-round 76 to finish third at 150.

Starting six shots back, the ever-steady Klasse rolled back-to-back birdies at the sixth and seventh to pull within one of Pilot and would keep pace over the next 11 holes, but failed to catch her.

“I needed Claudia to give me a little help, and she did that on the front nine, but I knew I had to be in the 60s to have a chance and I got there,” Klasse said. “I was happy—it was a clean card. I had some mistakes yesterday and felt like I should've shot 71 or 72, which would've put me in better position today.”

During final round Monday, Herrick carded seven consecutive pars before a three-putt at the eighth put her at 3-over for the championship. She would roll in a short birdie at the 15th, but finished the final round with a bogey and double-bogey at the 16th and 17th to shoot 76.

“I definitely did not play the way I had hoped to,” Herrick said after her final round Monday. “I’m not too discouraged—it’s still all there and I have to remember how to string shots together. This is a big month for golf in Minnesota so I have my work cut out for me.

“This week was about managing my expectations,” she said. “I’ve been out of the country and didn’t touch a golf club for 11 days. You want to win three in a row and it gives you a little more motivation. I could not be happier for Claudia; her and Leigh have been such fixtures in my life growing up in the golf world.”

Running concurrently with the women’s mid-amateur championship was a new Women’s Net Individual Championship, open to players of any age and any skill level.

Alyana Simonds carded an opening round 65 Sunday and followed it with a 1-under par 71 Monday to win the first-ever event at 8-under par 136, one stroke over Denise Weiss and Renae Lefebvre, who finished second at 7-under par 137.

**PRESIDENTS FLIGHT**

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Sally Dyjak, Wapicada CC 81-84 165
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- **2016**: Pebble Creek GC
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  - Net Individual Winner: Alayna Simonds

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Herrick and Klasse Make it Three Straight at MWPGA Four-Ball at Emerald Greens
By Nick Hunter

HASTINGS, Minn. – A pair of early birdies was all Olivia Herrick and Leigh Klasse would need Saturday at Emerald Greens Golf Course as the two posted a 2-under par 70 to capture their third consecutive Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association Four-Ball crown.

It’s the fifth straight victory for Herrick as she’s now claimed six titles in the last seven years at the event, while Klasse notched her ninth MWPGA Four-Ball victory.

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Gophers’ Ciskowski and Garrison Shoot 62 on Final Day to Win MN Women’s State Four-Ball
By Nick Hunter

BYRON, Minn. – Taking a slim, one-shot advantage into the final round of the 37th Minnesota Women’s State Amateur Four-Ball Championship, the team of Sabrine Garrison and Heather Ciskowski fired a final-round 62 Wednesday to win the championship by six shots at Somerby Golf Club.

Garrison and Ciskowski, both University of Minnesota golfers, carded a round of 5-under par 67 during the first round Tuesday to take the early lead over the twosome of Taylor Ledwein and Marisa Toivonen.

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Herrick and Klasse Make it Three Straight at MWPGA Four-Ball... continued

Rolling in birdie at the par-3 third hole, Herrick and Klasse moved to 1-under for the day and would sink just one more birdie over the next 15 holes, finishing the round with 10 straight pars to card a 70 and defeat the team of Claudia Pilot and Brenda Williams, who finished second with an even par 72.

Pilot, who has five MWPGA Four-Ball victories to her credit and Williams, winner in 2001, began the round with two early bogeys to slip to 2-over before rolling in a birdie chance at the fifth.

Another bogey at the par-4 eighth hole gave the two a share of the lead with just three holes to play. But bogeys on the final two holes Saturday would put an end to any hope of contending with Herrick and Klasse.

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Gophers’ Ciskowski and Garrison Shoot 62 on Final Day to Win MN Women’s State Four-Ball...

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During the final round Wednesday, Garrison and Ciskowski came out firing with four birdies on the first four holes to jump to 9-under for the championship before carding back-to-back birdies at the eighth and ninth holes to turn to 11-under.

The two remained hot on the back nine Wednesday, rolling in three birdies over the first four holes to get to 14-under and added a final birdie at the 15th hole and would finish at 15-under par 129, six shots better than the team of Sierra Langlie and Emily Israelson.

Langlie and Israelson, who both recently finished their sophomore seasons at Augustana University, began the final round four shots off the lead as the two carded a 1-under par 71, rolling in a pair of birdies with one bogey during the opening round Tuesday.

The two quickly found their rhythm during Wednesday’s second round by carding an eagle on the opening hole to jump to 3-under for the tournament.

Langlie and Israelson added a birdie to the scorecard at the third and would turn at 3-under for the day before sinking five birdies over the final nine holes to card a final-round 64 to finish second at 8-under par 135.

Recent Edina High School graduates Grace Kellar and Christine Portillo fired a 4-under par 68 during the final round Wednesday to finish the championship in third at 139, while the team of Ledwein and Toivonen finished fourth at 139.

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| 2005 | Midland Hills CC | Laura Olin/Amy Schmucker |
| 2004 | Golden Valley G&CC | Brenda Williams/Claudia Plot |
| 2003 | Oak Ridge CC | Keeley Dolan/Marni Lundboim |
| 2002 | Hillcrest GC of St Paul | Laura Olin/Cassie Hennessey |
| 2001 | Bearpath G&CC | Julie Kalina/Jenifer Linzbach |
| 2000 | Prestwick GC | Julie Kalina-Jensen/Lynnd Anderson |
| 1999 | Deer Run GC | Carolyn Klecker/Cathy Lindblad |
| 1998 | Owatonna CC | Brenda Williams/Claudia Plot |
| 1997 | Dellwood Hills GC | Kalen Anderson/Alissa Herron |
| 1996 | Minnetonka CC | Jennifer toilette/Sarah Hilnord |
| 1995 | Indian Hills GC | Julie Kalina-Jensen/Kelly Burley |
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| 1988 | Minnesota Valley CC | Kate Hughes/Karen Weis |

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MINNESOTA WOMEN’S STATE OPEN

Format: 36 hole stroke play.
Eligibility: Open to female amateur or professional players. Players must belong to the Minnesota Section PGA or LPGA or who currently reside and have physically resided within the territorial boundaries of the Minnesota Section for a minimum of six (6) months since the completion of the preceding State Open shall be eligible. Any past champion or current exempt player is eligible to participate regardless of their residency.
Amateur Handicap Index: 10.0 at the time of entry.

2016 RESULTS

16TH MINNESOTA WOMEN’S STATE OPEN

August 16-17, 2016
Indian Hills Golf Club, Stillwater, Minn.
6,166 yards, par 72

Champion: Lynn Anderson

Anderson Bounces Back from Disappointment to Win Minnesota Women’s State Open

By Nick Hunter

STILLWATER, Minn. – After watching a win slip away two weeks ago at the Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association Senior Public Links Championship, a discouraged but determined Lynn Anderson said she felt the effort she’s put into her golf game in recent weeks is showing signs of progress.

The 51-year-old Anderson has 15 top-10 finishes over the last three seasons and advanced to the Round of 16 at the 2015 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur at Hillwood Country Club in Nashville, Tenn. Her last state victory came in 2007 when she won the MWPGA Match Play Championship at Phalen Park.

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Anderson Bounces Back from Disappointment to Win... continued

Anderson took the early lead at the 16th Minnesota Women’s State Open Tuesday, carding a 1-under par 71 before shooting a final-round 77 Wednesday to earn her first victory in nearly a decade at one of the state’s biggest events.

“For two weeks I’ve been working on finishing strong and not getting ahead of yourself; trying to stay within the moment and the shot you’re hitting is the one you need to be thinking about,” Anderson said Wednesday. “I really had no expectations—I signed up at the last second to get me ready for Friday’s [U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship qualifier].

“It was a total surprise and it feels great,” she said. “You feel like your work is paying off and I’ve been working on mindset stuff for two weeks. Taking 10 minutes to be quiet and visualize good shots.”

Her newfound approach will be put to the test as Anderson will play seven rounds in the next seven days, wrapping up with the Women’s State Amateur Championship at Brackett’s Crossing Country Club starting Monday.

Anderson, Keller Golf Club, got off to a shaky start teeing off on the 10th tee during the final round Wednesday with four bogeys over her first seven holes before sinking her birdie putt from 15 feet at the 18th.

“I wasn’t hitting the ball as crisp but nothing awful, but missed a couple shorter putts. I felt like I could get some birdies out her and rolled a nice one on nine and birdied 10. Then I focused on now and not getting ahead.

“The front side was hard because greens were slow and wet. I felt like I put a good stroke on it and they would just dribble up there.”

Anderson would quickly get a feel for the greens by rolling in her birdie from the fringe at the first, Anderson moved to 1-over for the championship.

Though she carded three bogeys over the final nine holes, Anderson was saved by a couple key up-and-downs late in the round to preserve her first Minnesota Women’s State Open title.

“[No. 7] I was in the right bunker and made a good 5-footer for par and, again, I want to finish strong because I haven’t been. The last hole I had to chip it and make a 4-footer. That was my goal—don’t over think it.”

During her opening round Tuesday, Anderson carded a pair of birdies with two bogeys during her front nine to turn at even par before rolling in three more birdies with two bogey over the final stretch to sit on top of the leaderboard by one shot following the first 18 holes.

“It was a good round but I missed some opportunities, so it could’ve even been lower,” Anderson said of her 71 to open the tournament Tuesday. “It was one of those days where everything clicked—you hit the fairways, you hit the greens and make some easy pars.”

Professional Martha Nause carded a final-round 74 Wednesday to finish in a three-way tie for second place at 149 with Sierra Langlie and Natalie Roth.

Lisa Grimes, a three-time winner of the event, finished in fifth place at 6-over par 150, while 2013 champion, Sarah Burnham, finished sixth at 151.

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Champion: Lynn Anderson
MPGA PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 36-hole stroke play.
Eligibility: Open to amateur players who are members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association and carry an active GHIN handicap at that club.
Handicap Index: 5.5 or lower at the time of entry

2016 RESULTS
92nd MPGA Public Links Championship
August 20-21, 2016
Loggers Trail Golf Course, Stillwater, Minn.
6,924 yards, par 72

Champion: Max Tylke

Tylke Defeats Anderson in Playoff to Win 92nd MPGA State Public Links Championship at Loggers Trail

By Nick Hunter
STILLWATER, Minn. – Carding a final-round 69 Sunday at Loggers Trail Golf Course, Max Tylke finished in a tie at 141 with Danny Anderson before surviving a one-hole playoff to win the 92nd Minnesota Public Golf Association Public Links Championship.

The victory Sunday gives Tylke his first state amateur golf title since winning the Minnesota Junior PGA Championship at Marshall Golf Club in 2011.

“Winning this gives you a lot of confidence. I don’t think I’ve won anything in the state really and it’s nice to have that under your belt and knowing you can do it regardless of how you play,” Tylke said after his win Sunday.

Struggling with his driver recently, Tylke said he had some doubts ahead of Saturday’s opening round.

“I was a little concerned—the driver’s been very wayward,” Tylke said Sunday. “But with my putting, I found a little something and my stroke was really on. That’s the only reason that kept me in it. A lot of par saves and a lot of five, six, 7-footers.”

Despite an early eagle by Anderson at the par-5 second, Tylke did his best to keep pace by rolling in his birdie putt from six feet to move to 1-under for the championship. Tylke fell back to even after taking bogey at the par-3 sixth. At the par-5 10th, Tylke would sink his first of three birdies on the back nine, rolling in his birdie look from four feet to get back to 1-under.

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Tylke Defeats Anderson in Playoff... continued

Converting his birdie from 10 feet at the 14th, Tylke moved to 2-under before sinking his final birdie of the round at the 16th to finish at 141 with Anderson who played the final three holes at 3-under par to force a playoff.

Tylke’s approach at the 10th during the first playoff hole landed pin-high and spun to 15 feet where he two-putted for par. Anderson’s third landed short of the flag and spun off the front edge of the green. L lagging to three feet, Anderson’s par putt hit the lip and refused to fall, giving Tylke the victory.

“It was really an up-and-down battle between Danny and I,” Tylke said of the final round Sunday. “You don’t expect a guy to miss that putt and you don’t expect a par on a par-5 to win, but golf’s golf.”

“Yesterday was up and down; I had a lot of bogey-birdies, but overall I hit the ball really well. A lot of greens and a lot of two-putts,” he said. “Today I thinking we’d have to be pretty low—realistically we had to go four or five [under par]. I didn’t think [3-under] would make it, so I guess we lucked out a little bit. There were some really good players behind us and they hit some good shots.”

Tylke, 23, earns redemption after finishing runner-up at the 2016 MPGA Match Play Championship where he fell to Mike Barrette during the final match, 2-up, at Southern Hills Golf Club.

This season Tylke has collected a pair of top-10 finishes at both the MGA State Amateur at North Oaks Golf Club in July, as well as the Twin Cities Championship at Bunker Hills and Keller Golf Clubs in late June.

A 2011 graduate of Eastview High School in Apple Valley, Minn., Tylke played one season at St. John’s University where he made two appearances as a freshman. His best finish came at the St. John’s Fall Invitational where he finished tied for 14th.

Shooting even par 72 to begin the tournament Saturday, Anderson started quickly with an eagle at the second before taking back-to-back bogeys at the fifth and sixth. He would cap off the front nine by converting his birdie look to turn at 1-under for the round.

Following a bogey at the 15th, Anderson would sink his second eagle of the round to get to 2-under for the championship and finished with a birdie at the 17th to shoot 144 and force a playoff with Tylke.

“This is kind of my first foray back into state golf, I had taken about five years off and Andy Jacobson is at my home course and he’s the one who got me back into it,” Anderson said Sunday. “I had a great time—I love this stuff. Competitive golf is fun for me and I missed it. It was fun to get back into it.

“I was hoping to finish in the top-5 and I finished really strong today. This is more than I expected. I hit the ball great and putted pretty good, if I can do that, I’m happy.”

A former professional who played his collegiate golf at St. Cloud State University, Anderson said playing in the Midwest Cup with Jacobson three weeks ago got the competitive juices flowing.

“It stings to lose, don’t get me wrong because I’m super competitive, but Max played great all day and I was lucky to catch him and I just missed a putt.”

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Tylke Defeats Anderson in Playoff... continued

Will Hickey opened the championship Saturday with a 2-under par 70 and followed it with a 1-over par 73 during the final round Sunday to finish two shots back of Tylke and Anderson at 143.

Topher Baron took the early lead after firing a 3-under par 69 during the first round Saturday. Baron came back with a 75 during Sunday’s final round to finish tied for fourth with Joel B. Johnson and Jordan Hawkinson at 144.

Defending champion Jacobson’s final-round 73 Sunday put him into a tie for seventh place at 148.

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2007 The Jewel GC
Eric Johnson, Elk River CC

2006 Valleywood GC
Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC

2005 Tanners Brook CC
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McCain Taps 2014 State Amateur Champion Bull to Defend MGA Four-Ball Crown

By Nick Hunter

EDINA, Minn. – Andrew McCain successfully defended his Minnesota Golf Association Amateur Four-Ball title Wednesday at Edina Country Club, and he did it alongside a new teammate. Joining forces with 2014 MGA State Amateur champion Jesse Bull, the two carded a final-round 63 to finish at 9-under par 130, holding off 2014 champions Sammy Schmitz and Jesse Polk, as well as University of Minnesota golfers Justin Doeden and Alex Uloth, who finished tied for second at 132.

McCain and Bull opened the championship with a 67 Monday, rolling in four birdies and one bogey over the first 12 holes before carding an eagle at the 13th.

The two got off to a much quicker start during the final round Wednesday, sinking five birdies on the opening nine before taking advantage of four more birdie opportunities on the back.

The victory is the first for McCain since winning the MPGA Combination Championship at Bunker Hills late last season. In 2015 he also earned victories at the Minnesota State Open, and the Lyle Cran Shortstop.

Wednesday’s win is the first for Bull since the MGA State Amateur, where he won on his home course, but he’s notched five top-10 finishes during that time.

Posting a second straight round of 66 put Schmitz and Polk into a tie for second as the two carded four birdies with a bogey on the front nine Wednesday before finishing with a string of three consecutive birdies on the back.

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McCain Taps 2014 State Amateur Champion Bull to Defend MGA Four-Ball... continued

Current MGA State Amateur champion Alex Uloth, who recently transferred to the University of Minnesota, rolled in eight birdies and one bogey during the opening round Monday with his new teammate Doeden.

During the final round Wednesday, the two rolled in three birdies on the front and three on the first five holes on the back before finishing with a bogey at the 16th to fall into a tie with Schmitz and Polk.

Aaron Barber and Andy Jacobson, MPGA Four-Ball champions in 2014, posted a 36-hole score of 7-under par 133 Wednesday to finish fourth, just three shots back.
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MINNESOTA SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 36-hole stroke play.
Eligibility: Open to Class A Minnesota Section PGA Members who are in good standing and at least 50 years of age.

2016 RESULTS

42ND MINNESOTA SENIOR PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

September 6-7, 2016
Faribault Golf Club, Faribault, Minn.
6,447 yards, par 72

Champion: Don Berry

Berry Earns Third Straight Minnesota Senior PGA Professional Championship

By Nick Hunter

FARIBAULT, Minn. – Jumping out to an early lead with a 67 to open the 2016 Minnesota Senior PGA Professional Championship at Faribault Golf Club, two-time defending champion Don Berry successfully defended his title by shooting 2-under par 70 to earn a six-shot victory.

Berry rolled in five birdie putts during Tuesday’s opening round and added two over the first four holes during the final round Wednesday to move to 7-under for the tournament before taking a pair of bogeys at the fifth and seventh holes.

After sinking his birdie look at the ninth, Berry would turn at 6-under. He would add two birdies with a single bogey over the final nine holes to run away with his third straight title and now moves on to the national tournament Nov. 17-20 at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Craig Brischke and Mike Flaherty each finished this year’s championship at 1-under par 143 to earn spots to the national event in November, while Mike Barge and Dale Jones both qualified by shooting even par 144.

Brad Schmierer, David Tentis and George Smith claimed the final three qualifying spots by carding 1-over par 145 for the 36-hole event.
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MINNESOTA PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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2017 INFORMATION

87TH MINNESOTA PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday-Tuesday, August 28-29, 2017
The Pines at Grand View Lodge
95321 Nokomis Ave, Nisswa, MN 56468
grandviewlodge.com
218.963.0001
Pro: Jack Wawro
Entry Deadline
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

FUTURE SITES

2018
Woodhill CC

2016 RESULTS

86TH MINNESOTA PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
August 29-30, 2016
Bemidji Town & Country Club, Bemidji, Minn.
6,545 yards, par 72

Champion: Mitchell Mackedanz

Mackedanz Takes Down Berry to Earn First Win at Minnesota PGA Professional Championship in Bemidji

By Nick Hunter

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Not only did Mitchell Mackedanz win his first professional tournament in his first-career start at the 2016 Minnesota PGA Professional Championship at Bemidji Town and Country Club Tuesday, he defeated one of the state’s most successful players in Don Berry in the process.

Both Mackedanz and Berry finished the 36-hole event at 7-under par 137 Tuesday before Mackedanz took advantage of a bogey by Berry on the first playoff hole with a two-putt for par to collect his first win on his home course.

“I was just trying to play some decent golf this week,” Mackedanz said Tuesday. “I know this course extremely well, probably better than anyone else in the field. I don’t know what else to say right now, it feels great.”

Mackedanz, 29, opened the championship Monday with a 68 before carding three birdies on the front nine Tuesday to move to 7-under par for the championship.

Rolling in his fourth birdie of the day at the par-5 10th, Mackedanz got to 8-under before stumbling at the 12th with a double-bogey after finding trouble off the tee. He followed it with a bogey at the 13th to fall back to 5-under for the tournament.

The Minnesota Section PGA rookie carded two more birdies over the final five holes to finish in a tie atop the leaderboard with Berry at 137.

Berry, a nine-time winner and defending champion, shot 67 during the opening round to share the 18-hole lead with Jonathan Reigstad Monday.

Beginning his final round with a bogey at the second, Berry bounced back with a birdie at the fourth before sinking back-to-back birdies at the eighth and ninth holes to turn at 7-under for the championship.

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The top-9 players will now advance to the 50th PGA Professional Championship June 25-28, 2017 at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Ore.

Berry would drop a shot with bogey at the 12th, but answered with a birdie at the 13th and finished the day with consecutive pars to shoot 70 to force a playoff with Mackedanz.

Mackedanz Takes Down Berry to Earn First Win t Minnesota PGA Professional...
U.S. MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Format: 18 hole stroke play  
Eligibility: Must be 25 on or before the first day of the championship. 
Handicap Index: 3.4 or lower at the time of entry

2016 RESULTS
36th U.S. Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifying
August 10, 2016
Oak Ridge Country Club, Hopkins, Minn.
6,612 yards, par 70

Medalist: Aaron Roth

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MINNESOTANS WHO QUALIFIED WITH EXEMPTION OR AT OUT OF STATE SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS

2015 US MID-AMATEUR CHAMPION
Sammy Schmitz - Farmington Exemption

USMID-AM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING
SIOUX FALLS S.D. - MINNEHAHA COUNTRY CLUB - AUGUST 7, 2016
Kenny Coakley - Minneapolis 65 (Medalist)

OMAHA, NEB. - SHADOW RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - AUGUST 9, 2016
Mike Fiedler - Minneapolis 71 (Alternate)

Exempt Qualifier: Sammy Schmitz

Qualifiers: Troy Johnson, Jesse Bull, Jordan Hawkinson & Michael Christensen
Roth Medals, Another Four Minnesotans Qualify for U.S. Mid-Amateur in Pennsylvania
By Nick Hunter

HOPKINS, Minn. – Aaron Roth managed to put together a 3-under par 67 Wednesday at Oak Ridge Country Club to earn medalist honors and qualify for his first U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship.

But he did so after benching the longest club in his bag late in his round, telling his caddy not to give him the driver despite playing the first 13 holes at 1-under par.

“After I snapped hooked my driver [on No. 14] I handed it to my caddy and said, ‘I’m not taking that out again today,’” Roth said Wednesday. “This year has been such an up and down year—it’s either been really low or the opposite, so I had no expectations whatsoever.”

Roth instead relied on his 1-iron and strung together three consecutive birdies on the final three holes to shoot 67, advancing to the national championship, September 10-15 at Stonewall Golf Links in Elverson, Pa.

“I think I hit 1-iron off the tee eight times; I used it a majority of the day,” Roth said. “It’s my favorite club in the bag—I never thought I’d say that. The driver is usually one of my better clubs. When I’m playing really well, I’m hitting the driver phenomenal.”

“This feels great. I tried the [U.S. Amateur qualifier] at Dacotah Ridge the last two years and it’s been tough to not only find the time to play in them, but to get out and practice. The last two weeks I’ve been hitting the ball pretty well. I’m really excited—I’m going to enjoy the moment. Not only making the tournament, but medaling—I can’t believe that happened.”

Roth, Chaska, Minn., got his round started by taking advantage of the par-5 fifth, hitting what he called his only good drive of the round. He wrapped a 5-iron around trees and on to the green where he would two-putt for birdie. He couldn’t get up-and-down for par at the eighth and would turn at even par.

“Going into the back, I knew I was in a good spot—it was pretty stress-free and I needed to make those longer putts coming in and when I got to 18, I knew I needed to put the pedal down.”

Converting his birdie opportunity at the 12th after hitting his approach over tees to inside three feet, Roth would get back to 1-under for the round. At even par following a bogey at the 14th, Roth would birdie his final three holes to shoot 67. He rolled in a 15-footer at the 16th before making two short birdie putts on 17 and 18.

“It’s good to get back and play in some of these tournaments,” Roth said. “You hear the pros say that it takes reps and reps and that was certainly the case for me. My goal early on was to make pars because par in these qualifiers has done fairly well.”

Troy Johnson fired a 2-under par 68 Wednesday to grab one of five qualifying positions, while Jesse Bull and Jordan Hawkinson each carded rounds of 69 to punch tickets to this year’s championship as well.

Johnson, Maple Grove, Minn., carded a single birdie on his front nine Wednesday to turn at 1-under before rolling in a pair of birdies with one bogey over the final nine to shoot 68 to qualify for his fourth U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship.

He qualified for the U.S. Amateur a year ago and made two appearances at the U.S Amateur Public Links Championship in 2008 and 2010.

Hawkinson, Stillwater, Minn., got off to a fast start Wednesday, sinking birdies on his first two holes as he began his round on the 10th tee. He would move to 3-under after a birdie at the par-5 14th but would turn at 2-under after a bogey at the 18th.

Back-to-back bogeys early on his back nine, Hawkinson fell to even par for the round but rebounded by sinking his birdie look at the par-5 fifth and would finish the day at 69.

“I got some good breaks today and took advantage of them,” Hawkinson said Wednesday. “I hit some good irons on the back. I played solid on the back. I turned and got a little squirrely but settled down. I was trying to keep it simple. It’s nice to get some confidence and hit fairways. “I’ve been trying to go back to the basics and feel what’s natural to me, which might not look pretty. It feels good to go back. It’s fun to see when you put in the time and see a result like that.”

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Roth Medals, Another Four Minnesotans Qualify for U.S. Mid-Amateur... continued

Hawkinson qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship in 2010 as well as the U.S. Amateur Public Links. He made his last appearance at the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship in 2012.

Bull, Hopkins, Minn., carded a pair of birdies at the third and fifth holes to quickly move to 2-under, but would turn at 1-under following a bogey at the eighth.

He traded an early birdie with a bogey to begin the final nine holes to remain at 1-under before dropping a stroke with bogey at the 16th. Sinking his fourth birdie of the round at the 17th, Bull would finish the day at 1-under par 69.


Michael Christensen survived a three-way playoff to claim the final spot Wednesday to qualify for his second consecutive U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship after shooting even par 70.

Joel B. Johnson and Alex Kolquist finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

Championship – All of the local qualifiers and Minnesota players who qualified out of state missed the cut for match play except for Sammy Schmitz and Kenny Coakley. Read press releases following for match play coverage.

A Year After His Win, Schmitz Heads Back to Match Play at U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship

By Nick Hunter

ELVERSON, Pa. – Carding an even par 70 Sunday, Minnesotan Sammy Schmitz finished the first two rounds of stroke play at the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship tied for 23rd to advance to match play at Stonewall.

A year ago at John’s Island Club in Florida Schmitz finished tied for eighth after stroke play before winning six consecutive matches to win the national tournament with the help of a miraculous ace on par-4 on the 33rd hole of the final match.

Schmitz opened the tournament with a 5-over par 75 Saturday before starting the second round on the tenth tee of the North Course with five consecutive pars Sunday.

Taking a bogey at the par-4 15th, Schmitz rebounded with a birdie at the 18th to turn at even par for the round. He would convert birdie at the third to get to 4-over for the championship but would record three bogeys over the next four holes.

Schmitz would card a pair of birdies over the final two holes to shoot even par and advance to match play Monday. He faces Roger Hoit, of Summit, N.J., during the Round of 64 at 8:40 a.m.

Kenny Coakley will join Schmitz as he qualified for match play as he followed his opening-round 75 with a 1-over par 71 Sunday to finish the first two rounds of stroke play tied for 35th at 146.

Coakley, Minneapolis, Minn., carded a birdie with a pair of bogeys on his opening nine Sunday before rolling in one birdie with one bogey over the final nine holes to card a 71.

During the Round of 64 Monday, Coakley faces Matt Cohn, of San Francisco, Calif., at 12:10 p.m. at Stonewall.
Schmitz and Coakley on to the Round of 32 at U.S. Mid-Amateur at Stonewall

By Nick Hunter

ELVERSON, Pa. – Minnesotan and U.S. Mid-Amateur defending champion Sammy Schmitz won the first three holes of his opening round match against Roger Hoit Monday at Stonewall, en route to a 3 and 2 victory to advance to the Round of 32.

Schmitz’s Fellow statesman Kenny Coakley had little trouble during his opening match Monday, defeating Matt Cohn, 5 and 4, to move on to the next round Tuesday.

After dropping the first three holes to face an early deficit, Hoit came back to win the fourth and fifth holes with pars to cut into Schmitz’s lead.

Winning the seventh and eighth holes, Schmitz would take a 3-up lead to the final nine. Schmitz rolled in his second birdie of the match at the par-4 13th to take a 4-up lead, but Hoit battled back to win the 14th and 15th holes.

Schmitz would close out the match on the 16th with a par to win, 3 and 2.

Coakley, Minneapolis, Minn., drew first blood by winning the second hole but Cohn would even the match by taking the third.

Taking a 2-up lead after winning the fifth and sixth, Coakley would increase his lead to 5-up after winning three straight to open the back nine Monday. Cohn took advantage of a Coakley double-bogey at the 13th, but Coakley closed out the match on the ensuing hole to earn a 5 and 4 victory and move on to the Round of 32.

Schmitz now faces Missouri’s Chad Niezing at 6:35 a.m. during the Round of 32 Tuesday, while Coakley takes on Scott Harvey, of Greensboro, N.C., at 8:15 a.m. during the second round of match play.

Defending Champ Schmitz Falls During Round of 16 at U.S. Mid-Amateur

By Nick Hunter

ELVERSON, Pa. – Minnesotan Sammy Schmitz’s run at the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship came to an end Tuesday as the defending champion was ousted by Scott Strickland, 1-up, during the Round of 16 at Stonewall.

Earlier in the day, Schmitz won three straight holes early on the back nine during his match against Chad Niezing and would hang on to advance to the Round of 16, winning 3 and 1.

Schmitz, Farmington, Minn., won the opening hole with a birdie during his match against Strickland Tuesday, but Strickland answered with a birdie of his own on the next hole.

Capitalizing on a bogey by Strickland at the third, Schmitz regained a slim lead before momentum swung back to Strickland when he won the fifth and seventh holes to take his first lead of the match.

Beginning at the ninth, Schmitz would win three consecutive holes to take a 2-up lead with seven holes to play, but Strickland came charging by winning the 13th with a par before sinking his birdie look at the 14th to draw even with the defending champion.

A bogey at the 16th would give Strickland a 1-up lead and the two would par the final two holes as Schmitz fell to Strickland, 1-up.

Coakley took the first lead during his Round of 32 match against Scott Harvey Tuesday, before Harvey responded by winning the seventh with a birdie. Coakley won the eighth and ninth holes with a pair of birdies.

Harvey rolled in his birdie chance at the par-5 11th and would even the match at the 15th following bogeys by Coakley at the 13th and 15th holes.

Taking the lead late at the 17th with a par, Harvey closed out the match on the final hole with a par to win, 1-up.
U.S. WOMEN’S MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Format: 18 hole stroke play  
Eligibility: Must be 25 on or before the first day of the championship.  
Handicap Index: 9.4 or lower at the time of entry

2017 INFORMATION

31ST U.S. WOMEN’S MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING  
Wednesday, August 30, 2017  
Chaska Town Course  
3000 Town Course Dr,  
Chaska, MN 55318  
chaskatowncourse.com  
952.443.3748  
Pro: John Kellin  
Entry Deadline: Wednesday, August 2, 2017  
Championship Dates/Site:  
October 7 - 12, 2017  
Quail Creek Country Club  
Naples, Fla.

FUTURE SITES

2018 TBD

Exempt Qualifier: Paige Bromen

2016 RESULTS

30TH U.S. WOMEN’S MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING  
August 17, 2016  
Minnesota Valley Country Club, Bloomington, Minn.  
6,135 yards, par 73

Medalist: Olivia Herrick

QUALIFIERS
Olivia Herrick, Roseville 37-40 77  
Brenda Williams, Minnetrista 40-38 78  
Lynn Anderson, Hopkins 40-38 78  
Maggie Murphy, Sioux Falls, S.D. 38-41 79

ALTERNATES
Leigh Klasse, Surprise, Ariz. 41-41 82  
Janelle Duffy, Adel, Iowa 42-42 84

MINNESOTANS WHO QUALIFIED WITH EXEMPTION

2015 US WOMEN’S MID-AMATEUR QUARTERFINALIST  
Paige (McCullough) Bromen - Minneapolis Exemption

Qualifiers: Brenda Williams, Lynn Anderson & Maggie Murphy

Herrick Medals, Heads Back to U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Along with Anderson and Williams

By Nick Hunter

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – With three victories to add to her ever-expanding golf resume, Olivia Herrick’s 2016 season can easily be considered a success.

But for the three-time Minnesota Golf Association Women’s Player of the Year, there’s one tournament that’s taken the top spot on her priority list each of the past four seasons—the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship.

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Herrick Medals, Heads Back to U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur ... continued

Herrick survived a precarious start to her back nine Friday, but rebounded with two birdies on the final three holes to shoot 4-over par 77 Friday at Minnesota Valley Country Club to advance to her fourth consecutive national tournament.

“Today was a whirlwind,” she said. “I made five bogeys in a row on the back, so that was a rough stretch. My rule of thumb for USGA qualifiers is to never, ever give up and try to stay focused as long as possible because absolutely anything can happen. I tried to stay positive and grind it out.

“I’m really happy right now. This event is really important to me because didn’t try to qualify for the U.S. Women’s Amateur, so this is my national championship. I’ve worked really hard to get everything together so I feel more confident out there today and I’m just very pleased.”

Taking bogey on the opening hole, Herrick fell to 1-over before taking a second bogey at the par-5 sixth. She would roll in her birdie chance from 10 feet at the eighth to turn at 1-over.

After a par at the 10th, Herrick’s string of misfortune began, taking five straight bogeys to fall to 6-over. She answered by sinking her birdie from eight feet at the 16th before rolling in another 10-footer for birdie on the final hole.

“I felt good on the front; I was putting really well,” Herrick said. “But then I just missed a couple shorter putts on the back. I think I was putting a little extra pressure on myself and couldn’t convert those.

“You want to go out a shoot the lowest round possible, but I was thinking around 75 might medal. There were some really interesting pins and the greens are tough here. There’s a lot of break and the pace is different.”

Herrick has qualified for match play in each of her first three attempts at the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship, advancing to the Round of 32 in 2013.

Just two days removed from her first individual victory in nine years Wednesday at the 16th Minnesota Women’s State Open at Indian Hills Golf Club, Lynn Anderson continued her strong play Friday to shoot 78 and qualify for her first U.S. Mid-Amateur since 2007.

“This is great, but it’s going to be a challenge because [the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur] has younger kids and the course will be longer,” Anderson said Friday. “The two girls I played with today were bombing it past me, but I just have to practice a lot of short-game stuff.

“I know I can hang in there if I strike the ball well and my short game is good. You always want to make the cut—that’s my first goal. After that it’s icing on the cake.”

Struggling to finish rounds earlier in the season, it was her start Friday that gave her trouble as she took a triple-bogey on the opening hole before carding a bogey at the fourth to slip to 4-over for the round.

“My second shot [on No. 1] hit my opponent’s ball and ricocheted in the bunker into the lip. It was just bad luck—that’s a fluke,” Anderson explained. “I tried to move on; I’m playing well and I know there are birdies to be had.”

Bouncing back at the par-4 sixth, Anderson sank her birdie opportunity from 20 feet to get back to 3-over but would take a bogey on the ensuing hole. Rolling in her birdie look from 10 feet, Anderson again moved to 3-over, but bogeyed the ninth to turn at 4-over.

Finding her footing early on the back nine Friday, Anderson would cruise over the final nine holes, carding a lone bogey at the 13th to shoot 5-over par 78 to advance to the national championship next month in Pennsylvania.

“I’ve done a better job of taking one shot at a time and not getting ahead of myself,” she said. “I’ve been hitting the ball well and I just try to visualize the shot at hand.”

Anderson, Hopkins, Minn., qualified for four consecutive U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur tournaments starting in 2004 but has never qualified for the match play portion of the championship. At her most recent national event, last year’s U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship, Anderson advanced to the Round of 16.

Williams, Minnetrista, Minn., began the qualifier Friday with a bogey on the first hole before adding another three bogeys to her scorecard over the next six holes to turn at 4-over par.

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Herrick Among Final Eight at U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur in Pennsylvania

By Nick Hunter

After a thrilling victory during the Round of 32 Tuesday at the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship, Minnesotan Olivia Herrick downed Liliana Ruiz, 2-up, to advance to the quarterfinals Wednesday at the Kahkwa Club.

Tailing Corey Weworski by one heading to the final hole during her first match Tuesday, Herrick won the final hole to draw even before taking advantage of a bogey by Weworski on the 20th hole to clinch the match.

With two bogeys to begin the Round of 16 Tuesday, Herrick faced an early deficit, but answered by rolling in her birdie at the fourth. Weworski won the sixth, but Herrick stormed back, winning back-to-back holes to even the match at the eighth.

Taking a 1-up lead after a birdie at the 14th, Weworski would take a double-bogey on the final hole before falling to Herrick with a bogey on the 20th hole.

Herrick will face Amanda Jacobs, of Portland, Ore., during Wednesday’s quarterfinals scheduled to begin at 7:10 a.m. at the Kahkwa Club.

Paige (McCullough) Bromen fell to Kentucky’s Martha Leach during Tuesday’s Round of 32, 2 and 1.

Bromen, Minneapolis, Minn., dropped the first two holes to Leach before rolling in birdie at the par-4 fifth to pull within one of Leach.

It was as close as Bromen would get as Leach moved to 3-up after the ninth. Two late birdies gave Bromen hope, but Leach closed out the match with a bogey on the 17th hole.

Herrick Medals, Heads Back to U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur ... continued

Williams has finished inside the top-10 in all six events this season and is the defending Minnesota Senior Women’s State Amateur champion.

Murphy, Sioux Falls, S.D., started her round with a bogey on the opening hole before carding back-to-back bogeys at the sixth and seventh holes to fall to 3-over for the day. She rebounded by rolling in her birdie chance at the eighth to turn at 2-over.

Looking to make a charge up the leaderboard early on her front nine Friday, Murphy carded a pair of birdies at the 10th and 12th holes to get back to even, but would record four bogeys with one double over the final six holes to shoot 79 to earn the final qualifying position.

Paige Bromen

in the round of 32.

USGA’s Women’s Mid-Amateur – All of the local qualifiers missed the cut for match play except for Olivia Herrick who made it to the semi-finals. Paige Bromen also made it to the match play round. Read press releases following for match play coverage.
Herrick Wins Again at U.S. Women’s Mid-Am to Reach Semifinals
By Nick Hunter

EERIE, Pa. – Continuing her winning ways early Wednesday, Minnesotan Olivia Herrick got past Amanda Jacobs to advance to Wednesday’s semifinal match at the 2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship at the Kahkwa Club.

Herrick, Roseville, Minn., benefitted from two early bogeys by Jacobs to take the early 2-up lead during the quarterfinals before jumping out to a commanding 5-up lead after 10 holes, helped by back-to-back birdies at the eighth and ninth.

Jacobs, Portland, Ore., began to chip away at Herrick’s lead by rolling in birdie at the 12th and added another to her scorecard at the 15th to trail by two with two holes to play. But a double-bogey by Jacobs at the 17th would clinch a spot in the semifinals for Herrick as she moved on, 3 and 1.

Herrick’s semifinal match began at 12 noon and currently has a 1-up lead over Shannon Johnson, of Norton, Mass., after seven holes.

Herrick Falls During Semifinals at U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship
By Nick Hunter

EERIE, Pa. – Though she held a 2-up lead after 10 holes Wednesday during the semifinals of the 2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship at the Kahkwa Club, Minnesotan Olivia Herrick was eliminated by Shannon Johnson after Johnson staged a late comeback to win, 1-up.

Herrick, Roseville, Minn., downed Amanda Jacobs earlier in the day to reach the semifinals Wednesday and took the first lead of the match when Johnson made bogey at the par-4 seventh.

Rolling in a 5-foot par putt at the 10th, Herrick extended her lead to 2-up after Johnson carded three bogeys in a span of four holes. Herrick watched her lead quickly vanish with back-to-back bogeys of her own as Johnson drew even with a pair of pars at the 11th and 12th holes.

The two remained deadlocked going to the 17th where Herrick carded a costly bogey, giving Johnson a 1-up lead late before the two would both par the final hole with Johnson earning a 1-up victory.

Because she advanced to the quarterfinal round Wednesday, Herrick will earn an exemption into the 2017 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Fla.

Johnson and Indiana’s Julia Potter will square off in Thursday’s final match as the two were the top ranked players when the match play portion of the championship began. Johnson and Potter shared medalist honors Sunday, finishing two round of stroke play at 1-over par 145.
MGA AMATEUR NET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: 36-hole net best ball
Eligibility: MGA member club, but the individual team members may represent different clubs. (Two 2-person teams)
Handicap Index: No limit.

2016 RESULTS

24TH MGA AMATEUR NET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

September 6-7, 2016
The Preserve and The Pines
at Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, Minn.
6,136 yards, par 72 The Pines
6,204 yards, par 72 The Preserve

Champions: Chad Moon, Matt Lingle, Shane Eastman, and Bradley Harrington

Eastman, Harrington, Lingle and Moon Win MGA Net Team Championship by 13 Shots
By Nick Hunter

NISSWA, Minn. – The team of Shane Eastman, Bradley Harrington, Matt Lingle and Chad Moon carded a final-round 23-under par 121 at the Pines at Grand View Lodge Wednesday to win the 24th Minnesota Golf Association Net Team Championship.

During Tuesday’s opening round at the Preserve Golf Club, the foursome fired a 14-under par 130 and trailed the team of Troy Faber, Steve Jorgenson, Mike Bruesewitz and Bob Schmidt by two shots following the first round.

Eastman, Harrington, Lingle and Moon would cruise on the final day to earn a 13-shot victory at 37-under par 251, their first win at the event.

Wednesday's final round was highlighted by Jack Blesener's ace at the par-3 seventh hole of the Lakes Course from 160 yards with a 6-iron.

Shane Eastman/Bradley Harrington/Matt Lingle/Chad Moon 130-121 251
Troy Faber/Steve Jorgenson/Mike Bruesewitz/Bob Schmidt 128-136 264
Tom Rustad/Steve Agard/Tim Latourelle/James Allen 134-133 267
Craig Young/James George/Bernie Elvendahl/Bob Wallin 141-133 274
Glen Hasselberg/Jo Hasselberg/Jack Blesener/Randy Wilson 138-137 275

2017 INFORMATION

25TH MGA AMATEUR NET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
Tuesday-Wednesday, September 5-6, 2017
The Preserve at Grand View Lodge
5506 Preserve Blvd.
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
grandviewlodge.com
218.568.4944
Pro: Adam Haugen

The Pines at Grand View Lodge
23521 Nokomis Ave.
Nisswa, MN 56468
grandviewlodge.com
218.963.0001
Pro: Jack Wawro

Entry Deadline
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

FUTURE SITES

2018 The Pines & The Preserve at Grand View Lodge
Tuesday-Wednesday, September 4-5, 2018

2019 The Pines & The Preserve at Grand View Lodge
Tuesday-Wednesday, September 3-4, 2019
The Pines & The Preserve at Grand View Lodge have hosted every year of the MGA Amateur Net Team Championship.

FORMAT (2001-present):
36 holes of one net best ball score among two 2-person teams (four players total)

2016
Chad Moon, Territory GC/
Bradley Harrington, Eagles Landing GC/
Shane Eastman/Matt Lingle, Blackberry Ridge GC

2015
Rob Kennedy, Village Green GC/
Preston Luman, The Pines at GVL/
Dick Dornbusch/Rob Kennedy, Blackberry Ridge GC

2014
Dave Norgaard/Mark Bofferding/
Dan Klema, Eastwood GC/
Larry Bodensteiner, Soldiers Memorial Field GC

2013
Steve Foster/Denny Schueler/
Richard Horst/Tom Roloff, Bent Irons GC

2012
Shane and Michael Eastman, Albany CC/
Bradley Harrington, Eagles Landing GC/
Greg Miller, Cragun’s Legacy Courses

2011
Richard Burton/Don Harris/
Tom Rustad/Kevin Pendley, Nice Shots GC

2010
Bill Erickson/Randy Syverson/
John Simenson/Barb Erickson, Izatys Resort

2009
Doug Rechtzigel/Joe VandenHeuval/
Bob Rapp/Chad Heinrickson, Cannon GC

2008
Glen Hasselberg/Joe Hasselberg/
Randi Wilson/Roger Houselog, The Vintage at Staples

2007
Glenn Smith/Steve Nerison/
Tom Wangenstein/Jim Adeem, Baker National GC

2006
Richard Burton/Jeff Miller/
Tom Moran/Tom Rustad, Nice Shots GC

2005
Shane Lunde/Duane Lunde/
Terry Schwake/Gary Bonde, Kenyon CC

2004
Harley Exsted/Harvey Exsted/
Jon Searles/Jim Olson, Fiddlestix GC & Izatys Resort

2003
Mike McGuire/Chuck Garvin/
Greg Roti/Randy Marx, North Links CC

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Adam and Andy Paladichuk/
Jason Zilge/Tony Anello, Mississippi Dunes GL

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18 Golf Walk, Independence, MN 55359
wsfarm.com
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Pro: Matt Kleinbrook

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2016 RESULTS

2016 GOPHER INVITATIONAL
September 10-11, 2016
Windsong Farm, Independence, Minn.
7,388 yards, par 71

Doeden Leads Gopher Men to Ninth at Gopher Invitational at Windsong Farm
By Nick Hunter

INDEPENDENCE, Minn. – The University of Minnesota men’s golf team opened the 2016-17 season by carding a team score of 295 Sunday to finish tied for ninth at the team’s only home tournament, the Gopher Invitational at Windsong Farm.

Sunday’s finish is the best since a fourth-place finish to begin the 2014-15 season and a vast improvement from last season’s 14th-place finish in a tournament typically featuring teams regularly competing in the NCAA tournament.

The University of California, University of Oklahoma, University of Arkansas and the University of Washington all finished last season ranked inside the top-25 nationally according to golfstat.com. The Gophers, currently ranked 109th by Golfweek, won the inaugural event at Spring Hill to open the 2005-06 season, but have not placed better than third since the beginning of the 2009-2010 season.

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The Sooners got a big boost from Grant Hirschman, who birdied his final hole to earn medalist honors Sunday, shooting 2-under par 69 during the final round.

The Gophers were led by senior Justin Doeden who fired a 1-under par 70 for the second consecutive round to finish tied for 11th at 216, the second best finish of his career as Doeden placed tenth at the Husky Invitational last fall.

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Doeden Leads Gopher Men to Ninth... continued

Doeden, Prior Lake, Minn., got off to a bit of a shaky start to the 2016-17 season Saturday, carding a 5-over par 76 during a round which included six bogeys and a double-bogey.

During the second round Saturday, Doeden bounced back despite carding a pair of early bogeys, rolling in three consecutive birdies on his back nine to card a 1-under par 70.

“Yesterday was a little bit of a grind to start and, honestly, a little rusty. It’s been about three weeks since I played in a tournament and I was a little nervous as well,” he said. “Once I got settled down, I started hitting a lot of good shots.

“I was committing to lines and putts started to fall and I started to play good golf. I hit a lot of greens.”

Playing his most consistent round in recent weeks despite wind gusts near 30 mph, Doeden began the final round on the back nine Sunday and rolled in consecutive pars before sinking his birdie look at the par-4 14th.

Doeden gave back a shot with a birdie at the 15th, but came right back with another birdie at the 15th. Doeden would post 11 straight pars to finish with his second round of 70 and in a tie for 11th at 3-over par 216.

“The course was tough, but it was setup really nice,” Doeden said of the windy conditions Sunday. “Holes that were into the wind were up and the holes downwind were back. The pins were fair.

“I wanted to come in and play hard and as good as I can,” said of his mindset to open a new season with a strong performance. “It’s so important both physically and mentally. This game is so mental—you can hit good shots, but you also need to have the results, and I did that today.”

Though he’s one of five Gopher seniors on the squad this season, Doeden says he knowingly and willingly steps into a leadership role for younger players.

“I’m a senior and I want to set the bar for the younger guys,” he said. “I hope they see how hard I worked the summer and I think I did that today. I’m not officially a captain, but I take on that responsibility to be a leader and I try to do that with my play.

“We have hard workers on this team; we have 13 guys who are willing to put in the time to get where we want to be. We want to be top-60 coming into the year and we want to get to regionals, we don’t want to be done come [Big 10 Tournament]. For me, I want to move on past regionals and get to the Big Dance.”

Doeden played in 11 tournaments for the Gophers last year and finished his season with a 74.25 stroke average. He finished tied for 28th at the 113th Minnesota Golf Association State Amateur Championship and tied for 38th at the Minnesota State Open shortly after.

Junior Riley Johnson posted a 3-over par 74 during Sunday’s final round to finish tied for 27th at 220 following back-to-back rounds of 73 to open the championship Saturday.

Johnson, Fargo, N.D., began his final round on the back nine with three bogeys over the first four holes but would recover with a birdie at the 14th. Johnson would make just one bogey over the final 13 holes to shoot 74.

Senior Jose Mendez, who won the Big 10 individual title as a freshman in 2014, finished his final Gopher Invitational tied for 37th Sunday after posting a final-round 76.

Mendez, San Jose, Costa Rica, battled a back injury during most of his junior season, playing in just four tournaments. He has three collegiate victories to his credit, all of which came during his freshman campaign.

For head coach John Carlson, who enters his seventh season with the Gophers and sixth season as head coach, he said he takes a number of positives away from a top-10 finish against a strong field to begin the season.

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Doeden Leads Gopher Men to Ninth... continued

“I was proud of the way our guys responded after the adversity with the wind today—we came out ready to play,” he said Sunday. “Our first nine [of the tournament] was our best nine holes. We didn’t follow that up with 18 holes after that very well, but we had a strong finish yesterday. Today we started off poorly, but boy did we finish well. We were 3-over as a team for the last 15 collective holes. For four guys to go out and do that was impressive.

“Great playing by Justin Doeden—he was great from tee to green all week long. He walked with confidence and he played like he’s ready to take the reins this year, which is exciting. I’m looking forward to him and Riley Johnson having breakout years.”

Carlson said he was impressed by freshman Thomas Longbella’s composure to begin his collegiate career with the Gophers this week, carding a 2-over par 73 during the opening round despite writing five birdies on his scorecard.

“He showed signs of incredible play and made a lot of birdies,” Carlson said. “Yesterday afternoon he didn’t have a very good back nine at all and makes eagle to finish the day to help our team. Today, in this wind, he shot 3-over par with just a couple loose swings. He didn’t putt the ball nearly as well as he hoped, but he’s talented and he’s going to be ready to play.”

Longbella, from Chippewa Falls, Wis., competed in two U.S. Junior Amateur Championships as well as the 2014 Junior PGA Championship. He won the WIAA Division III State Championship by seven shots and earned medalist honors in 30 of 40 high school events.

This year’s Gopher squad is one of the bigger teams in recent years with 14 players on the roster. Jon DuToit, the 2013 Minnesota State Open champion and 2015 MGA State Amateur champion, exits after graduating this spring and Tom Vining departs after playing nine tournaments for the Gophers during his freshman season before transferring to the University of South Dakota.

Minnesota adds current MGA State Amateur champion, Alex Uloth, who sank a 30-foot eagle putt on the final hole to edge current teammate Riley Johnson in July. Uloth played his first two seasons of college golf at Concordia University-St. Paul.

“You don’t plan on transfers. They come to us seeking a transfer and you add a Justin Doeden to the roster because he’s talented and he’s ready to play,” Carlson said of his. “It’s a similar situation with [Uloth]; he was asking for a release and wanted to play Division I golf. He’s a Minnesota native and people in the state get excited about Minnesota players on the team.”

With nine upperclassmen, Carlson believes this is the year for the Gophers to make a run at a Big Ten title, which it won in 2014.

“These guys seem like they want to be more prepared; they have more energy and their willingness to be coached,” Carlson said of what he sees in this year’s team. “They kind of soak things up and I saw it when they go to the range in the morning—everyone’s ready for the day.

“This week is a step in the right direction. Beating SMU, Washington and Pepperdine—all three NCAA tournament teams last year—we knew coming into this week that we had to prove it on our home golf course. These guys all have good short games so in order to contend with these other teams, we need to make less mistakes off the tee.”

Individual Medalist: Grant Hirschman
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2016 RESULTS
2016 MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL
September 12-13, 2016
The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.
6,119 yards, par 72

Champions: University Of Oklahoma

Ciskowski and Wu Post Personal Bests as Gopher Women Finish Ninth at Minnesota Invitational
By Nick Hunter

MINNEAPOLIS – Just weeks prior to the start of her junior season for the University of Minnesota women’s golf team, Heather Ciskowski fired a career-low 69 during the second round of the 2016 Minnesota Women’s State Amateur Championship.

During the second round of the Minnesota Invitational Monday, Ciskowski matched her career-best and during the final round Tuesday, carded 74 to finish at 217 in a tie for third—another career-best.

“I made a lot putts yesterday. I can definitely attribute shooting 69 to putting super well,” she said. “It’s hard when you’re putting really well one day and making everything to keep that up. I really just tried to hit fairways and greens today and give myself opportunities today.

“Today was good, too. It was windy and the exact opposite of yesterday, so you really had to take some extra time. It was definitely more mental today. I started out kind of slow—I made the turn at 2-over, which isn’t awful, but made the turn and played really solid.”

As a team, Minnesota carded a final-round 307 to finish in ninth place at 907. After 36 holes, the Gophers trailed the University of Texas by just 10 shots with 18 holes to play, but struggled to get production from the other three starters.

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Ciskowski and Wu Post Personal Bests as Gopher Women Finish Ninth at Minnesota Invitational... continued

Ciskowski, Barrington, Ill., opened the championship with a 74 during Monday’s morning session before rolling in seven birdie putts during the second round Monday to shoot 69 and share the 36-hole lead.

During the final round Tuesday, Ciskowski began on the 10th hole and carded back-to-back bogeys at the 11th and 12th before righting the ship by rolling in a 4-footer for birdie at the par-5 14th after finding the sand with her third.

Giving back two shots with bogeys at the 15th and 17th, Ciskowski finished her front nine strong by converting a 15-foot slider for birdie. Playing a much more steady back nine, Ciskowski would bogey the par-4 fifth, but finished strong with a birdie on the final hole, sticking her approach to five feet and rolling in her putt to finish in a career-best tie for third.

“I played well this past week so I was feeling good coming in. I knew it was going to be a little bit windier and tougher, so I had to bring my A-game and I definitely did,” she said.

Posting the two lowest scores of her career within weeks of each other, Ciskowski said setting the bar for her performance this season will continue to rise moving forward.

“This sets my expectations at a really high level, which I like, and gives me the ability to continue to improve for the rest of the season and break my record from last year.”

Ciskowski played in every tournament for the Gopher women last year, setting a new school record for a single-season scoring average of 73.93. She collected a pair of top-20 finishes during her sophomore season.

Sophomore Muyu Wu also notched a career-best finish Tuesday, shooting a final-round 73 to finish tied for 13th at 223.

Wu, from Hangzhou, China, opened the championship with a 5-over par 77 Monday before carding a pair of 73s to finish inside the top-15.

University of Kentucky’s Isabelle Johansson and Furman University’s Haylee Harford each carded final rounds of 4-under par 68 Tuesday to earn a share of medalist honors at 1-under par 216.

Coming down to a scorecard playoff, Furman edged defending champion Purdue University as the two schools both finished the team competition at 18-over par 882.

The Gopher women return to action Sept. 23-25 when they travel to Greenville, S.C., to compete at Furman University’s Lady Paladin Invitational at Furman University Golf Club.

Low Minnesota Player: Heather Ciskowski

2nd Low Minnesota Player: Muyu Wu

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Heather Ciskowski and head coach Michele Redman celebrate a birdie on the 14th green during the 3rd round.
Schmitz Claims Third MGA Mid-Amateur Title to Close Out 2016 Season
By Nick Hunter

MEDINA, Minn. – It’s been four years since Sammy Schmitz won his second Minnesota Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship by two shots at Midland Hills Golf Club and Town and Country Club.

Schmitz lost in a playoff to Josh Blackman in 2013 in Alexandria, Minn., before he withdrew from the 2014 championship during the first round at Chaska Town Course with an injury.

Trailing Joe McCormick by two shots entering the final round a year ago in Rochester, Minn., Schmitz carded a final-round 72 to come up one shot short of McCormick.

A determined Schmitz fired a 4-under par 68 to begin the championship Monday at Baker National Golf Club and held on for a wire-to-wire win, holding off a surging Troy Johnson Wednesday at Medina Golf and Country Club to collect a third MGA Mid-Amateur title, his biggest state victory since 2013.

“This win means a lot. I’ve been on a little bit of a drought in Minnesota tournaments,” Schmitz said following his win Wednesday. “I’ve won a couple team events here and there but I don’t recall winning an individual event in the last three years.

“I wanted to finish the year off strong and prove to myself that I could do it. [Johnson] was out there pushing me all day. He and I have had some great battles over the years. Most of the ones I remember he came out on top, so I was fortunate to come out on top of this one.”

Opening the final round with a three-shot advantage Wednesday, Schmitz knocked his approach at the par-5 fourth to five feet and converted birdie to move to 3-under for the tournament.

Sending his tee shot to the sand beyond the eighth green, Schmitz hit a spectacular shot from the sand that followed a ridge 15 feet down to the hole and in the cup for birdie to stay three shots ahead of the field.

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“I made probably the best bunker shot of my entire life on 8. I was behind the green and had no green to work with and landed it softly on the hill and it kept trickling down and it went in the hole.”

Schmitz hit a 3-wood short of the green at the ninth and two-putted for birdie to turn at 5-under for the championship and a two-shot advantage over John-son, who carded a 4-under par 32 on the opening nine Wednesday.

“The front nine was really steady; I hit the ball pretty good. I had two really good 50-foot lag putts to start the day. I got a good feel for the greens by doing that,” Schmitz said.

Reaching the green in two at the par-5 11th, leaving himself a daunting 12 foot, downhill eagle putt, which he left a foot short of the cup for a tap-in birdie.

Schmitz’s approach at the par-4 12th came to rest 12 feet from the cup and his putt trickled to the front of the cup and made one last rotation to fall into the cup as Schmitz moved to 7-under for the tournament.

Missing the green short-left, Schmitz’s second at the par-3 13th checked up short of the flag and he would leave his par putt short to drop a stroke with a bogey.

Carrying a two-shot lead late, Schmitz leaned on his putter over the final three holes as he sank a downhill 3-footer for par at the 16th and made another short but slippery downhill putt to save par at the 17th.

Still up two Johnson heading to the 18th Wednesday, Schmitz found trouble off the final tee to the right and was forced to punch out as he could afford to make bogey.

Schmitz hit his third to 40 feet, but sent his par putt eight feet past the cup. His bogey putt rolled up and in to claim his third MGA Mid-Amateur title, shooting a final-round 69 to finish at 5-under par 211.

“The mindset was to get off to a good start at Baker National—it’s a tricky course, it was really windy but I’ve had some success there in the past and I hit a lot of irons off the tee. The strategy was to play very carefully and get over here to Medina and see what I could do.

“Medina keeps you uncomfortable. Hole 14 and 15 scare me—I hit 3-iron off both of them. My strategy was if I could get through those two holes at 5-under, I thought I’d be in good position. I got through them at 4-under and was still in good position. I made some good long putts today and that was a big part of coming away with a win.”

After his 68 at Baker National Golf Club to begin the championship Monday, he came back to shoot 74 at Medina Tuesday to take a three-shot lead over the field after 36 holes.

“Yesterday I struggled quite a bit. I think I was lucky to get out of here with a 74, it could’ve been worse,” Schmitz said. “I knew I had to get off to a good start. There are some really good players behind me. I was playing with [Greve] and Jim Lehman, who is having one of his best years in a long time.

“I was able to watch those guys and I saw [Johnson and Hickey] ahead of me making putts and making birdies. I knew I had to step it up a little bit.”

With the victory Wednesday, Schmitz locks up his fifth MGA Player of the Year award in six seasons, earning his first individual state championship since he won the Minnesota Public Golf Association Mid-Public Links Championship and Twin Cities Championship in 2013.

The biggest win of his career came at the 2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship at John’s Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla., with the help of an ace on the par-4 33rd hole of the championship, which earned him an invitation to the 2016 Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club.

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Johnson, who was playing on his home course at Medina, fired a 2-under par 70 Monday to open the championship at Medina before carding a 3-over par 75 in challenging conditions during the second round at Baker National Tuesday.

Johnson started his final round with a bogey at the par-4 third before sinking three consecutive birdies beginning at the fourth, including a 25-foot birdie at the sixth, to quickly get back to 1-under for the championship.

Back-to-back birdies at the eighth and ninth holes, not only gave Johnson five birdies in a span of six holes, but thrust him into contention at 3-under and two shots behind Schmitz.

Johnson, who won his first MGA Mid-Amateur Championship in 2010 and added a second in 2014, rolled in back-to-back birdies again at the 12th and 13th holes, and following a bogey by Schmitz at the 13th, Johnson pulled within one of the lead.

But the two-time champion pulled his tee shot at the par-5 14th out of bounds and would take a bogey to drop two shots off the lead. Unable to save par on the final hole, Johnson would finish the championship in second place at 3-under par 213, firing a final-round 68.

“I wanted to come out and play some solid golf. I started out a little shaky but made a nice putt to get it going on [No. 4],” Johnson said after his round Wednesday. “I played solid in—birdied 9—to shoot 32 on the front and just kept it going.

“I made one bad swing that cost me, probably, the tournament. I had a couple birdie chances down the stretch and didn’t capitalize. I knew after nine that we were probably within a shot of each other. I made some good putts on 12 and 13, but couldn’t get anything to fall coming in. I played good—my putting wasn’t great—but, overall, I’m very happy with the tournament.”

Will Hickey began the final round tied for second, three shots off the lead before shooting an even par 72 Wednesday to finish in third place at 217, while 2016 Minnesota State Open champion BenGreve finished fourth at 218.

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Joe McCormick, Crow River GC

2014  Wild Marsh GC/ Yellow Creek CC
Troy Johnson, Medina G&CC

2013  Alexandria CC/ Geneva CC
Josh Blackman, Minnetaka CC

2012  Midland Hills CC/ Town & Country Club
Dellwood Hills CC/ Dan R. Stack CC
Sammy Schmitz, Valleywood CC

2011  Rochester G&CC/ Cannon CC

2010  Minneapolis CC/ Buri Oaks CC
Troy Johnson, Rush Creek CC

2009  Minnesota Valley CC/ Montgomery CC
Tom Whaley, Minneapolis CC

2008  Edina CC/ Braemar CC
Adam Dooley, Albany CC

2007  The Classic at Madden's/ Deacon's Lodge
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2006  Olympic Hills CC/ Bent Creek CC
Todd Sjoevik, Minneapolis CC

2005  Rochester G&CC/ Cannon CC
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Tony Brown, Wayzata CC

2000  Minnesota Valley CC
Gary Jacobson, Rush Creek CC

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1996  Stillwater CC
John Spreiter, Litchfield CC

1995  Olympic Hills CC
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1994  Northland CC
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1992  Wayzata CC
Faribault CC/ Interlachen CC

1991  Dellwood Hills CC
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**Format:** This tournament is a 27-hole, one-day event. Each two-man team will play nine holes partner best ball, nine holes partner scramble (best shot), and nine holes partner alternate shot. Divisions will be determined by the Committee based on the number of entries received and their combined handicaps. Teams will play within their divisions with no handicap.

**Eligibility:** Open to amateur players who are members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association and carry an active GHIN handicap at that club.

**Handicap Index:** The partner’s handicap indexes may not differ by more than 8.0 at time of entry. If the difference in handicaps changes to more than 8.0 between partners when the pairings are set-up, the higher handicap player will be reduced to 8.0 above the lower handicap player and then be put into the correct division.

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**2016 RESULTS**

**31st MPGA Combination Championship**

September 17-18, 2016
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.

3,343 yards, par 36 • 3,295 yards, par 36 • 3,403 yards par 36

Champions: Sammy Schmitz & Jon Holmes

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – Shooting a team score of 95 Saturday at Bunker Hills Golf Club, Sammy Schmitz and Jon Holmes edged the tandem of Mark Aldrich and Jesse Polk to win the 31st Minnesota Public Golf Association Combination Championship.

The team of Jordan Hawkinson and Jeff Pint finished tied for third at 97 along with Andy Jacobson and Danny Anderson, while Greg Murphy and Leif Carlson finished tied for fifth at 98 along with Justin Burleson and John Sexton, just three shots back.

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**MGA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Format:** 54-hole stroke play.

**Eligibility:** Must be 55 years of age by first day of championship.

**Handicap Index:** – Senior Division (55+) & Master Division (65+): 7.4 at the time of entry. Master Division (75+): no handicap requirement.

**2017 Exemptions:**
A. Past Champions (Previous 3 Years: 2016, 2015 & 2014)
B. Top 12 Players plus ties from the 2016 MGA Senior Points List
C. Players making the cut in the 2016 MGA Senior Amateur
D. 9 spots will be held for the Grand Master Division
E. Host Club Exemption (1)

**2016 RESULTS**

**95th MGA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**August 29-31, 2016**

Golden Valley Golf & Country Club, Golden Valley, Minn.
6,486 yards, par 73/6,027 par 73 (Grand Master)

Champion: Jim Lehman

Lehman Captures Third MGA Senior Amateur Crown with Final-Round 68 at Golden Valley

By Nick Hunter

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. – While he’s collected eight amateur victories to add to his golf resume over the last 15 years, Wednesday’s victory at the 95th Minnesota Golf Association Senior Amateur Championship might be Jim Lehman’s most significant, and certainly most impressive.

Lehman posted a 5-under par 68 during the final round Wednesday at Golden Valley Golf and Country Club to cruise to an 11-shot victory over Jerry Rose and David Haslerud, claiming his third MGA Senior Amateur title in the last four years.

“I was very nervous—I really wanted to win this thing. I really wanted to come in here and play well and I put a lot of pressure on myself,” Lehman said Wednesday. “I missed the cut last year and it was disappointing to play so poorly after having two good years before that.

“They’ve all felt really good but this one may feel the best because I’ve put so much pressure on myself. The first two I didn’t really have huge expectations. Today I had huge expectations.”

While Lehman’s win Wednesday is certainly the biggest margin of victory in recent history, Dave Tallman’s 13-shot win over Nat Rogers in 1927 at Somerset Country Club still stands as the most lopsided victory in tournament history.

Lehman began with a birdie on the opening hole, similar to what he’s done all week, landing his second shot short of the green at the par-5 and putted to within a few feet for a tap-in birdie.

He repeated that tactic at the par-5 sixth and would move to 4-under for the championship. His only blemish on the scorecard came at the par-5 10th, where he was unable to get up-and-down for par.

Lehman answered by sinking a 40-foot putt for birdie at the 12th and added back-to-back birdies at the 13th and 14th to get to 6-under and take an insurmountable nine-shot lead.

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Lehman Captures Third MGA Senior Amateur... continued

After a 10-foot comebacker for par at the 15th, Lehman said he felt like he was in full control. “That made me feel pretty good and at that point I knew I didn’t have to do anything heroic the last three holes. Then I hit a really good drive on 16 that gave me the opportunity to make a routine [par].”

Nearly dropping his eagle chance on the final hole, Lehman rolled in his short birdie to claim the championship by 11 shots at 212, posting his fifth consecutive round below par.

“The mindset was to keep doing what I had been doing, be patient and hit good shot after good shot the best I could. I actually started out a little shaky; I birdied the first hole, but hit poor drives on two and three. After that, I don’t know what happened, I felt a calmness. I had having six birdies today—that’s not like me.

Lehman entered the final round of the 2013 championship tied for the lead with David Kokesh before a huge putt on the 17th hole gave him a one-stroke victory at Bearpath Country Club.

The two-time MGA Senior Men’s Player of the Year overcame a three-stroke deficit to successfully defend his title in 2014 at Somerset Country Club.

“T’ve never had a lead like that before,” Lehman said of his two-shot advantage over Rose prior to the final round Wednesday. “If you can get off to a good start it’s important in any round. It gives me a chance to calm down a little bit and maybe the nerves go away a little bit. It was the most freed up I’ve felt swinging the golf club in a long time. Knowing I could make a big number [on the final hole] and still win was a very unusual experience.”

Rose opened the championship with a 2-over par 75 Monday before firing a 2-under par 71 during the second round Tuesday. But despite rolling in five birdies Tuesday, Rose said he struggled to put the ball in the right spots on the menacing and heavily sloped greens at Golden Valley.

That trend, along with trouble off the tee to begin his final round, plagued Rose early Wednesday, but he scrambled well to grind out a 1-over par 38 on the front nine. His approach rolled back off the front of the edge at the par-4 third hole, nearly sinking a 50-footer for birdie as his ball bounced off the right edge of the cup.

Rose’s third at the par-5 sixth found the left greenside bunker before hitting out inside five feet and converting birdie to move to 1-under for the tournament. Back-to-back bogeys at the seventh and eighth put Rose at 1-over for the championship before he had to make another clutch two-putt after his approach landed behind the ninth flag and rolled off the front edge.

Beginning the round two shots behind Lehman, Rose fell four shots back to begin the final nine and would take a double-bogey at the par-3 14th to fall even further behind. A three-putt for bogey at the 16th would put Rose at 77 for the day and he would finish in a tie for second with Haslerud at 223.

“I was expecting to score better today, for sure,” Rose said following his round Wednesday, “I got in the wrong spots again today and I was spinning the ball too much and I couldn’t keep them on the greens. I had a couple of good shots, like the one on 9, I hit it 10 feet past the hole and it backs all the way off the green and you’ve got a tougher third shot than you did second shot.

“It was really more around the greens than anything today. I played okay; I’m disappointed in the way I played today. It’s a game of inches, especially on this course. A couple feet one way or the other and I certainly shoot even par.”

Rose carded a 1-over par 72 at White Bear Yacht Club on August 15 to earn a share of medalist honors and qualify for the 2016 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship September 17-22 at Old Warson Country Club in St. Louis, Mo.

“[Lehman] played really well today and I would’ve had to have played even better, but I’m happy for him and thrilled to see him win. He deserves it,” Rose said.

Haslerud entered the final round five shots off Lehman’s lead and carded three bogeys over the first seven holes before drawing even for the day with three birdie in a six-hole span Wednesday.

A bogey at the par-5 15th would put Haslerud into the clubhouse with a final-round 74 and into a tie for second with Rose at 223.
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Jeff Teal, Island View GC 72-77-68 217
David Herleud, Southview CC 76-73-74 223
Jerry Rose, Alexandria GC 75-71-77 223
John Anderson, Bunker Hills GC 75-78-73 226
Craig Hanson, Windsong Farm 78-74-74 226
Greg Murphy, Keller GC 70-76-77 225
Tom Nordstrom, Eagle Valley GC 76-74-77 227
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Bob Griesgraber, Keller GC 74-70-80 242
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Skip Schultz, University GC 73-76-149
Gary Johnson, Island View GC 75-78-153
Patrick Vincel, Brackett’s Crossing 79-74-153
Bob Griesgraber, Keller GC 74-80-154
Tim Consor, Golden Valley G&CC 77-78-155
John Wells, Olympic Hills GC 80-77-157
Mark Alexander, Minneapolis CC 81-76-157
Randy Carver, University CC 76-82-158
Tim Anderson, University CC 78-81-159
David McCook, University CC 83-76-159
Ralph Johnson, Pheasant Acres CC 80-81-161

Tom Smith, Brackett’s Crossing CC 79-82-161
Donald Pyrykola, Purple Hawk CC 80-82-162
Jim Hurley, St Cloud CC 82-80-162
Bill Anderson, Bent Creek CC 81-81-162
Chuck Jacobucci, Highland Nat CC 77-86-163
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Joe Sauer, Wapicada CC 77-86-163
Steve Stojevich, Bultush CC 81-84-165
Stephen Walling, Crow River CC 83-83-166
Dwight Beske, LeSuer CC 82-84-166
Doug Pederson, Hazeltine Nat CC 84-83-167
Tom King, Columbia CC 85-83-168
Bob Patrick, Rush Creek CC 82-86-168
Richard Johnson, Hazeltown CC 84-85-169
Terry Kochendoffer, Emerald Greens 84-85-169

GRAND MASTER DIVISION (75+) 2 rounds

Bruce Olaud, Somersett CC 83-79-162
David Haugan, Hazeltown GC 81-82-163
Dennis Haugan, Hazeltown CC 84-85-169
Henry Tressel, Brainer GC 84-90-174
Rick Wilhoit, Town & Country Club 89-85-174
Bud Chapman, Minneapolis CC 86-91-177
Larry Wicks, Silver Bay CC 92-90-182

FAILED TO MAKE CHAMPIONSHIP CUT

John Boyle, Bent Creek CC 81-79-161

Lehman

Master Winner: Skip Schultz

Grand Master Winner: Bruce Olaud

Gary Thalhuber, Midland Hills CC 78-82-160
Gary Huber, Loggers Trail CC 80-80-160
Darrel Retka, Valleywood CC 82-78-166
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PAST CHAMPIONS

2016 Golden Valley G&CC
   Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm
2015 Deacon's Lodge
   Jon Empanger, Island View CC
2014 Somerset CC
   Bearpath CC
   Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm
2012 Northland CC
   Mark Knutson, Hazeline Nat CC
2011 St. Cloud CC
   Steve Whitaker, Pebble Creek CC
2010 The Minikahda Club
   Leif Carlson, Hastings CC
2009 White Bear YC
   Rick Ehrmanntraut, Southview CC
2008 Woodhill CC
   Leif Carlson, Hastings CC
2007 Alexandria GC
   Ron Clayton, Waseca Lakeside
2006 North Oaks GC
   Clint Nelson, Detroit CC
2005 Windsong Farm
   Mankato GC
   Rich McArindle, Olympic Hills CC
2004 The Hillcrest CC
   of St. Paul
   Robert Leaf, Hazeltine Nat. CC
2003 Rochester G&CC
   Jerry Grudini, Golden Valley G&CC
2002 Somerset CC
   Tom Garrett, Somerset CC
2001 Midland Hills CC
   Jerry Grudini, Golden Valley G&CC
1999 Bemidji T&C
   David Rovick, Interlachen CC
1998 Brackett's Crossing CC
   R.J. Smiley, Mille Lacs CR
1997 Crow River CC
   Carson Herron, Wayzata CC
1996 Hillcrest CC
   Gary Thorp, Interlachen CC
1995 Fairbault G&CC/
   Willinger's GC
   Richard Anderson, Interlachen CC
1994 Forest Hills CC/
   Dellwood Hills GC
   David Rovick, Interlachen CC
1993 Town & Country Club/
   North Oaks GC
   Lyle Norem, Hollydale CC
1992 Minnetonka CC/
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   Norb Anderson, Midland Hills CC
1991 Elmer River CC/
   Monticello CC
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1990 Brackett's Crossing CC/
   Olympic Hills CC
   Bud Chapman, Minneapolis CC
1989 Southview CC/
   Mendakota CC
   Dick Copeland, White Bear YC
1988 Midland Hills CC/
   Indian Hills GC
   Jerry Ranheim, Sundance CC
1987 Dellwood Hills GC/
   White Bear YC
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1986 Wayzata CC/
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1985 Woodhill CC/
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1984 Hillcrest CC/
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   John Biernat, Midland Hills CC
1983 White Bear YC/
   Dellwood Hills GC
   Jack Becker, Braemar GC
1982 Minnetonka CC/
   Golden Valley G&CC
   Chuck McCurdy, Como CC
**MGA WOMEN’S SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
(Previously MWPGA State Senior Public Links & Minnesota Senior Women’s State Amateur Championships)

*Format:* 36-hole stroke play with two divisions: *Senior*, a gross competition with flights within each division determined by handicap index and *Master*, a net competition with one flight.

*Eligibility: Senior Division:* Must be 50 years of age by the first day of the championship.  
*Master Division:* Must be 65 years of age by the first day of the championship.

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**2017 INFORMATION**

2017 MGA WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP  
Monday-Tuesday, September 18-19, 2017  
Crow River Golf Club  
915 Colorado St NW, Hutchinson, MN 55350  
crowrivergolf.com  
320.587.3070  
Pro: Peter Kurvers

Entry Deadline  
Monday, September 4, 2017

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**2016 RESULTS**  
**39TH MWPGA STATE SENIOR PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
August 1-2, 2016  
Inver Wood Golf Course, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.  
5,175 yards, par 72

**2016 RESULTS**  
**41ST MINNESOTA SENIOR WOMEN’S STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
August 29-30, 2016  
Owatonna Country Club, Owatonna, Minn.  
5,546 yards, par 73

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**Klasse Wins Sixth MWPGA State Senior Public Links Championship as Anderson Fades Late**  
By Nick Hunter

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, Minn. – Carding a second straight round of 73 Tuesday at Inver Wood Golf Course, Leigh Klasse held off Lynn Anderson to win her sixth Minnesota Women’s Public Golf Association State Senior Public Links Championship in the last seven years.

A single bogey late in the round Tuesday was Klasse’s only blemish on the scorecard as she finished at 2-over par 146, while Anderson bogeyed her final four holes to shoot 74 for the second straight day to finish at 148.

“I had a lot of birdie chances on the front side and couldn’t make anything. I thought I hit the ball well and put myself in some good spots. I was trying to be very patient; I figured eventually I had to make something,” Klasse said after her win Tuesday.

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**Klasse Cruises to Sixth Title at Minnesota Senior Women’s State Amateur**  
By Nick Hunter

OWATONNA, Minn. – Starting the final round of the 2016 Minnesota Senior Women’s State Amateur Championship with a five-stroke advantage, Leigh Klasse widened her lead Tuesday by firing a 2-over par 75 to claim her sixth title in seven seasons.

After shooting 71 to open the championship Monday, Klasse started the final round by taking bogey on the opening hole, but answered by sinking her birdie look at the par-3 seventh hole.

She would card consecutive pars before taking a double-bogey at the par-3 13th. Klasse’s stumble late in the round proved insignificant as she would roll in five straight pars to shoot a final-round 75 to claim her sixth Minnesota Senior Women’s State Amateur Crown.

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Klasse Wins Sixth MWPGA State Senior Public Links... continued

“I try to be consistent and get into position to make par on every hole, but it was a trying day as far as the putter went. I didn’t really make a putt until 15 to save par.”

Starting the final round one shot back of Klasse Tuesday, Anderson rolled in her birdie chance from 12 feet to move even with Klasse at 1-over par, but Anderson would give back a shot with a bogey at the fourth.

Sticking her tee shot to five feet at the par-3 sixth, Anderson again pulled even with Klasse after converting her birdie.

Klasse’s steadiness off the tee, her distance control and ability to get up-and-down around the greens proved yet again why she’s one of the state’s strongest and most consistent players, which has translated into 12 victories over the last three seasons.

With two-putt pars on the first seven holes, Klasse’s only danger early in the round Tuesday came at the par-4 eighth, where she would get up-and-down from off the front of the green to save par to remain even with Anderson at 1-over.

Klasse narrowly missed a birdie from 40 feet at the par-4 ninth hole as her and Anderson remained deadlocked at 1-over heading to the final nine.

Anderson wedged her approach to six inches at the par-5 10th for an easy birdie to take the outright lead at even par for the championship, but again failed to get up-and-down for par after missing the 11th green to the left. She regained the lead after sinking her 15-foot, downhill birdie chance at the 13th.

““All you need to do is stay right and I hit it really solid but I must have pulled it a bit,” Anderson said about her errant tee shot. “I got up-and-down for bogey, which felt good and I thought I was putting well and just needed to hit a fairway and a green.”

Both Klasse and Anderson were unable to save par after missing the 16th green short as the two remained tied at 2-over before Anderson pulled her tee shot left at the par-3 17th. Klasse reclaimed the lead when Anderson’s par putt from 15 burned the left edge.

Following Anderson’s fourth consecutive bogey at the par-4 18th, Klasse simply needed a two-putt from 10 feet right of the cup to collect her sixth MWPGA State Senior Public Links title by two shots.

With the Women’s Public Golf Association and Women’s Golf Association likely to merge in the next few months, Klasse said winning her sixth MWPGA State Senior Public Links is a little bittersweet.

“This is great—it’s probably the last [tournament] but it meant a lot to me to have my name on that trophy for the last time,” Klasse said.

Skipping the Women’s State Open and still undecided if she’ll play in the Women’s State Amateur Championship, Klasse said she’s looking forward to some time away from the course in the coming weeks.

“It gets to be a little stressful and I just want to spend some more time at the cabin and have some fun.”

Struggling to finish during both rounds this week, Anderson carded three bogeys to close out Monday’s opening round before taking four bogeys over final four holes Tuesday.

“My tempo and everything felt good and I really tried to finish strong, which I didn’t do again today. The same thing happened yesterday—I bogeyed the last three holes,” Anderson said Tuesday.

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“It’s been so long that I’ve played well, I wanted to take one shot at a time and it felt good early on and I was swinging to my target,” she said. “I’m happy that I finally was in contention and I could feel the nerves. I’m seeing that the work is being put to use.”

Anderson has 15 top-10 finishes over the last three seasons and advanced to the Round of 16 at the 2015 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur at Hillwood Country Club in Nashville, Tenn. Her last state victory came in 2007 when she won the MWPGA Match Play Championship at Phalen Park.

Brenda Williams, who entered Tuesday’s final round tied for second with Anderson at 2-over, carded an 80 on the final day to finish in third place at 154.

**39TH MWPGA STATE SENIOR PUBLIC LINKS RESULTS**

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Klasse Cruises to Sixth Title at Minnesota Senior Women's State Amateur... continued

Klasse won her first title in 2010 at Olympic Hills Golf Club before claiming her second straight win at Whitefish Golf Club in 2011. She made it three straight with her win at Golden Eagle Golf Club in 2012 before cruising to a nine-shot victory to tie Nancy Harris’ mark of four straight at Pokegama in 2013.

The six-time Minnesota Golf Association Senior Women’s Player of the Year edged Claudia Pilot by two shots in 2014 at Pokegama Golf Club before her streak was snapped by Brenda Williams in a playoff at last year’s championship at Elk River Golf Club.

Lynn Anderson carded a 7-over par 80 during the final 18 Tuesday to finish in second place at 156, 10 shots behind Klasse, while two-time champion Claudia Pilot carded an 80 for the second straight day to finish in third at 160.

41ST MINNESOTA SENIOR WOMEN'S STATE AMATEUR RESULTS

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Helped by his Putter, Sorenson Beats Berry to Claim Third Minnesota PGA Match Play Championship
By Nick Hunter

MINNETRISTA, Minn. – An early eagle and a string of three birdies to begin his back nine propelled Jeff Sorenson to his third Minnesota PGA Match Play Championship victory, 3 and 2, over five-time champion Don Berry Friday at Burl Oaks Golf Club.

“I knew it was going to be tough because [Berry] doesn’t make many mistakes,” Sorenson said after his win Friday. “The only bogey was on 15, so I just tried to play with confidence—no doubting and just get up and hit it. Your first instinct is usually right so I tried to stick to that and not second guess yourself.

“It’s gratifying win it and beat Don because he’s such a great player—if you can beat Don Berry you did something and earned it.”

Sorenson avenges his semifinal loss to Berry a year ago at Brackett’s Crossing Country Club and a loss in the quarterfinals to Berry in 2014 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

Sorenson struck first Friday when his 10-foot eagle putt fell at the par-5 second before Berry evened the match by converting his birdie putt from eight feet at the fifth. The two would trade blows over the next four holes to close out the front nine and remain deadlocked heading to the back.

Finding recent success with his flatstick, Sorenson rolled in several clutch putts on the front to keep pace with Berry. Getting up-and-down for par at the sixth, Sorenson rolled in his 10-footer before Berry dropped an 8-footer to stay even.

Shooting 5-under par 31 on the final nine holes to erase a 5-down deficit to Eddie Wynne during the semifinals Thursday, Sorenson turned up the heat on Berry Friday by rolling in his 10-foot birdie at the 10th to take a slim lead, but would add to it by rolling in his second straight birdie at the 10th, though Berry had already converted birdie from 12 feet.

Sinking his third straight birdie to begin the back nine Friday, Sorenson took a 2-up lead at the 12th after two-putting the 481-yard par-5. His lead expanded to 3-up following the only bogey between the two when Berry’s par putt at the par-3 15th stayed right of the cup.
Helped by his Putter, Sorenson Beats Berry to Claim Third Minnesota PGA Match Play...

Berry failed to convert his birdie look from eight feet at the 16th and Sorenson would clinch his third Minnesota PGA Match Play championship.

“On the front nine I didn’t play bad, but I didn’t hit it quite as solid,” Sorenson said. “With the putter, it was probably the first time in my career I felt 99 percent comfortable—you’re never 100 percent comfortable—where I feel like I’m going to make it. I’m using a new grip and I’m using a putter that matches my stroke and it’s made a world of difference.

“I rolled just about everything that I looked at. I had a couple really good par putts on the front that gave me some confidence to move forward.”

Winning his first Minnesota PGA Match Play title in 2006, Sorenson added his second in 2011, and continuing his pattern of claiming the title every five years Friday, Sorenson hopes he won’t have to wait as long for his next time.

“Hopefully it doesn’t take another five years to win it again. I’ve come close a bunch of times and then Player of the Year implications were huge,” he said.

Sorenson trailed Berry by less than 15 points for Minnesota Section Player of the Year award to begin the championship Wednesday.

“I had a back injury two years ago and had surgery and didn’t think I was going to play golf again—I could barely walk. It was the same surgery as (Tiger Woods) and I’ve been working hard since coming back.”

For Berry, Friday’s loss in the championship match marks the seventh time he’s finished as runner-up since 2007, dropping five straight finals matches.

“I didn’t play very well,” Berry said after the final match Friday. “When you keep losing, it doesn’t feel good just to get [to the finals].”

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MGA SENIOR AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: – 36-hole four-ball stroke play
Eligibility: – Must be 55 years of age by first day of championship. Team members may be from different member clubs.
Handicap Index: – Senior Division (55+): 12.4 per team at time of entry, Master Division (65+): 28.4 per team at time of entry, Net Division: 36.4 per team at time of entry

2016 RESULTS

43rd MGA SENIOR AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

September 20-21, 2016
Oak Glen Golf Course, St. Cloud, Minn.
6,574 yards, par 72 • 6,100 par 72 (Master/Net)

Champions: Rob Harris and John Hawkinson

A Birdie on the Final Hole Gives Harris and Hawkinson MGA Senior Four-Ball Title

By Nick Hunter

STILLWATER, Minn. – Sinking a 15-footer for birdie on the final hole Wednesday at Oak Glen Golf Course, John Hawkinson lifted him and partner Rob Harris to a second consecutive round of 66 to win the 43rd Minnesota Golf Association Senior Four-Ball Championship.

Harris and Hawkinson’s final birdie fended off a furious charge by the team of John Anderson and Bill Tadewald, who carded a final-round 62 Wednesday to come up one shot short at 133.

“This is pretty meaningful and I’m happy that I had a great partner,” Harris said after the win Wednesday. “These venues we get to play Monday through Friday is a special treat. I played my first state amateur in 1969 at [The Minikahda Club] and I walked on the first tee on a Monday afternoon after qualifying and I could not believe the privilege it was to be there.

“This is the first time I’ve ever won any hardware at an MGA event, so hopefully it’s going to springboard me towards many more in retirement.”

“This is my first big win—it was work but fun. And we didn’t get hurt,” Hawkinson added.

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In an attempt to avoid inclement weather forecasted for Wednesday’s final round, the field was cut to the top-24 and ties.

Following a bogey on the opening hole, Harris’ downhill putt from 25 feet at the par-4 fourth appeared to stop inches short of the cup, but kept trickling before falling over the edge for birdie to put the two at even par for the round.

“We had a bogey on the first hole today—I missed another putt that wasn’t more than two feet, but we had our share and I guess they all equal out,” Hawkinson said.

“The momentum kind of worked our way after we bogeyed the first hole. Then things fell into place in a strange kind of way,” Harris added.

By falling into place, Harris meant to say the ball was falling into the hole as the two would birdie three consecutive holes beginning at the sixth hole to get to 9-under for the championship.

Hawkinson rolled in his birdie chance from the fringe at the sixth before putting his approach inside of five feet at the seventh. Hawkinson would again roll in his birdie opportunity from the fringe at the par-5 eighth from 18 feet.

Reaching the par-5 11th in two, Hawkinson lipped his eagle putt, leaving a tap-in for birdie to get the two to 10-under. Harris’ tee shot at the 13th ended up in the 14th fairway before his 7-iron sent his second shot beyond the green. From 35 feet, Harris’ chip shot rattled off the flagstick and into the cup for birdie to move the pair to 11-under.

With Anderson and Tadewald already in at 133, Hawkinson put his approach 15 feet behind the flag on the final hole before his putt rolled in the center of the cup for the birdie and the win.

“I didn’t know how important it turned out to be. People started to form around us so I figured it was worth something,” Hawkinson said of his final putt. “I didn’t have a great read on it—I thought it went a little left to right and I thought I pushed it a little bit, but it stayed pretty straight. Typically if you can make a putt on the ninth or 18th hole, it usually ends up being a good thing.”

“On the putting green we looked at each other and said this opportunity doesn’t happen all the time, so why not us?” Harris said of the mindset prior to the final round Wednesday.

Defending champions Leif Carlson and Greg Murphy entered the final round Wednesday with a one-stroke advantage over the team of Robert Payne and Joseph Sicora as well as Harris and Hawkinson.

Carlson and Murphy would get to 11-under following a birdie by Carlson at the 13th, but the two would finish third at 134 following a final-round 134.

Payne and Sicora fired a 1-over par 73 during the final round Wednesday to finish tied for 14th at 139.

The duo of Gary Johnson and Pat Vincelli claimed the Masters Division Wednesday, shooting a two-day total of 134, which included a final-round 65, to beat the tandem of Tom Lindberg and John Wells by seven shots.


**MGA SENIOR AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

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| Robert Harris, Detroit CC,  
| John Hawkinson, Chisago Lakes CC  

2015 | St. Cloud CC  
| Leif Carlson, Valleywood CC,  
| Greg Murphy, Keller CC  

2014 | Indian Hills GC  
| Mike Cleland, Pebble Creek CC,  
| David Hanson, St. Cloud CC  

2013 | Bent Creek GC  
| Richard Blooston, Edina CC,  
| Tim Consor, Golden Valley G&CC  

2012 | Prestwick GC  
| Larry Barnacle, Sawmill GC,  
| Tom Smith, Brackett's Crossing CC  

2011 | Highland National GC  
| Randy Garber, University CC,  
| James Price, The Wilds CC  

2010 | Island View GC  
| Gary Johnson/Jon Empanger,  
| Island View GC  

2009 | Brackett's Crossing CC  
| Bill Anderson/Robert Anderson,  
| Bent Creek CC  

2008 | Town & Country Club  
| Larry Barnacle, Sawmill GC,  
| Tom Smith, Brackett's Crossing CC  

2007 | Black Bear GC  
| Jerry Gruidl, Golden Valley CC,  
| Robert Leaf, Hazeltine Nat. GC  

2006 | Elk River GC  
| Mike Cleland/David Hanson,  
| St. Cloud CC  

2005 | Rum River Hills GC  
| Clint Nelson/Lank Larson,  
| Detroit CC  

2004 | Wayzata CC  
| Larry Barnacle, White Bear YC,  
| Richard McArule, Olympic Hills CC  

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| Keller GC  
| Jerry Gruidl, Golden Valley CC,  
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2001 | Indian Hills GC  
| Ed Sawyer/Ray Sawyer,  
| Tianna CC  

2000 | Faribault G&CC  
| LeSeuer CC  
| Jerry Gruidl, Golden Valley CC,  
| Robert Leaf, Hazeltine Nat. GC  

1999 | Detroit CC  
| Caron Herron/Roger Rovick,  
| Wayzata CC  

1997 | Northfield CC  
| David Rovick/John Reichert,  
| Interlachen CC  

1996 | Rolling Green CC  
| Richard Anderson/Gary Thorp,  
| Interlachen CC  

1995 | Elk River GC  
| David Rovick/John Reichert,  
| Interlachen CC  

1993 | Indian Hills GC  
| David Rovick/John Reichert,  
| Interlachen CC  

(1974-1985)  
Two overall champions were recognized, one in Senior and one in Master.  
Key: M: Master, S: Senior  

1985 | Minnesota Valley CC  
| M: Jack Adams/Tom Hoak,  
| Olympic Hills CC  
| S: Leo Spooner/Dick Kohibry,  
| Northland CC  

1984 | Golden Valley G&CC  
| M: Don McClynn/Jack Adams,  
| Olympic Hills CC  
| S: Don Mosher/Jack Harrigan,  
| Minneapolis CC  

1983 | North Oaks GC  
| M: Mike Rak/Howard Karkhoff,  
| Columbia CC  
| S: Leo Spooner/Dick Kohibry,  
| Northland CC  

1982 | Minneapolis GC  
| M: John Biernat/Bob Fehling,  
| Midland Hills CC  
| S: Dr. Philip Olson/Dick Massuch,  
| Hazeltine Nat. GC  

1981 | Hazeltine National GC  
| M: Gene Christensen/Nel Cronquist,  
| Interlachen CC  
| S: Dr. Philip Olson/Dick Massuch,  
| Hazeltine Nat. GC  

1980 | Rolling Green CC  
| M: Roy Widstrom/Jim Kaczynski,  
| Cross CC  
| S: Chet Latavice/Glen Schooben,  
| Bunker Hills GC  

1979 | Mendakota CC  
| M: Roy Widstrom/Jim Kaczynski,  
| Cross CC  
| S: Bud Chapman/Karl Dosen,  
| Minneapolis CC  

1978 | North Oaks GC  
| M: Paul Turner/Jim Lindsay,  
| North Oaks CC  
| S: Gene Christensen/Nel Cronquist,  
| Interlachen CC  

1977 | Town & Country Club  
| M: Rey Meyer/Dr. Grover Webster,  
| Minneapolis CC  
| S: Bud Chapman/Don Toery,  
| Minneapolis CC  

1976 | Midland Hills CC  
| M: Bill Bielenberg/Ken Fladager,  
| Southview CC  
| S: Gene Christensen/Nel Cronquist,  
| Interlachen CC  

1975 | Minikahda Club  
| M: Joe Hovanetz/Al Erickson,  
| Hiawatha GC  
| S: Roy Widstrom/Jim Kaczynski,  
| Cross CC  

1974 | Indian Hills GC  
| M: Paul Turner/Mel Vollhaber,  
| North Oaks CC  
| S: Mike Kak/Howard Karkhoff,  
| Cross CC  

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MGA SENIOR AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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PAST DIVISION WINNERS

(2008-Present)
Two divisions are recognized, one in Master and one in Net.

Key – M: Master, N: Net

2016 Oak Glen GC
M: Gary Johnson, Island View/Pat Vincelli, Brackett’s Crossing
N: Jim Overocker/Dan Watts, Bent Irons CC

2015 St. Cloud CC
M: Gary Johnson, Island View/Pat Vincelli, Brackett’s Crossing
N: Ron Seagren, Hiawatha CC/Sheldon Michaletz, New Prague CC

2014 Indian Hills GC
M: Robert Leaf, Hazeltine Nat./Jerry Crudil, Golden Valley G&CC
N: Ray Fosburgh/Laron Pinkney, Rosemount UMC G.O.L.F.

2013 Bent Creek GC
M: Tim Anderson, University/Shammi Lochan, Meadowbrook
N: Rob Johnson, Olympic Hills/Greg Knaebel, Ridges at Sand Creek

2012 Prestwick CC
M: Tom Lindberg, Hazeltine Nat./John Wells, Olympic Hills CC
AND John Lieser, Territory CC/Terry McGee, Wapicada CC
N: James Fazzone/Tim Cambone, Keller CC/University CC

2011 Highland National GC
M: Steven Doole/Jerry Ficocello, Indian Hills CC
N: Rob Johnson, Olympic Hills/Greg Knaebel, Ridges at Sand Creek

2010 Island View GC
M: Dennis Kowalski, Hiawatha/Gene Parr, River Oaks CC
N: David Haugan/Dennis Haugan, Hiawatha CC

2009 Brackett’s Crossing CC
M: Dennis Kowalski, Hiawatha/Gene Parr, River Oaks CC
N: John Crzeskowski/Al Pint, Sundance CC

2008 Town & Country Club
M: David Haugan/Dennis Haugan, Hiawatha CC
N: Blanton Bessinger/Robert Warner, Midland Hills CC

(1986-2007)
Two divisions were recognized, one in Senior and one in Master.

Key – M: Master, S: Senior

2007 Black Bear GC
M: Larry Wicks, Brackett’s/Tom Gray, Olympic Hills CC
S: Charles Thompson/Chuck Jacobucci, Highland National CC

2006 Elk River GC
M: David Haugan/Dennis Haugan, Hiawatha CC
S: Dave Beyhl/Patrick Sweeney, Elk River CC

2005 Rum River Hills GC
M: Sheldon Michaletz, Valley View/Ron Seagren, Hiawatha CC
S: John Sedleck/Terry Moorehead, Bunker Hills CC

2004 Wayzata CC
M: Sheldon Michaletz, Valley View/Ron Seagren, Hiawatha CC
S: Jim Kiefer/Raleigh Rose, Sundance CC

2003 Millie Lacs Golf Resort
M: David Raab/John Parrot, Interlachen CC
S: Chip Schwartz, Cuyuna CC/Robert Mattson, Olympic Hills CC

2002 Keller GC
M: David Raab/John Parrot, Interlachen CC
S: Forrest Meyeran/Albion Ridges CC/Jim Sutter, Chaska TC

2001 Indian Hills GC
M: Ronald Knoke/Herb Knoke, Hiawatha CC
S: Jack Sieberlich, Pierz Municipal/Herb Stumpf, Little Falls CC

2000 Faribault G&CC
M: Louis Quirtin, Bent Creek CC/John T. Reynolds, Hollydale CC
S: Patrick Finley/Leonard Gaer, Braemar GC

1999 LeSeuer CC
M: David Raab/John Parrot, Interlachen CC
S: Sheldon Michaletz/Bob Buchholz, Deer Run CC

1998 Detroit CC
M: Tom Gibbons/James Teeslink, Interlaken CC
S: John Reichert/Bob Tickle, Keller GC

1997 Northfield GC
M: Dick Oszar/Jim Polson, University CC
S: John Christopher/Richard Blooston, Edina CC

1996 Rolling Green CC
M: Bob Werness/Lyle Norman, Rush Creek CC
S: John Reichert/David Rovick, Interlachen CC

1995 Elk River CC
M: Bud Chapman/Karl Dosen, Minneapolis CC
S: Harvey Borseth/Edward Manderville, Hollydale CC

1994 Minneapolis GC
M: Bob Werness/Pete Rowland, Minnesota Valley CC
S: John Paulson/Richard Render, Minikahda Club

1993 Indian Hills GC
M: Dick Oszar/Jim Polson, University CC
S: Dennis Kowalski/Gene Parr, Hiawatha CC

1992 Forest Hills GC
M: Peter Rowland/Bob Werness, Minnesota Valley CC
S: Richard Anderson/Gary Thorp, Interlachen CC

1991 Island View GC
M: Dr. Bob Harris/Cliff Vegoe, Minnewaska CC
S: Bob Stott/Len Jacobson, Hazeltine Nat CC/Larry Perkins/Bob O’Neil, Bemidji T&CC

1990 Rolling Green CC
M: Bud Chapman/Karl Dosen, Minneapolis CC
S: Tom Gray/George Peterson, Olympic Hills CC

1989 North Oaks GC
M: John Biernat/Al Kocur, Gross CC
S: Rod Magnuson/Barb Anderson, Keller CC

1988 Stillwater CC
M: Russ Dee/Len Bjorklund, Buri Oaks CC
S: Bob Werness/Lloyd Hedren, Edina CC

1987 Southview CC
M: Jack Adams/Tom Haok, Olympic Hills CC
S: Ed Manderville/Dick Bolin, Columbia CC

1986 Minnetonka CC
M: John Biernat/Bud Kalina, Midland Hills CC
S: Rod Magnuson/Barb Anderson, Keller CC
USGA STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The USGA Men’s State Team Championship, as well as the Women’s State Team Championship, grew out of the USGA’s Centennial celebration in 1995. It was believed that a new championship, one in which each state could be represented by non-college, amateur golfers, was a good way to cap the USGA’s year-long birthday celebration. In enthusiasm and fine golf, the State Team Championship proved such a success that it has been instituted to return every two years, alternating men and women each year.

Invitations are extended for the Minnesota team based on MGA player point standings with an emphasis on recent finishes, and additional competitive criteria intended to field the strongest teams possible.

Format: Each state fields teams of three players. There are 54 holes of stroke play with only the best two scores counted each of three rounds.

2016 RESULTS
12th USGA Men’s State Team Championship
September 28-30, 2016
Country Club of Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.
7,162 yds, par 71

MINNESOTA TEAM
Minnesota 143-142-145 430 (T-5th)
Michigan 144-141-137 422 (1st)

INDIVIDUAL MINNESOTA RESULTS
Trent Peterson 72-68-77 217
Andrew McCain 75-74-71 220
Jesse Bull 71-75-74 220

Led by McCain, Minnesota Grinds Out Fifth-Place Finish at U.S. Men’s State Team Championship
By Nick Hunter

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Behind Andrew McCain’s even par 71 Friday, Minnesota fired a combined team score of 145 to finish fifth at 430 following the final round of the 2016 U.S. Men’s State Team Championship at Country Club of Birmingham.

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2017 INFORMATION
12th USGA Women’s State Team Championship
Tuesday-Thursday, September 26-28, 2017
The Club at Las Campanas
Santa Fe, NM

FUTURE SITES
2018
13th Men’s State Team Championship
Date/Location TBD
The result for Team Minnesota, consisting of McCain, Jesse Bull and Trent Peterson, Friday was the best finish since Minnesota won the national event in 2001 at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

“The boys fought hard and ended up tied for fifth,” Minnesota Golf Association President and Minnesota Captain Kip Colwell said Friday. “Nothing happened on the greens for us but everyone ground hard. It was a great time.”

Despite an early bogey to begin the final round Friday, McCain sank a pair of birdies at the sixth and seventh holes to quickly move to 1-under but would turn at even after failing to save par at the par-3 eighth.

Beginning the back nine with a birdie, McCain would card a single bogey over the final eight holes to shoot 71 and finish tied for 29th individually, while leading Minnesota into a tie with Connecticut and Washington at 430. Michigan came away with a three-stroke victory over North Carolina and Arizona at 422.

Bull, Hopkins, Minn., stumbled out of the gate Friday with a pair of early bogeys before falling to 3-over for the round with a bogey at the seventh. Answering with a birdie at the eighth, Bull turned at 3-over once again after taking a bogey at the ninth.

Finding more consistency over the final nine Friday, Bull would card a pair of birdies along with a pair of bogeys to shoot a 74 on the final day to finish tied for 29th along with teammate McCain.

While Peterson carded a disappointing 6-over par 77 during the final round Friday, a 14th-place finish individually should serve as a silver lining following rounds of 72 and 68, respectively, to open the championship.

Peterson, Eagan, Minn., carded a pair of bogeys during his front nine and was unable to get things rolling on the back as he carded four bogeys to finish at 77.

Minnesota won the second U.S. Men’s State Team Championship in 1997 at SunRidge Canyon Golf Club in Fountain Hills, Ariz., with John Harris, Terry O’Laughlin and Joe Stansberry shooting a 416.

In 2001, the MGA’s centennial year, Minnesota played host to the 4th USGA State Team championships -- the men’s team was victorious at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, and the women’s team also claimed a win at Woodhill Country Club in Wayzata - making Minnesota the only state to claim the men’s and women’s state team titles concurrently.

In the championship’s short tenure, Minnesota amateur golf has shined: the men’s team has won twice (1997, 2001), nearly won in 1999, and holds two more top-ten finishes; the women’s team has one win (2001), and four top-ten finishes.

PAST MINNESOTA STATE MEN’S TEAMS

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<td>Country Club of Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.</td>
<td>Jesse Bull, Andrew McCain, Trent Peterson, Kip Colwell (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T-5th (430), Champions: Michigan (422)</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>French Lick Resort (Pete Dye Course), French Lick, Ind.</td>
<td>Jesse Bull, Troy Johnson, Trent Peterson, Ken Gerszenyi (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T-22nd (449), Champions: Texas (428)</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Mayacama GC, Santa Rosa, CA</td>
<td>Erik Christopherson, Greg Melhus, Johnny Larson, Cal Simmons (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished 37th (455), Champions: Kansas (425)</td>
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<td>St. Louis, MO</td>
<td>Olivia Herrick, Leigh Klasse, Kate Smith, Claudia Pilot (Captain)</td>
<td>MN did not qualify in rain shortened event (296)</td>
<td>Champions: Pennsylvania</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>The Club at Carlton Woods, The Woodlands, TX</td>
<td>Jim Lehman, Tom Jenkins, Wayne Severud, Steve Johnson (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished 25th (441), Champions: Texas (422)</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Berkeley Hall Club, Bluffton, SC</td>
<td>Jim Lehman, Wayne Severud, Joe Stansberry, George Cliff (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished 35th (450), Texas (422)</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Charles River CC, Newton Centre, MA</td>
<td>Mark Christensen, Phil Ebner, Joe Stansberry, Rod Magnuson (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T11th (428), Champions: Tennessee (413)</td>
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<td>NCR Country Club (South Course), Kettering OH</td>
<td>Olivia Herrick, Sarah Burnham, Celia Kuenster, Brenda Williams (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T-8th (461), Champions: New Jersey (446)</td>
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<td>The Landings Club (Palmetto Course), Savannah, GA</td>
<td>Leigh Klasse, Olivia Lansing, Kristen Wagner, Rose Hermodson (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T-9th (467), Champions: Georgia (448)</td>
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<td>Lynn Anderson, Leigh Klasse, Mari Miezwa, Randy Glassman (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished 9th (461), Champions: Arizona (437)</td>
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<td>Leigh Klasse, Claudia Pilot, Maria Sera, Ann Brilley (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T8th (456), Champions: Georgia (434)</td>
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<td>Wellesley CC, Wellesley Hills, MA</td>
<td>Leigh Klasse, Claudia Pilot, Karyn Stordahl, Ede Rice (Captain)</td>
<td>MN finished T17th (472), Champions: Ohio (447)</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Woodhill CC, Wayzata, MN</td>
<td>Julie Kalina Jensen, Leigh Klasse, Claudia Pilot, Nancy Blanchard (Captain), Champions: Minnesota (449)</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Golden Horseshoe GC, Willimburgs, VA</td>
<td>Lynn Anderson, Claudia Pilot, Brenda Williams</td>
<td>MN finished T23rd (313), Champions: Florida (286)</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>Kierland GC, Scottsdale, AZ</td>
<td>Kelly Burley, Nancy K. Harris, Leigh Klasse</td>
<td>MN finished 18th (452), Champions: Alabama (429)</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Lake Buena Vista Club, Lake Buena Vista, FL</td>
<td>Jana Erdmann, Julie Kalina, Leigh Klasse</td>
<td>MN finished 19th (459), Champions: Pennsylvania (442)</td>
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Driving range at the 12th USGA Men's State Team Championship.
MIAC MEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP

A 54 hole season ending men’s collegiate tournament for the MIAC Conference in Minnesota.

2016 RESULTS

2016 MIAC Men’s Championship
October 8-10, 2016
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.
6,877 yards, par 72

Champions: St. John’s University

Olson and Gallagher Lead St. John’s to MIAC Men’s Golf Title

By Nick Hunter

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – Behind the duo of Sam Olson and Ryan Gallagher, St. John’s University team cruised to an 18-stroke victory Monday at the 2016 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship Men’s Golf Championship at Bunker Hills Golf Club.

The Johnnies trailed Gustavus Adolphus College by a single shot following the opening round Saturday, but St. John’s rallied with rounds of 284 Sunday before carding a team score of 297 during the final round Monday to finish at 879, the second best finish in tournament history (St. John’s shot 877 in 2006).

Olson, Sioux Falls, S.D., opened the championship with a 72 Saturday but would grab the outright lead following his tournament-low 4-under par 68 Sunday. Making bogey on the opening hole Monday, Olson fell to 3-under for the tournament before rolling in his birdie look at the par-4 fourth.

Carding back-to-back bogeys at the eighth and ninth holes, Olson would head to the final nine at 2-under. He was unable to get up-and-down for par at the par-3 12th, but answered by sinking his birdie putt at the 16th.

A bogey on the final hole proved irrelevant as he earned medalist honors at 1-under par 216 Monday following his final round 75.

Gallagher, Shoreview, Minn., began the tournament with an even par 72 Saturday before entering the final round two shots back of the lead following his 2-under par 70 Sunday.

Carding back-to-back birdies at the third and fourth holes, Gallagher looked to challenge his teammate atop the leaderboard at 4-under for the championship, but Gallagher fell back to 2-under following a pair of bogeys at the fifth and sixth.

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Olson and Gallagher Lead St. John’s to MIAC Men’s Golf Title... continued

Gallagher’s third bogey of the round at the par-5 11th put him at 1-under for the tournament and he would finish the day with a double-bogey at the 18th to place second at 217, two shots behind Olson.

The Johnnies earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Golf Championship May 15-17 at Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Past Champions history unavailable for this Media Guide.

Riley Gannon (St. Thomas), Chris Captain (Gustavus Adolphus), and Sam Olson (St. John’s) in the final round of the 2016 MIAC Men’s Championship.
U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL & U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Format: 18-hole four-ball stroke play.
Handicap Index: Must not exceed 5.4 per individual (men), 14.4 per individual (women) at the time of entry.

2017 INFORMATION
4TH U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SECTIONAL QUALIFYING &
4TH U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SECTIONAL QUALIFYING
Monday, October 2, 2017

Windsong Farm
18 Golf Walk,
Independence, MN 55359
wsfarm.com
763.479.3535
Pro: Matt Kleinbrook

Entry Deadline
Wednesday,
August 16, 2017

Championship Dates/Sites
U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship
May 19-23, 2018
Jupiter Hills Club
Tequesta, Fla.

U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship
April 28-May 2, 2018
El Caballero Country Club
Tarzana, Calif.

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3RD U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL & U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SECTIONAL QUALIFYING
September 21, 2016
Rush Creek Golf Club,
Maple Grove, Minn.
6,989 yards, par 72

October 3, 2016
Chaska Town Course,
Chaska, Minn.
6,271 yards, par 72

Amateur Four-Ball Medalists:
Frankie Capan & Shuai Ming Wong

Women's Amateur Four-Ball Medalists:
Britta Snyder & Sarah Beqaj

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Capan and Wong Headed Back to U.S. Amateur Four-Ball After Shooting 64 at Rush Creek

By Nick Hunter

MAPLE GROVE, Minn. – For the second consecutive year, the team of Frankie Capan and Shuai Ming Wong are headed to the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship after earning medalist honors during sectional qualifying.

Forging a Friendship 850 Miles Apart, Beqaj and Snyder Qualify for the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship

By Nick Hunter

CHASKA, Minn. – Unlike many sports, the game of golf has the unique ability to bridge gaps between people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

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Capan and Wong Headed Back to U.S. Amateur Four-Ball...

A year ago the two posted a 9-under par 63 at StoneRidge Golf Club to earn medalist honors and advanced to the Round of 16 at last year’s national championship at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York.

On Wednesday the two carded an 8-under par 64 at Rush Creek Golf Club to earn top honors as well as a trip to the 2017 championship at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Starting with a birdie on the second hole, Capan, of North Oaks, Minn., and Wong, from Spring, Texas quickly moved into red numbers before rolling in another birdie at the par-3 fourth.

Moving to 3-under following a birdie at the sixth, Capan and Wong would surge with a birdie at the sixth before carding back-to-back birdies to close out the front nine at 5-under.

An eagle at the par-5 10th would put the two at 7-under before they added one final birdie at the 11th before posting seven consecutive pars to shoot a 64, one shot better than the team of Jon Brown and Jon Olson, both of Iowa.

Play was suspended at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday due to inclement weather as the final qualifying spot and two alternate spots had yet to be determined. The qualifier resumed early Thursday with Brown and Olson claiming the final qualifying position after carding 7-under par 65 Wednesday.

Taylor Sundbom Glenn Walls finished as first alternates, while Sammy Schmitz and Jesse Polk finished as second alternates.

Ben Sigel, Deephaven, Minn., and Jack Ebner, Edina, Minn., finished as first and second alternates, respectively.

Capan and Wong Advance to Match Play at U.S. Four-Ball Championship

By Nick Hunter

MAMARONECK, N.Y. – Firing a 67 during the second round of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sunday at Winged Foot Golf Club, 16-year-olds Frankie Capan and Shuai Ming Wong finished tied for ninth place at 7-under par 133 and advanced to the match play portion of the championship.

The two qualified for the championship in September at StoneRidge Golf Club in Stillwater, Minn., after firing a 9-under par 63 to earn medalist honors.

Capan, North Oaks, Minn., and Wong, Houston, Texas, carded a 4-under par 66 during the opening round Saturday and got off to a quick start with a birdie on the opening hole Sunday to move to 5-under for the tournament.

Giving back a stroke with a bogey at the third, the two rolled in a birdie opportunity at the par-5 fifth hole and would turn at 1-under for the round. Taking advantage of another par-5, Capan and Wong birdied the 12th to get to 6-under and would finish the first two rounds at 7-under after a birdie on the final hole to finish inside the top-32 to qualify for match play.

Seeded No. 10 for match play, Capan and Wong will face Rob Garland and Charles Keene at 9:48 Monday at Winged Foot Golf Club to begin the Round of 32.
Capan and Wong Come From Behind at U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Advance to Round of 16
By Nick Hunter

MAMARONECK, N.Y. – Facing elimination with just one hole to play Monday, Minnesotan Frankie Capan and partner Shuai Ming Wong rolled in birdie to force extra holes and prevailed to advance to the Round of 16 at the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club.

In a see-saw battle Monday, Capan and Wong traded blows most of the opening nine with Rob Garland and Charles Keene as the match remained even at the turn.

A birdie at the par-4 11th gave Capan and Wong a 1-up lead, but Garland and Keene came right back to win the next two holes, taking a 1-up lead and carried it to the 18th tee box.

Sinking a birdie on the final hole, Capan and Wong took advantage of a bogey by Garland and Keene on the first playoff hole to win the match in 19 holes.

Capan, North Oaks, Minn., and Wong, Houston, Texas, will now face Alex Buecking and Jason Enloe at 7 a.m. during the Round of 16 Tuesday at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Carding rounds of 66 and 67, respectively, Capan and Wong finished the first two rounds of stroke play tied for ninth at 133. The two are seeded tenth for the match play portion of the tournament.

Capan and Wong Sent Home During Round of 16 at U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at Winged Foot
By Nick Hunter

MAMARONECK, N.Y. – A day after forcing extra holes with a late birdie, Minnesotan Frankie Capan and partner Shuai Ming Wong received a similar fate during Tuesday’s Round of 32 at the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship, getting eliminated during the Round of 16 at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Capan, North Oaks, Minn., and Wong, Houston, Texas, sank a late birdie putt during Monday’s Round of 32 to force extra holes before winning on the next hole to advance in the national championship.

Facing Alex Buecking and Jason Enloe during the Round of 16 Tuesday, Capan and Wong rolled in a birdie chance at the second before Buecking and Enloe answered with a birdie at the third.

Capan and Wong took advantage of bogeys by Buecking and Enloe at the fifth and seventh holes before taking a 3-up lead with a birdie at the 11th.

Buecking and Enloe responded with a birdie at the 12th to pull within two of Capan and Wong before winning the final two holes to even the match and force extra holes.

With a birdie on the first playoff hole, Buecking and Enloe eliminated Capan and Wong and advanced to the quarterfinal round later Tuesday.
U.S. WOMEN’S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL SECTIONAL QUALIFYING *continued*

Forging a Friendship 850 Miles Apart, Beqaj and Snyder Qualify for the U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball... *continued*

From two vastly different parts of North America, Sarah Beqaj, who hails from Toronto, Canada, and Britta Snyder, from Ames, Iowa, met three years ago when playing in the same group on the final day of the U.S. Kids Golf World Championships in North Carolina.

“We had a blast,” Beqaj said, “And we knew we were going to be friends from there.”

“We played with each other in a bunch of [American Junior Golf Association] events together after that,” Snyder added.

The two carded a 1-under par 71 Monday at Chaska Town Course to earn medalist honors and also claimed the lone qualifying spot for the 2017 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship.

An impressive feat considering the two had never played a team event with each other prior and came to the Twin Cities early to get a couple practice rounds in to build some quick chemistry. Even more remarkable is the fact that both are just 14-years-old.

“I think it worked out pretty well,” Snyder joked.

After opening the day with a bogey on the first hole Monday, the two quickly drew even when Snyder sank a 50-foot birdie on the second hole. Unable to get up-and-down at the par-3 fourth, the two would turn at 1-over for the day, before taking their third bogey of the round at the 10th to open the back nine.

The two would find their footing and start to click as Beqaj’s ball striking came alive, while Snyder’s game around the putting surface began to heat up.

Sticking her approach to five feet at the 12th, Beqaj rolled her birdie putt to once again get the twosome back to 1-over for the round.

Missing the green at the par-3 14th, Snyder chipped in for birdie to get to 1-under before nearly driving the 299-yard 16th, chipping up to tap-in distance and Snyder and Beqaj would finish the round at 71, one stroke ahead of the field.

“We started off pretty rough. But we kept a positive attitude and came in strong—I think we finished the last six holes at 3-under,” Snyder said. “The back nine we hit a bunch of solid wedges. At 15 were around par and knew we had a par-5 left and we tried to get it going and rode off the momentum of each other.”

“We were hitting the driver further,” Beqaj said. “Right after 10, we knew we had to change something up, so I went first and just [put the ball in play] and then [Snyder] was able to bomb it down. We knew we needed to go pin hunting.”

Snyder qualified for the U.S. Junior Girls’ Championship this past summer, while the U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball next May will be the first USGA event for Beqaj.

“This is crazy. Once we get there, Britta was telling me, they treat you so well and I feel like it’s going to be the next step to see who can compete and how you’re going to do,” Beqaj said Monday.

Olivia Herrick and Samantha Sommers finished as first alternates, while Claudia Pilot and Brenda Williams finished as second alternates.

The 2017 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship will be played May 27-31 at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

2016 Women’s Four-Ball Championship – The 2016 sectional qualifiers, Olivia Herrick and Samantha Sommers made it to the quarterfinals at the 2nd U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship held May 21-25, 2016 at the Streamsong Resort (Streamsong Blue) in Streamsong, Fla. Read press releases following for match play coverage.
Herrick and Sommers Breeze to Round of 16 at U.S. Women's Four-Ball in Florida
By Nick Hunter

STREAMSONG, Fla. – Minnesotans Olivia Herrick and Samantha Sommers caught fire mid-round Monday at the 2016 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Streamsong Resort, cruising to an opening-round victory, 6 and 4.

Seeded No. 27 for the match play portion of the tournament, Herrick and Sommers faced sixth-ranked Madison Barnett and Amanda Doherty during the Round of 32 Monday and wasted little time taking the upper hand.

Making birdie on the opening hole, Herrick and Sommers took the early lead, but Barnett and Doherty would even the match at the fifth.

Herrick, Roseville, Minn., and Sommers, St. Cloud, Minn., would win five of seven holes beginning with a birdie at the par-3 seventh to take a commanding 5-up lead after 12.

Sinking a birdie opportunity at the par-5 14th hole, Herrick and Sommers closed out the match with a 6 and 4 victory and will now face Brooke Seay and Carolyn Zhao during the Round of 16 Tuesday with the match scheduled to begin at 7:24 a.m.

Herrick and Sommers carded a 2-under par 142 during the first two rounds of stroke play to finish tied for 25th and qualify for match play for the second consecutive year.

The two finished as first alternates at sectional qualifying in 2014, but earned an invitation to the championship before being eliminated during the Round of 32.

Herrick and Sommers Bounced From Quarterfinal Round at U.S. Women's Four-Ball
By Nick Hunter

STREAMSONG, Fla. – After advancing from the Round of 16 at the 2016 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball Championship Tuesday, the Minnesota pairing of Olivia Herrick and Samantha Sommers lost during the quarterfinals at Streamsong Resort.

Herrick, Roseville, Minn., and Sommers, St. Cloud, Minn., withstood a late flurry by Brooke Seay and Carolyn Zhao during the Round of 16 early Tuesday, winning 1-up to advance to the quarterfinal round Tuesday.

During the quarterfinal match against Alexandra Austin and Lauren Greenlief, Herrick and Sommers fell behind early after back-to-back birdies on the first two holes by Austin and Greenlief.

Herrick and Sommers bounced back with birdie at the third, but Austin and Greenlief answered by winning the fourth to remain 3-up.

Austin and Greenlief extended their lead to 3-up after a bogey by the Minnesotans at the par-5 ninth hole.

Herrick and Sommers came charging back by taking the 11th and 12th holes to cut the deficit to one, but Austin and Greenlief would sink a birdie chance at the 15th before closing out the match at the 17th, winning 2 and 1.

Herrick and Sommers jumped out to a big 4-up lead after five holes during the Round of 16 earlier Tuesday before Seay and Zhao came back within one by taking the eighth, 10th and 11th holes.

Herrick and Sommers would again increase the lead to three after birdies at the 12th and 15th, but Seay and Zhao wouldn’t go quietly and won the 16th and 17th to trail by one heading to the final hole. After both sides rolled in par on the final hole, Herrick and Sommers clinched a spot in the quarterfinals.
MIAC WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP

A 54 hole season ending women’s collegiate tournament for the MIAC Conference in Minnesota.

**2016 RESULTS**

**2016 MIAC WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP**

October 8-10, 2016
Bunker Hills Golf Club, Coon Rapids, Minn.
5,857 yards, par 72

Champions: St. Catherine University

**Conzemius Helps Give St. Catherine First MIAC Women’s Golf Title in Program History**

By Nick Hunter

COON RAPIDS, Minn. – Carding a final-round team score of 319 Monday at Bunker Hills Golf Club, St. Catherine University finished two strokes better than Carleton College to claim its first Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women’s Golf Championship victory in school history.

St. Kate’s took a 10-shot lead over Carleton into Monday’s final round and held off a furious charge by the Knights to win its first conference title in just its sixth year of existence.

The Wildcats were led by senior Abby Conzemius who carded an opening-round 80 on Saturday before surging up the leaderboard during the second round Sunday following her round of 72.

During the final round Monday, Conzemius carded a 9-over par 81 to finish the championship tied for third with the University of St. Thomas’ Rachel Morris at 17-over par 233.

Sophomore Sydney Busker carded back-to-back rounds of 5-over par 77 during the final two rounds to finish in seventh place at 237, while teammate Kaitlyn Alvarez finished tied for 10th at 240.

Carleton’s Alyssa Akiyama fired the tournaments only round below par at the most opportune time Monday to finish seven shots ahead of the field to earn medalist honors at 8-over par 224.

The Knights earn an automatic bid to the 2017 NCAA Division III Golf Championship May 9-12 at Bay Oaks Country Club in Houston, Texas.

**2017 INFORMATION**

**2017 MIAC WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP**
Saturday-Monday, October 7-9, 2017
Pebble Creek Golf Club
14000 Clubhouse Ln,
Becker, MN 55308
pebblecreekgolf.com
763.200.4268
Pros: Troy Malo and Jeff Running

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Abby Cozemius, low scorer of the St. Catherine University team.
Whillock Downs Berry and Jones to Win Minnesota PGA Senior Match Play Title in Stillwater

By Nick Hunter

STILLWATER, Minn. – Knocking out three of the top four seeds in any tournament would easily be considered a praiseworthy accomplishment.

For Steve Whillock, knocking out Don Berry and Dale Jones from the 2016 Minnesota PGA Senior Match Play Championship at Stillwater Country Club is even more impressive, especially when he says he doesn’t play much golf.

“I played good enough when I needed to. There was some pretty tough competition out there,” Whillock said after his victory Thursday. “[Berry] didn’t have a good day. Everybody was surprised when I made it through that bracket, I think.”

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Champion: Steve Whillock

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MINNESOTA PGA SENIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Four rounds of 18-hole match play.
Eligibility: Open to Class A Minnesota Section PGA Members who are in good standing and at least 50 years of age.

2016 RESULTS

25th Minnesota PGA Senior Match Play Championship

September 14-16, 2016
Stillwater Country Club, Edina, Minn.
6,800 yards, par 72

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2016 INFORMATION

26th Minnesota PGA Senior Match Play Championship

Tuesday-Thursday, October 10-12, 2017
Somerset Country Club
1416 Dodd Rd, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 somersetcountryclub.org 651.457.1224
Pro: David DuSchane
Entry Deadline
Thursday, October 5, 2017

FUTURE SITES

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Island View GC

Whillock

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Whillock Downs Berry and Jones to Win Minnesota PGA Senior Match Play... continued

Still recovering from back surgery a year ago, Whillock said he’s been unable to play a lot of competitive golf in recent months and practices even less. Even riding in a golf cart for an extended amount of time causes problems for the 56-year-old.

“These guys play a lot more golf than I do, but I stood over a bunch of shots today and I felt like I was channeling when I used to play. I visualized the shot and felt like, ‘Hey, I can do anything with it.’ But then there were other shots that didn’t come.”

Trouble off the first tee led to a bogey by Whillock and an early lead for Jones Thursday before a bogey by Jones at the second evened the match. Jones dropped a 12-footer for birdie at the third to regain a 1-up lead and would add to it after rolling in his birdie from 20 feet at the sixth.

Reaching the par-4 seventh off the tee, Whillock would roll his eagle putt within three feet, where Jones would concede after missing his 6-footer for birdie. Jones took a 2-up lead to the final nine holes following a three-putt by Whillock at the par-3 eighth.

Momentum quickly shifted on the back nine Thursday as Whillock stuck his approach inside five feet at the 10th, while Jones was unable to save par after missing the green long.

Whillock evened the match by sinking his 6-footer at the 11th after Jones’ 35-footer for birdie hung on the edge and refused to fall. Rolling his approach inside of four feet at the 12th, Whillock converted birdie and took his first lead of the final match.

Jones couldn’t convert his par putt from five feet at the 14th, giving Whillock a 2-up lead, which he would carry to the 17th. With Whillock already in for bogey, Jones’ par putt from six feet again swung off the edge and wouldn’t fall as Whillock claimed the tournament, winning 2 and 1.

“This means a lot; I haven’t really won anything in [the Minnesota Section]. It’s the twilight of my career—kind of. It’s pretty cool.”

Whillock, Oak Marsh Golf Club, said his first-round match against George Smith was the toughest match of the tournament. “Standing on the first hole I made a 45-footer for birdie and he had 10 feet for birdie,” he said. “I struggled to get through and beat him. He was a [No. 4 seed] and I was 13th.”

During his semifinal match against the three-time champion, Whillock drew first blood after a bogey by Berry at the second before Berry evened the match with a birdie at the fifth. The two remained deadlocked until the 11th when Berry took an abbreviated lead following a bogey by Whillock.

In a big momentum shift and a bit of good fortune, Whillock’s tee shot, which he thought was lost, ended up short of the green and he chipped up and made birdie to square the match again.

Whillock poured in birdie at the 14th and would take a 2-up lead after a Berry bogey at the 15th. The defending champion answered with a birdie at the par-4 16th, but a birdie on the final hole sent Whillock to the finals, knocking out Berry, 2-up.

“We battled back-and-forth,” he said of his semifinal match against Berry. “I hit a ball on 12 that I thought went out of bounds. I hit a provisional, but my ball was right up in front of the green and I chipped it up and made that and I think that was a turning point in the match because [Berry] thought I was out of play and out of the hole.”

Playing in three events this season, Whillock finished tied for 53rd at the Minnesota PGA Professional Championship at Bemidji Town and Country Club before finishing in a tie for 28th at the Minnesota Senior PGA Professional Championship at Faribault Golf Club prior to his win Thursday, earning more than $1,300 for the year.

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Whillock Downs Berry and Jones to Win Minnesota PGA Senior Match Play... continued

Whillock was named Minnesota Section PGA Teacher of the Year in 2003.

“I figured I had a chance coming in. [Whillock] had a nice stretch of birdies there and I made a mistake on 10 and hit it over the green. He got on a nice roll,” Jones said after finishing as runner-up Thursday.

Jones, Mendakota Country Club, faced little resistance during his first two matches Wednesday, beating host professional, Mike Tracy, 6 and 5, to open the championship before cruising during his second round match against Steve Fessler, 5 and 4.

In his closest match of the tournament, Jones battled Larry Norland during the semifinals early Thursday and faced an early 2-down deficit after three holes. Jones took advantage of a bogey by Norland at the fourth and rolled in his birdie look at the seventh to draw even.

Taking his first lead of the match after a bogey by Norland, Jones increased his lead to 2-up with a birdie at the 10th and would hang on to eliminate Norland, 1-up.

“I’ve been driving the ball crooked but recovering okay,” Jones said Thursday. “I was in the trees a lot, but I putted and chipped well. I thought I played well this week and I enjoyed the camaraderie with these guys.”

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Runner-Up: Dale Jones
MATCH PLAY

MPGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Match Play Format: 15 players from the 18-hole stroke-play qualifier joined the 2015 Match Play defending Champion in a single bracket of 16 players.

Eligibility: Amateur players who were members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA) and carried an active GHIN handicap at that club. The Match Play Championship was limited to players with a handicap index of 5.5 or less.

2016 RESULTS

6TH MPGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

July 29-31, 2016
Southern Hills Golf Club, Hastings, Minn.
6,343 yards, par 71

Champion: Mike Barrette

Barrette Hangs on to Win MPGA Match Play at Southern Hills
By Nick Hunter

FARMINGTON, Minn. – An eagle on the ninth hole Sunday at Southern Hills Golf Club gave Mike Barrette the only lead he would need to defeat Max Tylke, 2-up, and claim the 2016 Minnesota Public Golf Association Match Play Championship.

Despite carding five birdies and an eagle over the first 12 holes Sunday, Barrette survived a late push by Tylke to earn his first amateur title in the state.

“This win means a lot, I’ve been trying to win one of these tournaments the last few years and it feels good to finally get one,” Barrette said after his win Sunday. “I knew I had to play well—I was playing a good player in Max. I knew I had to give it everything I had and that it was going to come down to the end if I was playing well enough.”

Barrette and Tylke halved the opening hole with birdies before Barrette claimed the first lead of the match, rolling in a 20-footer bender from the left fringe at the par-3 fourth. Tylke took advantage of a bogey by Barrette on the ensuing hole, squaring the match with a par.

Sticking his approach inside of five feet at the sixth, Barrette regained a slim lead before the two halved the seventh with birdies. Barrette’s lead was erased at the eighth following a three-putt for bogey.

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Barrette Hangs on to Win MPGA Match Play... continued

Rolling in his eagle from six feet at the par-5 ninth hole gave Barrette the lead for good as he increased his margin over Tylke to 2-up at the 11th when Tylke couldn't get up-and-down for par.

“I got a little bit of momentum after the eagle, but I felt like I had to keep pushing because I know Max is a good player and I couldn't let my guard down,” Barrette said.

Barrette continued to put pressure on Tylke following his fifth bogey of the round at the 12th. His second shot missed the green, but Barrette chipped to eight feet to make birdie to take a 3-up lead.

Tylke would make a charge late as he put his tee shot at the par-3 15th to a foot for a tap-in birdie to trim Barrette's lead to two before rolling in another short birdie putt at the 17th, trailing by one heading to the final hole.

Both players found the rough right of the 18th green before Barrette pitched five feet past the flag. Tylke left his third eight feet short of the cup and after missing his birdie chance, conceded the final hole to give Barrette a 2-up victory.

"Hats off to [Tylke] for playing a great tournament; I played some of my best golf to just barely get him. It was mostly my putter—I had been putting really well the last few days and my demeanor out there was good. I felt like I was pretty even-keeled the whole way and that was huge,” he said.

Barrette, a soon-to-be senior at Augsburg College, opened the championship with a victory over Benjamin Strauman, 4 and 3, before downing Nate Wareham by the same margin during his quarterfinal match. Barrette edged Bryan Fleegel, 1-up, to reach the final match Sunday.

### PAST CHAMPIONS

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  Brad Gaustad, Keller GC  
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| 2014 | Riverwood Nat. GC  
  Geoff Klein, Valleywood GC  
  Alex Holton, Wild Marsh CC |  |
| 2013 | Pebble Creek GC  
  Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC  
  Jordan Hawkinsiong, StoneRidge CC |  |
| 2012 | Albion Ridges GC  
  Jon Hanner, Baker National GC  
  David Smith, Rush Creek CC |  |
| 2011 | Bunker Hills GC  
  Kane Bauer, Valleywood GC  
  Alex Kline, Links at Northfork |  |
MPGA SENIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior Match Play Format: Fifteen players from the 18-hole stroke-play qualifier joined the 2015 Senior Match Play defending Champion in a single bracket of 16 players.

Eligibility: Amateur players who were members of a club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA) and carried an active GHIN handicap at that club. The Senior Match Play Championship was limited to players with a handicap index of 7.5 or less.

2016 RESULTS
4TH MPGA SENIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
July 29-31, 2016
Southern Hills Golf Club, Hastings, Minn.
6,052 yards, par 71

Champion: David McCook

McCook Downs Juntilla to Win MPGA Senior Match Play at Southern Hills
By Nick Hunter

FARMINGTON, Minn. – Despite a pair of early bogeys Sunday, David McCook played the final 13 holes of the championship match at 1-under par to defeat John Juntilla, 4 and 3, and claim the 2016 Minnesota Public Golf Association Senior Match Play Championship at Southern Hills Golf Club.

“This is pretty neat—it’s something I’ll have to get used to,” McCook said after his win Sunday. “I’m already slightly melancholy that it’s over. To me, it’s the playing—I just want to keep playing and playing.

“I got into stroke and got the rhythm going,” McCook said Sunday. “The course suited me and I got some bounces and got it rolling. I felt like I was finally getting into my swing—I know I’m going to miss shots here and there, but I knew I wasn’t going to fall apart.”

Both Juntilla and McCook stumbled early during the championship match Sunday with back-to-back bogeys before McCook took the first lead of the match by rolling in his birdie putt at the par-4 third.

Taking advantage of a bogey by Juntilla at the fourth, McCook’s lead increased to 2-up until the back nine when Juntilla bogeyed the 10th and 11th holes to fall 4-down.

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McCook Downs Juntilla to Win MPGA Senior Match Play... continued

Juntilla narrowed the deficit by winning the 12th with a par, but McCook came back with a birdie at the 13th to regain a commanding 4-up lead with five holes to play.

Both players would par the 14th hole before McCook clinched the match at the 15th with a par to win, 4 and 3.

“My putting was solid even though these greens were hard to putt this week. They’re hard to read with all the slope, and even when you can see the slope, they’re hard to manage,” McCook said.

Picking up momentum with a couple of early wins, McCook said it was easy to lose focus and start thinking ahead and collecting his first championship at the age of 65.

“Before I was just happy to get to the final match and I was happy with the process, but I started losing sight of the process and started thinking, ‘Why not just win this time? I was thinking maybe today it’s time to be the guy that wins, because I’m not getting any younger.

“I think it’ll give me some confidence for the rest of the summer. Of course, then it will all end and I’ll have to relearn again next spring.”

McCook qualified for the U.S. Senior Amateur in 2008 and finished third at the MGA Senior Amateur Championship at White Bear Yacht Club the following year. At the senior amateur in 2012, he finished tied for second at Northland Country Club.

McCook lost to Colby Lund in the final match at the 2010 MGA Senior Players’ Championship at Interlachen Country Club.

McCook cruised to victory over James Reine during the opening round Saturday before edging Gary Huber, 1-up, during the quarterfinals. He pulled out another close win over 2015 MGA Senior Amateur champion Jon Empanger, 1-up, to reach the final match Sunday.

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**Runner-Up: John Juntilla**
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Udyat Sarangdevot eyes his drive at Hazeltine National Golf Club during the 2016 Minnesota Regional Qualifying for the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship.
MEMBER DAYS

Hazeltine National Golf Club
Monday, May 15, 2017
8:00 AM or 2:30 PM
1900 Hazeltine Blvd,
Chaska, MN 55318
hazeltine@hazeltine.com
952.556.5401
Pro: Chandler Withington

Brackett’s Crossing Country Club
Monday, June 5, 2017
1:00 PM
17976 Judicial Rd,
Lakeville, MN 55044
brackettscrossingcc.com
952.435.7700
Pro: David Plotnik

St. Cloud Country Club
Monday, July 24, 2017
1:00 PM
301 Montrose Rd,
St. Cloud, MN 56302
stcloudcountryclub.com
320.253.1331 x4
Pro: Chad Gustafson

Golden Eagle Golf Club/
Deacon’s Lodge
Monday-Tuesday,
August 7-8, 2017
1:00 PM (Mon)/9:00 AM (Tue)
16146 W Eagle Lake Rd,
Fifty Lakes, MN 56448
golfgoldeneagle.com
218.763.4653
Manager: Aaron Johnson
Deacon’s Lodge
9348 Arnold Palmer Dr,
Breezy Point, MN 56472
breezypointresort.com
218.562.6262
Pro: Mark Neva

Owatonna Country Club
Monday,
September 18, 2017
1:00 PM
1991 Lemond Rd,
Owatonna, MN 55060
owatonnacc.com
507.451.1363
Manager: Bob Howell

Format: 2-of-4 best ball.
Handicap Index: No limit.
Eligibility: Must be an MGA Member.
Contact: Joel Comstock, 952-345-3968,
joel@mngolf.org

2016 RESULTS

MEMBER DAYS

The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.
May 16, 2016
Matt Oman/Brigham Leslie/John Edgell/Mike McDonough Gross Winners
John Sweeney/Tom Pavey/Alan Grendel/Phil Fox Net Winners

Midland Hills Country Club, Roseville, Minn.
June 6, 2016
Mike Mense/Tim Langemo/Michael Straub/Richard Hill Gross Winners
Dave Leslie/Brigham Leslie/Joe David/Jeff Bordenave Net Winners

Somerby Golf Club, Byron, Minn.
June 27, 2016
Steve Tatge/Jason Quam/Luke Peterson/Robert Conrad Gross Winners
Renee Zemke/Terry Oh/Ginny Anderson/Karen O’Hanlon Net Winners

Lafayette Club, Minnetonka Beach, Minn.
July 11, 2016 * 9 hole, two-person event
Jeff Olson/Paul Carlson Gross Winners
Kreg Kapitan/Kathy Kapitan Net Winners

The Wilderness at Fortune Bay, Tower, Minn.
August 21-22, 2016
Jeremy Gurney/John Peine/Jared Rima/Casey Welch Gross Winners
Paul Commers/Cody Commers/Steven Matson/Gregory Matson Net Winners

2016 Member Day at The Minikahda Club
MGA WOMEN’S MEMBER EVENTS

2017 MGA WOMEN’S OPENER TEAM EVENT

Previously known as the MWPGA Four-Ball Tournament.

Format: This is an 18 hole four-ball stroke play competition where two women play as partners, each playing her own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole.

Eligibility: Players must be current MGA members. Team members may belong to different clubs. The lower handicap on each team determines the team’s flight.

See 2016 results on page 175-176.

2016 MWPGA Four-Ball Participants, Sally Deyak and Bernie Brown.

2017 MGA WOMEN’S CLOSER TEAM EVENT

Previously known as the MWPGA Team/Club Tournament.

Format: This is a two-person team event and a league team event. Each two person team must be from the same MGA Member Club league. The lower handicap on each team determines the team’s flight. Each team will compete in an 18 hole event consisting of six holes scramble, six holes alternate shot and six holes four-ball. Teams will also be competing for their league.

Eligibility: Players must be current MGA members.

See 2016 results on next page.

2017 INFORMATION

WOMEN’S SEASON OPENER

Saturday, May 20, 2017
Dahlgreen Golf Club
6940 Dahlgreen Rd,
Chaska, MN 55318
dahlgreen.com
952.448.7463
Pro: Peer Finstad
Entry Deadline
Friday, May 5, 2017

WOMEN’S CLOSER

Sunday,
September 24, 2017
Rum River Hills Golf Club
16659 St Frances Blvd,
Ramsey, MN 55303
rumriverhills.com
763.753.3339
Pro: Jeff Tollette
Entry Deadline
Friday,
September 11, 2017

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### 2016 RESULTS

#### 20th MWPGA Team/Club Tournament

**September 11, 2016**

Majestic Oaks Golf Club (Signature Course), Ham Lake, Minn.

5,143 yards, par 72

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Results for previous years unavailable at this time.
MGA SENIOR TOUR

Format: Membership-based program for males and females with 6 different sections (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western, Super Senior, Women’s). Each section has its own schedule of events plus All Section events that are open to all members. Aged flights offered (Senior, Master, Super Senior) with net and gross results. Performance points awarded for high finishes in each event. Top players in total performance points (top 4 events) from each section qualify for the Senior Tour Finals. Top players in total performance points (all events) in the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western sections combined qualify for the MGA/WGA Senior Tour Cup Matches.

Age Requirement: Men (55 years and older), Super Senior Men (70 years and older), Women (50 years and older) - As of anytime in the current year.

Eligibility: Must be a current MGA member.

Handicap Index Requirements: 24.4 or lower for Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and 36.4 or lower for Super Senior and Women’s.

MGA SENIOR TOUR FINALS

Format: – 18 holes of individual Stableford points (net & gross).
Eligibility: – Invitation extended to top 80 Senior Tour performance point players of current season according to tour section, age division, net & gross.

2016 RESULTS

21St MGA Senior Tour FINALS

September 19, 2016
Northland Country Club, Duluth, Minn.
5,946 yards, par 71 men • 5,327 yards, par 71 women

Senior Tour Champions & Division Winners: Tim Anderson, Tom Peterka, Bruce Odlaug, Mike Cleland, Tom Kozlak, Jeff Tweeton, Kathy Coombs, Alan Hans, and Ed Ryan (not pictured).
MGA SENIOR TOUR FINALS  Continued

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SENIOR NET WINNER: Ed Ryan

MGA SENIOR TOUR FINALS Continued

Super Senior Gross Winner: Tim Anderson

Super Senior Net Winner: Tom Kozlak

Senior Gross Winner: Jeff Tweeton

Senior Net Winner: Mike Cleland

Master Net Winner: Bruce Odlaug

MGA SENIOR TOUR FINALS Continued

Senior Gross Winner: Jeff Tweeton

Super Senior Gross Winner: Tim Anderson

Super Senior Net Winner: Tom Kozlak

Women's Net Winner: Kathy Coombs

SENIOR TOUR

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MGA/WSGA SENIOR TOUR
CUP MATCHES

NEW IN 2017! The MGA Senior Tour and the Wisconsin State Golf Association Senior Tour will field teams of 24 player each face each other for 18-holes of concurrent singles and four-ball matches.

The top six players in Senior Net, Senior Gross, Master Net and Master Gross in the overall performance points standings from the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western sections combined will be invited to represent the MGA team. All performance points earned will be totaled for this new MGA/WSGA Cup Match points standings instead of just the top four performances looked at in each Section’s overall point standings.

SUPER SENIOR DIVISION
(Points in Gross rank listed as Gross/Net)

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2017 INFORMATION
1ST MGA/WSGA SENIOR TOUR FINALS
Tuesday-Wednesday, October 3-4, 2017
Troy Burne Golf Club
295 Lindsay Road, Hudson, WI 54016
troyburne.com
715.381.9800
Pros: Dave Tentis

FUTURE SITES
2018 TBD

Women’s Net Champion:
Kathy Coombs
MGA FAMILY & JUNIOR EVENTS

2017 INFORMATION

MGA FAMILY DAYS & JUNIOR CLINICS
Dates and Host Sites TBD

Eligibility: Adult must be an MGA Member.
Contact: Joel Comstock, 952-345-3968, joel@mngolf.org

2016 RESULTS

FAMILY DAY
Brookview Golf Course (Executive Course), Golden Valley, Minn.
July 27, 2016

2016 participants: Ron Patnode & Brady Taylor and Oran & David Power

TEAM WINNERS
Emersen Knutsen & Tom King

CHIPPING CONTEST WINNER
Sarah Bailey

PUTTING CONTEST WINNERS
Noah Chmielewski, Oran Power, Brady Taylor

MGA FAMILY DAYS & JUNIOR CLINICS

Format: Two person teams made up of an adult and one junior (8 years & older) play a 9-hole scramble with side games and pizza lunch. Different aged flights will be offered.
Handicap Index: No limit.

2017 INFORMATION

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO THE GOLF COURSE WEEK
Monday-Sunday, July 10-16, 2017
MGA member courses participating in the “Bring Your Family” program offer a free green fee for youths under the age of 18 accompanied by a paying adult. A list of participating clubs is available on our website at mngolf.org in late June through the “Bring Your Family to the Golf Course” link.

Eligibility: Adult must be an MGA Member.
Contact: Joel Comstock, 952-345-3968, joel@mngolf.org
DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP
LOCAL QUALIFYING

Now in its fifth year, the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship aims to help younger generations begin their lifelong connection with golf by providing a fun, interactive platform for participants of all skill levels. This free youth golf development initiative welcomes boys and girls ages 7-15 to participate in separate divisions in four age categories. Local qualifying takes place throughout all 50 states. Top performers at the local level will advance through subregional and regional qualifiers, respectively. The top 80 performers – 40 boys and 40 girls – will earn an invitation to the National Finals at Augusta National on Sunday, April 1, the eve of the 2018 Masters.

Stage 1: Local Qualifying (May/June/July/August) - 256 host sites
3 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue.

Stage 2: Subregional Qualifying (July/August) - 50 host sites
2 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue.

Stage 3: Regional Qualifying (September) - 10 host sites
1 junior advances in each age/gender category from every venue.

Stage 4: Championship Final (April 1, 2018)

2016 RESULTS
2016 DRIVE, CHIP, PUTT CHAMPIONSHIP
LOCAL QUALIFYING

September 10, 2016
Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn.

Minnesotans Johnson and McCauley Advance to Finals of Drive, Chip and Putt at Augusta
By Nick Hunter

CHASKA, Minn. - The eyes of the golf world will focus on the Ryder Cup in three weeks in what could possibly be the biggest sporting event the state of Minnesota has ever seen.

But for one Saturday afternoon the focus was on perhaps the future of the game as Hazeltine National Golf Club hosted the 2017 Drive, Chip and Putt regional qualifier.

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Minnesotans Johnson and McCauley Advance to Finals of Drive, Chip and Putt... continued

In the shadows of the imposing 7,600 yard championship course, a field of 80 competitors in four age divisions hoped to be among eight qualifiers to earn a spot in the finals at Augusta National Golf Club next April. One of the first to earn a spot in next year’s championship was Jack Johnson, a Chaska, Minn., native who lives less than 10 minutes from the course and just wrapped up his first season as a caddie at Hazeltine.

“It feels great—it hasn’t quite set in yet, but I’m sure by tonight I’ll be a lot more excited,” Johnson said Saturday.

“This is so cool—there’s not a better place to live. “I get to caddie for some great members here who are great guys and they really help you a lot and tell you things that will help you not just on the course, but lessons that will help you for the rest of your life.”

A 278-yard drive lifted Johnson into third place in the driving portion of the event, earning 41 points before collecting 45 points for chipping. Adding another 40 points to his total during the putting portion, Johnson finished on top of the Boys’ 14-15 Division with 126 points, six points ahead of Nebraska’s Jason Kolbas.

“I had no idea what to expect today; the pressure and stakes are a lot higher today. I was just trying to play as well as I could,” he said. “I thought someone was going to come in at 140 and beat me.

“I hit two great drives to start and that kind of set the tone.” Earning a trip to one of golf’s most prestigious locations next spring was just the beginning of Johnson’s big day Saturday as he received a congratulatory text message from Team USA Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III.

For Isabella McCauley, last year’s regional at Hazeltine brought disappointment and a few tears as she finished in a tie for first in the Girls’ 10-11 Division, before losing a tie breaker as she watched her hopes of competing at Augusta National vanish.

“Last year it was hard because I thought I won, but it made me want to practice harder,” McCauley said. “I practiced so much coming to this event and it paid off. That little bit of practice can make all the difference in the world.

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Minnesotans Johnson and McCauley Advance to Finals of Drive, Chip and Putt... continued

McCauley, from Inver Grove Heights, Minn., finished fourth during the driving portion, scoring 36 points before notching 31 points for chipping to earn a share of third place. She dropped her first putt from 6 feet and rolled in two crucial putts to earn 60 points during the putting portion to finish on top by four points. She will travel to Augusta as the winner of the Girls 12-13 Division.

“The 6-footer was pretty straight and somehow it dropped; the 15-footer and the 30-footer I had perfect speed,” McCauley said of her putting Saturday. “Everyone was blowing it way by [the 30-foot putt]; I just tapped it and it kept rolling and rolling and it was just a great putt.

“It feels good and it feels like I can breathe now. I was able to get here and I can put the past behind me. I’m so excited to be there and it’s going to be an awesome trip.

By the time she was age 1, Emily St. Aubin said she’d experienced 100 rounds of golf from her car seat, which was strapped in her dad’s golf cart.

Growing up in Ashley, N.D., a town of more than 700 people, St. Aubin said playing golf is a family affair and spends most of her time on the golf course with people much older than her.

“I play golf because I get to spend time with my family,” she said. “There aren’t many people in our town, so at 1 o’clock I go play with the 60 and 70-year-olds and they teach a lot about life and golf—it’s just a fun time. I bring them cookies sometimes—they love them.”

St. Aubin won both the driving and chipping aspects and captured the Girls 14-15 category by 13 points.

Mateo Rascon, from Burlington, Iowa, advanced from the Boys 10-11 Division as a first-place finish in chipping led to a total of 98 points.

In the Girls 10-11 group, Lyla Louderbaugh advanced by earning a total of 104 points, six points better than Arkansas’ Charlie Whorton.

Emree Cameron, of Nevada, Mo., advanced from the Girls 7-9 Division, while Udyat Sarangdevot, from Omaha, Neb., finished on top of the Boys 7-9 group.

For 80 junior golfers, Saturday’s Regional at Hazeltine is just the beginning. After earning his spot in the National Finals by winning the Boys 12-13 group, Kaeden Nomm of Minocqua, Wis., waited patiently during the awards ceremony, posing for pictures before his older brother, Ansen, said, “Maybe you’ll be a (Ryder Cup) captain’s pick after this.”
CHICK EVANS MEMORIAL
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2016 RESULTS
24TH CHICK EVANS MEMORIAL SEVEN-CLUB
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July 25, 2016
Minneapolis Golf Club, Edina, Minn.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS & CADDIES
100 Golfers & 45 Scholars/Caddies

2016 Chick Evans Memorial Seven-Club Caddies
2016 Rush Creek Golf Club Men’s Champion: Joe O’Brien
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MINNESOTA HISTORY

Team USA, 2016 Ryder Cup Champions at Hazeltine National Golf Club
RYDER CUP

2016 RESULTS
41ST RYDER CUP MATCHES
September 30-October 2, 2016
Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn.
7,548 yards, par 72

Ryder Cup Returns to United States With Dominating Performance Over Europe
By Nick Hunter

CHASKA, Minn. – Similar to the way the 41st Ryder Cup began Friday, The United States won eight of the final 12 matches Sunday at Hazeltine National Golf Club to earn a resounding 17-11 victory over the Europeans as the golden trophy returns to U.S. soil for the first time in eight years.

Sunday’s victory is the largest margin for a U.S. team since 1981, when a Dave Marr captained American team claimed an 18½ to 9½ win at Walton Heath Golf Club in England.

“I’m just proud of these guys,” U.S. captain Davis Love III said Sunday. “They had a lot of pressure on them for the last two years. And every time we picked a guy, there was more and more pressure on the team and more and more questions. I’ve never seen a team come together like a family like this. So much has happened over the last week.

“The Europeans played some stunning golf. I told Rory McIlroy it was the best month of golf I think I’ve ever seen.”

The dominant performance by the U.S. team this week should put to rest criticism over the formation of the U.S. Ryder Cup task force and also silence the skeptics who questioned Love’s leadership following the meltdown at Medinah in 2014, when the U.S. entered the final day with a four-point advantage, only to fall to the Europeans.

In the day’s most anticipated matchup, Patrick Reed and Rory McIlroy traded punches from the first shot through the entirety of their heavyweight matchup before a birdie by Reed at the 16th gave the American a 2-up lead with two holes to play.

McIlroy drew first blood by rolling in his birdie putt at the third, playing into the boos from the American crowd.

Reed, who undoubtedly was the driving force behind the Americans this week, began a charge at the par-5 fifth with an eagle and would birdie the next three holes, but would remain even with McIlroy until the 12th.

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Ryder Cup Returns to United States... continued

Reed would bogey the 17th to carry a 1-up lead to the final hole, both McIlroy and Reed finished with birdies to give the Americans the first point of the singles matches Sunday.

“It’s the first time I’ve ever played in front of a home crowd,” Reed said after defeating McIlroy Sunday. “To have these guys do what they did, to have the team come together and when we’re down, having these crowds picking us up, cheering our names. It gets you going and keeps you going.

“We want everyone to play well. We want to beat them at their best, they want to beat us at our best.

I knew today was going to be tough going against a guy like [McIlroy], especially with how he was playing earlier in the week. To come out and play as well as we did, especially on that front nine, it was definitely something fun to be a part of and pretty fun to watch.”

Reed went 3-1-1 this week and improved his overall Ryder Cup record to 6-1-2, while McIlroy’s record in four Ryder Cup appearances goes to 9-6-4 as he suffered his first-career loss in singles matches Sunday.

Another furious battle between Ryder Cup veterans Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia ended in each side earning a half point Sunday as the two halved their match. Combining for a total of 19 Ryder Cup appearances, Mickelson and Garcia combined for 19 birdies Sunday with neither player claiming more than a 1-up lead.

“It was a fun day. Probably a fitting end, but I’m just excited that there’s a lot of red up there and our guys have played some incredible golf this week,” Mickelson said Sunday. “Real excited to be a part of this team.

“This was a great way to cap the year and we pulled together to try to accomplish. This is something we’re going to build on as we move forward, otherwise it’s all for not. Got to take this experience and continue to add to it.”

Rickie Fowler rallied late to edge the Rio Olympics gold medalist, Justin Rose, Sunday, but perhaps the most significant win came from the final captain's pick Ryan Moore, who trailed Lee Westwood by two following the 15th hole, only to win two consecutive holes before clinching the final point for the United States to win the Ryder Cup.

“This is unbelievable right now,” Moore said Sunday, “To actually get the point that clinched it for us. When I went 2-down with one to go, I didn’t want to let my team down. I wanted to do everything I could and try to hit a couple great shots coming in.”

One of those great shots was his second at the par-5 16th, where he hit a fairway wood to eight feet and converted his eagle to pull within one.

“To eagle 16 was huge. That birdie on 17 and then to win with the par on the last hole, it’s—honestly, I don’t even know what to tell you. It’s incredible,” Moore said.

Moore sealed the final spot on the Ryder Cup roster after finishing second in a playoff to McIlroy at the season-ending Tour Championship, going three playoff holes a week ago, leaving little time to prepare for this week’s event.

Brandt Snedeker earned a point for the U.S. during his match against Andy Sullivan Sunday as Snedeker posted a perfect 3-0-0 record for the week.
RYDER CUP

Ryder Cup Returns to United States... continued

In an impressive rookie performance, Brooks Koepka cruised during his match against Danny Willett on the final day, winning, 5 and 4, to go 3-1-0 in his first appearance.

A 4-1 performance by Thomas Pieters this week was the best by a European rookie in the history of the event. He downed J.B. Holmes, 3 and 2, as one of Europe’s few bright spots along with McIlroy on the final day.

Passing over Bubba Watson to select Moore with the final captain’s pick surprised a number of people and Love surprised even more when he named Watson as a vice captain.

“As a God fearing man, I love to help and I love to give. Finally I found my place on the team is to help,” Watson said Sunday. “A couple of guys called me and said, ‘Bubba, I need you by my side, shoulder to shoulder.’ And the last couple days that’s what I did. I’m so happy for this team. This team was amazing. They took me in with open arms and let me be a part of it.

“The two greatest things that I’ve ever wanted to accomplish in golf was to be a Hall of Famer and be a Ryder Cup captain. I think that Ryder Cup captain is another form of Hall of Fame. I told the guys last night, this is the greatest thing I have ever done in golf.”

Every American player earned a point this week for the first time since Arnold Palmer was captain of the 1975 U.S. team at Laurel Valley Golf Club in Ligonier, Pa., which was also the last time the U.S. swept the foursomes matches during the opening round.

The United States improves its record at the event to 26-13-2 as the Europeans have never won four consecutive Ryder Cups, while the Americans have never lost consecutive Ryder Cups on home soil. The 42nd Ryder Cup will be played in Continental Europe for only the second time in tournament history when it’s played at Le Golf National near Paris in the fall of 2018.

FRIDAY FOURSOME MATCHES (USA – 4, EUR – 0)

Spith/Reed (USA) def. Stenson/Rose (EUR) 3&2

Mickezon/Fowler (USA) def. McIlroy/Sullivan (EUR) 1-up

Walker/Z. Johnson (USA) def. Garcia/Kaymer (EUR) 4&2

D. Johnson/Kuchar (USA) def. Westwood/Pieters (EUR) 5&4

FRIDAY FOUR-BALL MATCHES (USA – 5, EUR – 3)

Rose/Spith (EUR) def. Reed/Spieth (USA) 5&4

Garcia/Cabrera Bello (EUR) def. Holmes/Moore (USA) 3&2

Snedeker/Koepka (USA) def. Westwood/Willett (EUR) 5&4

SATURDAY FOURSOME MATCHES (USA – 6½, EUR – 5½)

McIlroy/Pieters (EUR) def. Mickelson/Fowler (USA) 4&2

Snedeker/Koepka (USA) def. Stenson/Fitzpatrick (EUR) 3&2

Rose/Wood (EUR) def. Walker/Z. Johnson (USA) 1-up

Reed/Spith (USA) & Garcia/Cabrera Bello (EUR) halved

SATURDAY FOUR-BALL MATCHES (USA – 9½, EUR – 6½)

McIlroy/Pieters (EUR) def. D. Johnson/Koepka (USA) 3&1

Holmes/Moore (USA) def. Willett/ Westwood (EUR) 1-up

Mickelson/Kuchar (USA) def. Kaymer/Garcia (EUR) 2&1

Reed/Spith (USA) def. Rose/Stenson (EUR) 2&1

SUNDAY’S SINGLES MATCHES (USA – 17, EUR – 11)

Reed (USA) def. McIlroy (EUR) 1-up

Stenson (EUR) def. Spieth (USA) 3&2

Pieters (EUR) def. Holmes (USA) 3&2

Fowler (USA) def. Rose (EUR) 1-up

Cabrera Bello (EUR) def. Walker (USA) 3&2

Mickelson (USA) & Garcia (EUR) halved

Moore (USA) def. Westwood (EUR) 1-up

Snedeker (USA) def. Sullivan (EUR) 3&2

D. Johnson (USA) def. Wood (EUR) 1-up

Koepka (USA) def. Willett (EUR) 5&4

Kaymer (EUR) def. Kuchar (USA) 1-up

Z. Johnson (USA) def. Fitzpatrick (EUR) 4&3
U.S. Earns Fifth Straight Junior Ryder Cup Victory With Convincing Win Over Europe at Interlachen

By Nick Hunter

EDINA, Minn. – With a two-point advantage following the first day of competition Monday at the 10th Junior Ryder Cup at Interlachen Country Club, the United States dominated the Europeans from start to finish, winning eight of 12 matches to win its fifth consecutive title.

For the second straight day the Americans were led by Patrick Welch and Emilia Migliaccio, who both finished the championship 3-0 to pace the United States to a convincing 15½ to 8½ victory Tuesday.

Welch, Providence, R.I., took a 3-up lead over Adrien Pendaries following three birdies over the first eight holes before sinking a remarkable 40-foot putt for eagle at the ninth to go 4-up.

“That putt pretty much summed up how my round was going,” Welch said Tuesday. “Before that, I was hitting the fairway first of all, and hitting greens, which was huge. With [Pendaries] being longer than me, going first was a big advantage to put the pressure on him. I got off to a lead early and kept it.”

Welch increased his lead with another birdie at the 10th and hung on to defeat Pendaries, 5 and 4.

“I said yesterday that I had to play my best golf to win my match and I did,” Welch said. “I didn’t make any mistakes on the front and hit every green.

“I don’t have many golf tournaments left this year, but going into next year, I’ll have a lot more confidence in my game. Knowing I can compete with the best players in the world—I’m pretty happy about that. I worked very hard on my game this past summer and it was one of the best summers I’ve had. I had a lot of family come out from California and Arizona to see me play. For them to come out and the way I played to contribute to the team, it definitely means a lot and it was special.”

Migliaccio, Cary, N.C., started slow Tuesday, falling behind Europe’s Beatrice Wallin after Wallin took the second and fourth holes. Carding four birdies in a six-hole span, Migliaccio took momentum of the match by taking a 2-up lead.

Wallin answered by winning the 14th and 15th holes to even the match, but Migliaccio answered by carding a birdie at the 16th before winning the final hole to earn a 2-up lead.
JUNIOR RYDER CUP

U.S. Earns Fifth Straight Junior Ryder Cup … continued

“I knew I had to win with birdies today. [Wallin], like every other European player, they’re all so good,” Migliaccio said. "I wasn’t playing bad the first couple holes but I was 2-down through five. I knew if I kept doing what I was doing, I just needed to drain some putts.

“The momentum switched when I halved with a birdie on six and then hit it to two feet on seven. When I birdied nine to get all square, that was the turning point.”

Migliaccio will attend Wake Forest University following her high school career next spring. She is currently Golfweek’s eighth-ranked player in the world after finishing runner-up at the 2016 Rolex Girls Junior Championship at tied for fifth at the Rolex Tournament of Champions. She earned a spot on the Junior Ryder Cup team following a sixth-place finish at the 2016 Junior PGA Championship.

“If I believed in myself and trusted my abilities that I would do well. If they make more birdies, there’s nothing you can do. It’s such an honor being here and to wear the red, white and blue. You try to imagine how it’s going to be, but there’s nothing like it. It’s amazing.”

Lucy Li, the youngest player in the tournament at 13-years-old, cruised during her singles match against Europe’s Emilie Alba Paltrinieri, 6 and 4. Li holds records as the youngest player to qualify for both the U.S. Women’s Open and the U.S. Women’s Amateur in 2014.

A Redwood Shores, Calif., native, Li Won her age group at the inaugural Drive, Chip and Putt Competition at Augusta National Golf Club and joined the U.S. Junior Ryder Cup team following her victory at the 2016 Junior PGA Championship at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford, R.I.

Norman Xiong got up-and-down for par after spinning his approach at the 18th off the front of the green to win his match against Falko Hanisch to put the U.S. within a half point of retaining the cup.

The United States clinched its fifth consecutive victory when Eugene Hong rolled in his par putt from four feet on the 18th to defeat Matias Honkala, 1-up.

“Of all the special things that I’ve had the opportunity to be involved with, there is nothing more fun than being around young athletes at this level. The championship level that they are at is unbelievable,” U.S. Captain and former PGA of America President Jim Remy said Tuesday. “They’re a great team and they bonded from Day One. They had fun together and they played their hearts out.

“This is something I think I’ll remember for the rest of my life and I know each and every one of these players have created friendships and bonds that will last a long time.”

The 11th Junior Ryder Cup will be played at Disneyland Paris in 2018.

MONDAY FOURSOME MATCHES

(USA – 3, EUR – 3)

Furr/Shore (USA) def. Reitan/Svensson (EUR) 4&3
Kinhult/Wallin (EUR) def. Cooper/Papp (USA) 5&3
Pendaries/Goth-Rasmussen (EUR) def. Goodwin/Xiong (USA) 1-up
Kim/Migliaccio (USA) def. Engstrom/Roussin-Bouchard (EUR) 5&4
Hong/Welch (USA) def. Hanisch/Honkala (EUR) 1-up
Spitz/Paltrinieri (EUR) def. Abdulghany/Li (USA) 1-up

MONDAY MIXED FOUR-BALL

(USA – 7, EUR – 5)

Reitan/Kinhult (USA) def. Shore/Cooper (USA) 2-up
Goodwin/Papp (USA) def. Svensson/Wallin (EUR) 1-up
Furr/Migliaccio (USA) def. Pendaries/Roussin-Bouchard (EUR) 1-up
Xiong/Abdulghany (USA) def. Goth-Rasmussen/Engstrom (EUR) 5&4
Hanisch/Spitz (EUR) def. Hong/Kim (USA) 3&1
Welch/Li (USA) def. Honkala/Paltrinieri (EUR) 4&3

TUESDAY SINGLES MATCHES

(USA – 15 1/2, EUR – 8 1/2)

Kristoffer Reitan (EUR) def. Davis Shore (USA) 1-up
Kathryn Papp (USA) and Frida Kinhult (EUR) halved
Patrick Welch (USA) def. Adrien Pendaries (EUR) 5&4
Hailee Cooper (USA) def. Emma Spitz (EUR) 2&1
Norman Xiong (USA) def. Falko Hanisch (EUR) 1-up
Lucy Li (USA) def. Emilie Alba Paltrinieri (EUR) 6&4
Eugene Hong (USA) def. Matias Honkala (EUR) 1-up
Emilia Migliaccio (USA) def. Beatrice Wallin (EUR) 2-up
Jonathan Goth-Rasmussen (USA) def. Wilson Furr (USA) 2-up
Alyaa Abdulghany (USA) def. Julia Engstrom (EUR) 3&1
Marcus Svensson (USA) def. Noah Goodwin (USA) 3&1
Gina Kim (USA) def. Pauline Roussin-Bouchard (EUR) 3&2
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*Y.E. Yang, 2009 PGA Champion at Hazeltine National Golf Club*

*2016 Ryder Cup at Hazeltine National Golf Club*
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2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
John’s Island Club
Sammy Schmitz

2010 North & South Amateur Championship
Pinehurst No. 2
Donald Constable

2008 NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championship
Atlanta, GA
College of St. John’s

2008 Trans-Miss Four-Ball Championship
Bandon Dunes Resort
Joey Gullion/ Brent Mumford
(University of Minnesota)

2007 NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championship
Hawthorns Golf & Country Club
Clinton Dammann (St. Johns)

2007 NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championship
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2006 Western Amateur Championship
Point O’ Woods G&CC
Bronson LaCassie

2003 U.S. Women’s Open Championship
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club
Hilary Lunke

2002 NCAA Division I Men’s Golf Championship
Scarlet Course
Matt Anderson,
Wilhelm Schauman,
David Morgan, Simon Nash,
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2001 USGA Men’s State Team Championship
Hazeltine National Golf Club
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2001 USGA Women’s State Team Championship
Woodhill Country Club
Claudia Pilot, Leigh Klasse,
Julie Kalina Jensen

2000 Trans-Miss Senior Championship
White Bear Yacht Club
Jerry Crudel

1999 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship
Cherokee Town & Country Club
Alissa Herron

1998 NCAA Division I Men’s Golf Championship
University of New Mexico Championship Course
James McLean

1997 USGA Men’s State Team Championship
SunRidge Canyon Golf Club
John Harris, Terry O’Loughlin,
Joe Stansberry

1996 Open Championship
Royal Lytham & St. Annes
Tom Lehman

1993 U.S. Amateur Championship
Champions Golf Club
John Harris

1992 NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championship
Wooster, OH
Jon Lindquist (Gustavus)

1991 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
Long Cove Club
Jim Stuart

1991 NAIA Men’s Golf Championship
Twin Hills Country Club
Cameron Beckman
(Texas Lutheran)

1990 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship
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1984 British Ladies Amateur Championship
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1979 Women’s North & South Amateur Championship
Pinehurst No. 2
Julie Gumlia

1975 U.S. Father & Son Championship
Site unknown
Bob and John Harris

1958 National Women’s Intercollegiate Tournament
Veenker Memorial Golf Course
Carole Pushing (Carleton)

2015 U.S Mid-Amateur Champion: Sammy Schmitz
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1938 U.S. Women's Amateur Champion: Patty Berg
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FUTURE SITES

2017 USGA Senior Amateur Championship
August 26-31, 2017
The Minikahda Club
Minneapolis

2008 U.S. Women’s Open was held at Interlachen Country Club and won by Inbee Park.
DISCONTINUED STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MINNESOTA / MANITOBA JUNIOR CUP MATCHES

The Minnesota/Manitoba Junior Cup Matches were discontinued in 2011. The format was a team match play competition between Minnesota and Manitoba. Boys and girls competed in foursome (alternate shot) match play, four-ball (best ball) match play and singles matches.

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MINNESOTA GOLF STATISTICS

- Golf represents $2.4 billion to the state’s economy, according to “The Minnesota Golf Economy,” a Golf 2020/SRI study commissioned by the MGA in 2007.

- Minnesota historically ranks at or near the top in golfer participation in the U.S. In 2008, the Minnesota Golf Association’s research found that 31 percent of Minnesota’s household population play golf. Based on a household population of 2,080,877* (*source: Minn State Demographic Center, 2007 est.), approximately 654,000 residents call themselves golfers.

- Nearly 90 percent of Minnesota’s golf courses are open to the public.

- The MGA counts 508 golf courses in the state: 55 private; 351 daily fee/semi-private, 83 municipal, and 19 resort.

- In 2006, Minnesota ranked 11th in the U.S. in number of golf facilities, according to NGF.

- Minnesota has 25 stand-alone driving ranges, according to NGF.

- The MGA provides the USGA GHIN Handicap service to its 65,000 associate members (76% men; 22% women; and 2% juniors, for the year ending 2016).

- MGA members posted 1.3 million rounds in 2016, or about 20 average rounds posted.

- More than half (52.7 percent) of surveyed respondents to a 2001 Minnesota Office of Tourism study said that golf was highly important in choosing their destination.

- Golf visitors ranked Minnesota fourth highest from a list of 13 golf destinations, behind only Florida, Arizona and South Carolina.

- The 2017 USGA Senior Amateur Championship will be held at The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis, August 26-31.