

111TH MGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP Golden Valley Golf & Country Club

Monday-Wednesday, July 21-23, 2014

Qualifying Fee: \$80; Exempt Fee: \$155 Entries Accepted: Monday, March 3, 2014 Entry Deadline: Monday, June 9, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility

Entries are open to amateur golfers who are: (1) currently Associate Members of the MGA at the club from which they are playing, (2) whose club is a current member club of the MGA, and (3) whose USGA Handicap Index for 18 holes does not exceed 6.4 at the time of entry. All entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time by the MGA Tournament Committee.

Exempt Players

Refer to the Exemption List on the following page for a list of exempt players.

Sectional Qualifying

Players entered in the Championship, except exempt players, will play 18 holes of stroke play in Sectional Qualifying. The players who qualify in the Sectional Qualifying will join the exempt players for a total of 156 players at the Championship. Any ties for qualifying or alternate spots will be played off immediately, hole by hole, until the final qualifiers and alternates are determined at each site. A contestant may enter only once and attempt to qualify only one day, at one site. The MGA reserves the right to cancel a Sectional Qualifier if no competition exists at the close of entries.

Championship Format

The 156 players will play 18 holes of stroke play each day, Monday, July 21, and Tuesday, July 22. A cut will be made to the 60 lowest scoring players plus ties who will then play an additional 18 holes on Wednesday, July 23. The Champion will be the player having the lowest total score after 54 holes. A tie for the Championship will be played off immediately, hole by hole, until a champion is determined.

Entry Fee

Players attempting to qualify will pay a **\$80 fee.** All successful qualifiers will pay an additional **\$75 Championship fee.** All exempt players will pay the full **\$155 fee.**

Entry Deadline

Players are encouraged to enter MGA events online through the MGA website – www.mngolf.org. Entry forms will not be accepted before Monday, March 3, 2014, but must arrive no later than Monday, June 9, 2014, at the office of the Minnesota Golf Association, Inc., 6550 York Avenue South, Suite 211, Edina, MN 55435. Entry fee must accompany entry form. *A separate check or money order must accompany each MGA championship entry.* Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable and will be returned. Entries submitted by telephone, e-mail or fax are not acceptable. Time limit for entries means time of receipt at MGA (not time of postmark). Entries with insufficient funds will be considered incomplete and will be withdrawn. The entrant is responsible for any fee incurred by the MGA for NSF checks and must pay such fees before entry in further MGA events is allowed.

Carts and Caddies

You are encouraged to bring your own caddie if you wish to do so. During both stages of the Championship, carrying your bag is permissible, as is the use of a push/pull cart (including motorized) but motorized riding carts are prohibited.

Practice Rounds

Practice rounds at all qualifying sites as well as the Championship site will be available for a fee. Contact the Host Facility for pricing.



The MGA Amateur Championship is a counting event for the <u>World Amateur</u> <u>Golf Ranking</u> system.



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EXEMPT PLAYERS

- A. Past Champions (Previous 5 years): 2009: Tom Hoge, Village Green GC 2010: Tom Hoge, Village Green GC 2011: Donald Constable, Spring Hill GC 2012: Frederick Van Rooyen, UM/Bolstad 2013: Sam Matthew, Midland Hills CC
- B. 2013 MGA Amateur (Top 15 & Ties): Sam Matthew, Midland Hills CC Ben Welle, Village Green GC Robert Bell, University GC Andy Jacobson, Eagle Creek GC Dylan Gergen, Mendakota CC Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC Andy Paulson, Oak Glen GC Dominic Kieffer, Somerby GC Dylan Baker, Chaska TC Dan Bidle, Virginia GC Andrew Jon Peterson, Links @ Northfork Topher Baron, Sawmill GC Matt Spier, Legends Club Johnny Larson, Dacotah Ridge GC Will Hickey, Chisago Lakes GC Troy Johnson, Rush Creek GC
- C. MGA Players' Championship (Past two champions, last year's runnerup and current semifinalists) 2012: Andy Jacobson, Eagle Creek GC 2013: Genki Hirayama, University GC / Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC 2014: Current Semifinalists
- D. 2013 MGA Players of the Year (Junior, Regular and Senior) Jack Holmgren, Baker National GC Sammy Schmitz, Valleywood GC Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm
- E. 2013 MGA Four-Ball Champions Jordan Hawkinson, Chisago Lakes GC Jesse Larson, Lesueur CC
- F. 2013 Minnesota State Open (Amateurs placing in the top 12 + ties)

Jon Dutoit, Chaska TC Sammy Schmitz, Valleywood GC Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC Ben Welle, Meadows GC Dominic Kieffer, Somerby GC Taylor Sundbom, Enger Park GC Jesse Bull, Golden Valley G&CC

- G. 2014 Minnesota State Senior Open (Low Amateur)
- H. 2013 MGA Senior Amateur Champion Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm
- I. 2014 MGA Mid-Players' Champion
- J. 2014 MGA Senior Players' Champion
- K. 2014 MN State Junior Boys' Champion
- L. 2013 MPGA Public Links Champion Sammy Schmitz, Valleywood GC
- M. 2014 MPGA Mid-Amateur Champion
- N. 2013 MGA Player Points (Top 15 + ties) Sammy Schmitz, Valleywood GC Trent Peterson, Valleywood GC Jon Dutoit, Chaska TC Ben Welle, Meadows GC Sam Matthew, Midland Hills CC Jordan Hawkinson, StoneRidge GC Dominic Kieffer, Somerby GC Andy Jacobson, Eagle Creek GC Robert Bell, University GC Jesse Bull, Golden Valley G&CC Genki Hirayama, University GC Troy Johnson, Rush Creek GC Josh Blackman, Mankato GC Dylan Gergen, Town & Country Club Matt Schneider, Pokegama GC
- O. 2013 MGA Mid-Amateur Championship (Top 3 + ties) Sammy Schmitz, Valleywood GC Josh Blackman, Mankato GC David Steingart, Edina CC
- P. Host Club Exemptions (2)

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Qualifying Sites Exempt Player:	
(Maximum Field per Site: 84)	· · · <u> </u>
June 23: Redwood Falls Golf Club (Redwood Falls) June 24: Enger Park Golf Course (Duluth)	June 25: Wapicada Golf Club (Sauk Rapids)
	ers. If a site is filled prior to the close of entries, the MGA will

assign entrants to their next available site of choice. Exempt players please check the spot allocated for exempt players.**

	Player Information	
NAME:		GHIN #: (The 18-hole Handicap Index limit is 6.4)
ADDRESS:		BIRTHDATE:
CITY/ST/ZIP:		GENDER: M F
PHONE:(H)	(M)	
E-MAIL:		
MEMBER OF:		

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By signing and submitting this entry to this MGA competition, I confirm that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the MGA Conduct Policy, the MGA Tournament Player's Information Sheet, and the MGA Rules of Play and Information Sheet. I acknowledge that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal liability for all such risks. I agree to allow the MGA and its allied associations to use any photographic/video images taken of me during the event for their own media-related use. I also understand that this entry is subject to rejection at any time at the discretion of the MGA.

Player's Signature:

Date:

Entry #

Date & Time

Database Date

Check #/Cash

Verified