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WELCOME!

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Welcome back to the Missouri Golf Association monthly newsletter! September has flown by and we are excited to highlight some of our favorite events from the past month. Thank you for reading!



MGA SEPTEMBER GOLFER OF THE MONTH

Jay Gregory

The MGA would like to congratulate Jay Gregory on an outstanding golf season!

Gregory won the Senior Amateur Championship at the Bogey Hills Country Club with an overall score of 141 (70-71). He was the runner up in the two-day JC Memorial tournament and qualified for the U.S. Mid Amateur Championship.

This summer, Jay finished in the Sweet 16 at the Missouri Amateur Championship at the St. Joseph Country Club.

SEPTEMBER GIVEAWAY WINNER

Congratulations to Larry Laramie!

The MGA completed our second monthly giveaway and we are loving your participation! Each month, we will continue to announce a giveaway, ranging from golf balls, to golf clothing and anything in between. It is very easy to enter! All you have to do is follow MGA on social media @MissouriGolf where the giveaway will be announced. On Facebook, like the picture, share the post and tag a friend to enter to win!

JUNIOR GOLF LICENSE PLATE



Get your Junior Golf license plate today! The Missouri Junior Golf Foundation strives to promote this great game that we all love, while simultaneously raising funds necessary to support our efforts.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Make a donation to the MJGF in the amount of \$25. Once received in our office, we will send you two forms. DOR charge is \$15 for the plates on a yearly basis.

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THE MONTH AT A GLANCE

MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The MGA hosted the 23rd Mid-Admateur Championship at the Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield from September 23 to 24.

Ryan Eckelkamp of Washington fired a three under 69 on Sunday for a two-day total of seven under par to win by two shots. Chris Kovach made a strong surge by shooting a five under par 67 to finish in second place, and Chad Niezing of of Manchester finished with a four under total for the two days to take home third place.

SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

It was another successful Senior Amateur Championship this month at the Bogey Hills Country Club in St. Charles. The 28th annual championship was hosted from September 18 to 19.

Jay Gregory carded an overall total of 141 (70-71) to claim the championship title followed close behind by Charles Schorgl of Leawood with a 142 and David Johnson from Kirkwood in third with a score of 144.

Tom McHenry of Lake Ozark took first in the Super Senior Division and Dave Hornaday of St. Joseph was runner up. Kevin Long, from Olathe, Kansas, claimed the first place title in the Net Flight Division.

WOMEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 25th Women's Senior Amateur Championship was hosted at the Hillcrest Golf Club in Kansas City, Mo., from September 26 to 27 with many talented ladies competing.

Barbara Berkmeier of St. Louis won the championship for a record 13th time. She shot a two-day total of 152 to edge out Diane Chancellor of St. Albans by two shots, and Tammy Harmon of Kansas City by four shots. Jo Poyzer, an El Dorado Springs native, went +34 90 90 180 to win the Open Flight, and Rebecca Pecher, of Weldon Spring, won the Super Senior Flight.

USGA WOMEN'S STATE TEAM

Congratulations to this years USGA Women's State team who came in 15th this year at the USGA Women's State Team Championship! The team was composed of Kathy Glennon, Kayla Eckelkamp and Jess Meek. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the game!

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



JUDY RANKIN

Rankin won the Missouri Amateur Championship twice by the age of 16. She was low Amateur at the 1961 U.S. Open and turned pro a year later at age 17.

Throughout her career, Rankin won 26 events, finished top ten on the money list eleven times and was the first to win over \$100,000 in a season on the LPGA tour. She earned LPGA Player of the Year twice (1976, 1977) and won the Vare Trophy for the lowest scoring average three times. She went on to captain the Solheim Cup teams in 1996 and 1998. Mrs. Rankin has been a golf commemorator for ESPN and ABC. She became the the lead LPGA analyst for the Golf Channel and a professional advisor for the magazines Golf Digest and Golf for Women.

BARBARA BERKMEYER

Barbara Berkmeier of Norwood Hills has had a remarkable golf career. Mrs. Berkmeier won her first Missouri Amateur Championship at Sunset in 1964 just before leaving college. She went on to win the same championship four more times along with earning runner-up another four times. Between 1965 and 1988, she was a medalist in the Missouri Amateur 10 times. In 2000, she began her run of nine consecutive Missouri Senior Amateur Championship titles and now holds a total of 12 distinguished Senior Amateur Championships. Barbara is the mother of Skip Berkmeier who has won the Missouri Amateur Championship three times and runner-up three times. Mrs. Berkmeier was runner-up in the USGA Women's Senior Amateur in 2002.



ELLEN PORT

Ellent Port, a Fox Run native, did not take up the game of golf until she was 25-years-old. She was a star basketball player for her high school and hit golf balls for her educational fitness class while attending Mizzou. Within the first six years of playing golf, Mrs. Port won her first Missouri Amateur Championship. Two years later (1994), she won the Trans-Miss. This was her first national title. By 1996, she had won more national titles than state titles, and she went on to win the Missouri Amateur Championship seven times in 15 years. By 2016, she had won seven USGA titles; four Mid-Amateurs and three Senior-Amateurs. Ellen played on two Curtis Cup teams and captained a third in 2014. She now coaches the Washington University women's golf team.



A MESSAGE FROM

JON SUNDVOLD

DEAR MGA MEMBERS,

This past summer seemed to fly by, and before we know it, the next junior season will be quickly approaching. This year, we kicked off our very first Junior Tour, with participants from all over Mid-Missouri, ranging from 6 to 18 years-old. The tour ended with a Championship where the participants celebrated their hard work and achievements. I, along with the rest of our team, enjoy watching the junior golfers grow as both individuals and athletes throughout the course of the summer.

This was the second year for the Ken Lanning Golf Center and we had many groups spend time on the course. We have added a fully handicap accessible dock for fishing and are happy to now have a handicap golf cart. Thank you to all of the groups who came out this summer, including the veterans from the VA Medical Center in Columbia and the Boys and Girls Club.

Because of the tremendous outcome of our first Ken Lanning kids camp last summer, we hosted two more this year with over 50 young golfers each week. The kids participated in golfing and fishing events and gained experience both on and off the course.

It's a honor to work alongside the Missouri Golf Association and serve as the Junior Golf Foundation President. Without your help and involvement, the foundation would not be the success it is today. Thank you for your continuous support. We look forward to seeing you next summer!

Sincerely,



Jon Sundvold

Junior Golf Foundation President