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# MISSOURI GOLF ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MGA

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## WELCOME BACK!

By Eli Schnieders  
MGA Communications Intern

Welcome back to the Missouri Golf Association monthly newsletter! With it being the off-season, the newsletters will be spread out over the course of a few months. We wish you and your families a fun and safe holiday season!

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# THE 2017 STAFF



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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

## DEAR MGA MEMBERS,

The 2017 year is quickly coming to a close, and we look forward to a wonderful 2018 season here at the Missouri Golf Association. The goal and mission of the MGA is to provide opportunities and support to our members and member clubs while enjoying the great game of golf we all love. We are looking to build off the successes we had this year with our Missouri Junior Tour and popular Senior Series to go along with our annual major Championships we conduct for Missouri men and women golfers.

You will see in our 2018 schedule we have another wonderful slate of venues for the players to enjoy and compete at in 2018. I hope you will take some time out of your busy schedules in 2018 and come join us at our Championships.

On behalf of the Missouri Golf Association Board of Directors and staff, we wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Hovis". The signature is stylized and cursive.

**Scott Hovis**

**Executive Director**

# Christmas List

**IN NEED OF CHRISTMAS IDEAS?**

**MGA IS HERE TO HELP!**

Purchase a Junior  
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Make a Donation to:  
- Missouri Women's Golf  
Education Association  
- Junior Golf Foundation  
- Ken Lanning Golf Center

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# 2018 MEN'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Porto Cima Four Ball	April 21-22	The Club at Porto Cima
Senior Four Ball Championship	May 22-23	Twin Oaks Country Club
MO Amateur Championship	June 19-24	Dalhousie Golf Club
Stroke Play Championship	July 17-19	Millwood Golf & Racquet Club
Parent Child Championship	July 23-24	The Club at Porto Cima
Four Ball Championship	August 13-14	Glen Echo Country Club
Mid-Amateur Championship	August 18-19	Jefferson City Country Club
Couples Scramble	August 25-26	Osage National Golf Resort
Senior Amateur Championship	September 17-18	Westwood Hills Country Club

The MGA Senior Series Tour dates will be announced in January.

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# 2018 WOMEN'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Two Lady  
Scramble

May 21-22

Sedalia Country Club

Mid Amateur  
Championship

June 25-26

Glen Echo Country Club

Amateur  
Championship

July 16-18

St. Joseph Country Club

Parent Child  
Championship

July 23-24

The Club at Porto Cima

Fore State  
Team

July 31-Aug 1

TBA/Oklahoma

Couples  
Scramble

August 25-26

Osage National Golf Resort

Senior Amateur  
Championship

Sept 26-27

Franklin County Country Club

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# 2018 JUNIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Match Play  
Championship

June 11-14

Gustin Golf Course

Junior Amateur  
Championship

July 9-10

Meadow Lake Acres CC  
Oak Hills GC

Junior Girl's  
Four State

July 1-3

Coldwater Golf Links  
Ames, Iowa

Southern States  
Cup Matches

July 31- Aug 2

The Club at Old Kinderhook



June 6 - Columbia CC

June 26 - Eldon CC

June 8 - Rolling Hills CC

July 2 - Silo Ridge GC

June 15 - Redfield GC

July 7 - Ken Lanning GC

June 21 - Oak Hills GC

July 26 - Lake Valley G&CC

August 5-6 - Championship  
Osage National GR

The MGA would like to give a very special thank you to all of the clubs hosting our events this year. We could not do it without your continuous support.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2017



### Sam Migdal

*Men's Player of the Year*

This year's Men's Player of the Year recipient is Sam Migdal of Ballwin and member of the Aberdeen Golf Club. For many years, Migdal has proven he is a top competitor in the state of Missouri, but this year he earned his spot as the Amateur Player of the Year.

Migdal spent the majority of the summer on the course where he accomplished many successes. He was the champion of the 2017 MGA Stroke Play Championship over Jeremy Franklin at Winghaven Country Club in O'Fallon, and was a medalist at the MGA Amateur Championship over Jim Siegfried at St. Joseph Country Club. He went on to earn runner-up at the MGA Amateur Championship and was defeated by Brad Nurski.

Migdal qualified for this year's U.S. Amateur and competed in the second stage of the U.S. Open. He also competed and accumulated points in the Stewart and Ozark Invitationals.

### Steve Groom

*Men's Senior Player of the Year*

This is the ninth year the Raytown native has earned the prestigious honor, and this season, he played in almost every MGA event. At the Amateur Championship at the St. Joseph Country Club, he qualified and went on to compete in the Match Play portion of the tournament and made it to the Round of 16.

Groom went on to tie for fifth place at the MGA Mid-Amateur Championship at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, tied for seventh at the MGA Senior Amateur Championship at Bogey Hills Country Club in St. Charles and tied for fourteenth at the MGA Stroke Play Championship at Winghaven Country Club in O'Fallon.

"I am very proud to be Senior Men's Player of the Year for the seventh year in a row, and eight of the last nine," Groom said. "I like traveling the state and competing with the Mid-Amateur players and youngsters."

Groom also spent time this past summer playing in the British Senior Amateur where he tied for eighteenth place.





## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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## Kayla Eckelkamp

*Women's Player of the Year*

For the third consecutive year, the Missouri Golf Association is pleased to congratulate Kayla Eckelkamp as this year's MGA Women's Player of the Year. Eckelkamp is a Washington, Missouri native and a member of the Franklin County Country Club. Eckelkamp had an extremely rewarding season this year.

"I had set goals for the year and accomplished most of them," Eckelkamp said. "Being Player of the Year is an honor. There are so many great players and ladies. To receive this honor is an accomplishment for me." Eckelkamp met much success on the course. She was on the MGA Fore State team, a member of the USGA Women's State Team, runner up for the MGA Women's Amateur Championship and qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship where she made the cut and competed in Round of 64.

"My most memorable moments from this season are winning Fore State and playing on the USGA State Team and USGA Women's," Eckelkamp said. "I will cherish all of the friendships I made this year."

## Kathy Glennon

*Women's Senior Player of the Year*

This year's Women's Senior Player of the Year recipient is Kathy Glennon of St. Albans, Missouri. Glennon is a member of Country Club of St. Albans and this is her second year in a row earning the prestigious award.

This season, Glennon was a member of the MGA Fore State Team and the USGA Women's State team. She finished in the top 35 at the USGA Mid-Amateur Stroke Play, match play qualifier.

In addition, she was the champion of the MGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, top six in the Florida State Golf Association Senior Championship, St. Louis Women's District 3 Day Medal Champion, St. Louis Women's District Senior Champion, St. Louis Women's District Tournament of a Lifetime Champion, St. Louis Women's District Invitational Champion, top four in the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association Women's Championship and the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association Player of the Year.



"I am very pleased with my accomplishments this season," Glennon said. "I played very well and focused on consistency. It means a lot to be Player of the Year."

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2017



## Hank Lierz

*Junior Boy's Player of the Year*

Hank Lierz is a junior at Bishop LeBlond High School and a member of his high school golf team. This summer, Lierz competed in many tournaments and met much success. He was the champion of the MJGA Junior Match Play Championship in Eldon and qualified for the MGA Amateur Championship in St. Joseph where he made it to the Round of 64.

He qualified for the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship in Kansas and missed the cut by only one stroke. "I had a couple of very memorable moments this past summer," Lierz said. "I was able to play at my home course for the Missouri Amateur with my dad and brother Matt both being able to caddy for me. That was a lot of fun." "But my most memorable moment had to be the entire week of the U.S. Junior Amateur where my brother was my caddy. The players felt like VIP with the meals, practice facilities, volunteers and private locker rooms. It was truly a first-class experience. This year's participation motivated me to want to get back and qualify for another Junior Amateur next year."

## Samantha Cornelius

*Junior Girl's Player of the Year*

The MGA would like to congratulate Samantha on her exceptional golf season! She was selected as a member of the MGA Southern States Junior Cup Match Team and was the champion of the Ken Lanning Turkey Creek Junior Tour twice.

"I started the 2017 golf season with three major goals: Repeat as MGA player of the year, win the Junior Match Play Championship and get invited back to the Southern States Cup," Cornelius said. "Two out of the three isn't so bad!"

This season, Cornelius won every meet and tournament for her high school golf team. She was the District 6 champion and runner up in sectionals. She went on to place seventh in the state in Class 1.

"It's an exciting honor to be MGA Junior Girl's Player of the Year," Cornelius said. "To me, this means I worked hard and never gave up on trying to be better. I love the competition the MGA brings. The special opportunities I have been given by the MGA are something I will always remember."





## ABOUT MWGEA

In 1997, The Missouri Women's Golf Association (In 2017 they merged with the Missouri Golf Association) established the Missouri Women's Golf Education Association, Inc. (MWGEA) as a Missouri not-for-profit corporation. The mission of the MWGEA is to grant scholarships to graduating high school young women from Missouri and Johnson County, Kansas, on one occasion per high school graduate by encouraging club and individual members of the MGA to participate in and contribute to fund raising endeavors. Scholarships are given in recognition of overall high school records and golf achievements.

## CONTRIBUTE TO MWGEA

One of these scholarships has been named in honor of Mary Jane Landreth in recognition of her generous contributions to the MWGEA, Inc. In addition to the MWGEA, Inc. scholarships, the Shepherd Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri donates one or more scholarships to the MWGEA, Inc. These scholarship known as the Susan E. Shepherd Memorial Scholarships are awarded by the MWGEA, Inc.

The MWGEA has award \$50,000 in scholarships in the last four years to female high school seniors. All of the money comes from donations from our members.

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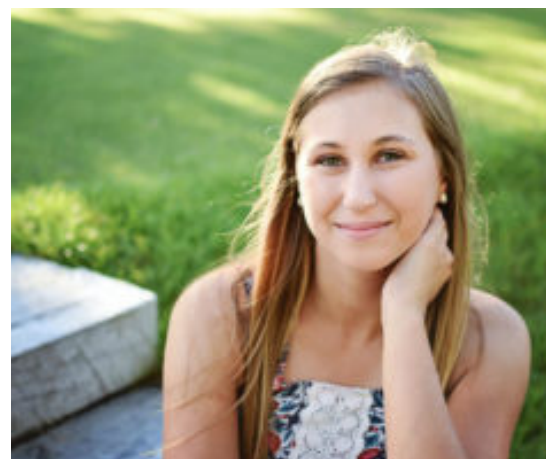
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Thank you for your continuous support with the MWGEA. We appreciate each and every one of you!

### 2017 RECIPIENTS



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