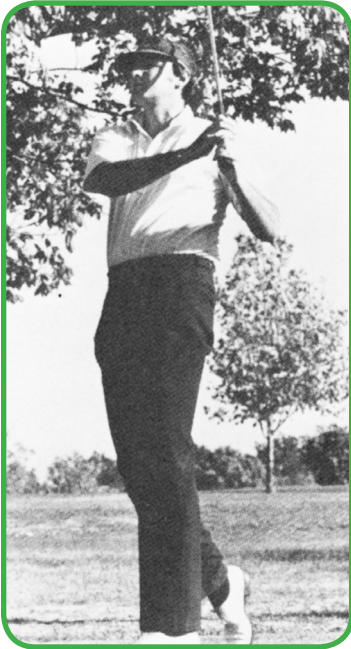


Dennis Goettel
born 1954
Joplin/Columbia



Dennis Goettel
1977

Dennis Goettel came out of Joplin in the mid-70s to establish himself as a top amateur in the state. At 6-6 he was of course noticable. But it was not his length, but his iron play that gained him notice among his peers.

As a professional in mid-Missouri Dennis was a prominent teaching professional as well as a great player. His Columbia city Hall of Fame induction in 2013 attests to his prowess as a teacher of golf.



Dennis Goettel
2008

The Missouri Amateur

Champion 1977

Runner-up 1976

Semifinals 1974, 1975

Phil Cotton Champion 1977

US Amateur Qualifier 1976, 1977

US Open Local 1976, 1977, 1978
1979, 1980

PGA Gateway Section Champion 1978, 1979

PGA Gateway Section Teacher of the Year 2006

PGA Gateway Section Junior Golf Leader 2007

Joplin Golf Hall of Fame

Columbia Golf Hall of Fame

In match play Goettel defeated
five former or future MGA Champions
while an amateur:

1975 Don Bliss, Buddy Godwin,

1976 Payne Stewart

1977 Jim Holtgrieve, Bruce Hollowell

Scott Thomas
born 1958
St. Louis



Scott Thomas
1992

Scott moved to St. Louis from Minnesota in the late 1980s. He was a prominent player in the state for the next twenty years. He was the first to claim three separate MGA titles when he won the 2008 Senior Am at Old Warson.

The Missouri Amateur

Champion 1992

Runner-up 1991

Missouri Mid-Amateur

Champion 1995

Missouri Senior Amateur

Champion 2008

Ozark Invitational Champion: 1992, 1995

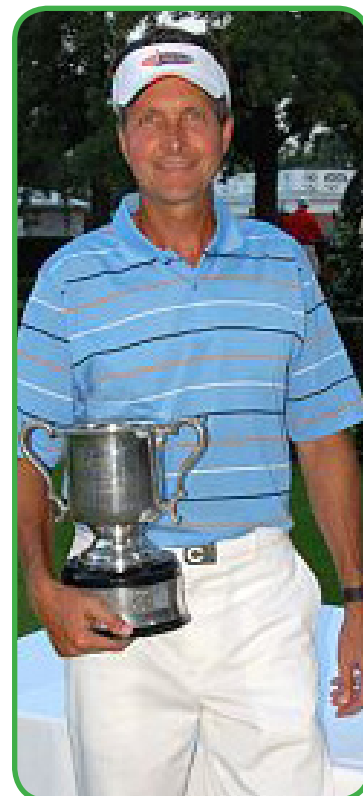
US Amateur Qualifier: 1984, 1989, 1996, 2001

US Mid-Am Qualifier: 1990, 1991, 1994,
1999, 2003, 2004

US Senior Am Qualifier: 2017

US Amateur Public Links Qualifier: 1992

British Amateur Qualifier: 1990 Muirfield
1992 Carnoustie
1994 Nairn
1996 Turnberry
1997 Royal St Goerges
1998 Muirfield

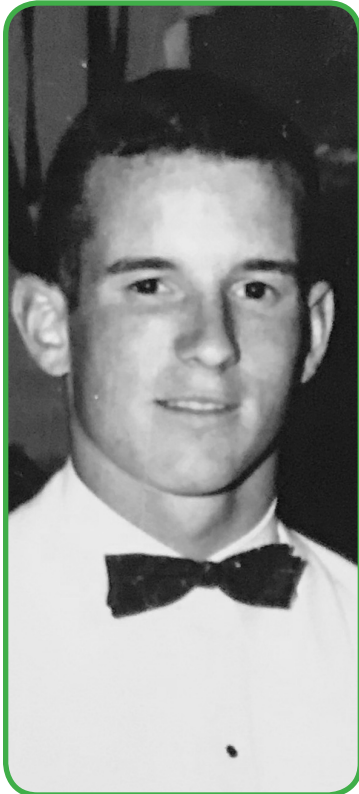


Scott Thomas
2008



Scott Thomas and
caddy/wife Leilah 1992

Jack Garvin
born 1944
Kansas City



Jack Garvin
1964

Garvin first played in the Missouri Amateur in 1963 where he missed the cut to match play. His final missed cut was in 1996 at the same Hickory Hills in Springfield. He has served as a rules official from 1997 until the pandemic in 2020.

His interest as a historian led to his first history of the Missouri Amateur in 1988. Other books have been about the Missouri state tournaments in Women's Golf, high school golf, football, basketball and track & field.

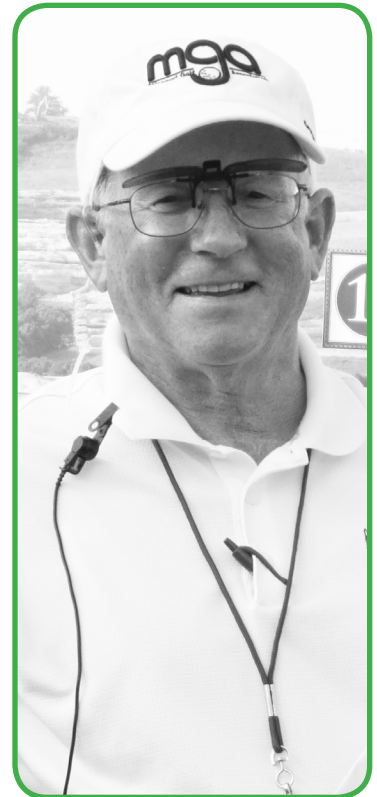
Missouri Senior 4-Ball
Champions (with Grant Renne) 1998
Runner-up 1997

Dawson Invitational Senior Division
Champion 1995, 1996

US Open Local Qualifier 1982
US Mid-Amateur Qualifier 1985
US Amateur Public Links Qualifier 1989, 1991
US Senior Amateur Qualifier 2000

MGA Rules Official 1994-2019

Author of ten books about amateur athletics in Missouri, including three editions of the history of the Missouri Amateur, 1905 to the present.



Jack Garvin
2015



Jack Garvin and Gerry Siemons
Co-Senior Series Senior Champions
2012