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**Helena’s Caruso 2016 World Amateur Men’s Captain**

*George Geise, MSGA Board Member*

Paul Caruso has traveled the world in service to the game of golf during his long career, and most of his contributions have been behind the scenes.

But the Helena banker will assume a strong leadership role next year at a major international competition in Mexico.

The U.S. Golf Association announced this week that Caruso has been appointed captain of the U.S. Squad for the World Amateur Team Championship, to be held September 21-24, 2016, in Cancun. It’s the culmination of a long and distinguished career with the USGA that began more than 20 years ago.

“This is a special honor,” Caruso said. “It’s nice to be back in the mix again.”

Caruso has served the USGA as a rules official at more than 120 tournaments around the globe, including nine Masters appearances and several British Opens. He was the chairman of the USGA Rules Committee for a four-year period, and he’s the only Montanan ever to serve on the USGA Executive Committee, the governing body of amateur golf in this country. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 1997-2005, and was influential in getting two USGA national tournaments held in Montana in 1994.

Over the next 14 months, he’ll attend major amateur tournaments in the United States and abroad, and will actively participate in the selection process for the three-man team that will represent our country in September of 2016.

“We’ll typically select the most recent U.S. Amateur champion for the team; but these days, that winner might turn pro the next day,” said Caruso.

He plans to go to the 2015 U.S. Amateur in Chicago this summer and to England for the Walker Cup matches.

The captainship of the World Amateur team historically has gone to a past president of the USGA. Caruso is only the fourth man to serve as captain without being a former president.

A conversation with Paul Caruso on his captaincy will be featured in next month’s newsletter.
Check Out The Leaderboard For State Tournaments
Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

The Men’s and Women’s State Tournaments are approaching quickly! Even if you can’t personally attend, you can plug in to the action by viewing the Leaderboards online.

A link for the Leaderboard of each tournament will be on the MSGA Website (www.msgagolf.org), on the right sidebar.

When you click on the link, you’ll see results like this:

My Leaderboard

The Leaderboard is updated as the golfers are scored. You can select golfers you would like to follow, and they will display at the top under “My Leaderboard.”

If you want more detail for a golfer, click on the name and you’ll see the scorecard, including shaded scores indicating birdies, pars, bogeys, and so on.

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Be a part of the action and root for your favorites! The Leaderboard will be available for all days of the tournaments. A link will also be included on the “2015 Tournament Results” page for the weeks following the tournament.

You can contact Emily at golf@montana.net if you need help or have questions.

Last Chance To Apply For State Tournaments
George Geise, MSGA Board Member

Did you know that the last time the Men’s State Amateur Tournament was conducted in Great Falls, only one player broke par? It’s true. Kelly Gilligan of Great Falls won the 1995 State Am at Meadow Lark with a 72-hole total of 283. In recent years, it’s taken scores in the minus-8 to minus-12 range to win the State Amateur title.

As of Wednesday, only about 80 golfers had registered for this year’s State Am, to be played at Meadow Lark on July 23-25. At least 160 players are expected to tee it up for the MSGA’s signature event. The entry deadline is July 9, and forms are available for download at www.msgagolf.org, or you can apply online. The Women’s State Am will be played at Canyon River on July 21-23. The entry deadline is July 15.
A Look At Volunteering At The U.S. Open
Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

If you watched the U.S. Open earlier this month, held in the northwest for the first time ever at Chambers Bay Golf Course (University Place, WA), the main themes were discontent from the players with regard to green inconsistency, spectator viewing areas, and a general dryness and lack of green color to the grounds.

Move past the well-documented negativity, and another important theme was the players’ appreciation for the fans, hospitality, and enthusiasm for the region that hosted the event. Among those credited with providing a great experience were the throngs of volunteers deployed by the USGA.

The MSGA caught up with a few of those lucky enough to lend their time and passion for the game for a look at what volunteering for our national championship looks like. Over 5,000 volunteers worked at least 4 shifts each over the course of the week at Chambers Bay, with three practice rounds and four competitive rounds spanning the seven days. While ticket demand was incredibly high, volunteer demand was even more astounding.

“Usually, they [USGA] said it takes a few months of application processing to get a full force and sometimes they come in the months leading up to the tournament. This year, all the spots were signed up for between 36-48 hours,” Jake Ronish, a student at the University of Washington and volunteer said.

Ronish, who had two duties at the event, marshaling and social media, learned of the opportunity through working at a local course, Riverbend in Kent, Washington. “My dad, brother, and uncle are all volunteering. My dad is an area captain, so he’s got some extra duties,” Ronish added.

The UW student, along with five other volunteers, furiously tweeted to a designated USGA staff member, who aggregated the most relevant content, and then sent it out to the 85,000 plus followers. Volunteers work six-hour shifts, either the morning (7:00 am-1:00 pm) or the afternoon (1:00-7:00 pm) and usually have no less than four shifts, although many have double the amount.

The best part? All of the volunteers pay for the experience of working the tournament. Essentially, the volunteers are paying for their uniforms, but the USGA apparel is top notch, with $165 covering two shirts, hat, windbreaker, and water bottle, not to mention access to the tournament all week long when you’re not on duty.

Many of the volunteers travel and are veterans of the U.S. Open, making a vacation out of it. However, one local, Eric Camm of Seattle, is on his second golf major as volunteer, but first conducted and run by the USGA. A volunteer at the 1998 PGA Championship at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish (about an hour north of Chambers Bay,....Continued on the next page
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Camm was a standard bearer in high school for the final round when Nick Price tied a course record with a finishing 64.

“It was so fun to be up close to the players back then and see the immense talent. They were all very kind to me and that inside-the-ropes perspective, I’ll never forget,” Camm said.

Camm, an attorney and avid golfer at Chambers Bay, mentioned that he jumped at the opportunity to volunteer at a course he loves and plays often. He has a unique vantage point as he has seen the transformation of the young course that was built by legendary course architect, Robert Trent Jones Jr. Chambers Bay opened in 2007 and Camm played the week it opened.

“About eight months later, we found out it would host the U.S. Amateur [2010] and the U.S. Open. Every time I would play, you would look around and think to yourself, ‘I wonder where they will have grandstands on this hole?’” Camm added.

Once a year, normally the host venue will open to the public with a U.S. Open day and players can test their skill against a layout from the back tees and with challenging hole locations. “This course is unique and it never ceases to be enjoyable to play. It’s a workout and a beautiful walk, the scenery is amazing, and I love spending this week watching the players compete at a local course,” Camm said.

Golf tournaments around the country are buoyed by volunteerism and golfers’ desire to give back to the game they love by helping provide competitive golfers an excellent experience. Nowhere is the experience more communal, more passionate, and more numerous when it comes to volunteers and golf – even if they are paying for the chance to lend a hand.

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**Congratulations to our newest Ace Club Members!**

Did you get a hole-in-one? Go to www.msgagolf.org to see how to get your MSGA Hole-in-One Certificate!

- Pam Hanson Alfred, 6/28/15, Meadow Lark GC, Hole #16, 150 yds, 7 Wood
- Nancy Asplund, 6/24/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #15 N, 121 yds, Driver
- John Vandenburgh, 6/21/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #4 N, 165 yds, 5 Iron
- Dennis E. McConnell, 6/20/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #15 S, 176 yds, 5 Iron
- Marie Martin, 6/19/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #3 S, 124 yds, 11 Wood
- Kay Jelinek, 6/18/15, Meadow Lark GC, Hole #4, 109 yds, 5 Hybrid
- Peggy Sue Amelon, 6/15/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #16 S, 108 yds, 6 Hybrid
- Chad Sunchild, 6/6/15, Meadow Lark CC, Hole #6, 187 yds, 4 Iron
- Hollis West, 6/6/15, Meadow Lark CC, Hole #6, 173 yds, 3 Wood
- Bradley Moran, 5/25/15, Airport GC, Hole #13, 140 yds, 9 Iron

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Have you logged in online? Post scores and view your record from home. Don’t know your login? Contact us at golf@montana.net.
Only Time for 9? You Can Still Post Your Score

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

Playing a 9-hole round of golf is not only a fun way to stay connected to the game, it is also very easy to post for handicap purposes.

Each golf course is issued an 18-hole USGA Course Rating regardless of whether it has 9 or 18 physical holes. It also has a distinct Front 9 and Back 9 Rating. When posting your 9-hole score in the handicap system, choose the course name and whether it was a ‘Front 9’ or ‘Back 9’ score. The proper course rating and slope are automatically filled in for you.

As is true with many associations, the MSGA only issues 18-hole Handicap Indexes. Therefore, the system automatically adds two 9-hole scores together to form an 18-hole score, which is then used for handicap purposes.

Treatment of 9-hole Scores:
- They cannot be labeled as T scores.
- They are combined in the order they are posted.
- The course rating assigned is the sum of the two 9-hole ratings combined; the slope is the average of the two 9-hole slopes.
- If 2 nines are combined to create an 18-hole score, it is labeled with a “C”.
- The combined score will display the date of the most recent 9-hole score.

Players who are really crunched for time will be glad to know that 9-hole scores can be posted for handicap purposes after playing as few as seven holes.

If a player needs to leave after seven or eight holes, the “par-plus” method can be used to compute a 9-hole score. This is done by taking par for the hole(s) not played and adding a stroke(s) if the player is entitled to them according to their Course Handicap.

The course’s scorecard will rate each hole with a handicap number, 1-18. So, for example, a player with a Course Handicap of 10 receives a handicap stroke on the first 10 allocated stroke holes. If the unplayed hole is labeled 1-10, the player must record a score of par plus one. Note: These adjusted hole scores may not exceed the player’s Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) limit.

The “par-plus” method applies whether playing 9 or 18 holes (you can play a minimum of 13 holes when playing 18.) For an explanation of adjusting scores, see page 6 of this newsletter.

The policies and procedures for posting a nine-hole score can be found in Section 5-2 of The USGA Handicap System Manual (available online at www.usga.org.)

In addition, the answers to common inquiries regarding the USGA Handicap System can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the USGA’s Handicapping page.
Adjusting Hole Scores – A Player’s Responsibility

Incomplete Holes or Conceded Strokes
If a player picks up on a hole or is conceded a stroke, record the most likely score that would have been made. The most likely score is the number of strokes (including any penalty strokes, i.e., gross score) taken thus far played in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf, plus the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that point more than half the time. An “X” should precede the score on the scorecard for this hole score (e.g., X-5).

Holes Not Played
When a hole is not played, or not played in accordance with the principles of “The Rules of Golf,” the score entered for handicap purposes is par (for the hole) plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to, based on Course Handicap.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)
Equitable Stroke Control, or ESC for short, keeps an exceptionally bad hole score(s) from changing a Handicap Index too much and sets a maximum ESC number that a player can post on any hole depending on that player’s Course Handicap.

For handicap purposes, after the round, a player is required to adjust hole scores (actual or most likely) when these hole scores are higher than the maximum ESC number.

All scores, including tournament scores, are adjusted for ESC. A player can adjust for ESC on any number of holes—there is no limit.

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U of M Women’s Golf Coach Steps Down

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Joni Stephens’ tenure as head women’s golf coach at the University of Montana ended just under two years after she was hired in Missoula.

Stephens cited the need to be nearer her family, who live in Eastern Kentucky, nearly 2,000 miles away, as the reason for her stepping down from the head role at UM.

During Stephens’ time at the U of M, the Grizzlies had two top-five finishes at the Big Sky Conference championships. Previously, Stephens coached at Eastern Kentucky (1998-2010) for 12 years, and her husband, Pat, continues to coach the men’s golf team at EKU.

Stephens was hired in late August 2013, and she arrived in Missoula just days before Montana was set to open its fall schedule in the Grizzly Invitational at the Missoula CC.

She worked to help secure a 1,500 square-foot indoor structure with four hitting bays, a putting green, and chipping area for the Grizzly Women to practice in during the frigid winter temperatures in Missoula.

The Grizzlies’ golf program will search for a new coach, and have its fourth coach in six years when Montana opens its fall schedule in September at the Hobble Creek Fall Classic in Springville, Utah.

Joanne Steele led the program for 15 seasons before leaving for the same position at North Florida in the summer of 2011. Emily Milberger, now the coach at Fresno State, spent two seasons at Montana.

Treasure State Kickoff
PARTICIPATION PRIZES:
John Brewer, Bill Roberts GC
Tim Casey, Laurel GC
Tyler Paulsen, Bill Roberts GC
Ted Lewis, Laurel GC
Jason Voelker, Glacier View GC
Steve Johnstone, Whitefish Lake GC
Alde Feskanin, Madison Meadows
Linda Lindsay, Green Meadow CC
Mary West, Meadow Lark CC
Bobby Bear, Riverside CC
Patty Shea, Riverside CC

Rivers Run Classic
PARTICIPATION PRIZES:
Shad Pepion, Eagle Falls GC
Larry Ashcraft, Poison Bay GC
Casey Lyndes, Bob Roberts GC
Gary Gevert, Pine Meadows GC
John Lamb, Laurel GC
Jeff Benedetti, Bob Roberts GC
Casey Jones, Stock Farm Club
Jerie Clark, Buffalo Hill GC
Jo Anne Duncan, Iron Horse GC
Debora Harris, Whitefish Lake GC
Mardi Millions, Bob Roberts GC
Patty Wood, Bill Roberts GC
Shelley Lehrkind, Valley View GC
Laura Turner, Cottonwood Hills GC
Montana State Juniors Tournament Results
Connor Hausauer, MSGA P.J. Boatwright Jr. Intern

The Montana State Junior Championship was held at Polson Country Club, June 23-24. Ryggs Johnston of Libby carded a second round 69 to finish at seven-under-par and capture the overall boys’ medalist honors. Caleb Stetzner (Anaconda) and Joey Moore (Billings) tied for second, one-shot back at 138 (six-under-par). Jonny Cielak (Libby) finished fourth with an even-par 144.

On the girls’ side, Teigan Avery of Kalispell garnered medalist honors thanks to a final round 74, and a two-day total of 149. Hayden Flohr (Billings) shot a final round 76 to secure second place. Morgan O’Neil (Laurel) fired a final round 78, and Coral Schulz’s (Whitefish) 80 rounded out the third and fourth place scoring respectively.

The Montana State Junior Championship is also the qualifier for both the Junior America’s Cup and the Montana Alberta Cup. The top four in both the boys and girls divisions qualified for Junior America’s Cup. The boys’ qualifiers for the Junior America’s Cup are Ryggs Johnston, Joey Moore, Caleb Stetzner, and Jonny Cielak. The girls’ qualifiers for the Junior America’s Cup are Teigan Avery, Hayden Flohr, Morgan O’Neil, and Coral Schulz.

The boys will compete in Flagstaff, Arizona, and the girls will compete in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Montana teams will compete against 18 other teams from the Western United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Junior America’s Cup will take place July 26-30.

In addition, the top two 15, 16, and, 17 year-old competitors for boys and girls qualified for the Montana-Alberta Cup. The boys earning the right as qualifiers for the Cup were Ryggs Johnston, Joey Moore, Caleb Stetzner, Jonny Cielak, Joseph Potkonjak, and Schafer Paladichuk. The girls representing Montana in the Cup competition will be Teigan Avery, Hayden Flohr, Katrina Babinecz, Tricia Joyce, Hannah Rosanova, and Kaelyn Volk. The Montana Alberta Cup is held in Lethbridge, Alberta, later this summer, August 9-11.
CARUSO, PALUCK NAMED USA CAPTAINS FOR 2016 WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USGA announced that Paul Caruso and Dot Paluck will serve as USA captains for the 2016 World Amateur Team Championship and Women's World Amateur Team Championship, respectively. The championships will be contested Sept. 14-17 (women) and Sept. 21-24 (men) at El Camaleón Golf Club and Grand Coral Riviera Maya Resort in Cancun, Mexico.

“We are proud to have Dot and Paul as our World Amateur Team captains,” said Skip Gist, USGA Vice President and chairman of the International Team Selection Committee. “They have each served the USGA for many years and will do a wonderful job representing the United States at these championships. This renowned international competition will be a great experience for Dot, Paul, and their teams.”

Caruso served on the USGA Executive Committee for nine years, including three years as an officer (Vice President in 2004 and 2005, Treasurer in 2003). Caruso’s service to the USGA began in 1986 when he served on the Green Section Committee. A member of the Montana State Golf Association Hall of Fame, he also chaired the USGA Rules of Golf Committee for four years and worked with the USGA Foundation. Caruso is the President and CEO of First Security Bank of Helena (MT) and president of First Security Bank Holding Company. He and his wife Lenette live in Helena.

Paluck served as the chairman of the USGA Women's Committee in 2013 and 2014, after serving as vice chairman in 2011 and 2012. She first became involved with the USGA in the 1980 U.S. Open at Baltusrol Golf Club, where she was in charge of junior volunteers. From 2005-2009, Paluck served as chairman of the USGA Women's State Team Championship, and she has also served on the USGA Regional Associations and Regional Affairs committees. Paluck is a former president of the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association and the Garden State Women's Golf Association. She and her husband Tom live in Bernardsville, N.J.

Both championships consist of 72 holes of stroke play (18 holes for four days). In each round, the total of the two lowest scores by the three players from each team constitutes the team score for that round. The four-day total is the team’s score for the championship.

TICKETS FOR 2016 U.S. OPEN AT OAKMONT C.C. ON SALE JUNE 15

Tickets for the 2016 U.S. Open Championship, scheduled for June 16-19 at Oakmont Country Club (PA), are available for purchase starting Monday, June 15. A variety of daily and weekly ticket options for the 116th U.S. Open, with prices starting at $50 and $450, respectively, will be available for purchase at usga.org/tickets or usopen.com.

Next year’s U.S. Open Championship, the record ninth at Oakmont Country Club, promises to generate strong spectator interest. In 2007, the most recent U.S. Open at Oakmont, Angel Cabrera held off Jim Furyk and Tiger Woods by one stroke to win his first major championship. With only 30,000 tickets available per day, the USGA encourages early response for this highly anticipated championship.

Junior tickets are always available and can only be purchased on-site at all admission gates and at any Will Call facility. Juniors age 12 and under receive complimentary tickets when accompanied by a paid adult ticket holder. Tickets for juniors ages 13 to 17 will be available for purchase at a reduced rate for any day when accompanied by a paid adult ticket holder or credential holder. There is a maximum of two junior tickets per one adult ticket holder.

Tickets will also be available on-site for military personnel. During practice-round days (Monday, June 13, through Wednesday, June 15), active military personnel receive complimentary Gallery tickets and retired personnel can purchase Gallery tickets at a reduced price of $25 per ticket.

Ticket orders will only be accepted on USGA websites at usopen.com or usga.org/tickets or if received via a mailed application. Questions can be directed via email to ticketquestions@usga.org or by calling 1-800-698-0661.