May Tournaments

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| Billings High School Golf Fundraiser  
Briarwood (Billings) |
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| Missoula Chamber ‘Red Ripper’  
Missoula CC (Missoula) |
| May 2 |
| 4 Person Scramble  
Stillwater GC (Columbus) |
| May 1-3 |
| Lake City Open  
Polson Bay GC (Polson) |
| May 2-3 |
| Cherry Blossom Scramble  
Eagle Bend GC (Big Fork) |
| May 3 |
| Spring 4 Person Scramble  
Bridger Creek GC (Bozeman) |
| May 4 |
| PNWPGA (WMC) Pro-Am  
Whitefish Lake GC (Whitefish) |
| May 4 |
| RMSPGA (YC) Pro Am  
Laurel GC (Laurel) |
| May 5 |
| FBHS |
| Signal Point GC (Fort Benton) |
| May 9-10 |
| Seddon Memorial Scramble  
Buffalo Hill GC (Kalispell) |
| May 10 |
| Red, White, and Blue Scramble  
Marlas Valley GC (Shelby) |
| May 11 |
| PNWPGA (WMC) Pro-Am  
Eagle Bend GC (Big Fork) |
| May 11 |
| RMSPGA (YC) Pro Am  
Yellowstone CC (Billings) |
| May 12 |
| US Open Qualifier  
Missoula CC (Missoula) |

2015 MSGA vTour Series Dates Announced
Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

After a successful introduction to the vTour Series last season, we’ve decided to bring it back, and make it even better!

The vTour is a new concept in golf -- an event series designed to make golf fun! EVERYONE who participates has a chance to win a prize, whatever gender, age, or ability!

How do you play? You must first REGISTER online at www.msgagolf.org, by clicking the vTour link. It’s no charge to play and you will need your MSGA login. Next, play golf any time during the dates of the event, at any Montana course. Then, post your score at the course kiosk, online, or using your smartphone app. It will automatically be included in the vTour. It’s that SIMPLE!

We’ve changed things up a bit this year! The series has been extended from 3 to 6 events. Very cool PLAYERS PRIZES, donated by Sun Mountain Sports, the MSGA, and area courses, will be given randomly to participants. Winners will be notified by e-mail and posted on the vTour website. The top players will receive ballots toward a GRAND PRIZE drawing at the end of the season! More information can be found on the vTour website (msgavtour.golfnet.com/vtour).

So, if you play golf, you have no reason not to join in the fun. You can compete against your friends, and have a chance to win a prize too! Encourage your family to join you. Remember, junior MSGA memberships are free!

If you don’t know your MSGA login, please contact us at golf@montana.net for more information. We’ll get you set up!

If you can PLAY, you can WIN!

You can contact Emily at golf@montana.net if you need help or have questions.
May 13
Griz Tournament
Signal Point GC (Fort Benton)
May 15-16
Scratch Team Up
Briarwood (Billings)
May 16
Ladies Kickoff
Deer Park GC (Deer Lodge)
May 15-16
May Day Tournament
Forsyth CC (Forsyth)
May 16
Spring Kickoff
Old Works GC (Anaconda)
May 16-17
Farmers Insurance Senior Open
Polson Bay GC (Polson)
May 16-17
Steve’s Best Ball
Eagle Falls GC (Great Falls)
May 16-17
The Ben Graham Memorial
Cabinet View GC (Libby)
May 17
Two Person Scramble
Canyon River GC (Missoula)
May 18
PNWPGA (WMC) Pro-Am
Bill Roberts GC (Helena)
May 20
1st Night of League
Deer Park GC (Deer Lodge)
May 21-June 7
vTOUR - Treasure State Kickoff
Register at msgagolf.org
May 23-25
Barnett Memorial Tournament
Missoula CC (Missoula)
May 25
Memorial Day 2-Person Scramble
Livingston GC (Livingston)
May 26
RMSPGA (YC) Ladies Pro Am
Yellowstone CC (Billings)
May 29-June 1
Montana State Match Play Champ.
Green Meadow CC (Helena)
May 30
Eagle Falls Open
Eagle Falls GC (Great Falls)
May 30
Early Bird Scramble
Pine Ridge GC (Roundup)
May 30-31
Junior PGA Championship (PNWPGA)
Lake Spanaway (Spanaway, WA)
May 31
Lois Scott Two Lady Best-Ball
Double Arrow Resort (Seeley Lake)

Meet P.J. Boatwright Jr. Intern Connor Hausauer

Since I was 11 years old, golf has always been a major influence in my life. I started playing golf in the fifth grade mainly because I needed something to do after the baseball season ended. That summer, I regularly spent six hours at the golf course each day. Golf quickly passed baseball as my favorite sport, and my love for golf has continued to grow ever since.

I began playing my first competitive golf at age 12, participating in local junior tournaments around my hometown of Bozeman. Although I didn't have much coaching and no tournament experience at the time, my passion for the game and dedication to practice allowed me to be competitive in these events. I soon became fascinated with tournament golf. Little did I know how much of an impact tournament golf would have on me in the future.

Before I played in my first true tournament, my dream from age 11 on was to play competitive golf in college. I practiced for hours every day in high school in hopes that it would pay off and allow me the opportunity to compete in college. I was not an outstanding high school golfer, but my dedication and potential eventually attracted coach Ben MacIntyre from Carroll College in Helena. I was elated to sign with Carroll because it allowed me to continue to play competitive golf for four more years.

Collegiate golf has been the best experience of my life. Many of my closest friends are my teammates on the Fighting Saints Golf Team. At Carroll, we have built a family and support network that extends far beyond golf. It will be a bittersweet moment as I am entering the end of my college golf career this May. No longer will I golf in 50 mile-per-hour gusts and spitting snow in Frontier Conference tournaments… four years of that was enough. That being said, I know my departure from college golf will be a difficult one.

Golf has given me so much in my life, and I am excited to see where it will take me in the future. I particularly look forward to my summer internship with the Montana State Golf Association. It will give me a chance to experience golf in an entirely new way.

I have played in numerous MSGA events, and they have helped me become a better player. I am very excited to experience the MSGA through a different perspective – on the administrative side. I have never been involved in tournament organization and administration and I am looking forward to learning about this aspect of tournament golf.

I am thankful for this opportunity with the MSGA – it will be the first step in allowing me to give back to the game of golf. I look forward to being a member of a team that is dedicated to improving amateur golf in Montana. Golf has been a life-changing experience for me. I am excited for the opportunities I will have this summer and in the future.

Connor Hausauer has been a member of the All-Academic Frontier Conference Team every year he’s been eligible, in addition to being named First-Team All-Conference as a junior (advancing individually to the NAIA National Tournament that season as well). Last season, Hausauer was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar. He’ll graduate with honors from Carroll College with a degree in education and history and is looking to teach high school after graduation.
Montana State Seniors Supporting Juniors

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

It’s widely known that support of junior golf is crucial to sustaining the game of golf. Over the past few decades, significant support and programs have been initiated not only to introduce the game to a new audience at an early age, but also to provide opportunities for those youngsters who are beginning to develop a love of the game, whether in casual play or tournament golf.

Perhaps no group of golfers in Montana is more active in rounds played, and love of the game, than the members of The Montana State Senior Golf Association. The MSSGA and its Board of Directors have long supported junior golf in Montana, but during some tighter budget years, the contributions of the MSSGA were not as great as many members had hoped. Last fall, the MSSGA initiated an effort to raise funds by reaching out to its membership—asking for individual contributions.

“Supporting junior golf has always been a priority of the MSSGA and we decided last fall that not only did we want to set aside some funds from the association, we also wanted to extend the opportunity for our membership to contribute,” MSSGA Executive Director Russ Cravens said. “We simply want to help encourage more young golfers to get involved in the game, both competitively and casually. We want to support junior golf in the state and help provide resources for local junior initiatives to sustain the game we love.”

Generous MSSGA members have donated $2,160 to-date, in addition to the $1,000 earmarked for junior golf from the MSSGA itself. Each dollar donated goes to the MSGA Junior Golf Program. Tax-deductible donations are still being accepted for this year’s program. Donations can be sent to: MSSGA, PO Box 192, Helena, MT 59624.

The MSSGA State Senior Tournament will be conducted August 4-6 at three courses in Southwest Montana: Old Works, Butte Country Club and Fairmont Hot Springs. For more information on the MSSGA: http://www.mtseniorgolf.org.

New MSGA Board Members And Senior Director

George Geise, MSGA Board Member

History was made earlier in April when the MSGA finally elected a woman to serve on the Board of Directors.

Carla Berg of Sidney, one of the strongest golf advocates in the state, was one of six new board members elected at the annual MSGA spring meeting in Butte. The association was formed in 1917, so the addition of a woman to the previously all-male club is long overdue.

Berg has actively promoted junior golf in eastern Montana for many years, and she’s served as Executive Director of the Montana State Women’s Golf Association for more than a decade. For her many contributions to the sport, Carla was chosen to the MSWGA Hall of Fame in 2014.

The other new board members also should be familiar to many Montana golfers. They include Brett Bennyhoff (Great Falls), Rick Lyons (Butte), Bill Dunn (Missoula), Shawn Tucker (Whitefish), and John Hedge (Billings).

Lyons is a member of the MSGA Hall of Fame after winning a State Amateur championship in 1999, and he also won State Mid-Amateur titles in 1991 and 1995.

Dunn captured a State Amateur crown in 2009, and Bennyhoff won a Mid-Am title in 2000. Tucker hasn’t won any state championships, but he’s played well enough at major events to represent Montana at past ....Continued on the next page

Hole-In-One Certificates Are Back!

The MSGA has re-instituted the hole-in-one certificate, to honor deserving recipients for their achievements!

A submission form is available on the MSGA website (www.msgagolf.org), along with listed criteria.

Ace Club members will receive a certificate suitable for framing. They will also be announced in this newsletter and on the MSGA website.

Congratulations in advance for well-deserved honors!
USGA National Team Championships.

John Hedge hasn’t made a huge impact on the state scene with his golf feats, but his sons certainly have. Josh Hedge was inducted into the Hall of Fame after winning three State Amateur titles, while Jake Hedge was a prep star at Billings West and college standout at Wyoming.

The new board members serve the state golf community with no compensation, and are required to attend several meetings annually as well as serve on at least two committees.

Each board member acts as a liaison for at least three golf courses in their district. There are five statewide districts and each has four board members.

The Montana State Senior Golf Association also will be changing leadership soon. Bill Sprinkle will replace fellow Helena resident Russ Cravens as Executive Director of the MSSGA. Cravens will direct this year’s State Senior Tournament in Butte and Anaconda, then Sprinkle will assume leadership of the association in September.

Sprinkle is a former star athlete at Great Falls Central who went on to a fine football career at the University of Washington. He spent many years as an administrator with the Montana High School Association and is an active golfer.

Sprinkle said he hopes to continue the excellent legacy of previous directors like Cravens and John Frankino.

Montana State Match Play Championship Dates Set
Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

The 2015 Montana State Match Play Championship will be played at Green Meadow Country Club in Helena May 29-June 1.

This is the third consecutive playing of Montana’s premiere match-play event and 15th overall, as the event was revived after a five-year hiatus from 2008-2012.

“We had a tremendous turnout last year. The field was ultra-competitive and it was a fun atmosphere for some of the best talent in the state to play a format they don’t usually get to play for tournament golf,” tournament organizer Bennett MacIntyre said.

Last year, the event also raised $2,500 for Special Olympics Montana. MacIntyre and Spencer Williams worked diligently to return the event to Montana, obtaining sponsors and a host for the event, which begins on May 29 with stroke-play competition. The field is cut with the top-32 scorers advancing to the match play bracket.

Over the weekend, rounds one and two are played Saturday and the third and fourth are completed Sunday. The final four competitors conclude the tournament on Monday, June 1.

Entry link can be found online on the MSGA Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/msgagolf, and also https://www.facebook.com/pages/Montana-State-Match-Play-Golf-Championship/328960273893837.

The Montana State Match Play is a level two tournament for points purposes in determining the 2016 Montana Men’s State Team. For more information about the MSGA points system, visit www.msgagolf.org/tournaments/2016-points-standings.
2014-15 Frontier Golf Season Coming to a Close

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

This year marks a first in Frontier Conference History with the 2015 Frontier Conference Tournament being conducted in Phoenix, Arizona.

Recent history has seen Missoula’s Larchmont Country Club serve as the host for the conference tournament. With inclement weather a common occurrence throughout the Frontier golf calendar, the hope was to take out the possibility of postponement.

This year’s host is Ahwatukee Country Club in Phoenix, Arizona. The women and men will play 36 holes on day one followed by 18 in day two’s final round (April 28-29).

Last year, the Westminster Griffins captured the men’s team championship, with Carroll College’s Connor Hausauer winning the individual crown.

Lewis-Clark State College won the women’s team championship and the Warriors Heather Bruce captured individual medalist honors.

Results from the Frontier Conference Tournament will be posted online via the MSGA Facebook Page as well as on Twitter.

https://www.facebook.com/msgagolf
https://twitter.com/406golf @406golf

Conference Golf Honors Announced

For the second consecutive year, Rocky Mountain College’s Daniel Thompsett was named Frontier Conference Player of the Year. Lewis-Clark State garnered honors for freshman of the year (Isaiah Ojeda) and coach of the year (Paul Thompson).

All-conference honors were decided by results of the league’s tournaments. The top five received first-team honors. Players listed alphabetically:

First Team

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On the women’s side, Westminster College swept the conference awards with Mari Hutsi named player of the year, Ashley Dechant awarded freshman of the year and Chris Hendrickson was named coach of the year.

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Big Sky Women’s Golf Season Concludes, Honors Announced

Three players from the University of Montana women’s golf team and one from Montana State were honored with All-Big Sky Conference honors following completion of the Big Sky Championships in Chandler, Arizona.

Sophomore Barbora Bakova was one of four unanimous selections to the first team and the only underclassman to receive first-team honors. Senior teammate Tara Green and sophomore Alexa Schendelman were voted to the five-member second team along with Janelle Reali, a sophomore on the MSU Bobcats team.

Montana finished in fifth-place at the Big Sky Championship. The Grizzlies finished 12 shots behind conference champion Northern Arizona and edged out Montana State by one shot. Their tournament team total of 913, with rounds of 307, 302, and 304, was the third lowest for the program in championship history.

Bakova, second-team All-Big Sky last year as a freshman, tied for fourth at the Big Sky championship, with rounds of 74, 72, and 77. The Czech Republic native finished the season with a scoring average of 75.52, the best average in program history by more than half a stroke. Green, finished in a tie for 19th and was named second-team All-Big Sky for the fourth time in her career. Reali, finished in a tie for 11th and garnered second-team honors thanks to a strong sophomore campaign. MSU finished sixth at the Big Sky Championships.

2014-15 All-Big Sky Conf. -- First Team
A Ram Choi (Portland State, Sr., Surrey, B.C.)
Leilanie Kim (Idaho, Sr., Surrey, B.C.)
Barbora Bakova (Mont., So., Czech Rep.)
Kaitlyn Oster (Idaho, Sr., Hillsboro, Ore.)
Kristin Strankman (Idaho, Jr, Richland, Wa.)

2014-15 All-Big Sky Conf. -- Second Team
Hansol Koo (Portland State, Fr., Hawaii)
Brittany McKee (No. Arizona, Sr., Gilbert, Az.)
Janelle Reali (Mt. State, So., Livermore, Ca.)
Tara Green (Montana, Sr., Harrisville, Utah)
Alexa Schendelman (Mont., So., Gilbert, Az.)

Honorable mention
Monica Jung (So. Utah, Sr., Sydney, Australia)
Astha Madan (Sacramento State, Fr., India)
Taylor Viquelia (Southern Utah, So., Hawaii)
Kim Cifuentes (No. Arizona, So., Gilbert, Az.)
Amy Hasenohrl (Idaho, So., Lewiston, Idaho)

New Vintage Store Added As 3rd Logo Choice

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

Back by popular demand, the MSGA “Vintage” Logo joins the Traditional and Contemporary logos in the online MSGA Store, powered by Planet Pro Shop.

The store carries high quality, name brand merchandise, including golf apparel, hats, balls, and accessories, which you can brand with your favorite MSGA logo. Each logo has its own “store” link, and you can access all 3 stores on the MSGA website at www.msgagolf.org/about-us/msga-online-store.

There’s always free shipping, and right now you can get 10% off your order using the promo code MSGA1917.
USGA ANNOUNCES “OPEN FOR ALL”™ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The USGA has announced plans for its 2015 “Open For All” Activities, leading up to and coinciding with the 115th U.S. Open Championship, to be contested June 18-21 at Chambers Bay in University Place, Washington.

“With the U.S. Open’s first visit to the Pacific Northwest, we see a unique opportunity to bring the excitement and tradition that surrounds our championship to a new audience,” said Diana M. Murphy, USGA Vice President and Championship Committee Chairman. The 2015 Open For All programming elements are intended to build excitement for the championship and amplify its presence in the local community.

U.S. Open Trophy Tour
Presented in partnership with Lexus, the U.S. Open Championship Trophy Tour will involve a cross-country journey from the original home of the USGA in New York City to this year’s host site at Chambers Bay. Beginning with a segment on Fox and Friends on the Fox News Channel April 29, the trophy will be transported around the country in a 2015 Lexus LX 570. While on the road, the trophy will be made available at numerous golf courses, Major League Baseball games, and local Fox affiliates, allowing fans the opportunity to connect with our National Open.

Through the use of an innovative social media campaign, fans will have the opportunity to track the trophy and locate nearby venues at which they can take photos. Twitter users who employ the #usopenforall and #lexusgolf hashtags in their tweets will have an opportunity to win prizes. Photos using these hashtags will be aggregated and displayed on an Open For All microsite.

Learning Science through Golf / STEM Education exhibit
The USGA’s commitment to STEM education (Science/agronomy, Technology/aerodynamics, Engineering/friction & spin, and Math/volume & displacement) and its connection to golf is the basis of the “Learning Science through Golf / STEM Education” exhibit, which will be on display at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle from May 4 through June 15. Following its five-week stay, the exhibit will be relocated to South Lake Union Park, also in Seattle, and be part of a general Fan Experience from June 17-21.

Epic Putt Challenge
The 18th green of a U.S. Open Championship has traditionally been the site of some of the most exciting moments in golf history. To celebrate past champions and challenge everyday golfers, the USGA has designed the “Epic Putt Challenge.” This portable, artificial-turf putting green allows fans an opportunity to recreate some of the greatest putts in championship history.

Participants can relive dramatic moments by Payne Stewart (1999), Tiger Woods (2008), and Hale Irwin (1990) before taking on the 18th green at Chambers Bay. Starting with the shortest putt, participants will gradually challenge themselves with longer-distance “epic” putts. Participating guests will be entered to win two tickets to the 2015 U.S. Open Championship, and – if they make the longest putts – will walk away with a special Open For All commemorative gift.

The Epic Putt Challenge will be installed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport from May 4 through June 15, and will be available only to ticketed passengers in the Central Terminal (beyond the security checkpoint). Following its five-week stay, it will be relocated to South Lake Union Park and be part of a general Fan Experience from June 17-21.

U.S. Open Kickoff Celebration
The USGA will begin U.S. Open Championship week with a series of special events on the grounds at Chambers Bay on Sunday, June 14. The activities, which will be open to the public, will focus on families and appreciation of the military. In honor of National Flag Day, a color guard from Joint Base Lewis-McChord will hold a special flag-raising ceremony. The day will also feature junior activities and the opportunity for guests to have their photos taken with the U.S. Open Championship Trophy.

A complete and frequently updated schedule of all Open for All community events will be made available at usopen.com/openforall.