October Tournaments

- **10/01/16**
  - Die Hard Tournament
  - Cottonwood CC (Glendive)
- **10/01/16**
  - October Fest
  - Trestle Creek GC (St. Regis)
- **10/01/16**
  - Wave Golf Scramble
  - Whitefish Lake GC (Whitefish)
- **10/01/16**
  - World’s Hardest
  - Eagle Bend GC (Bigfork)
- **10/02/16**
  - Oktoberfest
  - Marias Valley GC (Shelby)
- **10/02/16**
  - Red, White, and Blue Scramble
  - Bridger Creek GC (Bozeman)
- **10/03/16**
  - Farstad Oil American Legion
  - Yellowstone CC (Billings)
- **10/08/16**
  - Ironman Open
  - Big Sky Resort GC (Big Sky)
- **10/09/16**
  - NFL Tailgate
  - Old Works GC (Anaconda)
- **10/15/16**
  - King of the Springs Tournament
  - Indian Springs Ranch GC (Eureka)
- **10/18/16**
  - Iron Man 2 Person Scramble
  - Bridger Creek GC (Bozeman)
- **10/23/16**
  - World’s Toughest
  - The Highlands GC (Missoula)

Tidying Things Up For Fall
Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

Fall is officially here, and the end of Montana’s official golf season is about to be! As a reminder, any rounds played in Montana from November 1 to March 31 are *unofficial* scores and shouldn’t be posted to your record. If you forget and post them anyway, they’ll show in *red* and won’t count toward the official handicap calculation.

However, for you snowbirds out there, if the Association where you play is in *its official season*, *your score counts!* Make sure you *post it to your Montana record*. You can do this by either logging into your MSGA account, using the MSGA smartphone app, or by linking your in and out-of-state memberships together. If you need help or more information about any of these options, please feel free to contact me at support@msgagolf.org. Handicap revisions continue every 2 weeks during the off-season to accommodate those playing out-of-state.

A special thanks to all who played in the MSGA vTour Series this season! And, congratulations to the *Grand Prize winners*, Guy LaVoie and Kim Turkiewicz, drawn from a pool of ballots collected from the Top 20 of each event. Each won a new Speed Cart GT from Sun Mountain Sports!

The Raffle drawings will continue each month, and there are still tickets available. **October’s trip is to DUBLIN, IRELAND!** All proceeds go to junior golf programs in Montana. To purchase a ticket, go to [www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser](http://www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser).

Remember, the MSGA website and this newsletter continue with updates even during the off-season. And, my office is always open if you need help.

*You can contact Emily at support@msgagolf.org.*

Congratulations to our SEPTEMBER WINNERS!

- **TRIP to St. Augustine, Florida** - Dean & Hope Folkvord, Three Forks
- **$200 cash** - Dave Opitz, Missoula

*TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE* for this month’s drawing! [www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser](http://www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser)
Great Grizzly Bash

**PLAYER PRIZES:**
Colton Oppelt, Bridger Creek GC
Gary Doll, Lake Hills GC
Sawyer Bracy, Yegen GC
Tom Hammerel, Yegen GC
Perry Hawbaker, Butte CC
Jake Reynen, Plentywood GC
Max Bierens, Whitefish Lake GC
Sherri Sonju, Buffalo Hill GC
Patty Shea, Riverside CC
Linda Blakney, King Ranch GC
Jeanette Bejot, Pryor Creek GC
Kathy Siegfried, Village Greens GC

Mighty Moose Face-Off

**PLAYER PRIZES:**
Jason Voelker, Glacier View GC
Gene Garrison, Buffalo Hill GC
Steve Johnstone, Whitefish Lake GC
Richard Cook, Canyon River GC
Fred Buford, Yegen GC
Dan Gaughan, Bill Roberts GC
John Dugan, Cottonwood Hills GC
Bobby Bear, Riverside CC
Alde Feskanin, Madison Meadows GC
Kenda Young, Plentywood GC
Julie Eggleston, Bill Roberts GC
Patty Balhiser, Green Meadow CC

2016 vTour GRAND PRIZE

Drawing Winners:
Guy LaVoie, Village Greens GC
Kim Turkiewicz, Green Meadow CC

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Congratulations!

Registration for the next vTour Series begins April 2017...
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN MORE GREAT PRIZES!

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**MSGA Awards Nearly $15,000 To College Golf**

*Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director*

Every year, the Montana State Golf Association grants funds to colleges and universities around the state.

This year, the MSGA granted nearly $15,000, benefitting nine institutions with golf programs in Montana. The board voted to devote funds proportional to the representation of Montana students on each team. Montana Tech of the University of Montana led the way with 18 golfers hailing from the Treasure State.

The Orediggers outdistanced the other eight schools, but Frontier Conference rival, Carroll College, had twelve golfers from Montana, followed by four institutions that each had ten Montana students on their teams (University of Great Falls, Rocky Mountain College, MSU-Billings, and MSU-Northern).

Miles Community College in Miles City has five Montana natives. University of Montana and Montana State University each field only women's teams, but had three and one golfer respectively for the most recent grant cycle.

The MSGA is committed to providing funding throughout the state in supporting golf, from the junior ranks through higher education, in addition to the association's commitment to furthering amateur golf participation.

This year, regional board members presented the awards to each school.

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**U.S. Ties for 6th in World Am Team Championships**

*Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director*

The Men’s World Amateur Team Championships were contested for the 30th time and Australia cruised to a 19-stroke win (534), their fourth time claiming the Eisenhower Trophy.

The United States – captained by Helena native and former USGA Executive Committee Member, Paul Caruso Jr. – tied for sixth with New Zealand (557). Amateurs Brad Dalke (Oklahoma), Maverick McNealy (Stanford), and Scottie Scheffler (Texas) represented the United States at the 2016 event in Mexico. They combined for four days to post a team score of 557 (-15). Dalke led the way with not only the best four-day total for the U.S. (281) but also had the low individual round, with a 67. McNealy totaled 282 and Scheffler finished with 284 for the four rounds.
Golfers in the Magic City are familiar with Jim Bob Coleman’s impressive golf game. The Billings standout has been a staple at the top of tournament leaderboards summer after summer and “JB,” as many of his competitors endearingly refer to him, found himself in a familiar spot, but this time on the national scene at the United States Mid-Amateur.

Coleman earned the right to compete at the USGA Championship thanks to earning medalist honors at Palouse Ridge Golf Course in Pullman, Washington. From there, Coleman took his sticks to Elverson, Pennsylvania, and came out on fire with four birdies on the back nine (31) en route to a first-round 67 (-3) in stroke play.

Coleman found himself tied for third after day one and struggled to a second round 79 (+9), but his six-over-par standing was good enough to make the match play field of 64 and Coleman earned the 44th seed. Regaining his form from round one of stroke play, Coleman was able to put together a dominant effort against the 21st seeded Nic Daugharty of Valdosta, Georgia to begin match play. Coleman was one-down after two holes, but proceeded to win five of the next seven holes and closed out Daugharty on hole 14, for a decisive 6&4 victory.

In the round of 32, Coleman faced Stewart Hagestad of Newport Beach, California. Hagestad came out red hot winning the first three holes, birdieing all three. Coleman was able to steady things and then made a move on holes 8-10 picking up three straight wins to even the match.

With the match all square heading into the par-four 14th, Hagestad made birdie and then followed with another birdie on hole 15. The California competitor would not relinquish his lead, closing out Coleman 2&1 on hole 17.

Coleman’s defeat, although disappointing, may have been lessened as the tournament went on. The 25-year-old Hagestad, who played his college golf at USC, would go on to eventually win the 2016 Mid-Amateur in impressive comeback fashion. In fact, Hagestad made history by rallying from four down with five holes to play to defeat Scott Harvey of Greensboro, North Carolina, in 37 holes, making him the second youngest Mid-Amateur Champion at 25 years, five months, five days.

The Mid-Amateur is open to competitors ages 25 and above. This year, the MSGA aligned its age restriction to 25 for the Montana State Mid-Amateur.

### Brian Beach Wins Abbreviated Labor Day Tournament

**Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director**

Many residents and golfers alike mark the end of summer with Labor Day Weekend. While there are a few golf tournaments in Montana conducted later in September and some in October, the Labor Day Tournament in Butte is celebrated for both being a fun tournament and one of the last tournaments of the year.

This year, the classic tournament had a full field, but the weather did not cooperate well. The three-day tournament was abbreviated to two days due to rain soaked conditions. Brian Beach, a pro, originally of Missoula, captured the 2016 Title with rounds of 66-68, 134 (-6) at Butte Country Club.

Bennett MacIntyre of Helena was low amateur thanks to rounds of 67-69, 136 (-4). MacIntyre, head coach at Carroll College, edged out professional Jim Mee 65-72, 137 (-3), second among professionals, and tied for third overall. Also joining Mee at 137 was Brady Kirkeby of Helena (66-71).

Another former Carroll College Fighting Saint and MSGA Boatwright Intern, Connor Hausauer, put together rounds of 69-69, 138 (-2) to finish under par and solo fifth place overall, third among amateurs. Beach, who competed for Montana in the 2014 USGA State Team Championship, is a professional based in Southern California.
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Day two proved to be difficult for Moore and Walker as each shot rounds in the eighties, but Franco, coming from the first flight, managed a two-over round of 74. His 145 total (+1) was tops in the amateur field to claim his first Gallatin Valley Open Title. Moore and Helena's Bennett MacIntyre tied for first in the championship flight at 148.

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Overall Professional Winner -- Ty Travis, 139
Overall Amateur Winner -- Rich Franco, 145
Second Flight – 1. Mike DeGrazier, 156; T2. Toger Sikveland, 159; T2. Garret Nielson, 159
Third Flight – 1. Mark Luce, 163; 2. Bruce Little, 164; 3. Leo Ness, 167
Fifth Flight – 1. James Klaus, 175; 2. Steve Henderson, 179; 3. Chase Gazzarro, 180

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2016 USGA Men's State Team Championship Team Heads to Alabama
Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

This week, the USGA Men's State Team Championship is conducted at the Country Club of Birmingham (Alabama), September 28-30. Montana's team is comprised of Jim Bob Coleman (Billings), Craig Hurlbert (Hamilton), and Mark Mance (Whitefish).

The MSGA will be providing updates as our group of three competes with 51 other teams in the 12th edition of this USGA Championship. Follow the MSGA Twitter @406golf or like us on MSGA Facebook msgagolf. Additionally, the USGA provides www.usga.org/mensteam, which will have live scoring, groupings, starting times, features, photos, and more.

Good luck to Team Montana!
2016 USGA Men’s State Team Championship Facts

PAR AND YARDAGE
The West Course at the Country Club of Birmingham will be set up at 7,162 yards and play to a par of 71.

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COURSE RATING
Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating is 75.0. Its Slope Rating is 140.

ARCHITECT
Donald Ross designed the Country Club of Birmingham's East and West courses in 1926. Founded in 1898, the Country Club of Birmingham moved from its original location to farmland in Shades Valley.

WHO CAN ENTER
All states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are eligible to enter three-player teams. The only players ineligible to participate are those currently on a college team, per NCAA rules.

SCHEDULE
Fifty-four holes of stroke play, 18 each day from September 28-30, with the two lowest scores of the three individual rounds counting as the team's score for the round. The team with the lowest aggregate score through 54 holes is the champion. If there is a tie after the final round, the score from the team's non-scoring player is used to break the deadlock. If the score remains tied, the second-round score from the non-scoring player is used.

For the first time in 2016, there will be a 36-hole cut that reduces the field to the 21 lowest-scoring teams, plus ties. Additionally, any individual player who is within five strokes of the individual lead, but whose team has missed the 36-hole cut, will advance to Friday's final round, remaining in contention for the individual medal.

September 28 (Wednesday) – First round, 18 holes of stroke play
September 29 (Thursday) – Second round, 18 holes of stroke play (field reduced to 21 teams, plus ties)
September 30 (Friday) – Third round, 18 holes of stroke play

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES
The winning team receives custody of the James R. Hand Trophy for the ensuing two years, and team members receive gold medals.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE COUNTRY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM
The 2016 USGA Men's State Team is the second USGA championship to be conducted at the Country Club of Birmingham. The club also hosted the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur, won by Michael McCoy, of West Des Moines, Iowa. During the Players' Dinner, Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State and a Birmingham native, served as keynote speaker. The club served as the companion course to Shoal Creek for the 1986 U.S. Amateur and has served as a USGA sectional qualifying host site several times, including qualifiers for the 2012 and 2014 U.S. Junior Amateurs and the 2016 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY
This is the 12th USGA Men's State Team Championship. The competition, as well as the Women's State Team Championship, began after the USGA's centennial anniversary in 1995. USGA officials believed a new championship, one in which each state could be represented by amateur, non-college golfers, was an appropriate way to punctuate the USGA's year-long birthday celebration. The competition proved to be such a success that the Association decided to continue conducting the championship biennially.
ARNOLD PALMER, THE PEOPLE’S CHAMPION, DIES AT 87

Arnold Palmer, a three-time USGA champion and seven-time major champion, whose charismatic and charming personality helped popularize golf in the late 1950s and early 1960s, passed away on Sunday, September 25 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the age of 87. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Palmer died at the UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been undergoing heart tests since last Thursday.

“Arnold Palmer will always be a champion, in every sense of the word,” said Mike Davis, executive director/CEO of the USGA. “He inspired generations to love golf by sharing his competitive spirit, displaying sportsmanship, caring for golfers and golf fans, and serving as a lifelong ambassador for the sport. Our stories of him not only fill the pages of golf’s history books and the walls of the museum, but also our own personal golf memories. The game is indeed better because of him, and in so many ways, will never be the same.”

Some golfers collected more wins and major championships, but few could rival Palmer’s popularity among the masses. His go-for-broke style of play appealed to fans and his ability to engage with people inspired legions of followers that dubbed themselves “Arnie’s Army.” “I like playing in front of the ‘Army,’” said 1965 PGA Championship winner Dave Marr. “It was wild at times. When Arnold teed up his ball, they cheered. And if I had walked on water, they wouldn’t have noticed. But I enjoyed the excitement of all those people, and I think the Army was good for golf.”

Palmer was the first iconic superstar of sport’s television age, which began in the 1950s, and he connected with people like no other golfer before him. Because of Palmer, who came from humble beginnings in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the game transitioned from an upper-class pastime to a sport accessible to the middle and working classes.

“Arnold’s place in history will be as the man who took golf from being a game for the few to a sport for the masses,” said Jack Nicklaus, eight-time USGA champion, 18-time major champion, and Palmer’s fiercest rival. “He was the catalyst who made that happen.” Two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Trevino added: “Arnold is the greatest role model that any sport ever had. Study that man. Look at the way he loves the game, conducts himself and treats other people. Arnold Palmer is the one you want to be like.”

Palmer claimed seven major titles, including the 1960 U.S. Open in dramatic fashion when he carded a final-round 65 at Cherry Hills Country Club in suburban Denver to overcome a seven-shot deficit. He won four Masters (1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964) and two British Opens (1961, 1962). The only missing title from the career Grand Slam was a PGA Championship, in which he tied for second three times.

In 2012, Palmer became the sixth athlete to receive the Congressional Gold Medal, joining the likes of Roberto Clemente, Jackie Robinson, Jessie Owens, Joe Louis, and Byron Nelson. Nicklaus, who became a close friend of Palmer’s in later years even as their on-course rivalry became a battle of their business empires, received the honor in 2015. “I’m particularly proud of anything the House and Senate agree on,” Palmer said at the ceremony, tongue in cheek.

Palmer was born on September 10, 1929, in Latrobe, where his father, Deacon Palmer, was the head professional and superintendent at Latrobe Country Club. Palmer often accompanied his father as he maintained the course and young Arnold learned everything about the game from his dad, including etiquette and how to treat others. He attended Wake Forest University, where a golf scholarship now bears his name. Palmer enlisted in the United States Coast Guard, where he served for three years while maintaining his golf skills when time permitted. He later became a paint salesman in Ohio. Palmer was an avid pilot, flying for more than 50 years. The regional airport in Latrobe was renamed Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in 1999.

Palmer has a drink named after him, a combination of iced tea and lemonade.
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Drawings held once a month, from May 2016 to April 2017

First Prize - Trip for Two, as outlined in the brochure (In lieu of trip, the winner may elect to take a $1000 travel voucher or $750 cash).

Second Prize - $200 cash

All tickets, winning and non-winning, are included in every drawing.

Tickets are Still Available!

Go to www.msgagolf.org to purchase your ticket.

The next drawing will be held this month -- winners announced on the MSGA website!

Tickets can be purchased any time after the raffle begins. Credit cards are accepted.

RAFFLE RULES

Drawings will be held once a month, starting in May 2016. Need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone or by U.S. Mail.

For more information, contact: Carla Berg, 406-480-1912.

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