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Remembering MSGA Hall of Famer Mayo Ashley

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Joseph “Mayo” Ashley passed away this spring at the age of 81. A graduate of Custer County High School, he attended Miles Community College and graduated from the University of Montana.

After his time in Missoula, Ashley was a journalist for the Miles City Star and moved on to become the Sports Editor of the Great Falls Tribune from 1967-1973. He was twice named Sportswriter of the Year in Montana (1972 and 1973).

Returning to U of M, Ashley moved from the sports desk to practice a career in law. He started with the Department of Labor & Industry before being appointed Deputy Attorney General. He maintained a private practice for over 40 years, working until his passing in March. In addition to his professional careers, he served for 12 years in the Navy Reserve.

Ashley brought his editorial background to the Montana State Golf Association, writing the newsletter and eventually being inducted in 1997 to the MSGA Hall of Fame for his contributions to the game.

Passionate about sports, he was particularly fond of golf. Along with his wife, Joan, he was a mainstay on the links at Green Meadow Country Club. He was also an advocate for women's golf, assisting and marshaling events for the MSWGA State Championship Events. In 2009, the MSWGA bestowed its Paul Allen Award upon Ashley. The award signified his contributions of time and encouragement to enhance women's golf in Montana.

Mayo is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan. He is also survived by his daughter Tracy (Terry), and grandsons Keenan and Tanner, and his daughter Terri, granddaughters Shea and Emily, and grandson Liam.

DO YOU HAVE A GHIN# or other record outside of the MSGA?

If so, we need to link your records, if this hasn't been done already! With the merge to one network by 2019, this needs to be completed soon to eliminate problems and confusion for both you and anyone searching your record. Just email your information to support@msgagolf.org, and we’ll set you up!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Hosting a JAC tournament is a considerable cost, and funded entirely by the host team's association. This summer will be no different. The MSGA will need assistance absorbing this challenging expense.

If you would like to donate toward the cost of the tournament, organize a charity tournament, or volunteer your services at the event, the MSGA would sincerely appreciate the help! You can contact Jim Opitz at jim@msgagolf.org for more information. Thanks for your support in helping our juniors!

Clancy Tabbed Lewis-Clark State College Coach

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Park City native, Kyla Clancy, is headed to Lewiston, Idaho, to begin a head-coaching career at Lewis-Clark State College. A decorated player at Rocky Mountain College, she was named head coach for both the men’s and women’s golf teams.

Clancy was a co-captain during her playing career as a junior and senior, in addition to her playing accolades. Following her playing career in 2016, Clancy joined the Battlin’ Bears coaching staff in Billings. She coached players on course management and tournament strategy, and worked with the golfers on their fitness, strength, and conditioning work.

Clancy qualified for the NAIA National Tournament three times with an individual best finish, third in 2016. Clancy accumulated 12 individual tournament titles and two runner-ups and a total of 15 top-five finishes. Clancy was the 2014 Montana State Women’s Amateur Champion.

2018 MSWGA Scholarship Winners Announced

Carla Berg, MSWGA Executive Director

The MSWGA is pleased to announce their scholarship awardees. Recipients must have been involved in junior or high school golf, but not necessarily be the top golfers. Participation in the MSGA and MSWGA sponsored events (District and State Junior Amateurs, Junior America’s Cup, Montana/Alberta Cup, and State Amateur) adds additional scoring points for their applications. Applicants are also scored on school and community involvement, as well as academics.

The girls receiving scholarships this year are: Brooklyn Olson (Ronan), Kinsey Irvin (Lewistown), Kaelyn Volk (Sidney), and Tierney Messmer (Sidney).

The MSWGA has been awarding scholarships since 1991, and with the merger to the MSGA, they will also be available for graduating high school boys in 2019.
**Stott Signs With Yellowjackets**  
*Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director*

Payton Stott is headed back to his hometown of Billings to complete his collegiate golf career at Montana State University Billings this fall. The Skyview High School product joins a talented group coached by Kevin Woodin.

Stott has spent the last two years at NCAA Division 1 Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. He competed in six tournaments as a freshman during 2016-17 and one tournament this past year. Stott had a scoring average of 77.4 in his seven collegiate tournaments for the Wolverines, with his best, a 69, during his freshman campaign.

Stott, an accomplished basketball player at Skyview, was named MVP of the state tournament as a senior, but also shined on the golf course. He finished in the top-10 at the AA state tournament each of his four years at Skyview. He also served as team captain and captured multiple individual tournament titles. He is the first men's golf signing for the Yellowjackets for the 2018-19 academic year.

**MSSGA Junior Donation**

A big THANK YOU to the Montana State Seniors Association for their donation to junior programs in Montana! Individual members gave $3,200, and the association another $2,000, for a total of $5,200!

The MSGA will use this contribution to purchase shirts for the State Junior Tournament and to help fund the hosting of the Boys Junior America’s Cup in Anaconda this summer. Thank you for your generous support!

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**2018-19 Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!**

ALL proceeds go to support Junior golf programs in Montana! Go to [www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser](http://www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser) for more information and to download a brochure with application.

Twelve great trips are offered, including Barcelona-Spain, San Diego-Legoland & Sea Life, Six Flags over Texas, New Orleans-cooking class, and more! Don’t want to go it alone? Share a ticket with a friend. With only 300 tickets sold, and 2 winners a month, your chances are good for a return on the cost of the ticket.

And, ultimately, it goes toward a great cause... our kids, the future golfers of Montana. [Get your ticket today! Thanks for your support!](#)

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**Congratulations to our NEWEST WINNERS!**

**MAY’S DRAWING:**

**Dallas Cowboys Football - Claudette Hughes, McAllister**

**$200 cash - Justin Arnet, Billings**

**JUNE’S TRIP PRIZE is Arizona Cardinals Football**

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**Phillips 66 Relay for Life Fundraiser**  
Pryor Creek GC (Huntley)  
6/9/18 - 6/10/18

**Glacier Bank 2 Person Better Ball**  
Polson Bay GC (Polson)  
6/9/18 - 6/10/18

**Hitchcock Memorial Bestball**  
Butte CC (Butte)  
6/9/18 - 6/10/18

**Jubilee**  
Laurel GC (Laurel)  
6/9/18 - 6/10/18

**Old Works Am**  
Old Works GC (Anaconda)  
6/10/18

**2 Lady Best Ball**  
Canyon River GC (Missoula)  
6/10/18

**Dick Seddon Memorial Scramble**  
Buffalo Hill GC (Kalispell)  
6/11/18

**County Juniors**  
Eaglerock GC (Billings)  
6/11/18

**Montana State Jr Divisional District 2**  
Meadow Lark CC (Great Falls)  
6/11/18

**Montana State Jr Divisional District 3**  
Riverside CC (Bozeman)  
6/11/18

**PNWPGA (WMC) Pro-Asst Champ**  
Butte CC (Butte)  
6/11/18

**RMSPGA (YC) Pro-Am**  
Bridger Creek GC (Bozeman)  
6/11/18

**Senior Interclub**  
Briarwood GC (Billings)  
6/12/18

**Missoula Junior Golf Tour**  
Hamilton GC (Hamilton)  
6/12/18

**Montana State Jr Divisional District 1**  
Whitefish Lake GC (Whitefish)  
6/12/18 - 6/15/18

**CSGA High School Academy**  
Missoula CC (Missoula)  
6/14/18

**Ladies Invitational**  
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6/14/18

**Ladies Tournament**  
Stillwater GC (Columbus)  
6/14/18

**MT Senior Olympics**  
Polson Bay GC (Polson)  
6/15/18

**Big Brothers and Sisters**  
Pryor Creek GC (Huntley)  
6/15/18
Carlson, Johnston Claim Lake City Open Titles
Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

The unofficial tournament season in Montana begins with the Lake City Open in Polson, and a familiar prep name was atop the amateur division. Ryggs Johnston of Libby and pro Tyler Carlson each won 2018 Lake City Open Titles.

Johnston, the three-time Montana high school golf champion from Libby, shot rounds of 66-72, 138 (-6) at Polson Bay Golf Course. Johnston's 138 was four shots clear of second place finisher Logan Lindholm of Kalispell (142).

Johnston's 138 in the amateur division would have garnered him fourth place overall among the professional golfers, three strokes behind Tyler Carlson, the professional and overall champion. Carlson, an Oregon State product, won a three-hole playoff against former Carroll College standout Jim Mee of Libby. Both golfers shot a 135 (-9) through two rounds.

Carlson shot a 66 on Sunday to erase a three-stroke deficit after he entered the day tied for fourth place. Roger Wallace of Polson posted 141 (-3) to win the senior professional division. For full results, click here.

Men’s State Amateur
July 19-21 - Butte CC
Deadline: July 12th

Women’s State & Senior Amateur
July 26-28 - Missoula CC
Deadline: July 18th

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Dale Huffine, 5/21/18, Pine Meadows GC, Hole #6, 154 yds, 4 Iron
David Prewitt, 4/29/18, Hilands GC, Hole #3, 195 yds, 5 Wood
Mike Shoquist, 4/24/18, Polson Bay GC, Hole #13, 144 yds, 7 Iron
Paul Relf, 4/24/18, Deer Park GC, Hole #7, 131 yds, 7 Iron
Derek Anderson, 9/9/17, Bill Roberts GC, Hole #16, 154 yds, 8 Iron

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### Taylor Claims Barnett Memorial Tournament

**Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director**

The Barnett Memorial Tournament at Missoula Country Club attracts many of the best tournament golfers from around the Treasure State and has an esteemed list of champions. Hamilton's Payton Taylor added his name to that list as he won the 2018 edition of the prestigious three-day event annually held over Memorial Weekend.

Taylor was in impressive form to conclude the championship as he made seven birdies to post a final round 64 (-7), winning the three-day Barnett Memorial by four strokes with a total of 205 (-8). Taylor opened with 73, rebounded with 68 before finishing in style with his 64. The Liberty University product's final round was one stroke off the tournament record and helped him eclipse a six-stroke deficit after day one.

Taylor attributed his first round struggles to unfamiliarity with a mallet putter. His traditional blade putter made it back into the bag for the next two rounds and likely should have a rightful place in the bag going forward. The recent graduate began his final round with three birdies in his first five holes and found himself tied with Great Falls' Ross Bartell heading into the back nine. He grabbed hold of the lead, thanks to a birdie on hole 11, and added birdies on holes 16 and 17, to wrap up his first Barnett win.

Originally from Florida, Taylor and his family landed in Hamilton just before he entered college at Liberty. After graduating earlier this month, he has taken on his first job, but plans to compete in a few more summer events, like the State Amateur and the Whitefish Fourth of July Tournament.

Bartell finished in second, four strokes behind Taylor, with rounds of 69-70-70, 209 (-4). He was in a three-way tie for first place heading into the final round, but back-to-back bogeys on holes 12 and 13 were too much to overcome. Billings' Sean Benson was a shot back in third (71-70-69, 210), posting three-under, followed by Missoula native Tom Swan-son and Hamilton's Craig Hurlbert, who each shot 211 (-2).

Twelve women competed in the ladies flight, with Libby native and former Carroll College standout, Jackie Mee, distancing herself from the field with rounds of 74-80-73, 227. Mee won by nine shots over Katie Willis (79-78-79, 236). For full results, [click here](#).

### Battlin’ Bears Complete at National Championships

**Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director**

Rocky Mountain College's men finished 14th at the 2018 NAIA Men's Golf National Championship at TPC Deere Run (Silvis, Illinois).

The Battlin’ Bears closed out the week by shooting a team score of 297 (+9) in the final round. Cumulatively, Rocky shot 1177 strokes (+41) over the four rounds. Individually, Colton Murphy earned All-Tournament Team recognition for a top-15 performance.

Murphy closed with 69 (-2) for his third straight... *Continued on the next page*
Colton Murphy
Photo from RMC Athletics

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While springtime took a little longer than usual to arrive, another season of high school golf is in the books as the 2018 Class B and Class C State Tournaments concluded.

In the Class B ranks, Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula) brought back significant hardware from Eaglerock Golf Course in Billings. The Loyola girls won their first state championship since 2011, led by future University of Montana golfer Kylie Esh. Esh won her second consecutive state title with rounds of 72-71, 143 (-1). Coming in second was teammate Katie Fagg at 155 (78-77). Abbey Aklestad of Shelby was third with 171 (86-85).

Loyola easily grabbed the girls' team title with a total of 690 (346-344), 43 shots clear of second place Shelby (733). Three Forks was third overall with 762. For Class B girls results, click here.

Shelby got the better of Loyola on the boys' side with 671 (333-338), edging out the Rams at 673 (341-332). Sweet Grass was not far behind at 680 (344-336) for third place. Individually, Loyola's Bucky Crippen took home medalist honors with rounds of 73-69, 142 (-2). Peter Brown of Colstrip was second with 74-76, 150. Josh Neth of Manhattan shot 72-79, 151 for third. Crippen became the fourth in his family to win a Class B...Continued on the next page
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Title as he joined his three older sisters with the medal. For Class B boys results, click here.

At Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, it was a sweep of team and individual titles for Manhattan Christian. The Eagles girls repeated as champions with a total of 588 (307-281), 54 shots better than second place Harlowton (317-325, 642). Lone Peak was shot back of Harlowton at 643 (327-316) for third. Jillian Frye paced the Eagles with rounds of 91-87, 178, to take home medalist honors. Landri Paladichuk of Ennis was second with 93-90, 183, and Madison Wasson of Harlowton was third with 93-95, 188. For Class C girls results, click here.

Things were closer on the boys’ side, but the Eagles prevailed with a total of 511 (251-260), followed by Park City in second at 525 (267-258), and Gardiner in third with 531 (269-262). Caidin Hill of Manhattan Christian provided the sweep of top honors, thanks to rounds of 79-86, 165. Hill’s 79 was the only sub-80 round of the championship and earned him a one-shot victory over Alex Schriver of Fairview 85-81, 166. Not far off was Hill’s teammate Cullen Visser who shot 84-85, 169. For Class C boys results, click here.

JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING GREEN-READING MATERIALS
The R&A and the USGA believe that a player’s ability to read greens is an essential part of the skill of putting. Rule 14-3 limits the use of equipment and devices that might assist a player in their play, based on the principle that golf is a challenging game in which success should depend on the judgment, skills, and abilities of the player.

We are concerned about the rapid development of increasingly detailed materials that players are using to help with reading greens during a round. We are reviewing the use of these materials to assess whether any actions need to be taken to protect this important part of the game.

We expect to address this matter further in the coming months.

SPECIAL TICKET OFFER FOR MSGA MEMBERS
As we near the upcoming U.S. Open Championship, we are close to the release of tickets for the 2019 U.S. Open to be held at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Tickets will be available to the public on Monday, June 11.

The USGA is excited to introduce a special ‘Early Access’ period for MSGA members. This early access period will give MSGA Members access to a variety of ticket packages – including daily and weekly Gallery/Trophy Club tickets, Lodge Premier tickets, and Travel/Fan Experiences.

The Early Access period for these tickets and packages will expire on June 5th. All information can be accessed via the following link usga.org/specialoffer.