August Tournaments

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8/01/2020
Bud Light Scramble
Town & CC of Miles City (Miles City)
8/01/2020
Lakeview Ladies Open
Lakeview CC (Baker)
8/01/2020 - 8/02/2020
Ron Godbout Coca-Cola Classic
Butte CC (Butte)
8/01/2020 - 8/02/2020
State 2 Man Best Ball
Eagle Falls GC (Great Falls)
8/02/2020
Junior Camp
Indian Springs Ranch GC (Eureka)
8/03/2020
PNWPGA (WMC) Pro-Am
Meadow Lark CC (Great Falls)
8/03/2020
Senior Interclub
Pryor Creek GC (Huntley)
8/03/2020 - 8/04/2020
Montana Cup
Black Bull (Bozeman)
8/04/2020
Eagle Falls Ladies Club Invitational
Eagle Falls GC (Great Falls)
8/04/2020
RMSPGA (YC) Pro-Am Ladies
Cottonwood Hills GC (Bozeman)
8/06/2020 - 8/08/2020
Hiland's Fling
Hilands GC (Billings)

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Men's State and Senior Amateurs
George Geise, MSGA Board of Directors

The Hedge name is back in the winner's circle at the Men's State Amateur golf tournament, but it’s a different family champion this time.

Billings standout Jake Hedge ran away with the 103rd State Amateur title at the Yellowstone Country Club in mid-July, closing with a 1-over-par 73 to finish 54 holes at 209, good for a 5-stroke victory over Liam Clancy of Park City. Defending champion Joey Moore of Billings was fourth at 217, one shot behind Brad Fox of Laurel. Hedge led the tourney virtually wire-to-wire, sharing the first-round lead with Moore after a 70, then carding seven birdies in a 6-under-par round of 66 on Friday, building a 7-shot lead. He played a conservative round on Saturday to win his first state title as an adult.

Older brother Josh Hedge won three straight State Am crowns starting in 2007 when he was 19 years old. The older Hedge finished eighth...

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Women's State, Mid, and Senior Amateurs
Lauren Nielson, MSGA Newsletter Contributor

The MSGA Women's State Amateur, Women's Mid Amateur, and Women's Senior Amateur tournaments were held in July at Riverside Country Club in Bozeman.

There were 29 participants in the Women's State Amateur this year, and the leaderboard was packed with familiar faces from junior golf programs around Montana. All of the top-five slots were filled by outstanding players who have played for Montana in the Girls Junior America's Cup tournament.

Cora Rosanova, this year's MSGA junior champion, took a commanding lead after shooting an impressive score of 70 in the first round. Cora's former Bozeman Hawk teammate, Annika Danenhauer, shot 75 and was five strokes behind after day one. Many golfers were right on their heels. Tierney Messmer, Kameryn Basye, Jackie Mee, ...

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this summer at 221. Both Hedges have been lifelong members at Yellowstone CC, and will be competing at the Men’s State Mid-Amateur in Laurel this month. Jake Hedge, who played his high school golf at Billings West before playing collegiately at Wyoming and MSU Billings, has long played in the shadow of his older brother as well as his best friend, Brandon McIver, who won two State Amateurs before turning professional.

But for one hot week in July, Jake was the best golfer in his inner circle – and the entire state of Montana. “That’s the best I’ve played in a long, long time,” said Jake, a 29-year-old who sells real estate in Billings. “I actually hit the ball better the first round (shot 70), but didn’t make many puts. The 66, that really seemed to come easy. I drove it well and made a lot of birdies (seven).” With a seven-stroke lead heading into the final round, Jake said he played for pars. “I tried not to mess it up … I hit a lot of 4-irons and hybrids off the tee, and just tried to make pars.” He made 15 of them, enough for a five-shot victory.

Clancy, who plays at Wyoming, was runner-up, a year after taking third behind Moore and Ryggs Johnston of Libby at the State Am in Great Falls. Johnston, the 2018 state champion, skipped this summer’s State Amateur to play an event in Texas. The annual Barnett Cup, which is awarded to the two low scorers from the same golf club through two rounds, was claimed by Yellowstone Country Club’s Josh and Jake Hedge.

In the first annual Men's Senior Amateur, played concurrently, Craig Hurlbert won the title after rounds of 68-73-73 for a 3-stroke victory over Tom White of Bozeman. Like the Hedges, Hurlbert also grew up at Yellowstone CC and played his prep golf at Billings West before moving to Texas and then back to western Montana. He won a State Mid-Amateur title in 2010 and has been a strong contender at many age levels in his career.

The combined event attracted around 190 players and was sponsored by the Montana State Golf Association. There were over 60 men aged 55 and over who played in the inaugural senior division. For full results of the Men’s Senior Amateur, click here.

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Tom Reynolds, 7/23/20, Marias Valley G & CC, Hole #11, 161 yds, 6 Iron
Michael Laird, 7/20/20, Hickory Swing GC, Hole #15, 141 yds, 8 Iron
Mike Fox, 7/17/20, Airport GC, Hole #8, 154 yds, 6 Iron
Rick Gardner, 7/8/20, Whitefish Lake GC (South), Hole #3, 146 yds, 8 Iron
Jesse Niemeyer, 7/8/20, Mission Mountain GC, Hole #8, 158 yds, 7 Iron
John O'Donnell, 7/7/20, Riverside CC, Hole #8, 138 yds, 8 Iron
Joe Peter, 7/3/20, Cottonwood Hills GC, Hole #4, 180 yds, 8 Iron
Bruce Prevost, 6/27/20, Sidney CC, Hole #11, 192 yds, 3 Wood
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Samantha Yates, and Samantha Benson all fired sub-80 rounds on day one.

In the second round, Annika shot 74 and Cora shot 78. This left Cora one shot ahead going into the final round. Tierney Messmer also joined the final group and was only four shots off the lead after her first two rounds (77, 77). Annika shot a final-round score of 72 to move ahead of Cora and win the tournament by five strokes. Annika’s total score was 221. Cora’s 78 in the final round gave her a total score of 226 and put her in second place overall. Tierney shot 77 in the final round, placing her in third overall with a final score of 229. For full results of the Women’s State Amateur, click here.

The Women’s Mid Amateur tournament was brand new this year. Women over the age of 30 now have the option to compete in the Mid Am. There were 27 participants in the inaugural event.

Dee Flemmer of Stevensville took the lead after the first round, carding a 74. She was followed closely by Susan Haskins of Bozeman who shot 76. In the second round, Susan fired another 76 and Dee shot 80, placing Susan two shots ahead of Dee heading into the final round.

Susan’s three birdies and four bogeys in round three totaled up to a final-round score of 72. Her three-round total was 224, and that was enough for her to claim first-place honors. Second place was claimed by Dee with a final score of 238. Dee was followed by Sable Kerzmann of Busby. Sable’s three-round total was 246. For full results of the Women’s Mid Amateur, click here.

The MSGA Women’s Senior Amateur tournament attracted 62 players. Jo Smith, Susan Bryant, and Julie Embleton broke 80 in round one, placing them at the top of the leaderboard. Jo Smith of Missoula led the tournament by five strokes after her first-round score of 73. Susan Bryant of Bozeman closed the gap after the second round of the competition. Susan’s 84 placed her only one behind Jo, who shot 88 in the second round. They were followed closely by Carol Van Valkenburg (86, 81) and Bobbie Lacklen (87, 80).

In the third round, Jo got off to a great start with back-to-back birdies on the third and fourth holes. She was even par on the front nine and finished strong with a final-round score of 75. Jo won the tournament with a three-round total of 236. Susan finished in second place with a final-round score of 82 and total score of 244. Third place was claimed by Carol Van Valkenburg who shot 79 in the final round and 246 overall. For full results of the Women’s Senior Amateur, click here.

Congratulations to all of the participants, and thanks for playing!

Next year’s tournaments will be held July 29-31 at Meadow Lark Country Club in Great Falls.

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Youth on Course Week in August

Youth on Course Week is August 10-14! Join us in celebrating during the week. There will be exciting giveaways, and a special announcement.

If your child is not yet a Youth on Course member, memberships are available to kids 6-18 yrs for $15/year, which enables them to play at over 1,300 courses nationwide for $5 or less. When you join YOC, you also get a free junior MSGA membership. For more information about YOC, please visit youthoncourse.org. To join YOC, you can go to msgagolf.org/youth-on-course, where you will also find a list of participating courses in Montana.

If you were a YOC member last year, simply log in to the MSGA website and click "Renew membership" to renew for this season. Note: In a family with multiple children, each child will need to log in and renew separately. If you need login information, please contact us at support@msgagolf.org.

If your course is interested in signing up as a Youth on Course facility, there is still time to get involved. Click here to submit a Course Interest Form, and we’ll set you up. If you have questions about how to navigate Youth on Course with your unique course circumstances, please reach out. The program is very flexible and beneficial for everyone.

Look for a special announcement by email and social media on August 10!

2020-2021 Raffle Fundraiser

Tickets are on sale now for the 5th Annual MSGA Trip-of-the-Month Raffle. Included are 12 new trip prizes, such as: Honolulu, Hawaii; Budapest, Hungary; Banff, Alberta; Disneyland; and more! In lieu of a trip, winners can opt for a $1,000 trip voucher or $750 cash. With only 300 tickets sold, and 2 winners a month, your chances are good for a return on the cost of the ticket.

Don’t want to go it alone? Share a ticket with a friend, or have a mini-raffle with your golfing buddies. Ultimately, the Raffle goes toward a great cause... our kids, the future golfers of Montana. Raffle proceeds are exclusively used to help fund the MSGA Junior Grant Program. For more information about this program, go to www.msgagolf.org/junior-program-grants.

Please download a Raffle brochure from www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser and get your ticket today! The first drawing will be held at the end of September. Thanks for your support!

Congratulations to our NEWEST WINNERS!

JULY’S DRAWING:
Portland Trailblazers B.Ball - Elvira Wilcox, Billings
$200 cash - Martha Quick, Bozeman

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### Club Championship
- Pine Meadows GC (Lewistown)
- 8/29/2020

### Men’s Triad
- 8/30/2020

### Mike Pulse Memorial
- Stillwater GC (Columbus)
- 8/31/2020

### RMSPGA (YC) Scholarship Pro-Am
- Yellowstone CC (Billings)
- 8/31/2020 - 9/01/2020

### PNWPGA (WMC) Championship
- Whitefish Lake GC (Whitefish)

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