September Tournaments

PLEASE NOTE: Tournaments are subject to any restrictions that might be in place at the time of play. If in doubt, check with the host course to see if the tournament has been postponed or cancelled.

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9/01/2020
RMSPGA (YC) Pro-Am Ladies
Exchange City Par 3 GC (Billings)

9/03/2020
AJGA Qualifier
Big Sky GC (Big Sky)

9/04/2020
Boys and Girls Club
Yellowstone CC (Billings)

9/04/2020
Breakfast Exchange Million $
Exchange City Par 3 GC (Billings)

9/04/2020 - 9/07/2020
AJGA Junior Tournament
Big Sky GC (Big Sky)

9/05/2020
Labor Day Weekend Tournament
Cottonwood CC (Glendive)

9/05/2020
Legends (50+) Scramble
Airport GC (Wolf Point)

9/05/2020
Night Flyer
Stillwater GC (Columbus)

9/05/2020 - 9/06/2020
Coors Light Two Person Challenge
Anaconda CC (Anaconda)

9/05/2020 - 9/06/2020
Kabinski Klassik
Pine Meadows GC (Lewistown)

9/05/2020 - 9/07/2020
Labor Day Tournament
Buffalo Hill GC (Kalispell)

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Men’s Mid Amateur

George Geise, MSGA Board of Directors

Nathan Bailey won the fourth major state title in his brilliant amateur golf career last month when he captured the Montana Mid-Amateur tournament at his home course, the Laurel Golf Club.

Bailey, who won three State Amateur titles within the past 10 years, shot rounds of 68, 64, and 71, to finish at 203, 13 under par. He bogeyed only three holes and posted 16 birdies in the 54-hole event. He won by six strokes over current State Amateur champion Jake Hedge of Billings, who also posted three straight subpar rounds.

Joey Lovell of Bozeman also tied for second at 209, after a closing 68 in the final round. Defending Mid-Am champion Josh Hedge of Billings was fourth at 212, followed by Jim Bob Coleman at 215.

The Gene Cook Cup was awarded to Jake Hedge, Josh Hedge, and JimBob Coleman of Yellowstone Country Club for having the lowest two day total (two scores each day) of players competing from the same club.

Dave Eames was awarded the Joe Tomes Trophy for the lowest scorer of age 50 and above.

The event for players 25 and older attracted 123 players, including several former State Amateur and Mid-Amateur champions. Complete hole-by-hole results can be found by clicking here.

A special thanks to Laurel Golf Club for their hard work and support, especially dealing with the extra COVID-19 restrictions this season.

The 2021 Mid-Amateur Championship will be held at Polson Bay GC on August 19-21.
Handicapping FAQs
Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

How Is My Handicap Index Calculated With The New World Handicap System?

Each score in your record is calculated with a formula that includes the course rating and slope of the tees you played -- (Adjusted gross score - course rating - PCC) x (113/slope). This formula includes the PCC (Playing Conditions Calculation), which is a conservative adjustment to compensate for any extreme course or weather conditions that day. If a PCC adjustment was made, it will show in your record (“PCC” column).

The resulting number is known as the Handicap Differential, and is located in a column on the right of your record (”Diff”). Note that the Handicap Differential can be adjusted with an ESR (Exceptional Score Reduction), or if the Handicap Committee has applied a manual adjustment. The end result would be in the far right column (“Adj Diff”).

Your Handicap Index is calculated by averaging the lowest 8 Handicap Differentials from your most recent 20 scores. Any 9-hole scores were combined to form an 18-hole score, which is counted as 1 score. When you log in, if you click on "Scores" from the top bar, you will see the scores used for the last revision (you can also click on the blue box that contains your Handicap Index). The lowest 8 will have an asterisk by them. If you have less than 20 scores, a table is used to determine how many handicap differentials are used (see Rule 5.2a in the Rules of Handicapping manual).

Your Handicap Index can also be affected by a Soft Cap or Hard Cap, which is a new safeguard that will keep your Handicap Index from drifting too far from your Low Handicap Index within a 12 month period.

Starting in 2020, bi-monthly revisions were replaced by daily revisions. When you enter a score or scores, your Handicap Index will update during that night’s revision. If you don’t enter a score that day, there is no update.

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!

Scott Niemczyk, 8/26/20, Red Lodge Mtn GC, Hole #7, 142 yds, 8 Iron
Kathy McDonald, 8/20/20, Bill Roberts GC, Hole #13, Gold Tees, 8 Iron
Fox Johnson, 8/14/20, Polson Bay GC, Hole #4, 120 yds, Driver
Mike Spint, 8/14/20, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #11 (North), 167 yds, 5 Iron
Travis Miller, 8/12/20, Village Greens GC, Hole #16, 126 yds, Pitching Wedge
David Tennant, 8/8/20, Village Greens GC, Hole #11, 129 yds, Pitching Wedge
Marianne Barker, 8/3/20, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #15 (South), 144 yds, 8 Iron
Matt Mullaney, 6/18/20, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #6 (North), 174 yds, 7 Iron
Margie Jones, 5/26/20, Buffalo Hill GC, Hole #16, 128 yds, 6 Iron
Four Ball Tournament Cancelled

The First Annual Men’s and Women’s State Four Ball Championship to be played at Marias Valley G&CC was cancelled the week before play. A primary reason was that not enough entries were received, especially in the women’s and co-ed divisions. Because it is a new tournament, we hope it draws more interest next season. The 2021 dates and site have not yet been determined.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM
Frequently Asked Questions
Do we have new ID#s?
Can I use the GHIN Software?
Do I have to post scores daily?
How do I post scores myself?
I can’t get logged in to the new app.
What is my maximum hole score?
Why did my Course Handicap change from 2019 to 2020?

Did You Miss It?
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for the Top 5 Things a Golfer Needs To Know about the World Handicap System.

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!

AUGUST’S DRAWING:
Omni Orlando Resort - Lance Lundvall, Billings
$200 cash - Mary Bryson, Montana City

** SEPTEMBER’S TRIP PRIZE is Disneyland **