



MSGA Newsletter

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Carla Berg Elected President of the MSGA

George Geise, MSGA Board of Directors



It's only appropriate that the first woman ever chosen to serve on the Board of Directors of the Montana State Golf Association has been selected to lead the MSGA as the next Board president.

Carla Berg, of Sidney, made history back in 2015 when she was elected to the MSGA board. She has agreed to serve a four-year term as head of the association. The action was taken in November when the MSGA conducted its annual meeting via a Zoom event.

Most Montana golfers know that Carla has already served the state golf community in many capacities. She has been the ultimate advocate for women and juniors in eastern Montana, and has been deeply involved at the state level as well. Carla served as executive director of the Montana State Women's Golf Association starting in 1998, and is credited with many improvements at both the board and tournament level. Carla was instrumental in the merger of the MSWGA and MSGA, and she has also has been active at the regional and national level in promoting our great game. One of our board members probably said it best about Carla's influence on golf in Montana: "I continue to volunteer because Carla expects each of us to give back."

Carla replaces Bill Dunn, of Missoula, who has served the MSGA with distinction the past four years, and will continue to contribute to the association as a member of the Executive Committee. Peter Benson, of Billings, was chosen to serve as vice-president, and Mary Bryson, of Helena, accepted the post of treasurer. Also re-elected to four-year terms were Joe Rossman, of Belgrade, George Geise, of Great Falls, and Ron Ramsbacher, of Missoula.



Carla Berg

MSGA Scholarships

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicaps & Website

The MSGA Scholarship application is available to all Montana boys and girls in their senior year of high school. The applicant should be involved in golf, but golf skill is not a factor.

You can access the application at <http://www.msgagolf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-MSGA-Scholarship-Application.pdf>. It must be received no later than 3/15/21, and awards will be announced after 4/25/21.

Montana's Official Golf Season:

April 1 to October 31

Off-season scores played in Montana should not be posted. Scores played where it is in-season are valid and should be posted, via the smartphone app, online handicap system, or membership linking.

2021 MSGA Tournaments:

STATE JUNIORS

June 21-22, Cottonwood Hills GC

MEN'S STATE/SR AM

July 15-17, Canyon River GC

WOMEN'S STATE, MID, & SR AM

July 29-31, Meadow Lark CC

MEN'S STATE SENIORS

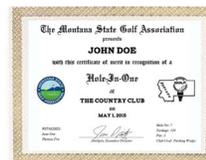
August 3-5, Butte area

MEN'S MID AM

August 19-21, Polson Bay GC

Congratulations to our newest Ace Club Member!

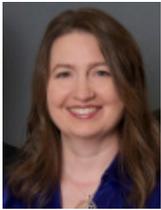
Did you get a hole-in-one? Go to www.msgagolf.org to see how to get your MSGA Hole-in-One Certificate!



Jim Pellegrini, 10/12/20, Bill Roberts GC, Hole #13, 139 yds, 9 Iron

More WHS Tips

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicaps & Website



In November, as part of its social media campaign, the USGA released 2 more helpful tips about the World Handicap System.

The topics covered are *New to Handicapping?* and *Net Double Bogey*. You can click on the pictures below for a brief explanation of each topic.



New to Handicapping?

Many don't know that establishing a Handicap is part of the game of golf, even if you never compete! And,

Net Double Bogey can seem confusing at first, so it's good to review exactly how it works.

If you have a question about the World Handicap System, please feel free to

contact us at support@msgagolf.org or the USGA at hdcp-questions@usga.org.



Net Double Bogey

Fall College Golf Results

Lauren Nielson, MSGA Newsletter Contributor



Most of the fall golf seasons for the colleges and universities around Montana were very limited this year, but the Montana Frontier Conference Schools (Carroll College, Montana Tech, and Rocky Mountain College) were able to compete in three small invites.

The Carroll College Invite was played at Bill Roberts Golf Course in Helena. On the women's side, Rocky Mountain College won the team competition, with Claire Wright (RMC) winning top honors with her even-par-round of 72. On the men's side, Rocky Mountain College and Montana Tech tied with a team score of 282. Montana Tech won after a one-hole playoff. Sean Ramsbacher from Montana Tech won the men's tournament with a score of 68.



Claire Wright

The Oredigger Invite was held at Old Works Golf Course in Anaconda. The women's team from Rocky Mountain College won the tournament with a team score of 257. Clare Wright from Rocky won this tournament as well, with a score of 77. The Montana Tech men's team was victorious again. Their score of 319 placed the team at the top of the leaderboard. Brady Cady (Tech) won the men's individual competition with a score of 75.



Rocky Mountain College Girls

Yegen Golf Course in Billings hosted the Battlin' Bears Invite, the final event for the Frontier Conference. For the third tournament in a row, the Rocky Mountain College women's team claimed top honors with a team score of 332. Amanda Conner from Rocky won the tournament with a score of 84. On the men's side, the Rocky Mountain College B Team won the tournament with a score of 287. Nolan Burzminski won with a two-under-par score of 69.

Raffle Fundraiser - Tickets Left!

Tickets are still on sale for the MSGA Trip-of-the-Month Raffle. Raffle proceeds are exclusively used to help fund the MSGA Junior Grant Program. You can download a Raffle brochure at www.msgagolf.org/raffle-fundraiser.

Click here to donate to the MSGA.
Thanks for your support!

Congratulations to our NEWEST WINNERS!

NOVEMBER'S DRAWING:
Savannah, Georgia - Sean Pahut, Great Falls
\$200 cash - John Jensen, Billings

**** DECEMBER'S TRIP PRIZE is Banff, Alberta ****



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