



MSGGA Newsletter

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2022 MSGA Tournaments:

M&W 2 Man 4 Ball
May 21-22, Old Works GC

STATE JUNIORS
June 20-21, Laurel GC

WOMEN'S STATE, MID, & SR AM
July 14-16, Lake Hills GC

GIRLS JUNIOR AMERICAS CUP
July 26-28, Green Meadow CC

MEN'S STATE, SR, S.SR AM
July 28-30, Riverside CC

MEN'S STATE SENIORS
August 2-4, Flathead Valley area

MEN'S MID AM
August 11-13, Marias Valley GC

USGA's Message: Handicaps Are For All Players!

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Administrator



Having a handicap used to be just for tournament players. Not any more! Over the years, the game of golf has become more modern and inclusive.

The World Handicap System, introduced in 2020, makes it easier and more accessible for everyone to have a handicap, no matter the age, gender, ability, and wherever you play in the world. It has been designed for all golfers, providing a consistent measure of ability, whether you play all the time, just recreationally, or if you are new to golf.



Click the picture above to play a video from the USGA.

Everyone who plays can establish a handicap after posting just three 18-hole scores (or the equivalent of 9's) and realize the same benefits as tournament players, by tracking their progress and sharing a fair game with friends and family. If you don't have a handicap yet, the USGA encourages you to get on board and see how fun it can be, and how it contributes positively to your game.

However, be sure you are getting an *official* Handicap Index, which is only offered through certain channels. Many online handicap services aren't certified by the USGA, especially if they are offered for free, so you can't be sure they are using the same, consistent formula and Rules of Handicapping as the handicap of your peers.

A membership from any state golf association includes an official Handicap Index. To join the MSGA, go to www.msgagolf.org/join-the-msga, or contact your club of choice. Once you have your member # (GHIN#), you can get set up on the handicap system and start posting scores! The USGA will also be offering a channel through their website (usga.org) where people can join their local golf association and get a handicap.

If you have questions or problems getting started, please feel free to contact us at support@msgagolf.org or 1-800-628-3752. You can learn more about the World Handicap System and Rules of Handicapping at usga.org/whs.



MONTANA'S OFF-SEASON

Montana's official golf season for 2021 ended

October 31. The handicap system will not allow rounds played in Montana between November 1 and March 31 to be posted.

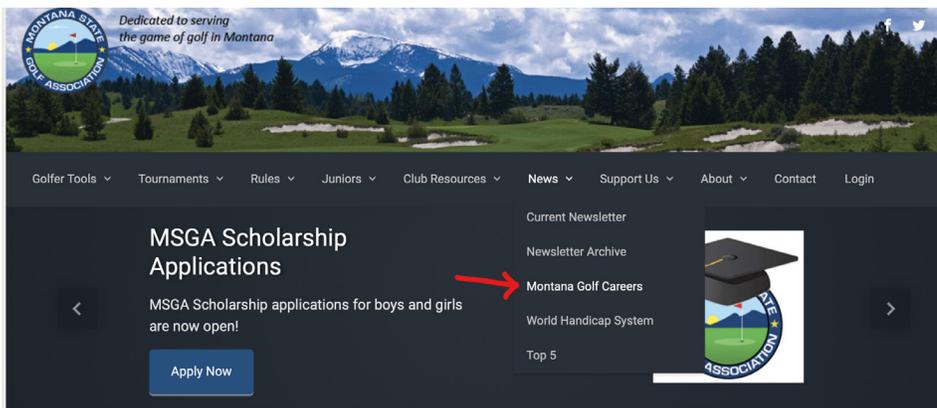
However, scores played *where it is in season during this time period* (ex: Arizona) are valid and should be posted to your score record. For a list of official seasons observed by each Association, [click here](#).

If you have more than one score record, please [contact us](#) and we'll help you merge them into one GHIN record that is shared between your Association memberships.

New Feature of the MSGA Website and Newsletter

Are you interested in working in the golf industry? The MSGA will start posting job opportunities provided by clubs around the state starting in 2022, on our website and in this newsletter. To see current listings, visit our website at [msgagolf.org](http://www.msgagolf.org), then go to News > Montana Golf Careers, or use this direct link: <http://www.msgagolf.org/montana-golf-careers>.

If you are interested in submitting a job opening, you can email the description to support@msgagolf.org. Please note that this includes only golf-industry related jobs in Montana, preferably at a golf club. Be sure to include a brief description of the position, along with a link, contact information, and/or PDF for applications. Job listings will be posted upon receipt and removed after 30 days, unless notified sooner, or if an extension is requested.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

General Manager – Green Meadow Country Club, Helena:

The General Manager (GM) is the Club's senior-most staff executive and reports to the Board of Directors. The

GM is responsible for building a service-based, welcoming culture and for managing the operations of GMCC consistent with the objectives, strategies, and policies established by the Board. Of primary importance is a focus on continuous improvement in member/guest satisfaction, as well as building a sustainable, profitable business. The GM, under the direction of the Board, has primary responsibility for preparing, implementing, and monitoring the club's annual budget and is expected to possess strong leadership, operational, communication, financial, and analytical skills.

Please [click here](#) to view the complete job posting and apply.

Posted by MSGA 12/28/21

USGA Tournament App Is Changing in 2022



If you used live scoring at an MSGA tournament in 2021, you probably downloaded the "USGA TM" mobile app. While the app features will stay the same, because of new branding, you will need to delete that app and download the "Golf Genius TM" mobile app instead. You can find it in the [Apple App](#) or [Google Play](#) stores, using these links.

If you forget, you will either be reminded when you open the app, or it will be disabled at some point. Players in 2022 MSGA state tournaments will be reminded of the change.

Congratulations to our NEWEST WINNERS!



DECEMBER'S DRAWING:

Lake Como, Italy - Geri Allmaras-Willer, Sidney
\$200 cash - Jane Ereaux, Malta

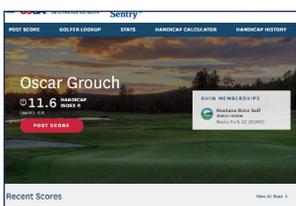
**** JANUARY'S TRIP PRIZE is Wilderness Club, Eureka MT ****

Congratulations to our newest Ace Club Members!

Did you get a hole-in-one? [Click here](#) to see how to get your MSGA Hole-in-One Certificate!



Stan Hill, 10/17/21, Cottonwood Hills GC, Hole #14, 143 yds, 6 Iron
Dave Beach, 9/4/21, Bill Roberts GC, Hole #12, 145 yds, 8 Iron
Gary Mitchell, 6/25/21, Village Greens GC, Hole #16, 125 yds, Sand Wedge
Austin White, 5/17/21, Riverside CC, Hole #8, 128 yds, Pitching Wedge



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