



MSGA Newsletter

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Montana Moves To GHIN

Jim Opitz, MSGA Executive Director



The MSGA is pleased to announce that, coming this 2021 golf season, the MSGA will be partnering with the GHIN handicap service to administer golf

handicaps in Montana.

The MSGA will be joining well over 95% of the golfers in the US, who also use GHIN. We hope the handicap holders in the state will enjoy this change. We wish you a great season!

If you have a question about the World Handicap System, please feel free to contact us at support@msgagolf.org, or the USGA at hdcquestions@usga.org.

2021 MSGA Tournaments:

M & W 2MAN 4BALL
May 15-16, The Briarwood

STATE JUNIORS
June 21-22, Cottonwood Hills GC

MEN'S STATE/SR/S.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

Transitioning to GHIN

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap & Website Administrator

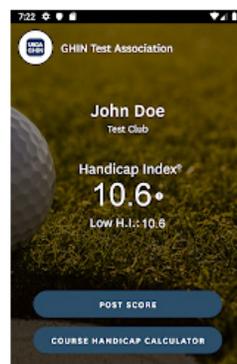


Starting February 1st, we are transitioning from GolfNet software to GHIN (say "Gin"). It is a software service through the USGA. What does this mean for you? Logging in to post your score will change, whether you use the smartphone app or log in online.



If you currently use the "MSGA" app, you'll want to delete it. Then, search for "GHIN Mobile" in your app store and download it instead. You will receive an email on February 1st with instructions how to set up a Profile and log in. You can use this same login for the online handicap system at ghin.com, or through our website at msgagolf.org/login.

Attention Snowbirds: If you already use GHIN as a multi-member, you can continue using it as before. Within your Profile, you can set different addresses with date ranges, along with changing your home club, if you move back and forth. You shouldn't have more than one active GHIN#, so if you do after 2/1, please let us know so that we can merge your records. And, if you have a Canadian membership, we can link to your Canada record.



You'll find many of the same features in GHIN, including tracking stats. We encourage you to post your score hole by hole (whether as you play, or if you post it later that day), because Net Double Bogey (your maximum hole score) will be calculated for you.

A new feature of GHIN is that minors under the age of 13 will need to have a guardian assigned to them, and all emails and account functions will go through that guardian. This is to conform to a privacy law.

If you need help with basic functions, click on the following guides for instructions: [Accessing Golfer Profile](#), [Minor Golfer Login & Changing Golfers](#), [Golfer Lookup & Handicap Calculator](#), and [Stats & Score History](#).

If you have any questions about the new system, or need help logging in, please contact us at support@msgagolf.org.

A Note From the MSGA President

Carla Berg, MSGA President



This unusual weather we have been experiencing is almost scary when thinking about what Montana's spring weather will be like. We definitely need the moisture! However, since both the collegiate and high school golf teams did not have a spring season in 2020, we need to keep our fingers crossed. I know several of you have already braved the elements and have hit the links this past month and enjoyed yourselves.

For those of you that know of or have a graduating senior in your life, please remind them of the MSGA scholarship. The due date for this scholarship is March 15th, which means it will need to be mailed by the 12th of March. The application can be accessed online at www.msgagolf.org, but the finished application must be mailed because of supporting documents.

As you know, the MSGA Board of Directors has elected to switch handicap providers and will now be using GHIN. More information was provided on the cover page of this newsletter. Once again, if you have any questions please reach out to our [support desk](#).

Handicapping FAQs

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Administrator

Have a handicap question?
[CLICK HERE](#) for help.

CAN I PRINT A HANDICAP LABEL WITH THE GHIN SYSTEM?

No, with the new Daily Revision schedule, the days of printing handicap labels have gone away. This is because Handicap Indexes are changing more frequently than the labels! Also, it's easier than ever for clubs to verify handicaps online.

However, there might be an occasion where you need a printed copy of your card if a club requests it, or if you are playing internationally.

In that case, you can log in at ghin.com to print one yourself. Go to the menu icon at the top left of your screen, then to "My Card". You will be able to see your card on your screen. There is a Print button below it.

For questions about using the GHIN system, please [contact us](#).

New Pro at Meadow Lark

George Geise, MSGA Board of Directors



Meadow Lark Country Club has hired Scott Longenecker to serve as its new head professional.

Longenecker, 47, replaces Dudley Beard, who served as head pro at MLCC for the past 34 years. Beard retired in December but will continue to give lessons and sell golf merchandise at a new venue in Great Falls.

Longenecker comes to Meadow Lark from Bill Roberts Golf Course in Helena, where he worked the past 15 years. Prior to that, he worked at Larchmont Golf Course in Missoula and Quail Ridge Golf Course in Clarkston, Washington. Longenecker is a native of Lewiston, Idaho, and came to Montana as a high school junior. He has worked in the golf business since 1999 and has been a Class A professional since 2005.

Longenecker was chosen from nearly 50 candidates.

UPDATED SCORE TYPES:

- H = Home
- A = Away
- C = Competition
- N = Combined Nine Hole
- P = Penalty
- E = Exceptional Score



Congratulations to our NEWEST WINNERS!

JANUARY'S DRAWING:

Leavenworth, WA - Dominique Preputin, Havre
\$200 cash - Kristy Paine, California

**** FEBRUARY'S TRIP PRIZE is Two Airline Tickets ****

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Thanks for your support!

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.

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