



MSGA Newsletter

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October Tournaments

10/02/2021

13th Annual Iron Man
Eaglerock GC (Billings)

10/02/2021

Mission Impossible
Laurel GC (Laurel)

10/02/2021

Octoberfest

Trestle Creek GC (St. Regis)

10/02/2021

Oktoberfest

Marias Valley G&CC (Shelby)

10/02/2021

Smoke & Stroke
Airport GC (Wolf Point)

10/03/2021

Clam Chowder

Cabinet View GC (Libby)

10/03/2021

World's Toughest GC
Polson Bay GC (Polson)

10/04/2021

Cellular Plus Legion Baseball
Yellowstone CC (Billings)

10/04/2021 - 10/05/2021

PNWPGA (WMC) 2021 Dowaliby Cup
Village Greens GC (Kalispell)

Boys Junior Americas Cup Results

Joe Rossman, MSGA Board Member



The 2021 Boys Junior Americas Cup was held in Sheridan, Wyoming at The Powder Horn Golf Club. Team Montana was Zeke Boos, Carson Hackmann, Kade McDonough, and Jack Prigge.

Zeke Boos will be a sophomore in high school and played golf for Missoula Loyola last year. Carson Hackmann graduated from Laurel High School last year and is playing college golf at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. Kade McDonough is a Junior and plays golf for Missoula Sentinel. Jack Prigge is a Junior and plays golf for Butte High.

Team Montana tied for 15th place, but lost a scorecard playoff and ended up in 16th place. Kade McDonough was the lowest individual for Team Montana placing 15th place overall at 5 over par (70-75-73-218). The event was won by Team Southern California with a total score of 19 under par, 23 strokes better than 2nd place Team Utah. For full tournament results, [click here](#).



BJAC Team: Jack Prigge, Zeke Boos, Captain Joe Rossman, Kade McDonough, Carson Hackmann, Asst Captain Ron Ramsbacher

Team Montana's host family was Jim and Tiffani (Sping) Mowry. Tiffani played 4 years of college golf for Montana State.

The 50th anniversary of the Boys Junior Americas Cup will be played at Ruby Hills Golf Club in Pleasanton, California, July 31 - August 4, 2022.

Setting A Target For Your Round, and A Trivia Question

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Administrator



Knowing how to determine your target score allows you to set a goal for your round no matter what course or tee you're playing. This article, originally published in Golf Journal, and now [on the USGA website](#), might help:

"You're standing on the first tee, headcover off the driver, tee in the ground. Thoughts swirl as you take your final practice swing. The still-blank scorecard brings a rush of optimism, along with one overarching thought: 'I hope I play well today.' But how do you define what "playing well" means? How can you set a reasonable goal for the round, especially on an unfamiliar course or a new set of tees? ...Continued next pg



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The short answer: By knowing your target score. While 'target score' isn't defined within the Rules of Handicapping, it is certainly a term that every golfer with a Handicap Index would benefit from knowing. Here are three key things to know about target score:

What is it? A target score is the score you'll shoot if you 'play to your handicap.' If your Handicap Index is 15.0, for example, the posted score would result in a Score Differential of about 15.0. In other words, if you shoot your target score or better, you've had a great day!

How do you determine it? Easy – simply add your Course Handicap to the par of the tees you're playing. If your Course Handicap is say, 20, and par is 70, your target score would be 90.

How often should I shoot it? Your Handicap Index measures your demonstrated ability when you're playing well – so to play to your handicap takes a solid performance. Generally, players shoot their target score about 15-20 percent of the time and can expect to shoot 2-4 strokes higher in most rounds.

Since your Course Handicap changes from one set of tees to another, you can also use target score to identify the most appropriate set for you. At the very least, knowing your target score before starting a round lets you better anticipate the challenge that lies ahead!"

On a different note, here's a trivia question for you: Under the World Handicap System, how many 18-hole scores does a player have to post to establish a Handicap Index - a) 3, b) 5, c) 10, d) 20? The correct answer is a) 3. After posting just 3 18-hole rounds, or any combination of 9- or 18-holes, a player will have a Handicap Index the very next day!

Fall Golf and the WHS - 3 Things to Know

1. Struggling to finish your round due to the sun setting earlier and earlier each day? As long as you play 7 holes, you can still post a 9-hole score. If you get through 14 holes, an 18-hole score can be posted. The score for any unplayed holes is **par plus any handicap strokes** you receive based on your Course Handicap.
2. Playing in tough conditions? You may see the Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) come into play more often than you did during the summer. The PCC compares the actual scores made each day to the expected scores of the players who made them – and if the scores are significantly higher (or lower) than expected, an adjustment to each player's Score Differential is automatically applied.
3. Are preferred lies in effect due to wet and soggy conditions? Don't worry, you can still post your score. The Handicap Committee at the club should make this determination each day, so check with the pro shop before teeing it up.



MT GOLF SEASON ENDING SOON!

Montana's official golf season for 2021 ends October 31st.

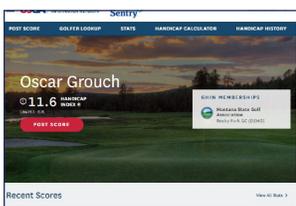
Any rounds played in Montana between November 1 and March 31 are not valid and shouldn't be posted for handicap purposes. However, scores played *where it is in season during this time period* (ex: Arizona) are valid and should be posted. For a list of official seasons observed by each Association, [click here](#).

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!



Joan Schleicher, 9/21/21, Eagle Bend GC, Hole #16, 97 yds, 8 Iron
Matt Walker, 9/18/21, Stillwater GC, Hole #16, 164 yds, 8 Iron
Steve Johnstone, 9/17/21, Beaver Creek GC, Hole #13, 126 yds, 8 Iron
Larry Jensen, 9/10/21, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #16 (South), 115 yds, 8 Iron
Tom Shea, 8/31/21, Riverside CC, Hole #16, White Tees, Pitching Wedge
Dennis LaBonty, 8/24/21, Silver Fox GC, Hole #2, 152 yds, 7 Iron
Bill Bache, 8/10/21, The Ranch Club, Hole #15, 124 yds, 9 Iron
Brian Cripe, 7/2/21, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #15 (North), 144 yds, 6 Iron
Brian Cripe, 5/7/21, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #15 (South), 164 yds, 6 Iron



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