

18th METROPOLITAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

CONDUCTED BY THE METROPOLITAN AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION



AUGUST 7, 8 & 9, 2008

ST. LOUIS COUNTRY CLUB



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur golfers who are affiliated with or are a member of a club which is a Member Club of the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association. The entrant must have an up-to-date and current USGA GHIN Handicap Index of not more than 5.4. At the close of entries, the entrant's computed USGA GHIN Handicap Index must contain **ten (10) scores** posted during the calendar year. This entry and USGA GHIN Handicap must be certified by the Association (or a Member Club) authorized to issue a USGA GHIN Handicap. Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Championship Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. Field will be limited to 144 applicants with the lowest USGA GHIN Handicap Indexes. Exempt players need not meet the Handicap Index requirement. The Championship Committee reserves the right to issue special exemptions.

ENTRIES: Form, Fee, Closing Date

All players (including exempt players) shall apply on the attached form. Copies are acceptable.

\$120.00 entry fee shall be paid by every applicant. Entrant may file only (1) entry. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of the reason if the Metropolitan Office is notified prior to the close of entries, July 2, 2008. After the close of entries, entry fee will be refunded only after written proof to the Championship Committee of injury or illness and such written request for refund is made prior to July 30, 2008. No refunds for any reason if written request is made on or after July 30, 2008. Application and fees must reach the Association's Office at the address listed on the entry form by **5:00 p.m., July 2, 2008**. (Entries by telephone, telegraph or fax are **not** acceptable.)

SCHEDULE

QUALIFYING:

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB

The Championship Committee will conduct, if necessary, an 18 Hole Qualifying Round. Qualifying Round, if needed, shall include all entrants, except exempt players. (See Exemptions below.) Number of Qualifying Spots available will be determined by Championship Committee after entries close. A tie for the final Qualifying Spot(s) and alternates will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

CHAMPIONSHIP: 54 holes at stroke play.

144 players are eligible, including exempt players.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

First Round, 18 Holes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Second Round, 18 Holes; Field cut to low forty (40) and ties.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Final Round, 18 Holes.

Lowest scorer for 54 Holes will be Champion. Any tie(s) will be decided by a four (4) hole play-off, which will be held immediately following play. The Champion will be the player with the lowest aggregate score for the play-off. In the event of a further tie, the Champion will be determined by a sudden death hole-by-hole play-off.

PRIZES

Champion: Jim Tom Blair Trophy for a period of one (1) year; Gold Medal

Runner-Up: Silver Medal

NO OTHER REMUNERATION: By this application, an entrant certifies that he is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in this Championship other than the aforementioned prizes.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Practice privileges (one practice round) at St. Louis CC are extended to players in the Championship on **Monday, August 4, 2008**. Additional information on practice privileges will be sent to players after close of entries.

RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the United States Golf Association Rules of Golf. Questions shall be settled by the Championship Committee whose decision shall be final.

GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Balls may be used. (List is available at www.usga.org)

The Optional Condition, as set forth in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf, which places a limitation on golf balls used during a round (One-Ball Rule), shall be in effect.

Only Driver Heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. (List is available at www.usga.org)

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf shall be in effect. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is **DISQUALIFICATION**, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

FOOTWEAR

St. Louis CC is a spikeless facility. Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes, comprised either partially or entirely of metal, **are prohibited**. **Penalty for breach of this Condition: DISQUALIFICATION.**

CADDIES; AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Qualifying: A player may use, at his own expense, automotive transportation during the Qualifying phase of the Championship.

Championship: A player may provide his own caddie at any time during the Championship, provided the caddie is not a participant in the Championship, or a player may carry his own clubs. Players and/or caddies may **not** use automotive transportation during the Championship Proper. Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round.

TIME OF STARTING

The Optional Condition for Time of Starting, as set forth in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf, shall be in effect.

REGISTRATION AT ST. LOUIS CC

All players must be ready to play at their appropriate starting point and starting time, as published.

EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories, if otherwise eligible, will be exempt from qualifying:

- All former Metropolitan Amateur Champions.

Don Bliss (1991, 93)	Bob Beckmann (2000)
Jim Holtgrieve (1994)	Scott Edwards (2003)
Tom Barry (1996)	Darren Lundgren (2006)
David Estes (1997, 98)	Ryan Franks (2007)
Brian Kennedy (1999)	
- All former Taylor Cup and Metropolitan Match Play Champions.

Don Bliss (1996, 2000, 04)	Skip Berkmeier (2001, 02, 07)
Jim Holtgrieve (1997, 98)	David Estes (2003)
Tim Riley (1999)	
- All former Missouri Amateur Champions.

Don Bliss (1972, 83, 86, 88)	Bob Beckmann (1993)
David Lucks (1987)	Skip Berkmeier (1999)
Scott Thomas (1992)	
- All players who returned a 54-hole score in the 2007 Metropolitan Amateur Championship.

Allen, Buddy	Franks, Ryan	Langley, Scott
Ashby, Dustin	Gardiner, Mark	Lundgren, Darren
Bardgett, Justin	Gregson, Mitchell	Marshall, David
Berkmeier, Skip	Guthrie, Zach	McClellan, Scott
Bryant, Justin	Hall, Brian	Moloney, Ted
Caravia, Phil	Hines, Matt	Neeman, Colin
Carlson, Sam	Holtgrieve, Jim	Rau, Matthew
Choate, Corey	Holtgrieve, Steven	Schaller, Dan
Corrigan, Colin	Horton, Scott	Schleiffarth, Scott
Dewitt, Bill III	Kennedy, Brian	Thomas, Scott
Dolan, Sean	Key, Alex	Weinhaus, Ryan
Ehlers, Jack	Kluge, Kyle	Wilkinson, Dave
Fann, Scott	Kopsky, Matt	

Fogarty, Andy

- Any player who finished in the top twenty (20) (plus ties) on the 2007 MAGA Player of the Year Point List

Allen, Buddy	Franks, Ryan	Long, Adam
Ashby, Dustin	Gardiner, Mark	Lundgren, Darren
Bardgett, Justin	Gregson, Mitchell	Moloney, Ted
Berkmeier, Skip	Hines, Matt	Neeman, Colin
Bryan, Justin	Kennedy, Brian	Schleiffarth, Scott
Corrigan, Colin	Langley, Scott	Thomas, Scott
		Wood, Ben

- Special Exemptions issued by the Championship Committee.

Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must fill a timely entry.

CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

The Championship Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee in any matter shall be final.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

During all phases of the Championship, Competitors must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Championship Committee shall decide whether this requirement has been met and has authority to withdraw the entry of a Competitor who does not comply. The wearing of Bermuda length shorts is permitted.

NOTICE CONCERNING AMATEUR STATUS

Participation in this event is conditioned on Amateur Status. The USGA Rules of Amateur Status shall apply. The Championship Committee reserves the right to disqualify any participant for not having Amateur Status. Disqualifying events include (i) competing for cash prizes in any amount and (ii) competing for merchandise prizes exceeding \$750 in retail value.

PAST CHAMPIONS

Don Bliss	1991, 1993
Derre Owsley	1992
Jim Holtgrieve	1994
Craig Schnurbusch	1995
Tom Barry	1996
David Estes	1997, 1998
Brian Kennedy	1999
Bob Beckmann	2000
Scott Fann	2001
Mike Sabo	2002
Scott Edwards	2003
John Kelly	2004
Parker LaBarge	2005
Darren Lundgren	2006
Ryan Franks	2007

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ENTRY DEADLINE:

Entry and fees must arrive by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 addressed to:

Metropolitan Amateur Golf Championship

555 Maryville University Drive • Suite 240

St. Louis, Missouri 63141

LATE OR INCOMPLETE ENTRY NOT ACCEPTABLE

DO NOT USE TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE OR FAX

APPLICATION OF ENTRY – FEE \$120.00

Please print. Fill in every applicable blank or entry will be rejected.

Enclose entry fee of **\$120.00 payable to Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association**

(Do NOT send cash)

Name _____ I am exempt (Enter Category #): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____ Sex _____ Phone Home: (____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Cell: (____) _____

Club/Course _____

Club Address: City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Handicap Information: My up-to-date USGA GHIN Handicap Index is _____

My MAGA USGA GHIN HANDICAP NUMBER is: _____

Certified by _____ Title _____

I agree to the Championship regulations attached hereto. I have noted requirements for notice of withdrawal and registration at the Championship site.

I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Championship Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____