

20th METROPOLITAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

CONDUCTED BY THE METROPOLITAN AMATEUR GOLF ASSOCIATION



AUGUST 12, 13 & 14, 2010

MEADOWBROOK 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.

\$135.00 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 7, 2010. 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 August 4, 2010. No refunds for any reason if written request is made on or after August 4, 2010. Application and fees must reach the Association's Office at the address listed on the entry form by **5:00 p.m., July 7, 2010**. (Entries by telephone, telegraph or fax are **not** acceptable.)

SCHEDULE

QUALIFYING:

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010

FRANKLIN COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB (WASHINGTON, MO)

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 12

First Round, 18 Holes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

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 Meadowbrook CC are extended to players in the Championship. Meadowbrook CC will be provided with a list of Championship participants after the close of entries or after the Qualifying Round if needed. Additional information on practice privileges will be sent to players via email 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

Meadowbrook 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 MEADOWBROOK 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) Scott Fann (2001)
Jim Holtgrieve (1994) Scott Edwards (2003)
Tom Barry (1996) Darren Lundgren (2006)
David Estes (1997, 98) Ryan Franks (2007)
Brian Kennedy (1999) Adam Long (2008)
Bob Beckmann (2000) Skip Berkmeier (2009)
- All former Taylor Cup and Metropolitan Match Play Champions.
Don Bliss (1996, 2000, 04) Skip Berkmeier (2001, 02, 07, 08, 09)
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, 09)
Scott Thomas (1992) Justin Bardgett (2008)
- All players who returned a 54-hole score in the 2009 Metropolitan Amateur Championship.
Bardgett, Justin Barry, Tom Bell, Kevin
Berkmeier, Skip Berra, Ryan Bremer, David
Cochran, Tim Eisenbeis, Jack Franklin, Jeremy
Franks, Ryan Frost, Andy Gardiner, Mark
Gregson, Mitchell Hanneken, Bob Holtgrieve, Jim
Jasper, Kyle Jasper, Timothy Johnson, David
Langley, Scott Lindholm, Lex Long, Adam
Lovett, Brian Lundgren, Darren Marchbanks, Mike
McLaughlin, Kevin McLaurin, Jordan Meeh, Robert
Millman, Ross Moloney, Ted Neeman, Paul
Niezing, Chad Orf, Luke Ponce, Tommy
Pranger, Andrew Reagan, Denny Robinson, Justin

Schaller, Dan Serrano, Adam Thomas, Scott
Timpone, Joe Welch, Adam Wuennenberg, Thomas
Zastrow, Josh

- Any amateur who returned a 54-hole score in the 2009 Metropolitan Open Championship.
Allen, Buddy Bardgett, Justin Behl, Joe
Berkmeier, Skip Burlison, Mark Cochran, Tim
Franks, Ryan Gregson, Mitchell Hogenmiller, Andy
Johnson, Jeff Kennedy, Brian Kovach, Chris
Langley, Scott Lundgren, Darren Migdal, Joe
Neeman, Paul Niezing, Chad Pierce, Van
Pranger, Andrew Rau, Matthew
- Any player who finished in the top twenty (20) (plus ties) on the 2009 MAGA Player of the Year Point List
 - Berkmeier, Skip
 - Langley, Scott
 - Bardgett, Justin
 - Lundgren, Darren
 - Moloney, Ted
 - Gregson, Mitchell
 - Long, Adam
 - Guthrie, Luke
 - Pranger, Andrew
 - Barry, Tom
 - Kennedy, Brian
 - Millman, Ross
 - Berra, Ryan
 - Hogenmiller, Andy
 - Neeman, Paul
 - Niezing, Chad
 - Johnson, David
 - Holtgrieve, Jim
 - Pierce, Van
 - Thomas, Scott
- 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, 93	Scott Edwards	2003
Derre Owsley	1992	John Kelly	2004
Jim Holtgrieve	1994	Parker LaBarge	2005
Craig Schnurbusch	1995	Darren Lundgren	2006
Tom Barry	1996	Ryan Franks	2007
David Estes	1997, 98	Adam Long	2008
Brian Kennedy	1999	Skip Berkmeier	2009
Bob Beckmann	2000		
Scott Fann	2001		
Mike Sabo	2002		

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