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Phillips, Ryan advance to Sr. Open Score of 2-over 72 Qualifies at Bellerive

Professional Alan Phillips, from Jefferson City, Mo., fired a 2-over 72 to share medalist honors at the U.S. Senior Open qualifying at Bellerive Monday.

Amateur Dave Ryan of Taylorville, Ill., also fired a 2-over 72 to earn the final qualifying spot for the 28th U.S. Senior Open, July 5-8 at Whistling Straits Golf Club in Kohler, Wis.

Phillips, who turned 50 in April, managed to overcome a triple bogey 7 at Bellerive's 480-yard par-4 fourth hole by posting birdies at Nos. 3, 5 and 7.

Ryan, finishing up moments before thunderstorms interrupted play in the afternoon, made a 20-foot putt to save par at his final hole, the par-4 ninth, to shoot 72 and bump out Chesterfield's Don Bliss.

Bliss, a Norwood Hills member, posted three front-nine birdies in his round of 73, but a double bogey at No. 18 ruined his opportunity to advance.

Bliss earned the first alternate spot while Little Rock's Greg Shaw shot 75 to earn the second alternate.

Former St. Louis area professionals Frank Conner and Jerry Tucker each shot 6-over 76 to finish fifth.

The event attracted 78 amateurs and professionals age 50 and older.

U.S. Junior Amateur Seeking Transportation and Parking Volunteers

Boone Valley event in July will attract the top junior boys in the world

Boone Valley Golf Club is honored to host the 60th U.S. Junior Amateur Golf Championship the week of July 20-28, 2007.

This prestigious Championship, produced by the United States Golf Association, is for amateurs who have not reached their 18th birthday by midnight of the scheduled final match. These amateurs must also have an up-to-date USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 6.4.

The Junior Amateur is among the most difficult of all USGA Championships to win because of two factors: the age limit and the tremendous number of fine young players who enter each year. More than 4,000 players will enter about 64 qualifying events around the country. Only 156 players will qualify to compete in the Championship. The committee will need about 300 volunteers to help execute a first-class event.

At this time we are looking for help with the transportation committee.

Please contact Michelle Bagwell, Championship Director or Cindy Todorovich, Director of Volunteers for a volunteer form. There is no cost to volunteer and each will receive a shirt, cap and food on the days that they work. Contact information: Michelle at 314-214-2782 or mbagwell@centricgroup.com or Cindy at 314-541-1499 or cindy@printscharminggallery.com.

Quincy standout Luke Guthrie wins Junior Amateur Qualifier at St. Louis CC



Quincy High School senior Luke Guthrie fired a 10-under par 132 to easily outdistance the field at the United States Junior Amateur Qualifying Tuesday at St. Louis Country Club. Guthrie, who missed qualifying for the U.S. Junior Amateur by a shot in each of the past three years, made no mistake about it this time in winning by 13 strokes against a field of 78 boys from ages 13-17. "Those near misses made for some long drives home," Guthrie said, currently ranked No. 22 nationally by *GolfWeek* Magazine. "You think about a shot or two that could have made a difference."

Guthrie (pictured above with Tournament Chairman Stan Grossman) opened with a 6-under par 65, a round that included seven consecutive birdies at St. Louis Country Club's Nos. 5 through 11. The reigning Illinois high school champion closed with an eagle at the par-5 ninth hole to post an afternoon round of 4-under 67. A total of four players advanced to next month's U.S. Junior Amateur, to be held July 23-28 at Boone Valley Golf Club in Augusta, Mo. Will Nixon, Jefferson City, Mo. (73-72-145), Michael Cermak, Chicago (74-74-148), and T.J. Vogel, Cooper City, Fla. (74-74-148) will join Guthrie in the national championship field. Springfield, Mo., junior golfer Nick Sheppard (79-70-149) earned first alternate. Two other golfers – Brad Moody of Jefferson City, Mo., and Josh Jones of The Colony, Texas, also finished at 149.

60th U.S. Junior Amateur
Dates: July 23-28, 2007
Location: Boone Valley Golf Club
2006 Winner: Philip Francis
Past Champions include: Tiger Woods (3), Gary Koch, David Duval

2007 SCHEDULE	VENUE	DATE/RESULT
U.S. Open Local Qualifying	Lake Forest	Jason Schultz
Metropolitan Cup	Various	May-October
Normandie Amateur	Normandie	Buddy Allen
MAGA Match Play	Old Warson	Skip Berkmeier
U.S. Amateur Public Links	Clinton Hill	C.E. Goya
U.S. Sr Open Qualifying	Bellerive	A. Phillips/ D. Ryan
U.S. Junior Amateur	St. Louis CC	Luke Guthrie
U.S. Junior Girls Amateur	Persimmon Woods	June 27
East Side Amateur	Belk Park	June 30 - July 1
MAGA Jr. Championship	Fox Run Golf	July 2 - 3
Metropolitan Open	St. Albans	July 12-14
MAGA Women's Amateur	Westborough	July 16 - 17
U.S. Women's Amateur	The Missouri Bluffs	July 17
U.S. Amateur Qualifying	Persimmon Woods	July 30 - 31
USGA Senior Amateur	Franklin County CC	August 6
MAGA Amateur	WingHaven	August 9 - 11
U.S. Mid-Amateur Qualifying	Norwood Hills	August 30
MAGA Senior Amateur	Meadowbrook	October 1 - 2
Mid-America Junior Cup	Kansas City	October 20 - 21

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The Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association, in association with GHIN Handicap System, provides 13 revisions during 2007, including every two weeks at the height of the golf season.

If you need assistance in updating your handicap records or your email on GHIN, contact your club professional or the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association at 636-532-3200 (info@metga.org).

2007 Handicap Revision Schedule

Revision	Transmit By*	Effective Date
Season Start		March 8
1	April 5	April 6
2	May 3	May 4
3*	May 17	May 18
4	May 31	June 1
5	June 14	June 15
6	June 28	June 29
7	July 12	July 13
8	July 26	July 27
9	August 9	August 10
10	August 23	August 24
11	September 6	September 7
12	October 4	October 5
13	November 1	November 2

Skip Berkmeier wins Match Play for 3rd time

Trailing most of final, top seed rallies late against No. 3 seed Justin Bardgett

Norwood Hills' Skip Berkmeier (pictured at right with MAGA President Stan Grossman) rallied late to defeat Meadowbrook's Justin Bardgett in 21 holes to win the Metropolitan Match Play Championship at Old Warson Country Club Sunday.

Down most of the championship, Berkmeier rallied from 3-down well into the final nine holes. Trailing by two holes with two to play, Berkmeier trimmed Bardgett's lead to 1 up at No. 17 with a par, and then made an 11-foot par save at the final green to win the hole and square the match.

Bardgett nearly holed out his approach at the first playoff hole (No. 18), but was unable to convert his birdie putt. At No. 11, the 21st hole of the match, Bardgett missed a five-footer to extend the match further. For Berkmeier, the title was his third in the 12 years the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association has conducted its Match Play Championship.



Metropolitan Match Play Championship

Old Warson Country Club – par 71 / 7,064 yards

Round of 16: Skip Berkmeier, Norwood Hills d. Zach Pranger, Glen Echo 1 up; Brian Kennedy, Norwood Hills d. Matt Rau, Quail Creek 1 up; Patrick Britt, Norwood Hills d. Matt Hines, Fox Run 4 and 2; Jack Eisenbeis, St. Louis CC d. Ben Wood, Greenbriar Hills 5 and 4; Darren Lundgren, Fox Run d. Steven Holtgrieve, Westborough 5 and 4; Joe Behl, Fox Run d. Scott Thomas, Meadowbrook 1 up; Justin Bardgett, Meadowbrook d. David Lucks, Gateway National 4 and 3; Mitchell Gregson, Annbriar d. Andrew Pranger, Glen Echo 6 and 4.

Quarterfinals: Berkmeier d. Kennedy 7 and 5; Eisenbeis d. Britt 2 and 1; Lundgren d. Behl 5 and 3; Bardgett d. Gregson 1 up.

Semifinals: Berkmeier d. Eisenbeis 2 and 1; Bardgett d. Lundgren 5 and 4.

Finals: Berkmeier d. Bardgett 21 holes.

Berkmeier, the tournament's top seed and a two-time winner of the event, advanced to the final with a 3 and 2 semifinal victory over Dr. Jack Eisenbeis of St. Louis Country Club.

Playing in his first Metropolitan Match Play, an invitational event for the top players from the previous Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association season, Bardgett advanced to the finals with a 5 and 4 win over Fox Run's Darren Lundgren in Sunday morning's semifinal round.

In his semifinal match against the second seeded Lundgren, Bardgett won the fifth and eighth holes with birdies

then went 3 up with par at the par-4 ninth hole. Bardgett was 4-under par when he closed out his semifinal match at No. 14.

USGA RULES Quiz

Q: A player strikes his ball into high grass and properly plays a provisional ball. He prefers to continue play with the provisional ball, but a fellow-competitor announces that the original ball is found in less than five minutes of search. The player refuses to identify the ball that is found. What is the ruling?

A: An opponent or fellow-competitor has the right to be satisfied about the identification of a player's ball. If a player has dishonestly not identified his ball, the opponent or fellow-competitor may refer the dispute to the Committee — Rule [34-3](#). In such a case, the Committee would be justified in imposing a penalty of disqualification under Rule [33-7](#).

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