

A regional golf association licensed by the **USGA**

Some new names on top of the Leaderboard; online voting added

MAGA Player of the Year Banquet slated for November 13 at Old Warson



Old Warson Country Club will once again host the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association **Player of the Year Awards Banquet**, Thursday, Nov. 13. The evening starts with a 6 p.m. cocktail party and hors d'oeuvres, followed by awards presentation. The occasion will once again serve as an opportunity to honor one of St. Louis' most notable golfing families—the Berkmeys.

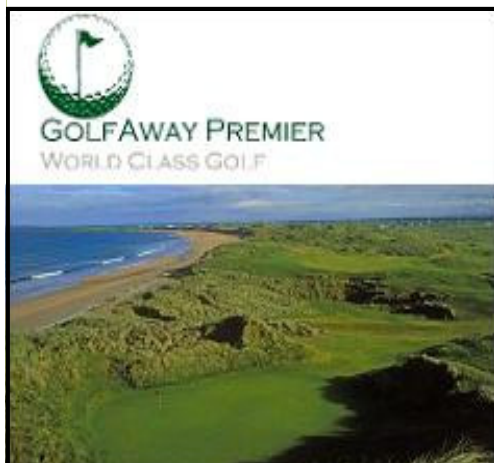
Skip Berkmeier will be honored with the Player of the Year Award while his mother, **Barbara Berkmeier**, once again earns the Senior Women's Player of the Year. However, a couple of first-time honorees will also grace this year's event—Meadowbrook's **Scott Thomas**, who turned 50 late in 2007, made his first season in the Senior division a dominating one.

Thomas swept the seniors' three major enroute to a convincing win in the MAGA Player of the Year points race. Likewise, Bogey Hills' **Chelsea Schriewer (left)** was equally dominant in 2008, though by the slimmest of margins. The Mizzou golfer edged **Ellen Port** by one stroke in both the Metropolitan Women's Amateur at Bogey Hills and at the MWGA championship at Osage National in successive weeks to lock up the Women's Player of the Year honors.

The MAGA has added three awards — **Comeback Player of the Year, Shot of the Year, and Round of the Year**. All will be decided by online voting. Go to METGA.ORG to cast your ballot or click on this link MAGA Online Vote. Tickets are \$55 and can be reserved by mail. Send check to MAGA, 555 Maryville University Drive, Suite 240, St. Louis, MO 63141. Tickets can also be ordered online at METGA.ORG.

Bellerive highlights 2009 Schedule

Look for more details on the 2009 schedule by January 1. The MAGA will include visits to Old Warson, St. Albans and The Legends. The 19th Metropolitan Amateur returns to Bellerive in August.



Play Ireland and Scotland's best
Your golf trip of a lifetime ... a click away



**Long wins 18th Metropolitan Amateur
Steady final round helps Duke golfer edge two golfers**

Wentzville's **Adam Long (right)** fired a final round 71 to finish at 1-over par 211 and win the **18th Metropolitan Amateur Championship** at Norwood Hills. Long, a nationally-ranked collegiate golfer at Duke University, edged Norwood Hills' **Skip Berkmeier** (67-72-73-212) by one shot and Meadowbrook's **Justin Bardgett** (68-70-75-213) by two. Old Warson's Ross Millman finished fourth at 214.



With the 20-year-old Long and his family and friends awaiting the outcome off to the right of the 18th green, Berkmeier and Bardgett each had opportunities to tie and force a playoff. First Bardgett, chipping from the collar, lipped out his chip from 22 feet. Berkmeier, who birdied No. 17 to creep within one shot of Long, hit his approach to Norwood's 450-yard final hole to 13 feet. But the area's top amateur grimaced as his birdie attempt skidded just to the left of the cup.

While his resume is loaded with high finishes, his trophy case is not yet full. "Yeah, I've competed all over the country but it really feels great to win at home," Long said. "I won an AJGA event in Tampa when I was a senior in high school which was really an important win for me, and I've contended a lot. I haven't had a lot of wins. This is easily the biggest win of my career."

**Make a gift to Metropolitan Foundation
And make a difference in children's lives**



Many of us have been blessed in life and, in fact, blessed to have gained much from playing the great game of golf.

The very fabric of golf is laced with life lessons, allowing young golfers to build skills and attitudes that offer benefits in the game and away from it.

The MAGA has created a Junior Foundation designed to encourage youngsters to take up the game of golf, adhere to its system of rules and hard work, and benefit for a lifetime from the experience. To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit our website (METGA.ORG), or contact the MAGA, at 314-576-3700.



MAGA ADDRESS
555 Maryville University Drive, Suite 240
St. Louis, MO 63141
PHONE: 314-576-3700 ♦ FAX: 314-576-3701
For the best local golf coverage—visit METGA.ORG

