

The Metropolitan NEWS

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Handicapping Seminar April 17 at Norwood Hills

Register online at USGA.org

The Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association will sponsor a USGA Handicap System™ Seminar on Tuesday, April 17 at Norwood Hills Country Club.

Cost is \$40 and includes lunch and necessary materials. Register online by visiting USGA.org.

The USGA requires that any club wishing to use the USGA Handicap System™, including its trademarks and formulas, be licensed through either their membership in a state or regional golf association or directly through the USGA.

To become licensed to issue Handicap Indexes a club must meet the requirements of the 'Club Compliance Checklist'. The most notable requirement is that a club has a representative attend a seminar on the USGA Handicap System™, which includes passing a test exhibiting knowledge of the system.

If you have new members or staff participating in your GHIN Handicapping program, this seminar will be of great value.

2007 Season Opens with Net Four-Ball

Two-person event will attract middle and high handicappers too!

The Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association has announced plans to open its 2007 tournament season with the inaugural Metropolitan Amateur Four-Ball Championship.

The 18-hole net event will be played Thursday, April 19 at Whitmoor Country Club's South Course. The field is limited to 72 two-player teams. While play is open to golfers of all skill levels, all players must have an official USGA GHIN handicap and be a member of a Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association facility.

Entry fee is \$220 per team and includes one tournament round and cart, one practice round, a cocktail reception and awards.

Entry forms are available for download on the MAGA website, METGA.ORG.

It marks the first time in its 15-year history that the MAGA will conduct a net championship.

"We felt this was an important step to involve more players of all skill levels," said Tom O'Toole, Jr., Executive Director of the MAGA. "We are very proud of the great champions we have identified in the course of running our championships, but we also feel it is significant to have more people experience our tournament program, not simply low handicap golfers."

Unlike most other MAGA events geared toward scratch and low handicap golfers, there are no restrictions on handicap in the Four-Ball Championship. However, team partners' handicaps must be within 14 shots of each other. Team scoring will be figured with golfers playing a net best-ball with each player receiving 90 percent of his course handicap.

Visit our website at METGA.ORG, or contact the association at 636-532-3200.

EVENT	VENUE	DATES
MAGA Four-Ball	Whitmoor South	April 19
U.S. Open Local Qualifying	Lake Forest	May 9
Metropolitan Cup	Various	May-October
Normandie Amateur	Normandie	May 19-20
MAGA Match Play	Old Warson	June 9-10
U.S. Amateur Public Links	Clinton Hill	June 11-12
U.S. Senior Open Qualifying	Bellerive	June 18
U.S. Junior Amateur	St. Louis CC	June 26
U.S. Junior Girls Amateur	Persimmon Woods	June 27
East Side Amateur	Belk Park	June 30 - July 1
MAGA Junior 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	TBA	TBA
Mid-America Junior Cup	Kansas City	October 20-21

Boone Valley Golf Club to Host World's Top Juniors July 23-28

Some of the world's top junior golfers will test their skills at Boone Valley Golf Club, when the Augusta, Mo., club hosts the **U.S. Junior Amateur Championship July 23-28**. Qualifiers will be conducted during June throughout the country to determine the 156-player field of international golfers.

After 36 holes of stroke play July 23-24, the field will be trimmed to 64 for match play. The event concludes on Saturday, July 28 with a 36-hole final.

Entrants must have an authorized USGA handicap of 6.4 or less. Applications can be obtained online by mid-April at USGA.org or by visiting our website, METGA.ORG, then click on COMPETITIONS.

60th United States Junior Amateur

Dates: July 23-28, 2007

Location: Boone Valley Golf Club

Entries Open: mid-April

Entry Deadline: June 6

Sectional Qualifier: June 26 at St. Louis Country Club

Age Limit: Must not have reached 18th birthday before July 28

Handicap Limit: 6.4 index or less

2006 Winner: Philip Francis

Past Champions include: Tiger Woods (3), Gary Koch, David Duval

Prominent Runners-up: Charles Howell III, Ken Venturi, Andy North, Aaron Baddeley, Camilo Villegas, Scott Simpson, Al Geiberger

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METROPOLITAN AMATEUR LAUNCHES ACTIVE GHIN HANDICAP SEASON MARCH 8

Effective March 8, Members of all Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association facilities may begin posting scores for handicap. The first of 13 handicap revisions will be completed on Friday, April 6.

The USGA's GHIN handicap system is easy to use and helps golfers of all skill levels enjoy the game to its utmost. For an annual fee to your club, you can have your scores and Handicap index updated throughout the 2007 season. Contact your Club Professional or the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association to learn more about obtaining a GHIN handicap.

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



WingHaven to host 17th Amateur Championship

Darren Lundgren
To defend at O'Fallon, Mo.,
Nicklaus-designed layout

The Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association will hold its oldest and most prestigious event at one of St. Louis' newest private clubs—the Nicklaus-designed WingHaven Country Club in

O'Fallon, Mo. The event is slated for August 9, 10 and 11.

Last year, Forest Hills' Darren Lundgren and Meadowbrook's Parker LaBarge completed the 54-hole event with identical 4-over 217 scores at Boone Valley Golf Club. Lundgren won the four-hole playoff with a birdie at the 18th hole.

While LaBarge has turned professional, Lundgren, 24, is expected to return for a defense of his first Metropolitan Amateur title. Others expected to be in the field include 2006 Player of the Year Skip Berkmeier, 2006 U.S. Amateur runner-up John Kelly, and former Walker Cupper Jim Holtgrieve, who is expected to resume his amateur career this summer.

WingHaven Country Club first opened in 1999 as a semi-private facility. It quickly earned recognition as one of the state's top "courses you can play." In 2006, it was ranked No. 4 in the state by one national publication. However, in July of 2006, the club elected to go fully private. WingHaven can play to 7,230 from the back tees at a par of 72. The MAGA has rated WingHaven's championship tees at a course rating of 74.4 and a slope of 134. For more information about WingHaven, visit winghavenc.com.

GET REGULAR UPDATES AND BULLETINS FROM THE MAGA & GHIN

Submit your email to the Metropolitan at info@metga.org. You'll get handicap updates delivered in a timely fashion via email.



Jensens welcome their second son

Congratulations to the Jensen family on their recent addition.

Missy, formerly the Director of Handicap Services and Communications for the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association, and her husband, Morgan, welcomed Miles Jensen into the world on Wednesday, March 21.

The Jensens also have a one-year-old son, William. The MAGA and her many friends wish the Jensens congratulations and best wishes on the blessed event.

RULES Q&A

QUESTION:

In stroke play, a player accidentally steps on and moves his ball marker. Is there a penalty incurred?

ANSWER:

The player is assessed a one stroke penalty. (See Decisions of Golf 20-1/5.5 for more information)

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