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Jesse Skelton Wins Golf Manitoba Golfer of the Year and Rudy Boivin Honored as Distinguished Service Award Recipient

(Winnipeg, MB Tuesday, October 18th / 11) – Breezy Bend Country Club's Jesse Skelton was awarded the Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award for the first time at Golf Manitoba's Annual Awards Dinner at the Southwood Golf & Country Club.

Skelton won the Nott Autocorp Manitoba Men's Amateur Championship for the first time and won the Manitoba Match Play Championship. He was a member of the Willingdon Cup team, competed at the National Men's Amateur Championship in Winnipeg (MC) and finished 6th at the Glencoe Invitational in Calgary. He was a member of the Breezy Bend Team that finished runner up at the Provincial Interclub Championship and finished 2nd in the individual division. Jesse is a member of the University of Manitoba Bison Golf Team and had three top five finishes in the fall schedule. Skelton is currently ranked 13th on the Golf Canada national order of merit.



The other finalists for this premier award for amateur golf in Manitoba were WINNIE HYUN of Southwood, MYLES SULLIVAN of Portage and JOSH WYTINCK of the Pine Ridge Golf Club.

Three players earned honourable mentions for their strong 2011 campaigns: Aaron Cockerill of Teulon, Mindy Lichtman of St Boniface and Jenna Roadley of Glendale.

The Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award dates back to 1975, and was presented for the 37th time on October 18th.

A second prestigious award was presented on Tuesday night to Rudy Boivin of the Southwood Golf & Country Club as the fifth recipient of the annual Golf Manitoba Distinguished Service Award.

Rudy began volunteering with the Manitoba Golf Association in 1980. He is a founding member of the MGA Golf Annual Magazine (now the Golf Manitoba Journal) and from 1980 to 1982 was Chair of the Advertising Committee for that magazine.

In 1982, he became a starter and scorer at MGA events and remains committed to that volunteer role today with Golf Manitoba.



In 1983 he joined the MGA Board of Directors and was the Chair of the Tournament Committee in 1986/87 and the President in 1988. He also served as the Non-Playing Captain for the Willingdon Cup Team in 1985, 1986 & 1987.

From 1989 to 1994 he was nominated by the Manitoba Golf Association for the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Sport Federation, elected for 3 terms and Chair of Marketing Committee for four years.

He is a current member of the Marketing & Communications Committee of Golf Manitoba.

He served on the Manitoba Golf Scholarship Fund Board of Directors from 1990 to 2010 and was President of that organization from 1999 to 2005.

He was also a member of the Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame Board of Directors from 2002 to 2007.

Rudy Boivin has been a member at the Southwood G&CC since 1966. He served on the Board of Directors from 1971 to 1978, was Member of the Year in 1976, President in 1977, Club Captain from 1990 to 1993 and honored in 2003 as a Life Member.

His devotion to amateur golf is extremely evident as he continues to be involved in committees and tournament activity after 31 years of dedicated service.

“Rudy Boivin has shown true passion for both the Manitoba Golf Association and Golf Manitoba” said Rob MacDonald, President of Golf Manitoba. “His long term commitment is a true asset to our Association and we are pleased to recognize him with the Distinguished Service Award”.

Along with the Distinguished Service Award, Golf Manitoba also recognized all volunteers within the Association for their years of service to the association. Recognition was given to those individuals reaching the five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five plus years of service benchmarks.

Golf Manitoba is the governing body for golf in the province of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario. Its mission is to develop, promote, govern and service the game of golf in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario for the benefit of all participants. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or Golf Manitoba, visit www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca

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