

# Golf Manitoba Newsletter

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As part of its ongoing effort to inform volunteers, member clubs and individual members of golf happenings in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, Golf Manitoba is issuing regular newsletters containing updates and information of interest.

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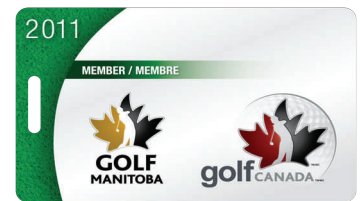
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## ACTIVATE YOUR CARD!!

Members Benefit in So Many Ways!

350,000 members nationwide - and more joining every day - enjoy discounts on merchandise, home delivery of Golf Canada magazine, travel advantages, and many other benefits while supporting the game of golf.

Golf Manitoba and Golf Canada actively conduct championships, programs and services to help shape the present and future of golf in Canada. High performance athlete development, National Golf in Schools, Golf Fore the Cure, the Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame and the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame and Museum, the CN Canadian Women's Tour and CN Future Links, Canada's national junior golf program are only some of the initiatives the associations lead for golf in Canada. As the authorities for golf in Canada, the RCGA and the provincial golf associations also administer the Rules of Golf, amateur status and handicapping as well as course rating.



The pride you will have knowing you are supporting the game is important, but Golf Canada members benefit in so many other ways!

To take advantage of a number of the benefits, please activate your card at [www.golfcanada.ca/mb](http://www.golfcanada.ca/mb)

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS AND ENTRY DEADLINES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Deadline</u>
June 18 & 19	Women's City and District Championship	June 13
June 23 <b>OR</b> 25 <b>OR</b> 26	Men's Amateur Championship Qualifiers	June 17
July 18 - 21	Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship (Exempt Only)	June 17
June 25 & 26	Junior Bantam	June 20
July 6 - 8	Women's Amateur and Senior Championship	June 30
July 11 - 14	Junior Championship	July 6

## MANITOBA GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Manitoba Golf Scholarship Fund Inc. provides a limited number of scholarships to student golfers entering or continuing a full-time course of study at a **Canadian post-secondary educational institution**.

The actual number of scholarships will vary from year to year, based upon the number of deserving applicants and the funds available for distribution. Scholarships will be awarded to those individuals who have participated in the Manitoba golf community and who have demonstrated scholastic excellence.

The deadline for applications is June 30<sup>th</sup>. To download a copy of the application form, please click [here](#).



## 2011 GOLF MANITOBA JOURNAL

The 2011 Golf Manitoba Journal Magazine will be delivered to all member clubs soon. Please look for it at your club!!



## CANADIAN MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

This summer, Niakwa Country Club and the Elmhurst Golf & Country Club will be hosting the 107th playing of the Canadian Men's Amateur Golf Championship. There is no other golf championship in Canada with a richer history than the Canadian Amateur Championship. It is Golf Canada's premier event and it will attract top amateur players from across North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.



If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please click on the link below:

- [Volunteer Form](#)

## CHANGES MADE FOR 2011 PROVINCIAL TEAMS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The evolution of golf's involvement in Games (Canada Games in 2009 & Western Canada Games for the first time this year) has allowed Golf Manitoba to train our top young athletes on a long term basis. Previously we did not have the ability to work as closely and for as long with our top players (teams were decided based on an event as opposed to training and qualifying from a number of competitive experiences). As a result of this, Golf Manitoba has shifted our focus in Player Development to longer term training. In order to do so, some changes that have been made for 2011 are:

- Provincial Teams will now be three people as opposed to the previous four. The Team component of all national championships will count the two best scores out of the three players on the team.
- The three player provincial mid-amateur team will have a minimum of two 40+ aged team members.
- Players qualifying for our provincial teams will now be provided with a \$500 subsidy to assist with costs associated with participating in national championships as opposed to Golf Canada and Golf Manitoba covering the complete cost.
- The Manitoba / Minnesota Matches will no longer take place.

Golf will once again be a participating sport in the Manitoba Games in 2012. Our goal is to hire coaches in the eight regions of the provinces who are members of the PGA of Manitoba to conduct training programs similar to what we are doing provincially. The vision is that these training programs will grow the game at the club and regional level and that those players wishing to participate competitively will now have a progression from Manitoba Games to Western Canada Games to Canada Games and maybe even Pan-Am Games or the Olympics. It truly is an exciting time for golf development in our province!

## JONATHAN TOEWS TO HOST PLAYERS CUP WEEK 2011

### Stanley Cup champion just the start of big things for Canadian Tour golf event.

The Players Cup has announced that Winnipeg's own Jonathan Toews will become the event's official host starting this year. In addition to lending his name to the event, Toews will be an integral part of several events throughout the week. The partnering of last year's Olympic Gold Medallist, Stanley Cup Champion and Conn Smythe winner with one of Canada's premier golf events promises to be a tremendous win-win for Canadian golf fans, hockey fans, Winnipeg charities and the event itself.



**PLAYERS CUP**  
HOSTED BY  
**JONATHAN TOEWS**

"I'm really looking forward to expanding my role with The Players Cup this year," said Toews, "It's an amazing event with a very bright future and I love the direction it's heading in and what it can give back to the local community."

"We're extremely excited to have Jonathan as the tournament's host," said Ryan Hart, Executive Director of The Players Cup and President of mf.1, the Winnipeg based advertising and marketing agency which has taken a greater role in the management of The Players Cup from Rob and Nicole McMillan. "Rob McMillan and the McMillan name is synonymous with golf in Manitoba and we're honoured to have Rob play a role in this year's tournament by acting as the event's Honourary Chair."

The excitement that Toews will bring to the The Players Cup was demonstrated last year at the first annual Boston Pizza Jonathan Toews FORE Kids Golf Classic. The event drew exceedingly strong participation from sponsors and the golfing public, and was successful in raising more than \$100,000 for the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation.

This year's event is striving to raise over \$200,000 over the course of the week to give back to its main charitable recipients The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation and the St- Boniface Hospital Foundation.

To volunteer or get involved with The Players Cup, please visit [www.theplayerscup.ca](http://www.theplayerscup.ca) for more information.

### I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

#### Manitoba golf industry comes together for first ever golf advocacy day.

Golf Manitoba was a part of a delegation of golf industry representatives who recently met with a number of MLAs at the Manitoba Legislature to increase awareness of golf as a major driver of Manitoba's economy and draw attention to its responsible environmental practices. The Manitoba Allied Golf Association (MAGA) is made up of the National Golf Course Owners Association – Manitoba Branch, the PGA of Manitoba, the Manitoba Golf Course Superintendents Association, the Canadian Society of Club Managers – Manitoba Branch and Golf Manitoba.

Some of the key messages that were presented at the meetings were:

- More than 282,000 Manitobans and six million Canadians, play golf each year, making it Canada's number one sport in participation and a great way to stay fit, get healthy, and have fun.
- Manitoba's golf industry contributes over \$450 million toward Manitoba's Gross Domestic Product. MAGA members and their affiliates employ more than 18,000 Manitobans across the province.
- Across Canada the golf industry manages 160,000 hectares of green space and nearly 41,000 hectares of unmanaged wildlife and plant habitat. Certified operators use pesticides sparingly, because of the impact of overuse and the expense of the products, and water that leaves a golf course is often cleaner than when it entered the course. Golf courses use the latest scientific methods to ensure they engage in modest, safe environmental practices - increasing playability of golf courses and reducing the costs of course operators.

The goal of the Golf Advocacy day was to create awareness of the impact our sport has on the economy and the environment.



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## Golf Manitoba Mission Statement

To develop, promote, govern and service the game of golf in Manitoba and North West Ontario for the benefit of all participants.

## Golf Manitoba Vision

To be the center of excellence that delivers quality, innovative and accessible golf programs and services.

## Golf Manitoba Values

- Excellence and integrity in all we do.
- Dedication and commitment of athletes and volunteers.
- Diligence and fair play.
- Accessibility.
- Respect for the history and tradition of the game.
- Golf as the "Game of a Lifetime" promoting a sociable, healthy/active lifestyle.

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Golf Manitoba is a not for profit organization which provides services to the golf community in Manitoba and North West Ontario. We could not operate in the manner we do without the dedicated assistance of almost 100 volunteers. Their duties include starting, scoring, rules officiating and assisting at Golf Manitoba championships, course rating, committees and board of directors, club representatives, and working special events.

For more information, please contact Carol Muzychka, Golf Manitoba Office Administrator at 925-5733 or [carol@golfmanitoba.mb.ca](mailto:carol@golfmanitoba.mb.ca)

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**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN**

**GOLF MANITOBA EVENTS AND SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS**

**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!**

