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

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JESSE SKELTON WINS GOLF MANITOBA GOLFER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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 on October 18th.

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 Canadian 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.

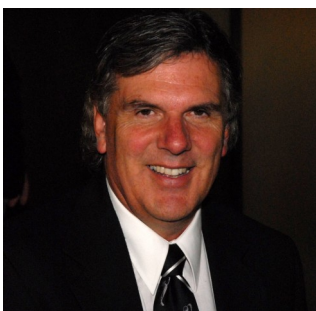


The other finalists for this premier award for amateur golf in Manitoba were WINNIE HYUN of Southwood, MYLES SULLIVAN of Portage and JOSH WYTINCK of the Pine Ridge Golf Club.

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.

GOLF MANITOBA DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT GARTH GOODBRANDSON AWARDED COACHING MANITOBA COACH OF THE MONTH



Garth Goodbrandson, Golf Manitoba's Director of Player Development, was awarded the Coaching Manitoba Coach of the Month for August. As a result of this accomplishment, Garth was featured on Global Television.

To view the clip, please click [here](#).

RUDY BOIVIN HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Rudy Boivin of the Southwood Golf & Country Club was presented with the fifth Golf Manitoba Distinguished Service Award at the Golf Manitoba Awards Dinner on October 18th.



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 Golf & Country Club 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'S GOVERNING BODIES ANNOUNCE NEW RULES OF GOLF FOR 2012 - 2015

Golf's governing body in Canada, the Royal Canadian Golf Association (operating as Golf Canada) recently announced the publication of the new Rules of Golf for 2012-15.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association is proud to be the only association sitting with R&A Rules Limited and the USGA on the Joint Rules Committee, which carries out the quadrennial review of the Rules of Golf. The new Rules of Golf for 2012-15 represents the culmination of four years work in consultation with R&A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association.

A few changes to the Rules of Golf have been made. For more information, please click [here](#).

Golf Manitoba will once again be holding our annual winter rules of golf sessions and will be discussing the changes. More information will be available soon on the Golf Manitoba website.



ELMHURST GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB'S ROB MACDONALD ELECTED AS GOLF MANITOBA'S 6TH PRESIDENT

Golf Manitoba is pleased to announce the election of Rob MacDonald as the new President following the association's Annual General Meeting held on October 18th at the Southwood Golf & Country Club.

In his professional life, Rob is a Chartered Accountant and a Partner in the Winnipeg office of MNP LLP, (formerly Meyers Norris Penny LLP) Chartered Accountants. He is the Assurance Leader for the Winnipeg office and a member of the MNP Assurance Executive Committee. Rob is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba and has served on the Public Relations and Student Recruitment Committees.

He has been involved with the provincial golf association since 1992. He served on the former Manitoba Golf Association Board of Directors from 1994 to 2003 and was the President of the MGA in 2000/2001. He joined the Golf Manitoba Board of Directors in 2005 and has chaired the Finance and Player Development committees. He is a current member of the Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame since 2009 and has been a member of the Manitoba Golf Scholarship Fund Board of Directors since 2004.



He is a long time member at the Elmhurst Golf & Country Club where he joined in 1968. Rob served on that Board of Directors from 1985 to 1995 and was President in 1992/93.

On the national scene, Rob has been an Associate Governor with the Royal Canadian Golf Association / Golf Canada in 2004 and joined the Governors Council this year.

He is also currently the Co-Chair of the United Way of Winnipeg Professions Division – Accountants.

"I am honoured to serve as the sixth President of Golf Manitoba serving the golf community and over 13,500 members in Manitoba and NW Ontario." said Rob MacDonald. "The game and business of golf is undergoing some significant changes and I look forward to working with my fellow Board members on initiatives to help grow the game."

In addition to Rob MacDonald's election, the following slate was also approved at the Annual General Meeting:

President	Rob MacDonald, Elmhurst
President Elect	Louise Daymond, Pinawa
Treasurer	Vince Mariani, Elmhurst
Vice President	Kevin O'Donovan, Breezy Bend
Past President	Harvey Goehring, Breezy Bend

DIRECTORS

Director	Carol Martel, Transcona
Director	Bob Fallis, Pine Ridge
Director	Tammy Gibson, St. Boniface
Director	Barry Hooke, Portage

At the 2010 Annual General Meeting, the following people were elected for a two year term and therefore were not required to be re-elected:

Director	Brian Gilhuly, Selkirk
Director	Michelle Lee, St. Charles
Director	Kevin O'Donovan, Breezy Bend
Director	Graham Robson, Southwood

GOLF MANITOBA AND GOLF CANADA CONTINUE CLUB VISITATION PROGRAM WITH TRIP TO NORTHERN MANITOBA

Golf Manitoba and Golf Canada continue to make club visitations more of a priority than ever. In the past two years, approximately 40 clubs have been visited to provide both staff and volunteers at clubs an overview on what initiatives the provincial and national bodies are working on as well as to listen to clubs on what issues they are dealing with.

Recently, a trip was made to Thompson (Thompson Golf Course), Flin Flon (Phantom Lake Golf Club), The Pas (Halcrow Lake Golf & Country Club), Gilbert Plains (Gilbert Plains Country Club) and Dauphin (Dauphin Lake Golf Course). The meetings were well received and plans are underway for more visitations in the spring.



Golf Manitoba Executive Director Dave Comaskey and Golf Canada Regional Director Blair Armitage at the Thompson Golf Club.

GOLF CANADA APPROVES FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN'S GOLF

Golf Manitoba is pleased to announce that Golf Canada has approved a \$5400 grant from the Women's Fund to support women's initiatives and programs that have a significant impact on women's golf in Manitoba and North West Ontario. To qualify for the grant, Golf Manitoba's player development program focused on the long term development and player competitive experience with fourteen junior women commencing in December 2010 and culminating with National and Western Canada Games competition in August 2011. These young women comprised the association's Nassau Team (which competed in weekly matches against high performance women from member clubs in Winnipeg) and Western Canada Games Training squad.



STAY CONNECTED TO GOLF

Like many other organizations, Golf Manitoba's website is a key communication tool for Association activities. If you haven't already bookmarked www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca as a favorite, please do so and check back regularly for updates.

Some other industry related websites which may also be of interest are:

Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame & Museum – www.manitobagolfhalloffame.com

PGA (Professional Golfers Association) of Manitoba – www.pgaofmanitoba.com

Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association - www.mgsa.mb.ca

Golf Canada – www.golfcanada.ca

National Golf Course Owners Association - www.ngcoa.ca



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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

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GOLF MANITOBA ACTIVITIES GO TO

www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN

GOLF MANITOBA EVENTS AND SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

