



MEDIA RELEASE

Finalists named for the Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year

(Winnipeg, MB Weds. October 12th, 2011) - The Golf Manitoba Selection Committee has announced four finalists for the 2011 Amateur Golfer of the Year Award, which will be presented during the annual general meeting and awards dinner on Oct. 18th at the Southwood Golf & Country Club.

The four nominees, in alphabetical order are: Winnie Hyun of Southwood, Jesse Skelton of Breezy Bend, Myles Sullivan of Portage and Josh Wytinck of Pine Ridge.

Winnie Hyun is a first time nominee who won the Provincial Junior Women's Championship and was 4th at the Provincial Women's Amateur Championship. She was a member of Manitoba's Western Canada Games team where she finished fifth individually and helped the team capture a bronze medal. On the national scene, she made the cut at both the National Junior Girls Championship (62nd) and the National Women's Amateur Championship (70th). She is currently ranked 76th on the Golf Canada national junior girl's order of merit.

Jesse 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.

Myles Sullivan is the 2011 Men's Junior Champion and finished 8th at the Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship. He finished tied for 6th at the National Men's Junior Championship and tied for 8th at the CN Prairie Future Links event. Myles is currently ranked 10th in the Golf Canada national junior men's order of merit and 28th on the national men's order of merit.

Josh Wytinck was the runner up at the Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship and finished tied for 25th at the Canadian University Championship where he lead after the first round. Josh is a member of the University of Manitoba Bison Golf Team where he won the Concordia Invite and the Augsburg Invitational and assisted the team with two victories. He has also tied two team records for low individual round (68) and low 36 hole total (139). For these Bison Team accomplishments, Josh was awarded Bison Athlete of the Week twice as well as the CTV Sports Star of the Week. Josh is ranked 38th on the Golf Canada national order of merit.

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

Aaron Cockerill, the 2010 Amateur Golfer of the Year, was 5th at the Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship and finished runner up at the Glencoe Invitational in Calgary. He qualified for the Canadian Tour's Players Cup and made it to the second round of the Match Play Championship.

Mindy Lichtman won the Women's Match Play Championship and the City & District Championship. She also finished 3rd at the Manitoba Women's Amateur and made the provincial women's team.

Jenna Roadley was the runner up at the Women's Amateur Championship and the Match Play Championship. She finished 32nd at the Canadian Junior Girls Championship, 4th at the Prairie Future Links Championship and qualified for the United States Junior Girls Championship.

The Amateur Golfer of the Year Award dates back to 1975. It will be presented for the 37th time on October 18th.

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