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Camryn Roadley & Devon Schade Win Golf Manitoba Golfers of the Year and Barbara Hamill Honored as Distinguished Service Award Recipient

(Winnipeg, MB Tuesday, October 20th / 15) – Glendale Golf & Country Club's Camryn Roadley and Elmhurst Golf & Country Club's Devon Schade were awarded the Golf Manitoba Female and Male Golfer of the Year Awards at Golf Manitoba's Annual Awards Dinner at the Pine Ridge Golf Club.

As part of our centennial celebrations in 2015, Golf Manitoba is pleased to announce that commencing this year, we will now be awarding both Female and Male Golfer of the Year Awards moving forward. This decision would allow for the appropriate recognition for both genders, while recognizing their outstanding performance in all levels of competition on an annual basis.

Roadley was a finalist at the season opening Women's Match Play Championship. She finished 2nd at the Accurate Dorwin Women's Junior Championship and won the Manitoba Women's Amateur Championship. She represented Manitoba on the Provincial Junior Team who finished 4th at the National Championship. As an individual, she finished tied for 57th. Roadley also qualified to represent Manitoba at this year's Western Canada Summer Games where the Team captured a silver medal and she finished 5th individually.

The other finalists for this premier award for amateur golf in Manitoba were Rhonda Orr and Veronica Vetesnik both of Southwood. Two other players earned honourable mentions for their 2015 accomplishments: Tammy Gibson of Maplewood and Rebecca Kuik of Niakwa.

Elmhurst's Devon Schade was the medalist at the Match Play Championship Qualifying. He won the Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship and shot a course record and recent Golf Manitoba competitive record 61 in the 3rd round at the host Bridges Golf Course. He finished 4th at the Saskatchewan Men's Amateur Championship and tied for 20th at the Canadian University / College Championship. As a member of the University of Manitoba Bison Men's Team, his fall competitive resume included a win at the Jamestown Invitational and three other top ten finishes.

Three other players were finalists: Charlie Boyechko of Southwood and Garth Colling and Justin McDonald both of Breezy Bend. Niakwa Country Club's Jay Doyle received an honorable mention for his 2015 accomplishments.

The Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award dates back to 1975, and was presented for the 41st time on October 20th.

Volunteer Distinguished Service Award

A third prestigious award was presented on Tuesday night to Barbara Hamill as the ninth recipient of the annual Golf Manitoba Distinguished Service Award.

Barbara started her volunteering with the Manitoba Ladies Golf Association (MLGA) in 1991. She volunteered in a wide range of roles leading up to the Executive as Secretary/ Treasurer and eventually as Vice President only vacating this position due to family health issues.

She was also very involved at St. Charles Country Club volunteering on the Sports Committee, introducing the Social Committee, became the Sports Captain as well as the Lady Captain of St. Charles, sat on the Play and Rules committee and the Grounds committee and founded & Chaired St. Charles Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament which continues as a major fundraising event at St. Charles today.

In 2000, Barbara became the committee chair of the MLGA tasked to write a manual for Sports Captains in Manitoba and North West Ontario.

She began course rating in 1997 with the MLGA and has continued on to this day. In 2010, she received the designation of Master Rater based on the high level knowledge and experience she has.

Barbara also became a rules official in 2009. In addition to her roles as a course rater and rules official, she also volunteers as a starter, scorer, course marking, and pace of play official at Golf Manitoba Championships.

"On behalf of the Board and Staff of Golf Manitoba, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Barbara Hamill on receiving this prestigious award," commented Tammy Gibson, newly elected President of Golf Manitoba. "Her passion, enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to the game of golf over the past 25 years make her a most worthy recipient and we are truly appreciative of her continued involvement with Golf Manitoba." added Gibson.

Golf Manitoba is very pleased to honor Ms. Barbara Hamill as the Distinguished Service Award Recipient for 2015.

Past recipients include Jerry Budyk (2007), Don Forsyth (2008), Betty Grant (2009), Brian Gilhuly (2010), Rudy Boivin (2011), Joyce Collier (2012), Bob Forcand (2013) and Don MacDonald (2014).

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