

## **Minnesota Golf Association**

## 35<sup>TH</sup> MGA PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP Interlachen Country Club, Edina, MN Monday-Wednesday, June 24-26, 2013 <u>NOTICE TO COMPETITORS</u>

<u>CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT</u>: The Championship format is match play. The 45 players who qualify in the Sectional Qualifying rounds will join the 19 exempt players for a total of 64 players at the Championship proper.

The following is the complete schedule of matches for the Championship: First Round - Monday, June 24: 1<sup>st</sup> and 10th Tees from 7:30 am – 9:30 am Second Round - Monday, June 24: 1<sup>st</sup> Tee from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm Third Round - Tuesday, June 25: 1st Tee from 7:30 am – 8:30 am Quarterfinal Round - Tuesday, June 25: 1st Tee from 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Semifinal Round - Wednesday, June 26: 1st Tee at 7:30 am and 7:40 am Championship Match - Wednesday, June 26: 1st Tee at 12:30 pm

All matches will be 18-holes, and in case of ties, a hole-by-hole playoff will begin immediately from the hole on which the match started and will be considered as part of the stipulated round.

**<u>CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW</u>**: The MGA Tournament Committee will assign the #1 through #19 seeds (1-19) to the entered Exempt Players according to their standing on the 2012 Player of the Year points list (in the event of a tie, there will be a blind draw for seeded positions). The Host Club Exemption will be seeded 64<sup>th</sup>. Next, the medalist from each of the eleven (11) sectional qualifying sites will be seeded according to his differential during the qualifying round. In the event of co-medalists from a site(s), they will be grouped together and seeded in order of time of finish in the qualifying round. The balance of the qualifiers will be seeded based on the ranking of their differential (in the qualifying round) from lowest to highest. (NOTE: **Score - Course Rating = Differential**.)

The first round draw and starting times will be posted at 12 noon on *Friday, June 21, 2013*. Players should visit the MGA web site, <u>www.mngolf.org</u>, for specific tee time and opponent information. Any withdrawal after 12:00 noon on Friday, June 21, will result in a bye.

- <u>CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUNDS</u>: Practice Rounds have been made available at Interlachen CC June 1, 8, 11, or 18 after 3:00PM. The guest fee is \$75 and may be paid by credit card. One round per player and only Players' Championship contestants will be allowed to play a practice round. Please contact the Interlachen Golf Shop (952-924-7424) in order to arrange a practice round.
- **<u>PRACTICE RANGE</u>**: The practice range will be open at least one (1) hour prior to the first starting time each day. Range balls will be complimentary prior to each round.
- <u>CADDIES:</u> Interlachen strongly encourages the use of caddies for all players at their club. Interlachen <u>will</u> have caddies available, or you may bring your own. Although it is discouraged, you may carry your own bag or use a pull cart as well. Motorized riding carts are prohibited during the Championship.
- **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Players are permitted to use stand-alone units that measure *distance only*. Smart-phone applications that measure distance <u>are not</u> permitted.

## CLUB ADDRESS: Interlachen Country Club 6200 Interlachen Blvd. Edina, MN 55436

## DIRECTIONS TO INTERLACHEN CC: http://www.mngolf.org/Courses/Interlachen\_Country\_Club

**DRESS CODE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** As stated in the entry form, for all MGA competitions, **players and caddies** must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts (Tucked In) with collars and sleeves, and either golf slacks or Bermuda shorts, which measure no higher than 2 inches above their knees. The Committee in charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following: Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-offs, denim (of any type), tank tops, t-shirts, and sweat pants.

- **FOOTWEAR POLICY AT INTERLACHEN:** As stated in the entry form, it is a condition of the competition that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: *Disqualification*.
- **<u>CELL PHONE POLICY</u>**: Must be on silent mode at all times. In the clubhouse, talking on cell phones is only permitted near a land line station or in the locker room. On the golf course, talking on cell phones is prohibited unless you are located at one of the on course bathrooms.

In addition, cell phones (smart-phones) *cannot* be used as a **distance measuring device** in MGA events.

- <u>AWARDS</u>: The Champion will be presented the Al Wareham Memorial Trophy to be retained at the MGA headquarters. The Champion and Runner-up will receive a replica of the trophy for their permanent possession. The semi-finalists will receive a trophy as well.
- **PLAYERS' MEALS:** The MGA will provide a complimentary lunch for *players only* each day of the Championship. Guests and caddies are permitted to eat but at their own expense; cost is TBD inclusive. Due to limited Clubhouse operations, breakfast WILL NOT be available to players on day 1 of the Championship please plan accordingly.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLAYER:** By accepting this certificate, you are accepting a place in the *2013 MGA Players' Championship*.

If you decide to withdraw, you have an obligation to do so in ample time to enable someone to take your place. Therefore, if you withdraw, you must notify the MGA office (952/345-3975) promptly. This is to insure an alternate a fair opportunity to play.

<u>PLAYER POINTS:</u> Player points will be awarded as follows: Champion: 200 / Runner-up: 150 / Semifinalist: 100 / Quarterfinalist: 75 / Top 16: 50 / Top 32: 25

**<u>COURSE SET-UP INFORMATION</u>**: The chart shows the anticipated course set-up and expected Pace of Play, although the Committee reserves the right to modify the set-up prior to the beginning of play.

	Course Rating: 74.1 Slope Rating: 141																			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
5	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	5	37	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	35	72
531	396	226	575	186	345	360	441	530	3,590	347	458	557	190	440	414	318	225	428	3,377	6,967
:14	:12	:12	:14	:12	:12	:12	:13	:14	1:55	:12	:13	:14	:13	:14	:14	:13	:13	:14	2:00	3:55

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