Back Row (Standing) - Everett Winters, Dennis Abdoo, Matt Wiley, Tony DeSantis, Bruce Jellison, Mark Miller, Dan Sutherland, Dave Ruelle, Jim Morris, Marty Stadtlander, Jerry Fenby, Fritz Reifert, Thom Allen, Brian McCall, Jim Aaron, Billy Green, Corky Mamayek, Gary Beckman, Bob Stuewe and Kevin Schaum

Front Row (Kneeling) - Fred Backiel, Ron Williams, Jack Galsterer, Tom Ahern, Ray Maidment, Lyn Birchard, Mark Codere, Jim Milnarczyk, Captain, Jim Briegel, Tom Pilon and Mike Sweet.

Missing from Photo - Claud Johnston
Belvedere Clubhouse

#1 from tee

2-bedroom accommodations overlooking A-Ga-Ming GC & Torch Lake

Tournament Headquarters @ A-Ga-Ming

A-Ga-Ming GC
from above, between Lake Michigan & Torch Lake

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The MPSGA is a volunteer non-profit organization with a 40-year history of organizing and governing a State Open-Amateur Championship for Michigan seniors, men 50 & older.

We also conduct numerous single-day tournaments throughout the summer featuring age-based gross competition and handicap driven net competition. (See page 4 for complete 2018 tournament schedule)

Our purposes are consistent with those of the USGA:

1. To provide competitive golf opportunities for the membership.
2. To increase knowledge and awareness of the rules and traditions of golf.
3. To promote those values of the game which relate to good health, friendship and fair play.

2018 MPSGA State Seniors Open-Amateur

Our flagship event each year is the 3 day, 54 hole medal play championship that this year will be played on the A-Ga-Ming Sundance and Belvedere GC courses in the South Charlevoix area of the Northwest Lower Peninsula. The tournament is open to both members and non-members.

On pages 2 & 3 of this book, is a description of the flight format and an application for the tournament. Please note our three championship flights include both gross and net competition. A net-only flight is also an available option.

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MPSGA 2018 State Championship – Course Lengths/Flight Format:

(Player Options at A-Ga-Ming (Sundance) & Belvedere, August 27-29, 2018)

In an effort to make our 2018 State Championship enjoyable and yet challenging for all, we want to retain the tradition of offering several flight options to give everyone the choice of selecting their own comfort zone in terms of course length and in terms of “gross & net” or “net-only” competition.

These options will be:

1. The MPSGA State Seniors Open-Amateur Championship with a Senior Division (age 50 & up) played at about 6,400 yards, a Super-Senior Division (age 65 & up) played at about 6,100 yards and a Legend/Grand Master Division (age 70 & up) played at about 5,750 yards. We will recognize both gross and net performances in each of these age groupings.

   [Players qualifying for more than one age division may select the division (and course length) where they prefer to compete]

2. A traditional 3-day net-only tournament with contestants having the option of playing in flights at either 5,750 or 6,100 yards.

In summary, our goal is to conduct our major state championship with age appropriate tees for gross competition, while at the same time providing good net competition and comfortable course lengths for everyone.

We hope you can join us in Northern Michigan in late August! A tournament application is on the adjoining page, or can be downloaded from our website at “mpsga.org”.

MPSGA – State Tournament Committee
2018 Michigan Seniors Open-Amateur Golf Championship
(Open to Members and Non-Members)

Sponsored By: Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association (MPSGA)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – August 27, 28 & 29, 2018
A-Ga-Ming (Sundance) & Belvedere GC courses in South Charlevoix Area

[Application]

Last Name: _______________ First Name: _____________ M/I: __ Date of Birth: ________
Address: ______________________________ City: ______________ State: ____ Zip: ______
Phone: _______________ e-mail address: __________________________

Please Select:

A. State Seniors Open-Amateur with both GROSS & NET competition and awards.
   A1) 3-day, 54-hole Senior Championship (age 50 & up) @ 6,200-6,400 yds. ($295) _____
   A2) 3-day, 54-hole Super-Senior Championship (age 65 & up) @ 5,900-6,100 yds. ($295) _____
   A3) 3-day, 54-hole Legend/Grand Master Championship (age 70 & up)
      @ 5,600-5,800 yds. ($295) ____
   (Limited to players with Handicaps of 20 or less.)

B. MPSGA State Seniors Tournament with NET ONLY competition and awards.
   B1) 3-day, 54-hole traditional net tournament (age 50 & up) @ 5,900-6,100 yds. ($295) ____
   B2) 3-day, 54 hole traditional net tournament (age 50 & up) @ 5,600-5,800 yds. ($295) ____
   (For players of all handicaps)

Rotation for all flights is Sundance (Mon), Belvedere GC (Tue), and Sundance (Wed) – AM Shotguns

My current USGA Handicap Index is ___. (Mandatory for all Players) Players should indicate their current (2018) USGA index. (MPSGA members without a USGA index - indicate your last 2017-18 tournament handicap: Handicap Director: Brian Kuehn (734-761-5046) if any questions. Important note: The Handicap Committee has the authority & responsibility to change any incorrect handicap before, during, or after this tournament.

Participation is limited to those 50 years old and older (as of August 27, 2018) from Public, Private, Municipal and University Clubs. Must be able to complete a competitive 18 hole round in 5 hours or less!

X_________________________ Signature required

Total Enclosed $ _______ (Entry Payable to: MPSGA)

Mail to: MPSGA, PO Box 531324, Livonia, MI 48153

MPSGA Website: MPSGA.ORG MPSGA Hotline: 734-207-7888.

[A-Ga-Ming – Telephone # 231-264-5081, Belvedere GC – Telephone # 866-547-2611]

Confirmation of accepted application: MPSGA.ORG (updated every 2 wks.)
Application deadline: August 15, 2018 or Full Field

The MPSGA is a member of The Golf Association of Michigan and the USGA.
(MPSGA Player of the Year & GAM Senior Honor Roll points awarded at this tournament)
2018 MPSGA State Seniors Open-Amateur Courses

A-Ga-Ming – Sundance:

The Sundance course opened to excellent reviews in June 2005. It is a Jerry Matthews design that was ranked as the third best new course in the country by Golf Digest in 2006.

With views of Lake Michigan to the west and Torch Lake to the east, the course has wide playable fairways, sculpted greens, vast white-sand bunkers, heather-clad mounding and memorable vistas.

Sundance should be fine challenge for both low and high handicap golfers alike and for players in all of our age groupings.

Other courses making up the A-Ga-Ming family are the adjacent Torch course, Antrim Dells, 10 miles north and the Charlevoix Country Club. If there is a sudden-death playoff in any of the gross competitions on the final day, it will start on the par 3, 7th hole of the Torch course.

(Shown on cover photo)

Belvedere GC:

Willie Watson designed Belvedere GC in 1925. It opened in 1927. He also created classic and major championship designs that include Olympia Fields (South) in Chicago, Interlachen in Minneapolis and the Harding Park & Olympic Clubs in San Francisco. With five teams of horses, the Scotsman turned a farm on the outskirts of Charlevoix into one of the most iconic and respected courses in America.

The course has been a favorite of many, including Bobby Jones, Chuck Kocsis, Walter Hagen, Tom Watson and Ken Venturi. Tom Watson, an honorary member at the semi-private club occasionally returns to play the course and the 16th hole with its baffling green, which he, like the late great Gene Sarazen describes as one of the great par 4’s in America.

Belvedere has been home to the Michigan Amateur Championship a record 40 times – and, a familiar venue to a number of our current MPSGA members.

A major restoration in 2017 brought the course back to the original Watson drawings. This restoration work reintroduced many of the strategies for playing the course that Willie Watson originally intended.
Clubhouse & players on 9th Hole

Gallery following Hagen/Armour group on 4th green in 1934

Early Championship Golf at Belvedere
MPSGA 2018 Tournament Schedule

MPSGA State Seniors Open-Amateur Championship:
August 27, 28 & 29, 2018
[Mon/Tue/Wed, 9:00/9:30 AM shotguns]
Elk Rapids/Charlevoix Area – A-Ga-Ming (Sundance)
and historic Belvedere GC

MPSGA Single Day Tournaments: (shotgun starts)

May 15 – The Orchards GC  Tue, 9:00 AM
May 19 – Dunham Hills  Sat, 9:00 AM
May 24 – Cherry Creek  Thurs, 9:00 AM
June 7 – Polo Fields G&CC – Ann Arbor  Thurs, 9:00 AM
June 16 – Links of Gateway  Sat, 9:00 AM
June 21 - Huntmore  Thurs, 9:00 AM
June 27 - Twin Lakes (27H Match-Play)  Wed, 8:00 AM
July 10- The Majestic GC  Tue, 9:00 AM
July 17- Greystone  Tue, 9:00 AM
July 21- Washtenaw Golf Club  Sat, 9:00 AM
July 26- Boulder Pointe  Thurs, 8:30 AM
Aug 4 - Lakes of Taylor  Sat, 9:00 AM
Aug 9 - Fieldstone  Thurs, 9:00 AM
Aug 21- Coyote Preserve  Tue, 9:00 AM

Tournament of Champions, Annual Meeting, Player of the Year & “Challenge Cup Qualifier” Recognition:
Sept 18- Edgewood CC  Tue, 9:00 AM

Late Sept- Challenge Cup vs. ISSGA in Ft. Wayne, In. area

Gross competition for Seniors (age 50 & up), Super-Seniors (age 65 & up), Legends (age 70 & up)& Grand Masters (Age 75 & up) and net competition by handicap for all.

MPSGA Website - “mpsga.org” for application
2017 State Super-Senior Gross Champion, Jim Mlynarczyk [C], w/Jack Galsterer and Jim Briegel

2017 state tournament contestants, Lyn Birchard, Billy Green, Everett Bailey, Mike Grace, Terry Kelley and Jim Briegel

2017 Tournament of Champions winners, Ron Williams [L] and Bob Hertel [R] receive King Cup award from President Emeritus, Doug King
Brian Kuehn Joins MPSGA Board

Born in Appleton, WI, Brian started life as a Cheesehead. His parents were Green Bay Packers season ticket holders so his hatred of the Detroit Lions began early in life. While in Appleton, his family joined a nine-hole golf club, Riverview Country Club. It was there that he developed his love-hate relationship with the great game of golf.

The Kuehn family moved to the Boston area 10 years later. During his high school years, Brian played a number of sports: football, basketball, tennis, skiing. He was a member of the Weston High School golf team for one week, the time it took the coach to realize Brian couldn’t break 100 on his very best day.

After graduating from a small liberal arts college in New Hampshire, he escaped the unemployment line by accepting an insurance underwriting position with a large property/casualty insurance company. After training, his employer transferred Brian to Michigan, where he has spent the last 43 years. In 1984, he married his lovely bride, Josie. They have two grown sons and five grandchildren.

Brian came to competitive golf late in life. His first tournament was the 1990 City of Ann Arbor Men’s Championship. After that event he was hooked. He joined the Michigan Amateur Golf Tour and played in their events for several years. In 1995, Brian and his father won the TPC of Prestancia’s Member-Guest (Sarasota, FL). In 2003 he began to play the Ann Arbor Senior Golf Championship.

Brian became a member of the MPSGA in 2008, playing four Saturday tournaments. Over the years, he has gradually increased his participation. He played his first State Open Amateur in 2016 and helped the MPSGA win the inaugural Challenge Cup that same year. Brian joined the MPSGA Board in 2017 and recently assumed the position of Handicap Committee Chairman.

Winning the 2018 State Open Amateur will put a nice exclamation point to Brian’s golf résumé. The rest of you are playing for 2nd place.
Josie & Brian Kuehn wish the best of luck to all the competitors in the 2018 State Seniors Open Amateur Golf Championship. Have fun and play well!
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Dave Pulliam, Jim Britton, Larry Forbes and Jack Galsterer
2017 MPSGA State Seniors Open-Amateur Championship - Results

Low Gross – Senior Division:

1. Bob Stuewe  224
2. Matt Wiley  225
3. Fritz Reifert  231
4. Billy Green  246

Low Gross – Super-Senior Division:

1. Jim Mlynarczyk  237
2. Thom Allen  250
3. Dave Ruelle  253

Low Gross – Legend/Grand Master Division:

1. Claud Johnston  234
2. Ray Maidment  241
3. Everett Bailey  245
4. Jim Briegel  246
5. Bill Schwope  246

Notes:

1. Jim Briegel beats his age by 27 shots over 3 rounds.
2. Claud Johnston beats his age by 6 shots over 3 rounds.
3. Ray Maidment beats his age by 4 shots in the final round.

Low Net Winners

Senior Division: Matt Wiley (222)
Super-Senior Division: Larry Miarka (215)
Legend Division: Lyn Birchard (213)
Net 6000 Division: Greg Frontier (212)
Net 5700 Division: Steve Germond (206)
Director, Bill Jetchick w/ overall net champion, Steve Germond

Flight winner, Greg Frontier w/ director, Jim Walainis

Director, Dave Pulliam w/Super-Senior flight winner, Larry Miarka

Legend flight winner, Lyn Birchard [C] with Terry Kelley & Brian Kuehn
A Thank You to Chuck

Many of you know that Chuck Hirchert, MPSGA's Vice President and Executive Director of Golf, passed away last summer after a short battle with a devastating form of brain cancer. We miss Chuck at every tournament!

Chuck was with our organization for 15 + years and originally was a Tournament Director for the "Saturday Tournaments." Before he retired from this earth, Chuck was responsible for choosing, organizing, and managing the process our MPSGA Tournaments. And the membership was very appreciative of the hard work, dedication, and his choice of golf courses for the events we played. With Chuck picking the tournament sites, he chose a combination of courses that was both affordable to the membership and, arguably, the best line-up ever offered by the MPSGA.

Chuck was a big man – literally and figuratively -- but was open-minded to new approaches; but he also protected the integrity of playing by the rules. And if you disagreed and pushed a bad point, you also would find out the strength of his voice!

But Chuck was a man who loved golf, and saw the ups and downs of good and bad days. He seemed to be on the upswing in his last months of golf and, I believe, he is now shooting low scores on much better and difficult courses – hitting shots from cloud to cloud!

Chuck, you’ll never be forgotten!

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2017 MPSGA Gross Players of the Year

Briegel Cup     Senior     Super-Senior     Legend     Grand Master
1. Ray Maidment  Matt Wiley  Jim Mlynarczyk  Dennis Skuba  Tom Pilon
2. Tom Pilon    Jim Mlynarczyk  Thom Allen  Tom Pilon  Ray Maidment
3. Jerry Fenby  Fritz Reifert  Dave Ruelle  Ray Maidment  Jim Briegel
4. Jim Mlynarczyk  Billy Green  Dennis Skuba  Dave Ruelle  Jerry Fenby
5. Bruce Jellison  Corky Mamayek  Harry Hicks  Jim Briegel  Bruce Jellison

2017 MPSGA Net Player of the Year

Jim Briegel and Ray Maidment

Jim Mlynarczyk, Tom Pilon, and Matt Wiley
2017 State Tournament Legend
Gross Champion, Claud Johnston with MPSGA President, Dan Sutherland

2017 State Tournament Contestants:
Ron Fedoronko, Brian McCall, Jim Aaron, Jim Walainis, Jack Galsterer, Larry Miarka, Marty Stadtmiller, Jim Mlynarczyk and Ray Maidment

2017 State Tournament Senior Gross Champion, Bob Stuewe [C] with Tom Ahern and Jim Briegel
2018 MPSGA Competition

Player Standings – Overview

The “Briegel Cup” competition was initiated in 2007 to recognize the best player in the organization relative to his age over the course of a full season.

The competition is named after longtime MPSGA member, Jim Briegel and recognizes the contributions that Jim has made to the MPSGA over many years. The Cup itself is the trophy that Jim received for winning the 70+ division of the British Senior Open-Amateur in 1996. It was donated by Jim to the MPSGA and was installed on a base that will incorporate plaques recognizing the yearly Briegel Cup winners along with our Gross and Net Players of the Year. Points are awarded at each event to the players who come closest to shooting their age.

The “Gross and Net Players of the Year” competitions were also started in 2007 with points being awarded at each tournament for the best gross and net performances. In addition to having their names engraved on the trophy, the Gross Player of the Year will be invited to represent the MPSGA in the GAM’s season ending Tournament of Senior Club Champions.

In 2010/11 we added gross “Super Senior of the Year” (ages 65 & up) and “Legend of the Year” (ages 70 & up) full season competitions – and in 2014, we added our “Grand Master of the Year” (ages 75 & up) gross competition. A course rating adjustment is incorporated in the calculations to allow all players to compete for these MPSGA gross awards regardless of the preferred tees.

4/12/18
2018 MPSGA Player Standings – Points

**Brieggel Cup (best gross score relative to age)**
Each Single Day Event (6 points)

- Best Gross Score Relative to Age = 3 points
- Second Best = 2 points, Third Best = 1 point

**State Open Amateur (points for top 3 places)**
- Best 3-day Gross Score Relative to Age = 9 points
- Second Best = 6 points, Third Best = 3 points

**Bonus Points (any single round)**
- Shooting Age or Below Age = additional 2 points

**Gross Player of the Year, Super-Senior of the Year (65 & up), Legend of the Year (70 & up) and Grand Master of the Year (75 & up)**
Each Single Day Event (6 points)

- Best Gross Score = 3 points
- Second Best = 2 points, Third Best = 1 point

**State Open-Amateur (points for top 3 places)**

- Best 3-day Gross Score = 9 points
- Second Best = 6 points, Third Best = 3 points

**Notes:**
1. Must be age 65 by day of tournament to qualify for “Super-Senior” points.
2. Must be age 70 by day of tournament to qualify for “Legend of the Year” points.
3. Must be age 75 by day of tournament to qualify for “Grand Master of the Year” points.
4. A course rating adjustment will be made to allow all players to compete for player of the year points regardless of the preferred tees.

**Net Player of the Year**

Points based on $ value of gift certificate winnings at each event. (Skins excluded)
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- Berezak, Mike
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- Bitters, Scott
- Carpenter, Greg
- Chambless, John
- Codere, Mark
- Cooper, Willy
- Denton, Pat
- Dunn, Martin
- Finney, Charles
- Germond, Steve
- Grill, Paul
- Haack, Al
- Halle, Roger
- Hibdon, Mike
- Hicks, Harry
- Hollander, Tom
- Humenny, Gary
- Jetchick, Bill
- Jones, Cody
- Jones, Steve
- Kaspor, Al
- Kay, Bill
- Kuehn, Brian
- Lima, Joe
- Lombardo, Thomas
- Lozo, Craig
- McTear, Dave
- Miarka, Larry
- Mlynarczyk, Jim
- Morris, Jim
- Orders, Dan
- Piasecki, Dave
- Pratt, John
- Prince, Don
- Rodney, Blair
- Ryan, Mike
- Schultz, Kip
- Smith, Mark
- Stadtmiller, Marty
- Sterniak, Ron
- Sutherland, Dan
- Sweet, Michael
- Toswell, Allen
- Walainis, Jim
- Winfield, Gordon
- Muszynski, Dan
- Neering, Andy
- Nichols, Sam
- Northcutt, Michael
- O'Neill, Kevin
- Ostrander, Michael
- Perdue, Pete
- Peters, Dave
- Petrilis, Sal
- Reifert, Fritz
- Prince, Jeff
- Reeves, Ron
- Robb, Dale
- Romeo, Dale
- Salters, Dave
- Soulliere, Todd
- Spahn, Jim
- Steele, Rick
- Tate, Gordon
- Thompson, Bradley
- Tilden, Kyle
- Vanboven, James
- Vasquez, Michael
- Vergin, Russ
- Vidlund, Dave
- Ward, Don
- Weisenbach, Stephen
- White, Eric
- Wiley, Matt
- Williams, Eric
- Williams, Paul
- Williams, Tom
- Zettel, Mark
**Team Indiana Evens Challenge Cup Series!**

MPSGA’s Tom Ahern (left) and Capt., Jim Briegel (right center) congratulates ISSGA Captain, Barry Light and Secretary-Treasurer, John Peer on Team Indiana’s victory in the 2017 Challenge Cup.

With “Team Michigan” prevailing in the inaugural 2016 cup – the series now stands even at 1-1.

The gross competition featured 32 players on each team playing foursome, four-ball and singles matches at the Glendarin GC in Angola, Indiana on September 25 & 26, 2017.

Indiana’s victory came in spite of outstanding performances by the MPSGA’s Jim Mlynarczyk and Fritz Reifert – each winning all three of their matches. Bob Stuewe and Jerry Fenby were also undefeated winning two and tying in their third match.

Additional Michigan players winning two of their three matches were Matt Wiley, Mike Sweet, Lyn Birchard, Dennis Abdoo, and Mark Miller. Players finishing with even 1.5-1.5 records were Mark Codere, Tony DeSantis, Dave Ruelle, Thom Allen, Bruce Jellison, Ron Williams and Jim Aaron.

The MPSGA players automatically qualified to be a part of the 32-man “Team Michigan” by finishing in the top five in one of the 2017 Player of the Year categories (Senior, Super-Senior, Legend, Grand Master, Net, and Briegel Cup) or by winning one of the 3 gross age divisions in the 2017 MPSGA’s State Seniors Open-Amateur championship.

Both teams are looking forward to continuing this rivalry on September 24 and 25, 2018. The same format will be used to select the 2018 team.