



MDGA NEWSLETTER

MIDWEST DEAF GOLFERS ASSOCIATION



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AUBURN HILLS GOLF COURSE

This golf course is challenged by the scenic wetlands, rolling hills, and tight corridors spread throughout this stunning course.



The weather on Monday (State Scramble Team) was nice, with highs in the upper 80s. Also, on Tuesday, the first round of the MDGA tournament was nice, with temperatures in the low 90s. Then, on Wednesday, during the second round, it was windy with about 20 mph and reached the low 90s. On Thursday, during the final round, the weather was windy again, with winds around 20 mph.



MDGA's 78th annual tournament welcomed 50 golfers from 16 states. We had 22 Open, 15 Seniors, and 13 Super Seniors competing at Auburn Hills Golf Course in Wichita, KS.

THREE NEW MDGA GOLFERS

First-time MDGA tournament golfers were warmly welcomed: Jeff Carnley (KS), David Nix (KS), and Ronald Starks (KS).



Ronald Starks and David Nix



L to R: Brock Maelzer, Andrew Stone, Jeff Carnley, and Telly Surber

STATE TEAM SCRAMBLE CHAMPION

Kansas Shockers won the state team scramble championship with under 13. Second place went to Bald Hazy Illinois with under 12.

PUTTING CONTEST CHAMPION

“In Memory of Paul Dramin” Putting Champions - Mark Venz (WI) won the putting contest.

L to R: Mark Venz (WI), John Rush (NY), Eric Smith (MI) and Barry Froehle (IL)



THREE NEW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Alan Kayser (MN)



Charles Schwan (IN)



William Van Dyck Dobos (MI)

KING & QUEEN

Congratulations to 2025 MDLGA King David Froehle (AZ) and MDGA Queen Angela Martin (LA).



STATE TEAM CHAMPION



Illinois won the state team championship by 1 stroke over Kansas. The Illinois golfers were Bob Dramin, Justin Van Valey, Bill Stricklen, and David Costa.

L to R: Bob Dramin, Justin Van Valey, and David Costa. Missing: Bill Stricklen.

78TH MDGA CHAMPIONS



OPEN CHAMPION:

David Ramirez (NV) won his first MDGA Championship since joining MDGA in 2021, marking his fifth consecutive MDGA tournament.



Eric Brumm (MO) is the Open Runner-Up. In addition, he won the Shoot-Out on Wednesday afternoon after beating nine golfers. Again, he deserved the Medalist title when he shot 74 during the first round of the tournament on Tuesday.

OPEN FIRST FLIGHT CHAMPION:



Eric Smith (MI)

OPEN HANDICAP CHAMPION:

Al Van Nevel Memorial Award



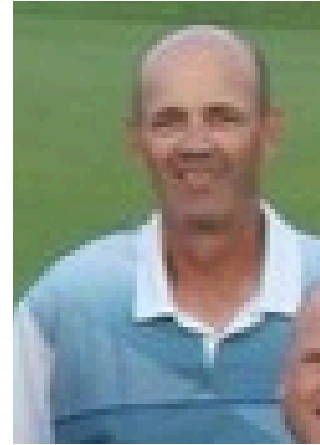
Bryan Jendra (IL)

SENIOR CHAMPION:



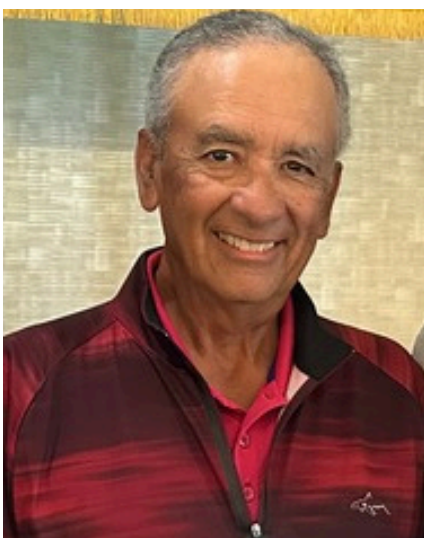
John Rush (NY) has played in his 20th MDGA tournament since 1982, has won four Open tournament Championships, and now it is his fourth time winning the Senior Championship.

SENIOR FIRST FLIGHT CHAMPION:



Charles Mackintosh (IN)

SUPER SENIOR CHAMPION:



Jose Sermeno (CA)

SENIOR/SUPER SENIOR HANDICAP CHAMPION:

Dr. Frank B. Sullivan
Memorial Award



Bill Stricklen (IL)

MDGA/MDLGA BANNERS

MDGA & MDLGA banners changeover to Wisconsin for 79th MDGA Tournament in 2026.

L to R: Mark Venz, Roy Siskind, and Andrew Stone.



2025 MDGA HALL OF FAME



L to R: (Sitting) William Tonigan, Alan Kayser, William Van Dyck Dobos, Charles Schwan, Clayton Claiborne, David Froehle, James Potter. (Standing) John Rush, David Bosworth, Karl Gruetzner, Mark Venz, David Costa, Bryan Jendra, Tom Perkins, Darrell Hovinen, Greg Gantt, Willie Miller, and Bob Dramin. Missing: Joe Dearing