



THE **TRANSCRIPT**



Dear Fellow Golfers:

I hope that you have had a wonderful year thus far and are looking forward to the fall season of golf. The fall brings the last of the Trans-Miss Championships with the Trans-Miss Four Ball. Mayacama Golf Club will play host to this year's championship from Sept. 17-20. The entry deadline is Sept. 5, so grab a partner and come join us for some great golf and special camaraderie in the California wine country.

This time of year also is when the Trans-Miss Turf Fund goes into action with the promotion of Club Turf Internship Program and Turf Scholarships. If you're a member of the Trans-Miss Member Club entourage, please ask your superintendent to apply for a Club Turf Internship Grant. This program provides funding for our Member Clubs to hire an agronomy intern, which provides an extra set of hands while providing first-class training experience in working at some of the top clubs in the country. The application process opens Sept. 10 via the Trans-Miss website.

The Turf Scholarship Program provides scholarship funding to students who are studying to be golf course superintendents. The top agronomic universities in the country nominate their best and most deserving students, who will then provide an application to the Trans-Miss. The Turf Scholarship Committee will then select the student winners and designated scholarship awards.

In the last several years, the Trans-Miss Turf Fund has supported more than 25 students with substantial financial support and over 20 Member Clubs in support of our golf course superintendents.

Due to your support, these programs have grown over the years, providing more than \$80,000 in funding annually. As the fund continues to grow, we expect to donate nearly \$100,000 in scholarships and Club Turf Internships in 2018-19. The support for these programs is truly impactful for students and clubs around the country, while developing the next generation of leaders within the golf industry.

We hope as you review your end of year giving, you will consider supporting the Trans-Miss Turf Fund and these efforts.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I know we all look forward to seeing you at the Four-Ball and appreciate your support of the Trans-Miss Golf Association, our championships and philanthropic endeavors.

Truly,

Rob Addington

Executive Director

Trans-Miss Golf Association



Trans-Miss Four-Ball Championship Heads to Napa Valley

SANTA ROSA, CA – Nestled in the heart of Northern California's Sonoma wine country sits a lush, scenic retreat called Mayacama Golf Club. The private Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, which opened for play in 2001, offers golfers a site to return to what Nicklaus considers "pure golf." From Sept. 17-20, some of the best amateurs in the country will experience it when Mayacama hosts the 38th Trans-Mississippi Four-Ball Championship.

Tucked away among towering oak trees and highlighted by rolling hills and valleys, the club offers a secluded, private feel with easy access to world-class wineries and restaurants.

"The club's location and its surrounds combine to make it very private and unique. If you weren't from there, you'd never know there was a golf course there," Jack Nicklaus says on his website.

The Trans-Miss Four-Ball is an annual best-ball championship contested over 54 holes. The championship field is limited to 96 teams representing three divisions: Championship (Mid-Amateurs), Senior (55 and older) and Super Senior (65 and older). Each division plays from its own yardage and crowns separate champions. The tournament will feature a cut after 36 holes, with each division receiving a pro-rated representation.

Though carts are allowed at this championship, Nicklaus originally designed Mayacama Golf Club as a walking course, giving golfers the feel of returning golf to its time-honored traditions and origins. In keeping with these traditions, golfers don't need tee times at Mayacama, but they do need a caddie.

At roughly 6,800 yards, Mayacama doesn't boast a particularly long track, but it will reward the shot-makers in this year's field. In lieu of power, competitors will be rewarded for their strategy and precision on the course. It will test the patience and mental fortitude of the field, but the course doesn't unduly punish missed shots.

Various elevated tees and greens give golfers plenty to think about throughout a round here, culminating with a magnificent final hole. A 559-yard par-5, the 18th hole offers plenty of risk, but also a chance at high reward to cap off the round. Reachable in two shots, golfers must also be wary of water along the right side of the fairway. These factors come together to present what should be an exciting and breathtaking finish to a championship round of golf.

Regardless of the outcome, golfers should enjoy the sunbathed fairways and continuous undulation of this magnificently groomed course. Consistently one of Golf Digest's "Top 100 Courses in America," it's no wonder Mayacama is one of Nicklaus' finest courses.

In its relatively short history, Mayacama has hosted multiple U.S. Open local qualifiers and the 2010 USGA Men's State Team Championship. The Four-Ball marks the first Trans-Mississippi championship held at Mayacama.

Registration for the 38th Annual Trans-Miss Four-Ball closes on Sept. 5, so there's still time to join us and honor golf's illustrious history at Mayacama.

For more detailed information on the championship and registration, please [click here](#).



2019 Trans-Miss Amateur Championship Heads to Maridoe

DALLAS – The Trans-Mississippi Golf Association in June announced Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, TX, will be the host site for next summer's 116th Trans-Miss Amateur Championship. The 72-hole, stroke play championship is scheduled to be played in early July of 2019.

After an extensive two-year rebuild, Maridoe Golf Club opened for play a little more than a year ago on a lush 214-acre property that was the former site of The Honors Club of Dallas and before that Columbian Club.

Designed by architect Steve Smyers, the Florida-based architect best known for his renovations at Isleworth Golf & Country Club and Olympia Fields Golf Club, Maridoe has been hailed as one of the best new courses in the country. The layout is at once thought-provoking, challenging, original and visually sensational. The course measures 7,834 yards from the tips with a rating of 80.5 and a slope of 155.

"We are certain Maridoe Golf Club will be a great venue for the 116th Trans-Miss Amateur and a formidable test of skill for all competitors," said Rob Addington, the TMGA Executive Director. "The members and staff at Maridoe are looking forward to providing a wonderful experience for players, spectators and volunteers."

Maridoe joins a proud list of Trans-Miss Amateur venues, which includes some of the best courses in America. Within the past decade, the elite amateur championship has been contested at consensus Top 100 clubs such as Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, KS, (2017), The Olympic Club in San Francisco, CA (2016), Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, OK, (2014), and Oak Tree National in Edmund, OK, (2012).

Other highly regarded courses that have recently welcomed the Trans-Miss Amateur include Flint Hills National in Andover, KS., (2009, 2015), Meadow Club in Fairfax, CA, (2013), Kansas City Country Club in Mission Hills, KS, (2011) and Denver Country Club in Denver, CO (2010).

Since the Texas Golf Association in 2013 took over operations of the TMGA, its flagship event has seen a marked ascension in both reputation and national rankings. The past three Trans-Miss Amateur Championships received "A" ratings from the World Amateur Golf Rankings for strength of field. In addition, WAGR considered the 114th Trans-Miss Amateur last summer as the seventh-best field of the 37 tournaments that received "A" ratings.

For more information about the TMGA, [click here](#).



Ryder Cup Experience Awaits Minnesotans

Golfers in Minnesota, or those willing to travel there, have a rare opportunity to play the most recent Ryder Cup venue in a format commonly associated with the celebrated biennial exhibition. Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, MN., is hosting the Trans-Miss Fall Foursomes outing on Monday, Oct. 8.

A limited number of spots are still available in the elite, two-person team Fall Foursomes event. The cost is \$400 per team and all proceeds support the TMGA's Turf Scholarship Fund. Participants will be treated to a fun-filled day of golf, including a Scottish-themed lunch, at Hazeltine National, where in 2016 the U.S. defeated Great Britain & Ireland, 17-11, to score its first Ryder Cup victory since 2008.

The Fall Foursomes entails 36 holes of alternate shot team golf: 18 holes in the morning and 18 more in the afternoon with a break in between for a hearty Scottish stew lunch. TMGA Directors Carl Horsch and Tim Andersen run the Fall Foursomes, which mostly attracts area golfers in Minnesota. Andersen, a 30-year Hazeltine National member, said he and Horsch strongly encourage 3-hour pace of play for each round.

"We want to keep things in the spirit of what they do in Scotland," said Andersen, who has played an estimated 450 rounds of golf in Scotland during the 30 years he's been traveling there. "The main thing, though, is having fun and embracing Foursomes as a format."

While not nearly as popular in America, the alternate shot format is quite common across the pond.

"The Scots invented foursomes because in the winter, they wanted to get out and exercise but they didn't want to stay out in the crappy weather too long," Andersen explained. "Foursomes allow us to get around the course quickly. At Muirfield, for example, they play foursomes in two and a half hours."

The Fall Foursomes event has been raising money and awareness for the TMGA Turf Scholarship Fund for almost 15 years. It was created by St. Paul, MN, native Tom Garrett, a former TMGA Director who ran the event until he passed away in 2001.

The unique Fall Foursomes outing has been played at iconic Minnesota courses such as The Minikahda Club, Windsong Farm Golf Club and Summerset Country Club. This is the second consecutive year the event has been held at Hazeltine National. For more information about the 2018 Fall Foursomes, please email Tim Andersen at Andertim57@gmail.com.

The Fall Foursomes is just one way the TMGA raises money for its Turf Scholarship Fund. Member dues, championship entry fees and donations also contribute to the cause. In the past three years alone, the fund has allocated about \$175,000 in Member Club Turf internship grants and college scholarships.

For more information about the fund and its mission, [click here](#).

TCU Senior Hayden Springer Wins 115th Trans-Miss Amateur

COLUMBUS, OH— TCU senior Hayden Springer from Trophy Club, Texas, briefly went into shock when he heard the roar from behind the 16th green on Friday, July 13th in the final round of the 115th Trans-Mississippi Amateur Championship. He had hit his 9-iron exactly where he wanted – to the left of the flagstick and well past it – knowing the sloped green funnels hard down to the right.

The shot spun back some 35 feet and finished in the bottom of the cup. The ace pushed Springer into a tie for the lead of the prestigious championship. Two pars on the final holes gave him a final round 4-under 68 and the coveted victory at Brookside Golf & Country Club.

“That was incredible. I was not expecting it,” said Springer, who won by a single shot over incoming Texas freshman Pierceson Coody from Plano, TX, and 2017 Augusta State graduate Jake Marriott from Naples, FL, “That was my first hole in one in competition. It kind of felt like things were going my way after that.”

Indeed they were. On a postcard-perfect weather day at an old-school course that demands accuracy and patience, no less than four players took turns holding the lead during the championship’s final 90 minutes. Low Mid-Amateur winner Justin Tereshko from Lexington, KY, started the day with a two-shot lead and held it for much of the final day. Marriott birdied holes 10, 11 and 12 to tie Tereshko, who fell back with three back-nine bogeys. Coody moved to the top of the leaderboard with his fourth birdie of the day, a tap-in on the 527-yard par-5 11th after he narrowly missed his eagle attempt.

Marriott pushed ahead again with a short birdie on the 15th. He was walking in the 17th fairway when he heard the gallery behind him on No. 16 cry out after Springer’s ace. It was the fourth hole-in-one on the picturesque, uphill par-3 during the championship.

“Obviously, I knew what it was,” Marriott said. “I didn’t know who made it, though. I just tried to stick to my game plan and keep playing.”

Marriott missed his par putt on No. 17, which cracked the door open for Springer. He made a delicate up-and-down from the left side of the 17th green to make par. He finished in a way that would’ve made Ben Hogan proud: fairway, green,

two-putt par for the championship. Springer shot 67-68 in the final two rounds to score the victory.

“This is the biggest accomplishment I’ve had in golf, and I’m going to remember it forever,” said Springer, who in 2016 won a four-for-one Monday Qualifier playoff and competed in the PGA Tour’s FedEx St. Jude Classic. “I’ve dreamed of this for a long time and it means a lot to me. It really does.”

Springer now adds his name to the Trans-Miss Amateur Championship trophy next to the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Ben Crenshaw.

“It’s surreal,” Springer said. “I can’t even believe it.” Marriott and Coody, who tied for second at 14-under 274, both said there were plenty of positives to take away from the week at Brookside. Marriott said



115th Trans-Miss Amateur Champ, Hayden Springer

he wanted to put himself into a position to win, and he did just that. Coody had a similar outlook.

"Coming down the stretch I knew what I had to do after I bogeyed No. 10," said Coody, who in June won the AJGA's Thunderbird Invitational. "I really had to focus and play well. I gave myself a lot of opportunities, but I didn't quite capitalize on all my wedge shots. It was a solid week, and second place is never bad in a tournament this strong."

Four players tied for fourth place, including Tereshko, Jacob Bridgeman from Inman, SC, Hayden Barron from Perth, Australia, and Brandon Smith from Frisco, TX. They all posted 12-under 276. Zander Lozano from Fair Oaks Ranch, TX, shared eighth place with Mitchell Malcom from New Germany, South Africa, and Michael Perras from Pasadena, TX.

The 2019 U.S. Walker Cup Captain Nathaniel Crosby was on hand for the championship. Crosby won the 1981 U.S. Amateur, which propelled him to earn a spot on the 1983 Walker Cup team that prevailed over Great Britain & Ireland at Royal Liverpool in Hoylake, England. Now he comes full circle, as he'll lead the U.S. team next year at the same historic links course.

Crosby said he enjoyed his time at Brookside while he watched some of the top amateurs in the country in anticipation of building next year's squad.

"Right now I'm trying to familiarize myself with some of the players who might be choices for the committee and me in a year and half so I can see how

they progress," Crosby said. "I'm trying to go to some of the best amateur golf tournaments right now. It's fun to watch these amateurs play and progress as they move up the World Amateur Golf Rankings."

Crosby's interest in the Trans-Miss Amateur is well-founded. The prestigious event has earned an "A" rating from the World Amateur Golf Rankings in four of the past five years, including the past three years in a row.

It's been a fantastic week at Brookside Golf & Country Club, and the Trans-Miss staff extends its most sincere appreciation to the club, and its members and staff for all their hard work in making the tournament such a memorable event. Several Brookside members pitched in throughout the week with volunteer duties.

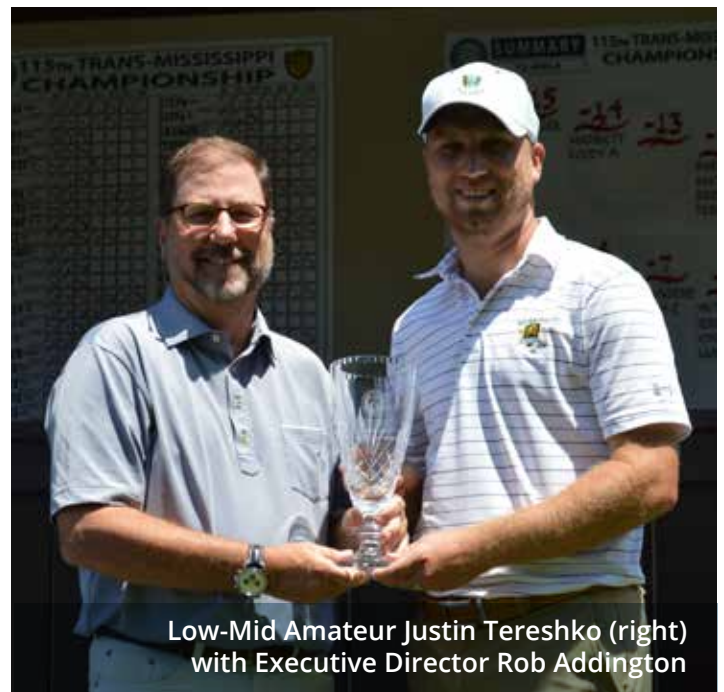
Extra special thanks are due to General Manager Matt Ruehling, Head Golf Professional Brad Zeitner and his great staff, Golf Course Superintendent Carl Wittenauer and his tireless grounds crew, Controller/Assistant GM Max Reed, Food and Beverage Director Jason Tewart, Beverage Manager Mike Turner, Executive Chef John Beck, Membership/Marketing Director Daniel Hug and Director of Events Callan Hash.

Additionally, we want to thank all our dedicated volunteers for their efforts throughout the week and the entire season. The Trans-Miss staff could not conduct these elite tournaments without a total team effort. We thank everyone involved.

For more information on the championship, [click here.](#)



2018 Trans-Miss Champion Hayden Springer



Low-Mid Amateur Justin Tereshko (right) with Executive Director Rob Addington

Mike McCoy Wins 2018 Trans-Miss Senior & Mid-Master Championship

CAREFREE, AZ. – Mike McCoy survived a four-man, four-hole playoff in mid-May to win the Senior Division of the 2018 Trans-Miss Senior & Mid-Master Championship at venerable Desert Forest Golf Club. It was the fourth Trans-Miss Golf Association title for the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur Champion from Norwalk, IA.

McCoy, Bryan Norton from Mission Hills, KS, Brady Exber from Las Vegas, NV and Jeff New from Scottsdale, AZ all finished the 54-hole, stroke-play championship with matching scores of 3-over-par 219. Exber made the biggest move in the final round with an even-par 72. McCoy had to ease in a slippery 5-footer for par on the 54th hole to get into the playoff.

New was eliminated with a bogey on the first hole. Exber was next to fall when he failed to finish the third extra hole. It came down to McCoy and Norton, who coincidentally are both Trans-Miss Directors.

On the fourth playoff hole – the 420-yard par-4 13th – Norton pushed his drive out to the right. His ball landed in a tree and was stuck there. After taking an unplayable lie penalty and drop, he advanced his ball up to the green.

McCoy ultimately two-putted from 20-feet to earn the victory.

“This one is pretty special,” said McCoy, who won the Trans-Miss Championship in 2000 and 2008, as well as the 2012 Four-Ball Championship with fellow Iowan Gene Elliott. “I’ve been having a lot of problems with my golf game over the last year. I’ve been battling through some demons. So it was nice to hit some good shots coming down the stretch and in the playoff. It means a lot to me.”

Norton, Exber and New shared second place. Joe Palmer from West Des Moines, IA, took fifth place at 6-over 222.

In the inaugural edition of the Mid-Master Division for golfers ages 40 and older, local resident Chris



2018 Trans-Miss Senior Champion, Mike McCoy

Kamin from Phoenix, AZ scored a seven-shot victory despite what he considered a lackluster effort in his final round. A few tee balls lost into the desert led to five bogeys and a double. He did sink three birdies to limit the damage and posted a 4-over 76. He finished at 4-over 220 for the championship.

Mark Mance from Whitefish, MT., used a final round 75 to move up the leaderboard and take second place at 11-over 227. Brad Wayment from Mesa, Ariz., and Robert Funk from Canyon Lake, Calif., tied for third place with 14-over 230.

“I kept it in play most of the time here during the week,” said Kamin, who was playing in his first Trans-Miss event. “Today I started out well. I ended up hitting four or five in the desert, and my score kind of showed that.”

An Arizonian for more than 20 years, Kamin said Desert Forest is his favorite course to play in the area. He was appreciative of the Trans-Miss bringing an elite amateur championship to the revered venue. Winning on a course he loves was a bonus.

“It feels great,” he said. “I don’t care if it’s a little club event or a something big like this, wins are always fun.”

In the Super Senior Division (65+), Jim Knoll from Sunnyvale, Calif., defeated fellow Californian Jeff Burda from La Quinta in another four-hole playoff. Both veteran amateurs finished 54 holes at 8-over 224. Knoll won with a 4-foot par putt after Burda,

the 2014 Trans-Miss Senior Am Champion, missed his downhill, 5-footer on the fourth extra hole.

"I was very fortunate to win," said Knoll, a three-time U.S. Senior Open participant who made the cut at the 2007 U.S. Senior Open. "It means a lot to me. The field is always really good here, and the tournaments are always very well run on a national level. It's very rewarding."

Gary Hardin from Carlsbad, CA, finished third in the Super Senior Division. Corky Nelson from Dallas, TX took fourth, and Dave Sheff from Dana Point, CA, came in fifth place.

In the Legends Division (70+), Desert Forest member Dick Baker scored an eight-shot victory over Sam Boyd from Horseshoe Bay, Texas. Baker, who splits time between Carefree, AZ, and St. Cloud, WI, shot a final round 77 to post the winning score of 13-over 229.

"It feels great," he said. "This is my last round at Desert Forest before we head back to Wisconsin on Saturday. This is a great way to finish the spring season here."

David Rasley from Payson, AZ, finished in third place. Dallas, TX native Jim Martin, who was attempting to win his fourth consecutive Legends Division title, took fourth place. Fifth place belonged to another Desert Forest member, Philip Svanoë from Carefree, AZ.

Baker and Svanoë's club provided a wonderful, if not taxing, championship test for the talented field of

amateurs. Desert Forest is a Southwest masterpiece in every sense. Arizona Golf Hall of Famer Robert "Red" Lawrence – who in the early 1920s helped restore iconic East Coast gems such as Merion and Westchester Country Club – designed Desert Forest in 1962. He took special care to accentuate the contours of the Sonoran Desert by shaping the course's routing based on what already existed.

Built for only \$250,000, Lawrence eschewed bulldozers in the construction of the brilliant par-72 track. Instead, he planted seeds on the desert floor tee-to-green to create the country's first desert golf course. Widely loved by natives and tourists alike, Desert Forest proudly sports the moniker of the "True Desert Original."

Despite the lack of water hazards, fairway bunkers and forced carries, Desert Forest packs plenty of bite. Most anything hit offline from the tee box ends up in the unplayable desert, which flanks every hole on the 165-acre property. The large, bentgrass greens boast wicked slopes and hard-to-see movement, making the conventional two-putt par anything but routine.

As with every Trans-Miss Championship, this year's Senior & Mid-Master attracted a full field of some of the best amateurs in the country. Desert Forest tested every single one of them for all three days of competition. The scoring average across all three days in the Mid-Master Division was 79.6.



2018 Trans-Miss Mid-Master Champion, Chris Kamin



2018 Trans-Miss Senior Champion, Mike McCoy

In the Senior Division, the average score was 80.2. The Super Senior and Legends Division scoring averages were 81.2 and 84.0, respectively.

The Trans-Miss Golf Association would like to express its sincere gratitude to Desert Forest Golf Club, its members and staff, as well as our volunteers, for all their hard work during the weeks leading

up to and during the championship. The 2018 Trans-Miss Senior & Mid-Master Championship was a truly memorable week, and it couldn't have happened without the coordinated efforts of everyone involved.

For more information on this year's championship, including complete scoring, [click here](#).



2018 Trans-Miss Super Senior Champion, John Knoll



2018 Trans-Miss Legends Champion, Dick Baker

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