



# **WMA** Women's Amateur Championship

Baker National Golf Course July 24-26, 2023



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# 2023 Women's Amateur Championship

#### **GENERAL INFO/FORMAT**

The 2023 MGA Women's Amateur Championship will be held at Baker National Golf Course, Monday through Wednesday, July 24-26. Eighty competitors will play 54-holes of stroke play for the **Patty Berg Memorial Trophy**. A tie for the Championship will be broken by a sudden-death playoff.

#### LIVE SCORING ON THE WEB

Live Scoring will be available on the MGA website at **www.mngolf.org**.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

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#### **BAKER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE**

In the early 1970s, the Hennepin County Park Reserve District (now the Three Rivers Park District), purchased the 9-hole Medina Golf Course in western Hennepin County with the intention of allowing the land to revert to its natural state and be folded into the adjacent Baker Park Reserve. Fortunately for the local golf community, the district board was persuaded to keep the golf course operational. In 1990, the park constructed a new 18-hole 6,800-yard championship layout designed by Kidwell and Hurdzen, of Columbus, Ohio, and a 5,200 square foot clubhouse, by the Kodet Group of Minneapolis.

A decade later, the park board reopened the old par-3 course as the Evergreen Executive Course, now a superlative and challenging par 30 measuring 1,855 yards. Today, both courses and the panoramic driving range encompass 300 acres.



#### LAST YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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Ledwein started quickly with a pair of birdies to narrow the deficit and would take the lead for good with two more birdies during her final nine, defeating 36-hole leader Leah Skaar and 2019 champion Kathryn VanArragon by three strokes.

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A two-putt par at the last put Ledwein at 3-over 216 to become the first two-time winner of the event since former Michigan State University golfer Sarah Burnham won in 2012 and 2016.

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She battled back into contention by sinking two birdie chances over her next 12 holes, but a bogey at the last would give Skaar a final-round 74 to come up three shots short at 6-over 219.

VanArragon also struggled in the early going during the final round, carding three bogeys over her first six holes to drop to 6-over for the championship.

Back-to-back birdies at the 11th and 12th holes put her back in contention at 4-over, but a three-putt bogey at the 15th dashed her chances. She would post a finalround 74 to finish tied for second at 219.

#### THE FIELD

The two-time Class AA Girls' State High School individual champ (2021-2022), **Mallory Belka** (Perham Lakeside GC); the six-time MGA Women's Player of the Year, three-time Women's Amateur Match Play champ (2010, 2016-2017), and two-time Minnesota Women's State Amateur champ (2009-2010), **Olivia Herrick** (Dellwood CC); the 2022 Minnesota State Junior Girls' champ, **Madi Hicks** (MN YOC); the two-time Minnesota State Junior Girls' champ (2018-2019) and 2021 Ms. Minnesota Golf, **Camille Kuznik** (Pioneer Creek GC); the two-time Class AAA Girls' State High School individual champ (2015-2016), 2016 State Junior Girls' champ, and two-time MGA Women's Amateur champ (2018 and 2022), **Taylor Ledwein** (New Prague GC); the 2020 Minnesota High School Senior Showcase winner, **Jaycee Rhodes** (Highland National GC); the 2019 MGA Women's Amateur champ, three-time MGA Junior Girls' Player of the Year (2019-2020 and 2022), and 2023 Ms. Minnesota Golf, **Kathryn VanArragon** (MN YOC); the 2021 Minnesota High School Senior Showcase winner, **Kyra Venne** (MN YOC); the 2022 MGA Mixed Amateur Team champ, **Lily Vincelli** (MN YOC); and the 2021 MGA Mixed Amateur Team champ, **Emma Welch** (Brackett's Crossing CC).

There are 21 players in the field with "plus" USGA Handicap Indexes (that is, having an index that is better than scratch), with **Leah Skaar** atop the list at +5.0.

The youngest player in this year's field is **Selena Qiao** (MN YOC) at 14 years, 11 months and 3 days.

#### **COURSE SET UP**

#### CHAMPIONSHIP: 6,209 yds, Par 37-36 - 73

Hole #1 – 468 yards, par 5	Hole #10 – 505 yards, par 5
Hole #2 – 155 yards, par 3	Hole #11 – 330 yards, par 4
Hole #3 – 381 yards, par 4	Hole #12 – 153 yards, par 3
Hole #4 – 480 yards, par 5	Hole #13 – 501 yards, par 5
Hole #5 – 351 yards, par 4	Hole #14 – 359 yards, par 4
Hole #6 – 468 yards, par 5	Hole #15 – 181 yards, par 3
Hole #7 – 140 yards, par 3	Hole #16 – 333 yards, par 4
Hole #8 – 374 yards, par 4	Hole #17 – 317 yards, par 4
Hole #9 – 355 yards, par 4	Hole #18 – 358 yards, par 4

Out – 3,172 yds Par 37 In – 3,037 yds Par 36 Course Rating/Slope Rating: 77.7/138

#### ELIGIBILITY

To enter the MGA Women's Amateur Championship, a player must be an associate member of an MGA club.

#### **ABOUT THE MGA**

Founded in 1901, the Minnesota Golf Association is the governing body over amateur golf in the state, responsible for administering the *Rules of Golf*, and committed to uphold and promote the game of golf and its values for all golfers in Minnesota. The MGA conducts 23 major amateur championships and 14 USGA qualifying events each year. Thanks to the support of its member clubs and associate members, and the efforts of its volunteers and staff, the MGA provides a variety of services such as handicapping, course rating and measuring, an online golf news and information resource, mngolf.org, and an official publication, *Minnesota Golfer* magazine, which benefits all golfers throughout Minnesota.



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# 2022 MGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR COLLECTOR COLLECTOR

## **MGA Women's Amateur Summary**

TAYLOR LEDWEIN 2022 MGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPION

#### Ledwein Surges to Second MGA Women's Amateur Title

ntering the final round of the 2022 Minnesota Golf Association Women's Amateur Championship four shots off the lead, Taylor Ledwein fired a tournament-low 3-under 68 at Rochester Golf and Country Club, to come from behind and claim her second win at the event in five seasons.

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"I don't think it's set in yet that I've actually won the [State Amateur] twice. If you would've told me in high school that

I'd win twice, I wouldn't believe you," Ledwein said after her round. "I believe in my game a lot more now, and I believe in the player that I am. A lot more confidence."

"You never really think that you're out of it, but Leah, Kathryn and Aayushi are all great players, and I knew I had to put up a number if I wanted to even be in contention. I told myself from hole one that I'm going to have to go low."

Starting quickly with birdies at the first and fifth holes gave Ledwein the outright lead at 4-over, but she would fall into a share of the lead with Aayushi Sarkar with her only blemish of the final round, a bogey at the seventh, to drop 5-over for the championship.

Ledwein would take the lead for good by converting her birdie chance at the par-4 10th and added one final birdie to create separation from the field by moving to 3-over.

The 2020 MGA Women's Player of the Year got some help from her putter down the stretch, making critical par saves from five to eight feet on consecutive holes beginning at the 14th.

A two-putt par at the last put Ledwein at 3-over 216 to become the first two-time winner of the event since former Michigan State University golfer Sarah Burnham's wins in 2012 and 2016.

"I thought I played really solid and today is how I wanted to play

#### **ROCHESTER GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB STATISTICS**

Hole	Yards F	Par	Average	Rank	Eagles	Birdies	Pars	Bogeys	D.Bogeys	Others
1	370	4	4.55	11	0	9	8			1
2	384	4	4.7	5	0	5	9	1 81	18	9
3	193	3	3.77	3	0	4	7	6 96	20	8
4	547	5	5.55	12	0	16	9	3 68	22	5
5	160	3	3.73	4	0	8	7	8 93	19	6
6	528	5	5.51	14	0	14	1	12 47	22	9
7	354	4	4.77	2	0	6	8	5 71	35	7
8	379	4	4.59	8	0	3	9	9 84	14	4
9	393	4	4.65	6	0	3	9	5 80	22	4
Out	3308	36	41.82		0	68	8	16 71	5 184	53
10	323	4	4.56	10	0	12	8	6 89	14	3
11	115	3	3.24	17	0	20	1	32 39	10	3
12	440	5	4.88	18	1	64	1	01 34	4	0
13	323	4	4.38	16	0	14	1	14 62	13	1
14	133	3	3.49	15	0	7	1	14 63	17	3
15	380	4	4.58	9	0	10	9	3 80	16	5
16	366	4	4.64	7	0	12	9	2 66	27	7
17	364	4	4.52	13	0	9	1	03 72	17	3
18	374	4	4.86	1	0	4	6	8 96	27	9
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Total	6126	71	80.97		1	22(	) 1	719 13	16 329	87

all three days coming into the week. Hit fairways and hit greens. Fortunate to win—when the easy birdie putts don't go in, but longer par putts go in, it makes it that much better."

Falling to Ledwein for a second time this season, Skaar couldn't bounce back from her rocky start to the final round, shooting 5-over through her first five holes.

The North Dakota State University junior battled back into contention by sinking two birdie chances over her next 12 holes, but a bogey at the last would give Skaar a finalround 74 to come up three shots short at 6-over 219.

"I was able to stay steady with some pars and a couple birdies, but not much was going my way," said Skaar, who entered with a one-stroke lead before bogey-double-bogey stretch beginning at the third dropped her to 7-over. "That's just not the type of golf that I've been playing. I wasn't hitting anything close, so it was hard to make those 20-footers—you can't expect much."

"It was a very good tournament and a good learning experience, but pretty disappointing. I know I can play with the best players out here."

VanArragon also struggled in the early going during the final round, carding three bogeys over her first six holes to drop to 6-over for the championship.

Back-to-back birdies at the 11th and 12th holes put the 2022 Class AAA individual

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- Taylor Ledwein

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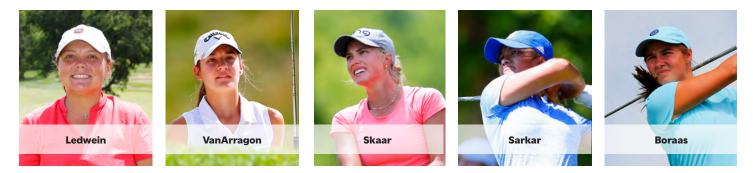
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Steady through her first 16 holes, Sarkar moved within one shot of the lead after sinking a 40-foot birdie putt at the 17th, but hit her approach out of bounds at the final hole, leading to a triple-bogey. She would finish fourth at 7-over 220.

In the First Flight, University of Wisconsin-Stout's Abbey Filipiak carded a 9-over 80 during the opening round and would cruise to a six-stroke victory by posting an 11-over 82 in the final round to earn medalist honors at 20-over 162.

Amateur	
<b>1 Taylor Ledwein</b> New Prague Golf Club 72-76-68- <b>216</b>	+3
<b>T2 Kathryn VanArragor</b> YOC Minnesota 72-73-74- <b>219</b>	1 +6
<b>T2 Leah Skaar</b> Minnewaska Golf Club 70-74-75- <b>219</b>	+6
<b>4 Aayushi Sarkar</b> Royal Golf Club 74-73-73- <b>220</b>	+7
<b>5 Hannah Boraas</b> Alexandria Golf Club 76-77-71- <b>224</b>	+11
<b>T6 Catherine Monty</b> White Bear Yacht Club 76-74-76- <b>226</b>	+13
<b>T6 Jordana Windhorst- Knudsen</b> The Jewel Golf Club 76-75-75- <b>226</b>	+13
<b>T6 Maddie Herzog</b> Detroit Country Club 76-73-77- <b>226</b>	+13
<b>9 Caroline Monty</b> White Bear Yacht Club 77-77-73- <b>227</b>	+14
<b>10 Lily Vincelli</b> YOC Minnesota 74-77-77- <b>228</b>	+15

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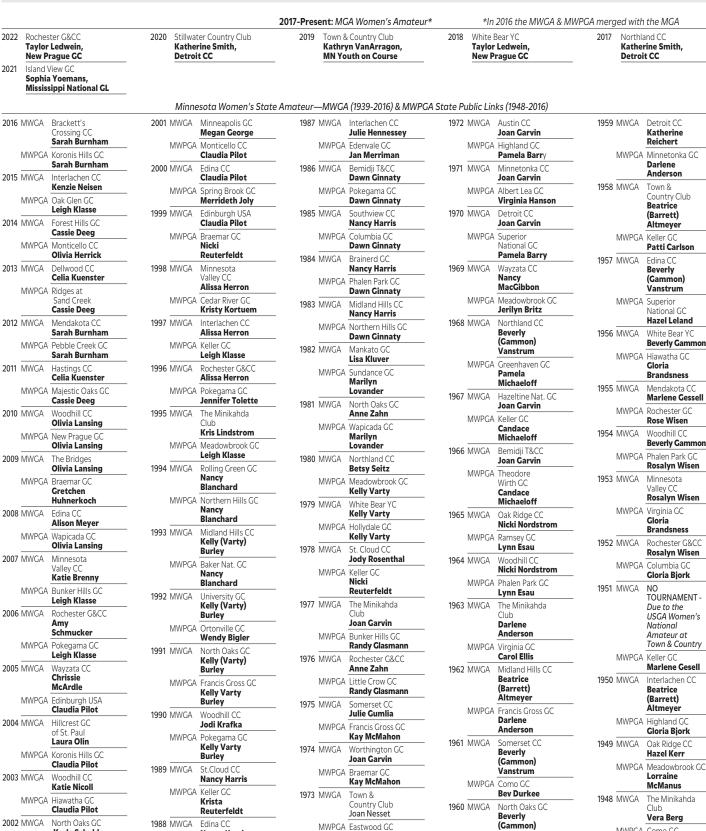
#### **2022 MGA Women's Amateur Championship Results** July 27-29, 2022 • Rochester Golf & Country Club • Rochester, Minn. • 6126/5392 yards, par 71

	Championship Flight								
1	Taylor Ledwein, New Prague GC	+3	72-76-68-216	36	Bella Leonhart, YOC Minnesota	+30	82-80-81-243		
T2	Kathryn VanArragon, YOC Minnesota	+6	72-73-74-219	T37	Danelle Olson, Northern Hills GC	+31	81-83-80-244		
T2	Leah Skaar, Minnewaska GC	+6	70-74-75-219	T37	Maddie Simon, Dellwood CC	+31	78-86-80-244		
4	Aayushi Sarkar, Royal GC	+7	74-73-73-220	Т39	Ava Wallerich, Lake City Golf	+32	81-82-82-245		
5	Hannah Boraas, Alexandria GC	+11	76-77-71-224	Т39	Natalie Amundson, Rochester G&CC	+32	79-84-82-245		
T6	Catherine Monty, White Bear YC	+13	76-74-76-226	Т39	McKenna Hogan, YOC Minnesota	+32	85-83-77-245		
T6	Jordana Windhorst-Knudsen, The Jewel GC	+13	76-75-75-226	T42	Jovie Ordal Willinger's GC	+33	87-76-83-246		
T6	Maddie Herzog, Detroit CC	+13	76-73-77-226	T42	Ruby Reding, Hazeltine National GC	+33	78-84-84-246		
9	Caroline Monty, White Bear YC	+14	77-77-73-227	T42	Amelia Morton, YOC Minnesota	+33	89-78-79-246		
10	Lily Vincelli, YOC Minnesota	+15	74-77-77-228	45	Emily Renner, Deer Run GC	+34	77-86-84-247		
T11	Lauren Contreras, YOC Minnesota	+16	75-78-76-229	T46	Izzy Segal, YOC Minnesota	+35	83-79-86-248		
T11	Leah Herzog, Mississippi National GL	+16	75-77-77-229	T46	Ava Hanneman, YOC Minnesota	+35	87-80-81-248		
T11	Sophia Yoemans, Mississippi National GL	+16	76-76-77-229	T46	Greta Mcarthur, Village Green GC	+35	81-87-80-248		
T11	Jordan Amelon, Highland National GC	+16	73-76-80-229	T49	Victoria Woytassek, YOC Minnesota	+36	88-81-80-249		
T15	Dasha Parker, Braemar GC	+17	82-75-73-230	T49	McKenna Mallow, Detroit CC	+36	89-82-78-249		
T15	Madison Hicks, YOC Minnesota	+17	76-79-75-230	51	Laura Beltman, Oneka Ridge GC	+37	81-88-81-250		
T17	Courtney Wedin, Windsong Farm	+18	75-80-76-231	T52	Megan Thiravong, Meadow Greens GC	+38	86-80-85-251		
T17	Lanie Veenendall, YOC Minnesota	+18	76-79-76-231	T52	Rose Baynes, Olympic Hills GC	+38	84-86-81-251		
T19	Emma Welch, Bracketts Crossing CC	+21	75-84-75-234	T54	Mallory Belka, Perham Lakeside GC	+40	84-83-86-253		
T19	Alayna Eldred, Alexandria GC	+21	78-79-77-234	T54	Katie Foley, Cragun's Legacy Courses	+40	84-84-85-253		
T19	Anna Tollefson, Northern Hills GC	+21	77-77-80-234	T56	Anna Krieger, Grand View Lodge	+43	77-85-94-256		
T19	Nicole Reineke, YOC Minnesota	+21	77-75-82-234	T56	Annika Stensrud, Minnewaska GC	+43	83-85-88-256		
23	Anna Cihak, Wildflower at Fairhill	+22	84-77-74-235	T56	Ella Matzke, Lake City Golf	+43	89-87-80-256		
T24	Isabelle Lynch, Braemar GC	+23	82-79-75-236	T56	Marah Rothgarn, Lake City Golf	+43	86-89-81-256		
T24	Camille Kuznik, Pioneer Creek GC	+23	78-82-76-236	60	Avery O'Donnell, Elk River GC	+44	82-84-91-257		
T24	Samantha Youngquist, Chaska Town Course	+23	75-79-82-236	61	Claudia Kim, Royal GC	+45	85-88-85-258		
27	Cora Larson, Geneva GC	+24	82-78-77-237	62	Kennedy Brom, YOC Minnesota	+53	88-88-90-266		
T28	Alexandra Geolat, The Jewel GC	+27	83-80-77-240	63	Avery Sawchuk, Northfield GC	+54	92-89-86-267		
T28	Emma Davies, Olympic Hills GC	+27	76-84-80-240	64	Paige Oneal, Stillwater CC	+55	92-87-89-268		
T28	Grace Petzold, Wayzata CC	+27	77-82-81-240	65	Kathryn Reeves, Highland National GC	+56	87-94-88-269		
T28	Shelby Busker, Wildflower at Fairhills	+27	83-76-81-240	66	Allison Loer, YOC Minnesota	+60	90-91-92-273		
T32	Kyra Venne, YOC Minnesota	+28	79-82-80-241	67	Shelby Leitz, Hadley Creek GC	+67	91-99-90-280		
T32	Paige Hillman, Oak Glen GC	+28	80-80-81-241	68	Megan Young, Bracketts Crossing CC	+77	93-100-97-290		
T32	Claire Orcutt, Lesueur CC	+28	75-82-84-241	WD	Brooke Bothwell, Minnesota Valley CC		86-WD-WD		
35	Jaycee Rhodes, Highland National GC	+29	79-88-75-242	WD	Jessica Hagman, Oak Marsh GC		WD		

#### First Flight

1	Abbey Filipiak, Elk River GC	80-82-162	8	Anika Haugen, YOC Minnesota	93-89-182	-
2	Emma Berge, Lake City Golf	80-88-168	9	Amanda Northwick, Southern Hills GC	93-93-186	
3	Waverly Yang, YOC Minnesota	88-82-170	T10	Angie Christo, Royal GC	93-96-189	A FILL
4	Molly Baker, Braemar GC	87-88-175	T10	Lexi ODonnell, Elk River GC	95-94-189	
T5	Ellie Layton, Rochester G&CC	86-90-176	12	Christina Payton, Keller GC	98-94-192	
T5	Savannah Vincent, Stillwater CC	86-90-176	13	Jodie Skolnick, Loggers Trail GC	100-103-203	Filipiak
7	Sheryl Raithel, Keller GC	84-97-181	14	Julie Huettner, Soldiers Memorial Field GC	155-147-302	rinplak

#### MGA Women's Amateur Championship History



Minnesota Women's State Amateur—MWGA (1939-1947) Continued

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- **Beatrice (Barrett) Altmeyer** Golden Valley G&CO 1946
  - **Bernadine Rosenthal**

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Eagle Ridge GC

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