

2026 SDGA CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON RECAP

The 2026 SDGA Championship season came to a close in September, highlighted by remarkable performances and expanding fields of golfers from throughout South Dakota competing across our 32 state championships.

Our sincere thanks go out to all members, sponsors, and host facilities. Their steadfast commitment remains essential to fulfilling the SDGA's mission: to support, preserve, and advance golf in South Dakota.



SDGA Men's Mid-Amateur (25+) Championship **Lakeview GC - Mitchell**

Champion: Chris Long, Presho

Runner-Ups: Ryan Ames, Sioux Falls & Bob West, Watertown

Summary: Mr. Long cruised to a four shot victory with a final round 65 and two-day total of 10-under (134).

Cory Wegehaupt, Mitchell, won the Regular Division.



SDGA Two-Man Amateur Championship **Elkhorn Ridge GC - Spearfish**

Champions: Bob West, Watertown & Colby West, Tea

Runner-Ups: Ryan Jansa & Tom Carlson, Sioux Falls and Ryan Trasamar & Charlie Jacobson, Sioux Falls

Summary: A very tight final round where the lead changed hands several times ending with a three-way tie and a playoff. The West team prevailed over two teams of multiple SDGA champions.

The Regular Division was won by Tice McVay & Bradley Kari of Sturgis.



SDGA Two-Woman Amateur Championship **Willow Run GC - Sioux Falls**

Champions: Molly Stevens, Sioux Falls & Natalie Young, Pierre

Runner-Ups: Julie & Reese Jansa, Sioux Falls

Summary: Ms. Stevens & Ms. Young rolled to a three-shot victory over the former five-time Two-Woman champions.



SDGA Mid-Amateur (25+) Two-Woman Championship **Willow Run GC - Sioux Falls**

Champions: Karla Cotton & Jill Mollner, Sioux Falls

Runner-Ups: Aubrey O'Connell & Carissa Drackley, Aberdeen

Summary: Ms. Cotton & Ms. Mollner won their fourth Mid-Am Two-Woman by a commanding 11 shots.



SDGA Senior (50+) Two-Woman Championship **Willow Run GC - Sioux Falls**

Champions: Lisa Dorsey, Rapid City & Betsy Dewit, Sioux Falls

Runner-Ups: Cindy Olson, Sioux Falls & Marna Raburn, Rapid City

Summary: A final round 76 vaulted Ms. Dorsey & Ms. Dewit from 3-shots back to a one-shot victory.



SDGA Masters (65+) Two-Woman Championship **Willow Run GC - Sioux Falls**

Champions: Leanna Jenner & Susan Mulz, Rapid City

Runner-Ups: Julie King, Sioux Falls & Colette Quam, Aberdeen

Summary: Ms. Jenner & Ms. Mulz won by five shots after finishing runner-up in 2025.



SDGA Adult/Junior 16-18 Championship **GC at Red Rock - Rapid City**

Champions: Tyson & Aric Blom, Sioux Falls

Runner-Ups: Harper & Jared Schnabel, Aberdeen and Quinton & Rob Hollan, Sioux Falls.

Summary: It took three playoff holes before the Blom's could claim the Championship after three teams shot even par rounds of 72.



SDGA Boys Junior 16-18 Championship **GC at Red Rock - Rapid City**

Champion: Asher Dannenbring, Mitchell

Runner-Ups: Carter Peterson, Sioux Falls and Rylan Moran, Vermillion

Summary: Mr. Dannenbring fired a final round 68 to get into a three-way playoff, and finally prevailed after 10 playoff holes – an SDGA record.



SDGA Girls Junior 16-18 Championship **GC at Red Rock - Rapid City**

Champion: Olivia Braun, Aberdeen

Runner-Up: Rylan Horning, Rapid City

Summary: Ms. Braun and Ms. Horning traded places in 2026 after Braun finished runner-up to Horning in 2025. Ms. Braun is also the 2024 SGDA Girls Junior Champion.



SDGA Husband/Wife Amateur Championship The Bluffs GC - Vermillion

Champions: Ryan & Julie Jansa, Sioux Falls

Runner-Ups: Tyler & Danielle Evenson, Piedmont

Summary: The Jansa's won a record tenth Husband/Wife Championship over the Evenson's, the three-time and defending champions.



SDGA Senior (50+) Husband/Wife Championship The Bluffs - Vermillion

Champions: Rob & Betsy Dewit, Sioux Falls

Runner-Ups: Tim & Marna Raburn

Summary: After losing in a playoff last year, the Dewit's flipped the script by defeating the 2025 champions by three shots.



SDGA Masters (65+) Husband/Wife Championship The Bluffs GC - Vermillion

Champions: Alan Baker & Joan Hegerfeld-Baker, Volga

Runner-Ups: Steve & Cindy Weiland, Yankton

Summary: The Bakers dethroned the defending champions after a solid final round 76.

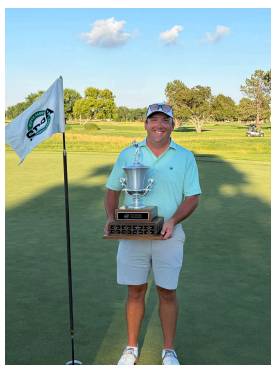


SDGA Mixed Amateur Team Championship The Bluffs GC - Vermillion

Champions: Derek Andersen, Sioux Falls & Reese Jansa, Tea

Runner-Ups: Brock Murphy & Molly Stevens, Sioux Falls

Summary: Andersen & Reese won by four shots after a final round 70 in the renewal of the Mixed Amateur Team Championship.



SDGA Men's Amateur Championship Elmwood GC - Sioux Falls

Champion: Parker Edens, Brookings

Runner-Up: Dakota Munger, Pukwana

Summary: Mr. Edens birdied the first hole of a sudden-victory playoff to claim his first Amateur Championship.

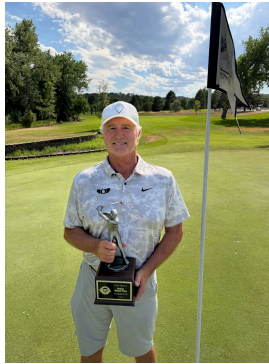


SDGA Women's Amateur Championship
Elmwood GC - Sioux Falls

Champion: Kaitlin Strain, Rapid City

Runner-Up: Olivia Braun, Aberdeen

Summary: Two under-par rounds on the final two days secured the championship for the 15-year old from Rapid City.



SDGA Men's Senior (55+) Match Play Championship
Meadowbrook GC - Rapid City

Champion: Steve Beardsley, Rapid City

Runner-Up: Rob Holland, Sioux Falls

Summary: Mr. Beardsley, the 2025 SDGA Senior Champion, continued his fine play after surviving POD play and a field of 32 of the state's best seniors to win the Championship.



SDGA Men's Masters (65+) Match Play Championship
Meadowbrook GC - Rapid City

Champion: Duane Broek, Watertown

Runner-Up: Chuck Eide, Sioux Falls

Summary: After 35 years of playing in SDGA events, Mr. Broek fulfilled a dream of becoming a SDGA Champion with a 4 & 3 victory in the finals.



SDGA Women's Senior (50+) Match Play Championship
Meadowbrook GC - Rapid City

Champion: Marna Raburn, Rapid City

Runner-Up: Dawn McInroy, Sioux Falls

Summary: Ms. Raburn survived a tense semi-final match, then cruised to victory in the finals by a 6 & 5 margin.

Heidi Linngren, Rapid City, won the Women's Silver Division.



SDGA Adult/Junior 15 & Under Championship Hart Ranch GC - Rapid City

Champions: 14-15 Boys - Max & Ryan Vincelli, Brandon
14-15 Girls - Kaitlin & Joe Strain, Rapid City
12-13 Boys - Lincoln & Ryan Trasamar, Sioux Falls
12-13 Girls - Genevieve & Nathan Golz, Aberdeen
10-11 Boys - Logan & Jared Baszler, Brookings
10-11 Girls - Allyson & Danny Sinksen, Sioux Falls
9 & Under Boys - Nolan & Tyler Rachetto, Rapid City

9 & Under Girls - Sibby & Kelly Buntrock, Rapid City

Summary: Expanded fields prompted the creation of separate Adult/Junior tournaments in 2026, dividing competitors into 16-18 and 15 & Under championships. This shift broadened overall participation while giving parents additional opportunities to compete alongside their kids.

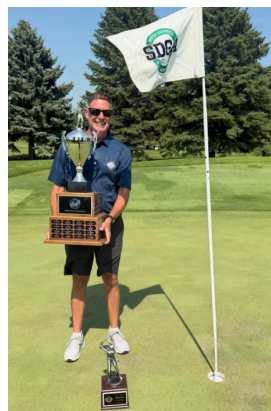


SDGA Boys & Girls Junior 15 & Under Championship Hart Ranch GC - Rapid City

Champions:

14-15 Boys - Max Vincelli, Brandon
14-15 Girls - Ari Jacobs, Sioux Falls
12-13 Boys - Lincoln Trasamar, Sioux Falls
12-13 Girls - Genevieve Golz, Aberdeen
10-11 Boys - Rylan Karels, Sioux Falls
10-11 Girls - Allyson Sinksen, Sioux Falls
9 & Under Boys - Gavin Korkow, Sioux Falls
9 & Under Girls - Kaylee Reynolds, Harrisburg

Summary: Outstanding play across every division showcased the impressive talent and promising outlook for South Dakota's youth players.

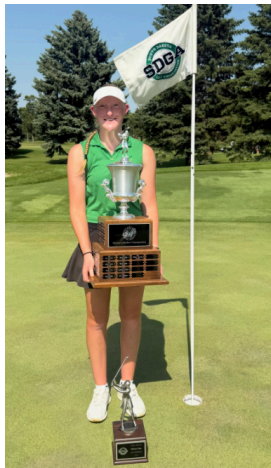


SDGA Men's Match Play Championship Moccasin Creek CC - Aberdeen

Champion: Brandon Sigmund, Mitchell

Runner-Up: Radley Mauney, Hartford

Summary: Mr. Brandon, at age 51, completed the SDGA Triple Crown with an emotional victory at the venue where he won the SDGA Amateur in 2012. Runner-up, Mr. Mauney won all his matches in extra holes but finally succumbed by a margin of 3 & 1 in the final.



SDGA Women's Match Play Championship Moccasin Creek CC - Aberdeen

Champion: Allison Meyerink, Mitchell

Runner-Up: Maddie Childs, Mitchell

Summary: Ms. Meyerink holed a long birdie putt to win the 18th hole and pull even with Ms. Childs in the final match. Her par on the 19th hole was enough to win the Championship after finishing runner-up in 2025.



SDGA Women's Mid-Amateur (25+) Championship Lee Park GC - Aberdeen

Champion: Karla Cotton, Sioux Falls

Runner-Up: Mikayla Santjer, Aberdeen

Summary: Ms. Cotton won her fourth SDGA Women's Mid-Am by a commanding ten shots.



SDGA Women's Senior (50+) Championship Lee Park GC - Aberdeen

Champion: Julie Jansa, Sioux Falls

Runner-Up: Marna Raburn, Rapid City

Summary: Ms. Jansa won her fourth SDGA Women's Senior crown besting the reigning SDGA Match Play champion, Ms. Raburn, by four shots.



SDGA Women's Masters (65+) Championship Lee Park GC - Aberdeen

Champion: Cindy Olson, Rapid City

Runner-Up: Colette Quam, Aberdeen

Summary: Ms. Olson won her first individual SDGA title having won six SDGA team championships in her career.



SDGA Senior (55+) Two-Man Championship Fox Run GC - Yankton

Champions: Pat Lockwood & Scott Holm, Brookings

Runner-Ups: Bryan Guischer, Deadwood & Pat Schmidt, Dell Rapids

Summary: A final round 66 propelled Mr. Holm and Mr. Lockwood to a two shot victory. After a 10-year drought, 11-time SDGA champion and Hall of Famer Mr. Lockwood is back in the winners circle.

Bob Endahl, Brandon & Mike Noah, Sioux Falls won the Senior Rushmore Division.

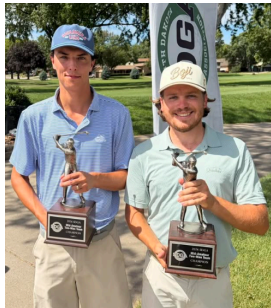


SDGA Masters (70+) Two-Man Championship Fox Run GC - Yankton

Champions: Kyle Repp & Steve Weiland, Yankton

Runner-Ups: Doug Murphy, Hartford & Steve Beardsley, Rapid City

Summary: Mr. Repp & Mr. Weiland won the 2nd ever SDGA Masters Two-Man having also won the inaugural SDGA Mid-Amateur Two-Man Championship in 2007.



SDGA Mid-Amateur (25+) Two-Man Championship Hillcrest G&CC - Yankton

Champions: Ryan Ames, Sioux Falls & Riley Duncanson, Brandon

Runner-Ups: Lane Swatzke, Yankton & Jace Guthmiller, Sioux Falls and Tom Carlson, Sioux Falls & Chris Long, Presho

Summary: Mr. Ames and Mr. Riley opened with a round of 60 and then held on for a one shot victory with a two day total of 14-under par.



SDGA Pre-Senior (40+) Two-Man Championship Hillcrest G&CC - Yankton

Champions: Matt Johnson, Gregory & Charlie Jacobson, Sioux Falls

Runner-Ups: Jeff Salter, Rapid City & Ryan Jansa, Sioux Falls.

Summary: Mr. Johnson & Mr. Jacobson shot rounds of 64 + 63 for a 127 total to win by a solid seven shots.



SDGA Pre-Senior (40+) Championship Hillcrest GC - Pierre

Champions: Michael Keeton, Pierre

Runner-Up: Jeff Meyerink, Mitchell

Summary: After an opening 66 and a four-shot lead Mr. Keeton, on his home course, earned his eighth SDGA title.



SDGA Senior (55+) Championship **Hillcrest GC - Pierre**

Champions: Scott Holm, Brookings

Runner-Up: Pat Schmidt, Dell Rapids

Summary: The Championship came down to a two-man race and Mr. Holm birdied the last hole to secure his second SDGA Senior Championship.

Bill Schaefer, Yankton, won the Senior Rushmore Division.



SDGA Masters (70+) Championship **Hillcrest GC - Pierre**

Champions: Bill Carland, Sioux Falls

Runner-Up: William Orlander, Pierre

Summary: Mr. Carland won his second straight SDGA Masters Championship after post 147, 3-over par for the tournament.

Jesse Mendoza, Eagle Butte, won the Masters Oahe Division.



SoDak Cup **CC of Sioux Falls**

Summary: The team of twelve PGA Professionals won their first SoDak Cup since 2018 with a 15-9 point victory over the 12 Amateurs representing the SDGA. The last ten SoDak Cup competitions have seen four Amateur team wins, three PGA professional wins, and 3 ties.

