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MGA Senior Amateur Championship

LAST YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP

WAYZATA, Minn. - Helped by the combination of a home-course advantage and a hot putter at the 102nd MGA Senior Amateur Championship, Mark Aldrich played his final seven holes in 4-under at Wayzata Country Club to claim a four-stroke victory over former champion John Brellenthin for his first win in 10 seasons.

Making his first start at the senior championship since turning 55-years-old in April, Aldrich's final-round 69 lifted him to the sixth state victory of his career.

"To win here, where I taught myself how to play golf, was really fun," said Aldrich, who grew up near the third hole at Wayzata Country Club before working on the grounds crew for six seasons.

Firing a tournament-low 68 during the second round, Aldrich carried a slim, one-stroke advantage over 2021 champion John Brellenthin to the final round.

Steady early on, Aldrich curled in a 20-footer to save par at the fifth, but would card his only bogey of the round at the par-4 seventh to turn in 4-under with a one-shot advantage.

After Brellenthin pulled even with a birdie at the 11th, Aldrich countered by rolling in a 6-footer for birdie at the 12th to recapture the outright lead at 5-under.

Finding his stride on the putting surface, Aldrich dropped a 30-footer for birdie at the 13th to extend his lead before converting his birdie chance from 25 feet at the 16th, moving to 7-under for the tournament.

Leading by three strokes on the final hole, Aldrich's approach stopped inside of four feet, where he'd sink one final birdie chance to claim a four-stroke victory at 8-under 208.

Aldrich's first state victory came in 2002 when he was a member of the winning team along with Joe Stansberry, Don Howe and James Wahl at the MGA Amateur Team Championship at The Classic at Madden's.

In 2007, Aldrich teamed up with sister, Betsy, to claim the MGA Mixed Amateur Team Championship at Forest Hills Golf Club.

He then claimed two MGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship victories with partner Erik Christopherson in 2009 and 2011, before his most recent victory at the final MGA Amateur Team Championship with Christopherson, J.T. Johnson and Trent Peterson at TPC Twin Cities in 2013.

Claiming his fourth state win with partner Tim Peterson at the 2023 MGA Senior Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Eagle Creek Golf Club, John Brellenthin wasted little time erasing Aldrich's one-stroke lead early in the final round.

Brellenthin rolled in a short birdie chance at the second to pull even with Aldrich at 5-under for the championship, but he would close out his opening nine with a pair of bogeys to turn one shot back of Aldrich at 3-under.

The defending 2023 MGA Senior Player of the Year found his footing by sinking a 4-footer for birdie at the 11th, but it was all the closer he would get as Aldrich pulled away with four birdies over his final seven holes.

Brellenthin posted a 4-under 212 to claim his third consecutive top-4 finish at the championship.



Mark Aldrich, 2023 MGA Senior Amateur champion, returns to defend his title at Edina Country Club this year.

David Haslerud, winner of the 2017 championship at Island View Golf Club, posted a final-round 72 to place third at 1-under 215 for his best performance since he claimed a runner-up finish in 2019 at StoneRidge Golf Club.

Tim Peterson, the 2021 MGA Senior Men's Player of the Year, began his final round four shots off the lead and posted a 3-over 75 on the final day to finish in a tie for fourth place with 1999 MGA Players' champion J.B. Lloyd at 2-over 218.

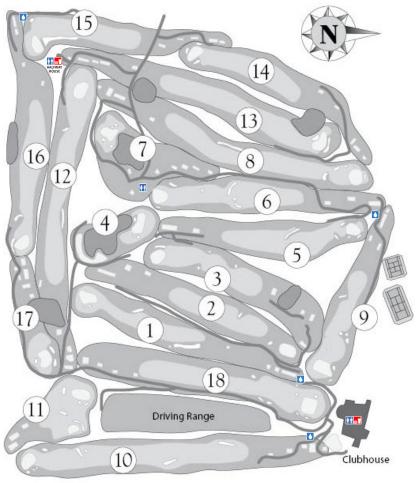
		MGA Sen	ior Amateur Championship His	tory	
2023	Wayzata CC Mark Aldrich, Interlachen CC	1989	Southview CC/Mendakota CC Dick Copeland, White Bear YC	1955	Somerset CC Ben Dablow, Southview CC
2022	Crow River GC Bob Neuberger, Burl Oaks GC	1988	Midland Hills CC/Indian Hills GC Jerry Ranheim, Sundance GC	1954	Somerset CC Glen Bronson, Minneapolis GC
2021	The Minikahda Club John Brellenthin, The Minikahda Club	1987	Dellwood Hills GC/White Bear YC Dick Copeland, White Bear YC	1953	Somerset CC Charles Swedberg, Como GC
2020	Burl Oaks GC Leif Carlson, Keller GC	1986	Wayzata CC/Burl Oaks GC Don Reimer, Burl Oaks GC	1952	Somerset CC Bob Gammon, Keller GC
2019	StoneRidge GC Trent Wilcox, Headwaters GC	1985	Woodhill CC/Hazeltine National GC Leo Spooner, Northland CC	1951	Somerset CC Col. R.S. Henderson, Ft. Snelling GC
2018	Bemidji T&CC Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm	1984	Hillcrest GC/North Oaks GC John Biernat, Midland Hills CC	1950	Somerset CC Bob Gammon, Keller GC
2017	Island View GC David Haslerud, Southview CC	1983	White Bear YC/Dellwood Hills GC Jack Becker, Braemar GC	1949	Somerset CC Harrison R. Johnston, Woodhill CC
2016	Golden Valley G&CC Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm	1982	Minnetonka CC/Golden Valley G&CC Chuck McCurdy, Como GC	1948	Somerset CC Glen Bronson, Minneapolis GC
2015	Deacon's Lodge Jon Empanger, Island View GC	1981	Olympic Hills GC/Interlachen CC Lloyd Freden, Edina CC	1947	Somerset CC Dr. H.G. Bleier, Southview CC
2014	Somerset CC Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm	1980	Town & Country Club/Dellwood Hills GC John Hudak, Majestic Oaks GC	1946	Somerset CC Harrison R. Johnston, Somerset CC
2013	Bearpath G&CC Jim Lehman, Windsong Farm	1979	Minikahda Club/Oak Ridge CC Gene Christensen, Interlachen CC	1945	Somerset CC William O. Bissonett, Northland CC
2012	Northland CC Mark Knutson, Hazeltine Natl GC	1978	Edina CC/Wayzata CC Bud Chapman, Minneapolis GC	1944	Somerset CC Runcie B. Martin, Northland CC
2011	St. Cloud CC Steve Whittaker, Pebble Creek GC	1977	Midland Hills CC/Indian Hills GC Arnie Haglund, Olympic Hills GC	1943	Somerset CC Richard C. Lilly, Somerset CC
2010	The Minikahda Club Leif Carlson, Hastings CC	1976	Hazeltine Nat.GC/Minnesota Valley CC Gene Christensen, Interlachen CC	1942	Somerset CC Runcie B. Martin, Northland CC
2009	White Bear YC Rick Ehrmanntraut, Southview CC	1975	Minneapolis GC/Olympic Hills GC Roy Widstrom, Francis A. Gross GC	1941	Somerset CC Joe Williams, Edina CC
2008	Woodhill CC Leif Carlson, Hastings CC	1974	Mendakota CC/Southview CC Roy Widstrom, Francis A. Gross GC	1940	Somerset CC Max Alberts, Southview CC
2007	Alexandria GC Ron Clayton, Waseca Lakeside	1973	Rolling Green CC/Woodhill CC Roy Widstrom, Francis A. Gross GC	1939	Somerset CC Runcie B. Martin, Northland CC
2006	North Oaks GC Clint Nelson, Detroit CC	1972	White Bear YC/North Oaks GC Homer Gilbertson, Stillwater CC	1938	Somerset CC Runcie B. Martin, Ridgeview CC
2005	Windsong Farm Richard McArdle, Olympic Hills GC	1971	Hillcrest GC/Town & Country Club Ray Borseth, Francis A. Gross GC	1937	Somerset CC Dave Tallman, Willmar GC
2004	Mankato GC Richard McArdle, Olympic Hills GC	1970	Golden Valley G&CC Bill Zieske, Braemar GC	1936	Somerset CC Richard C. Lilly, Somerset CC
2003	The Hillcrest GC of St. Paul Robert Leaf, Hazeltine Nat. GC	1969	Interlachen CC Mike Holick, Francis A. Gross GC	1935	Somerset CC Runcie B. Martin, Northland CC
2002	Rochester G&CC Jerry Gruidl, Golden Valley G&CC	1968	North Oaks GC Len Bjorklund, Interlachen CC	1934	Somerset CC Cecil L. Keith, Edina CC
2001	Somerset CC Tom Garrett, Somerset CC	1967	Minnesota Valley CC Ted McFarlane, Minnetonka CC	1933	Somerset CC H.L. Mundy, Somerset CC
2000	Midland Hills CC Jerry Gruidl, Golden Valley G&CC	1966	Oak Ridge CC Paul Turner, North Oaks GC	1932	Somerset CC Col. C.J. Nelson, Somerset CC
1999	Bemidji T&CC David Rovick, Interlachen CC	1965	Midland Hills CC Mike Holick, Gross GC	1931	Somerset CC Dr. T.D. Abernathy, Rochester G&CC
1998	Brackett's Crossing CC R.J. Smiley, Mille Lacs Golf Resort	1964	Edina CC Bill Zieske, Minnesota Valley CC	1930	Somerset CC C.T. Jaffray, The Minikahda Club
1997	Crow River CC Carson Herron, Wayzata CC	1963	Hazeltine National GC Ben Dablow, North Oaks GC	1929	Somerset CC William D. Mitchell, Somerset CC
1996	Hillcrest CC Gary Thorp, Interlachen CC	1962	Minneapolis GC Charles Swedberg, Mendakota CC	1928	Somerset CC Dave Tallman, Willmar GC
1995	Faribault G&CC/Willinger's GC Richard Anderson, Interlachen CC	1961	Town & Country Club Ben Dablow, North Oaks GC	1927	Somerset CC Dave Tallman, Willmar GC
1994	Forest Hills GC/Dellwood Hills GC David Rovick, Interlachen CC	1960	Oak Ridge CC Charles Swedberg, Mendakota CC	1926	Somerset CC Dave Tallman, Willmar GC
1993	Town & Country Club/North Oaks GC Lyle Norman, Hollydale GC	1959	North Oaks GC Bill McGlone, Hiawatha GC	1925	Somerset CC William D. Mitchell, Somerset CC
1992	Minnetonka CC/Burl Oaks GC Norb Anderson, Midland Hills CC	1958	North Oaks GC Bill McGlone, Hiawatha GC	1924	Somerset CC Harold P. Bend, Town & Country Club
1991	Elk River CC/Monticello CC Rod Magnuson, Keller GC	1957	Minnesota Valley CC Howard Combacker, Interlachen CC	1923	Somerset CC Harold P. Bend, Town & Country Club
1990	Brackett's Crossing CC/Olympic Hills GC Bud Chapman, Minneapolis GC	1956	Somerset CC Bill McGlone, Hiawatha GC	1922	Somerset CC Frank T. Heffelfinger, Woodhill CC



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OVERALL/SENIOR/MASTER

Hole	Yards	Par
1	406	4
2	371	4
3	317	4
4	125	3
5	351	4
6	404	4
7	180	3
8	503	5
9	309	4
OUT	2,966	35
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Hole	Yards	Par
10	yards 540	Par 5
10	540	5
10 11	540 161	5 3
10 11 12	540 161 511	5 3 5
10 11 12 13	540 161 511 487	5 3 5 5
10 11 12 13 14	540 161 511 487 368	5 3 5 5 4
10 11 12 13 14 15	540 161 511 487 368 348	5 3 5 5 4 4
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GRAND MASTER

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Hole	Yards	Par
1	366	4
2	339	4
3	297	4
4	120	3
5	335	4
6	366	4
7	143	3
8	487	5
9	263	4
OUT	2,716	35

Hole	Yards	Par
10	523	5
11	156	3
12	498	5
13	457	5
14	350	4
15	308	4
16	343	4
17	161	3
18	375	4
IN	3,171	37
TOTAL	5,887	72



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