

# Wyoming Golf News

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As we enjoy the holiday season, the Wyoming Golf program would like to thank all of our supporters who have helped make this a great program and another great year. We wish everyone and their families a safe and happy holiday season. Go Pokes!!



## Jack and Bea Gilroy Memorial Golf Award

For many years Frank and Barbara Mendicino of Denver, Colorado have generously supported the Jack and Bea Gilroy Memorial Golf Award and Endowment for the Wyoming Golf Program. The Award is named in honor of Barbara's parents and their love for the University of Wyoming and Wyoming Golf. Jack Gilroy was an instrumental figure in the development of the UW Jacoby Golf Course. Each year the Gilroy Award is given to a male and female student-athlete golfer based on cumulative grade point average, grade point average for the year, tournament scoring average, sportsmanship and community service. The Endowment annually assists the program to maintain its national competitiveness in all aspects.

Previous winners include Laura Mengelkamp who currently is Senator John Barrasso's Press Secretary; David Hearn who earned approximately \$1 million on the PGA Tour in 2011; Jonelle Martinez, **2009 Mountain West Conference Champion**; and Gabe Maier, **2011 All Mountain West Award Winner**.

UW Director of Golf Joe Jensen said it best, "I am so thrilled and honored to have an award with such deep meaning to be considered our Most Valuable Player award. I am honored to be able to represent the Gilroy family in the manner we do and to have them associated with the UW golf program."

The 2011 award winners will be honored during a home basketball game this February.

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### Wyoming Golf Will Celebrate Easter Weekend in Sunny Arizona at the 2012 Cowboy and Cowgirl Classics



The 2012 Cowboy Classic will again feature twenty of the top men's teams in the nation competing at the nationally recognized Troon golf Facility, Talking Stick Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. "Each year the tournament has grown and become more competitive thanks to our relationships with Troon Golf and Cleveland Golf," said Joe Jensen, Wyoming Director of Golf. This will mark the 10th year the men will host at Talking Stick while the women will host for the 6th year at Ocotillo Golf Resort in Chandler, Arizona. Similar to the men, the women will feature the largest and most competitive field to date. "With the help of amazing volunteers and the great staff at Ocotillo we have developed into a premier event that teams really enjoy," said Coach Josey Stender. "We have had a good, competitive showing every year so I don't see why this year will be any different."

"Our players, parents, alumni, supporters, sponsors, and administration have all taken ownership in what great events we host. They really are what drive the success of each event," Jensen said. The men will play April 9-10 and the women will play 9-11 at their respective courses.

Women's Field: Boise State University, Colorado State University, Creighton, Eastern Washington University, Iowa, New Mexico State, Montana State University, Northern Arizona University, Portland State University, Santa Clara University, Seattle University, South Dakota State University, Southern Utah University, UC Riverside, University of Montana, University of Nevada, University of Northern Colorado, University of Texas El Paso, University of Wyoming, Utah Valley State University, Weber State University, Wichita State, Xavier University

Men's Field: University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, TCU, Arizona State University, Texas Tech University, Boise State University, Nevada University, Wichita State University, University of Colorado, UC Davis, Kansas State University, Air Force Academy, University of Northern Colorado, New Mexico State University, Santa Clara University, Old Dominion University, Cal State Northridge, Gonzaga University, University of San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, Weber State University, Utah State University

# COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS

## LAND TOP RECRUITS



### **Tyler Barker, Caldwell, Idaho**

Barker is a product of Vallivue High School in Caldwell, Idaho playing for head coach Valerie Orr. Barker is a three-time member of the Idaho Girls Junior America's Cup team. She has won three consecutive individual 5A Idaho State Championships from 2009-11. Also in 2011, she won the Idaho State Junior Championship firing scores of 69 (-2) and 72 (+1) to finish with a final score of 141 (-1). Throughout the 2011 season she carried a 75 stroke average. Barker was named Idaho First-Team All-State in 2009-11. In 2009, Barker played in the US Junior Girl's Amateur National Championship. Barker was also recruited by Boise State and the Idaho.

"I have known Tyler for a while because we have similar mentors from growing up in Idaho and her competitiveness has earned her a lot of respect," Cowgirl head coach Josey Stender said. "Tyler is a solid long ball striker with a great temperament for being in high pressure situations. I feel she has tremendous upside with her raw athleticism."

### **Kathleen Kershnik, Highlands Ranch, Colorado**

Kershnik hails from Highland Ranch, Colo., where she played for head coach George Miller at Regis Jesuit High School. She recorded three top-five finishes at the Colorado High School Golf Championships. In 2009, she earned runner-up honors, in 2010 she placed third and in 2011 she took fourth place. For her state championship finishes she earned All-Colorado in 2009-10 and earned Colorado All-State honors in 2009-11. During her senior season in 2011, she carried a stroke average of 73.7. In 2010 she helped lead her team to a state championship. This last summer she took fourth place in the Colorado Junior stroke play championship. She was a member of the Colorado Junior America's Cup team in 2009-10. Kershnik was also an excellent student earning Academic All-State three years of high school. Also in the classroom she was named to the Principal Honor Roll all four years of high school. She was also recruited by Butler, Dayton, Montana, Richmond and SMU.

"Kathleen is a great fit for the program with her natural leadership skills," Stender said. "She is very mature and self-aware which has helped her develop strong fundamentals, focus and intelligent course management. Her coachable nature will allow her to transition well from high school and amateur play."



### **Kourtney Williams, Becker, Minnesota**

Williams joins the Cowgirls from Becker High School, in Becker, Minn. At the 2011 Minnesota State Golf Championship she earned runner-up in Class AA shooting a 76 (+4) and 73 (+1) for a total of 149 (+5). Her runner-up honor earned her First-Team All-State for the third-consecutive year. Williams was the Minnesota individual state champion her sophomore and junior years. She is a three-time Mississippi Eight conference champion. At the Minnesota Golf Association Junior Tournament she shot a three-under 69 to take home the medalist honors. She also helped her team to a MGA Team Championship while again earning medalist honors. Williams was also a two-time medalist playing on the Minnesota Junior PGA players' tour. She excelled in the classroom earning Academic All-Conference honors her sophomore year. She was also recruited by Minnesota, South Dakota State, Kansas, Iowa and Fresno State.

"Kourtney is a very driven, hardworking player with a great short game," Stender said. "She has progressed and had a lot of success over the past year in the winner's circle. She is the type of player that will push others around her to give 110 percent like her every day."



### **Kamrin Allen, Sheridan, Wyoming**

Allen joins the Cowboy golf program as one of the most decorated players in Wyoming high school golf history. He is a two-time individual Wyoming State Champion in 2010-11. At the 2011 state championship he shot the lowest combined score (-10) in Wyoming State Championship history. For his championship performances he earned First-Team All-State honors. Adding to his accolades he is a two-time Wyoming junior champion. He has also earned Wyoming Junior Player of the Year honors three times. Allen is a three-time member of the Wyoming Boy's Junior America's Cup team and competed at the US Junior Boy's Amateur National Championship. He also earned a spot in the US Amateur Public Links Championship this past season. Allen was also recruited by Northern Colorado, South Dakota State and Minnesota.

"Kamrin is arguably one of the most decorated high school player we have ever signed," Cowboy head coach Joe Jensen said. "He has a lot of national experience which will help him come in and contribute early for us. He is a very good player who has dominated the regional golf scene lately. He is a great kid that works really hard and I am excited to have him join our program."



# 2012 Spring Schedules

## COWGIRLS!

NAU Red Rocks Invitational  
March 3-4  
Sedona, AZ

Fresno State Lexus Classic  
March 12-13  
Fresno, CA

Bucknell Women's Golf Invitational  
March 16-17  
Las Vegas, NV

BYU Dixie Classic  
March 19-20  
St. George, UT

MountainView Collegiate  
March 23 - 24  
Tucson, AZ

Wyoming Cowgirl Classic  
April 9-11  
Chandler, AZ

Mountain West Conference Championship  
April 20-22  
Phoenix, AZ

## COWBOYS!

University of Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate  
February 25 - 26  
Palm Desert, CA

Callaway Golf Collegiate Invitational  
March 12 - 13  
San Diego, CA

University of Arizona National  
Invitational Tournament  
March 16 - 17  
Tucson, AZ

Ogio UCSB Intercollegiate  
April 2—3  
Santa Barbara, CA

ASU Thunderbird Invitational  
April 6-7  
Tempe, AZ

University of Wyoming Cowboy Classic  
April 9 - 10  
Scottsdale, AZ

BYU Cougar Classic  
April 27 - 28  
Provo, UT

Mountain West Conference Championship  
May 4 - 6  
Tucson, AZ

## *Golf Team fundraiser SAVE THE DATES!*

*Talking Stick Golf Course—Scottsdale, AZ*

*Saturday, April 7, 2012*

*Four person scramble with UW golf team member*

*Afternoon shotgun, Dinner, W-Club function*

*Old Baldy Golf Club—Saratoga, WY*

*July 20, 2012*

*Four person scramble*

*Afternoon shotgun, Lunch, Silent Auction*

More information will come about both events, in the meantime please contact Josey at [jstender@uwyo.edu](mailto:jstender@uwyo.edu)