



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Matt Barnes is 2016 WMGA Junior Golfer of the Year

ARNOLD, MARYLAND – Matthew Barnes (Bethesda, Maryland), a senior at Gonzaga College High School and a member at the Argyle Country Club in Silver Spring, was selected as the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association 2016 Junior Golfer of the Year.

Selection is based on performance while competing in WMGA junior championships, performance in other local and regional championships, as well as support of the WMGA Junior Golf Program. While primarily performance based, this award also takes into account sportsmanship and conduct on and off the golf course.

Matt's 2016 highlights included winning the Bobby Bowers Championship Boys 16-18 age division, a runner-up finish in the Middle Atlantic Junior Amateur, a ninth place finish at the Frank Emmet Schoolboy Championship, and representing the WMGA at the Williamson Cup Team Matches in New York. He also tied for low junior at the Middle Atlantic Amateur Championship.

The Junior Golfer of the Year has his name engraved on the 'The Harry G. Pitt Award', introduced in 1966 and permanently housed at the Manor Country Club. Harry G. Pitt, Manor Country Club, was both an outstanding player, winning the Middle Atlantic Amateur in 1928, and a prominent supporter of amateur golf. He was President of the WMGA in 1946. He was also President of the Middle Atlantic Golf Association (1941-45) and the Maryland State Golf Association (1945). The most recent past winners include Denny McCarthy (2009, 2010, 2011), Bart George (2012), McClain Huge (2013) and Tyler Koch and Ryan Kelly (2015).

The Washington Metropolitan Golf Association (WMGA) and its predecessor organization (the District of Columbia Golf Association) have been serving Washington area golfers since 1914. The WMGA is comprised of member golf clubs within the Greater Washington Metropolitan area. The WMGA conducts six major junior championships, some of which are the longest running in the country. The objectives of the association are to promote junior and amateur golf, maintain the true spirit of the game, and provide services to its member clubs.

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