

Josh Wytinck named Manitoba Golfer of the Year



Josh Wytinck shows off his Golfer of the Year award.

The Manitoba Golfer of the Year Award, for the most part, has been a Winnipeg Golfer of the Year Award.

That all changed last October when Glenboro product **Josh Wytinck** put his name on the trophy alongside such Manitoba golfing greats as **Garth Collings**, **Rob McMillan**, **Todd Fanning** and **Jo-Ann Lindsay**. Wytinck was named the winner during Golf Manitoba's annual general meeting and awards dinner on Oct. 29 at Glendale Golf and Country Club.

Wytinck hails from Glenboro, but he has been living in Winnipeg the last few years while attending the University of Manitoba. Playing out of Pine Ridge Golf Club in 2012, Wytinck had a year to remember.

The highlight was his victory in a four-man playoff at the Nott Autocorp Men's Amateur Championship. Remarkably, he became the first golfer from western Manitoba to win the men's amateur.

"It means a lot to me," Wytinck told reporters after his victory at Glendale Golf and Country Club. "I put a lot of hard work into it. It makes my year even better and just shows that I can be one of the top players in the province. It'll do good things for my career, I'm sure."

The amateur triumph was just one of many bright spots for Wytinck in 2012. He made the cut at the Canadian Tour's Players Cup at Pine Ridge, tying for 62nd, and he placed a solid seventh at the Saskatchewan men's amateur.

Wytinck also made it to the round of 16 in the Manitoba men's match play championship, and he tied for 32nd at the Canadian university golf championships as captain of the University of Manitoba Bisons golf squad. He had five top-five finishes at university tournaments in the fall and played a key role in the Bisons winning five tournaments overall.

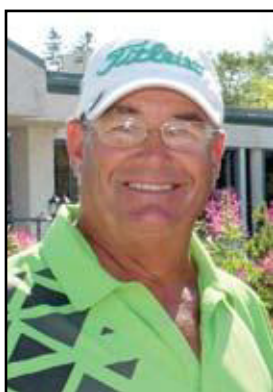
Wytinck entered 2013 in 13th spot on the National Order of Merit.

The runners-up for the Manitoba Golfer of the Year Award were Southwood's **Charlie Boyechko**, Breezy Bend's **Garth Collings** and Glendale's **Jenna Roadley**.

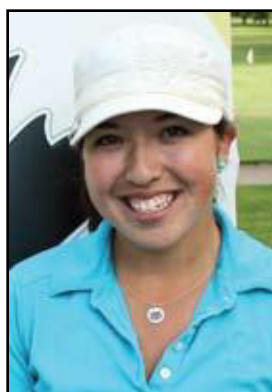
THE FINALISTS



Charlie Boyechko



Garth Collings



Jenna Roadley