



2025 Season Recap

With the 2025 season at a close, it is time to recognize the season long award winners for their outstanding commitment and performance. This season featured a youth movement, as well as the return of the professionals. Some mid amateurs also finished very well on the season long points race. Amateurs, professionals, college, high school, and senior players over 50 competed for the individual tournament titles, as well as the season long awards. There were 246 players that participated in a CVGA Open Division event in 2025, with a total of 167 earning points. The average participation was just a touch over 90 players per event. 120 (NR), 104 (WR), 102 (PH), 75 (MR), 76 (LW), and 74 (TB) players participating.

Will Schlitz of Eau Claire, WI was our 2025 Bill Rolland Player of the Year, and Amateur of the Year. Highlighted by his win at the Wild Ridge Open this season, Will was steady, earning points in all 5 of his events played. A near miss at the Mill Run Open almost secured an additional win in 2025, which would have been his third CVGA Open Division title. A solid player, Will never drifted too far from the lead pack in any of the events. Congratulations on a great season and best of luck this fall.

Will managed to hold off Stout Blue Devil Andrew Bauer who narrowly missed out on winning the Player of the Year award for the second straight year. This year, the difference was a single point! Andrew earned points in all 6 events he played, with his best finish coming at home. The runner up finish at the Lake Wissota Open was his best this season. The 2024, and now 2025 Art Tangen Runner Up Player of the Year had another great season. I am sure it would have been a great battle at the Tour Championship if mother nature would have allowed. There is always next year, and good luck to the CVGA champion in his fall golf season.

Finishing 3rd was 2025 Pheasant Hills Open Champion, Stellan Orvick. The Minneapolis native, who claimed his first title in blustery and firm June conditions, finished strong in all the events he played. He was 4 for 4 earning points, with the win and a tie for fourth at the Lake Wissota Open. Great playing and a nice breakout season.

Mahtomedi, MN native and professional Josh Malnory was fourth on the season long points list, with Tyler DeBruyckere, Tanner Wisemiller, Sam McDowell, Ryan Jamieson, Ryan Vivoda, and Bennett Swavely rounding out the top ten.

Our 11th place points finisher, who flipped the script from last year to claim the Senior Player of the Year, was CVGA iron man, Matt Kamish. He claimed the tile by six points over George Smith, who clipped him last year for the same award by a single point. They say revenge is sweet and I am sure Matt agrees. I guess George would beg to differ. Matt's play was steady this season as he went 6 for 6 in points while teeing it up in all the events this season. Matt also moonlighted over on the Senior CVGA circuit for a week, and claimed the Wild Ridge Senior Open title with a -3 under par 69. Let's see if he can take the step up now, and claim his first CVGA Open title in the next few seasons. We have 62 players over 50 that compete regularly in the Open Division.

Bryce Killoren claimed the 2025 High School Player of the Year by earning 18 points in 3 events. The Chetek-Weyerhaeuser class of 2025 graduate and New Auburn resident arrived on the scene with a bang. Best of luck as he continues his golf career.

Professional golfer Andrew McCain claimed his first CVGA Open Division title at the New Richmond Open. His 67 and was never significantly challenged from the other 119 players. The former Maryland Terrapin is a 2-time MN State Open champion, and now he is a CVGA Open champion.

2025 Player of the Year Will Schlitz won the 2025 Wild Ridge Open by a single shot over Brandon Jones and Tanner Wisemiller. 68 was just enough to beat the field of over 100 players.

The Pheasant Hills Open proved to be the most demanding from a weather standpoint. The howling winds, and extremely firm and fast conditions made the Hammond, WI track a real test this year. Stellan Orvick broke through with 2 under par 70 to edge Tony Fitts. This was another event that featured over 100 Open Division players in 2025!

At The Mill Run Open, former Golden Gopher Ben Warian claimed his second CVGA and second Mill Run Open title over fellow Gopher Brock Winter after matching scores of 66 (-4). Ben birdied the first playoff hole for the win.

The 2025 Lake Wissota Open featured the best greens of the season, again. The Stimpmeter read 12.6 just after mowing, with the day's heat and breeze topping them off at 13+. Tyler DeBruyckere claimed his first CVGA Open Title with a 4 under par 67 over Runner Up Player of the Year Andrew Bauer, and Shane Barnes who both shot 69.

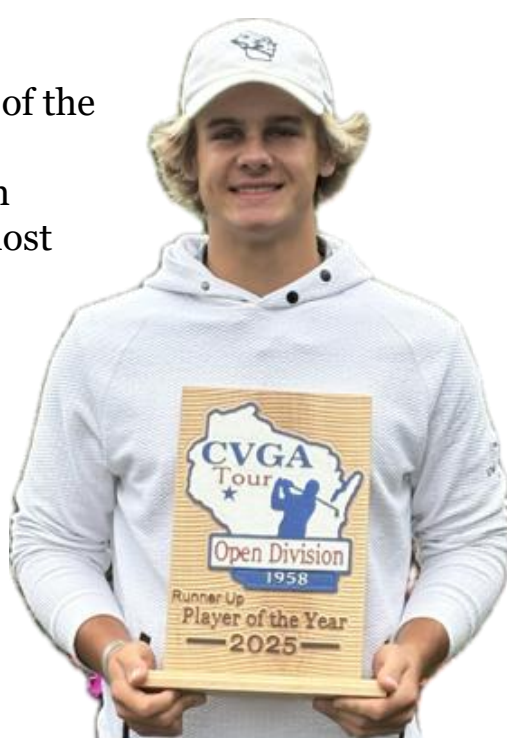
Finally, at Turtleback Open, professional golfer Brian Hills broke through with his first CVGA Open Title. His round of 4 under par 67, featured 3 birdies, a hole out for eagle on hole 11, and one single bogey. The Buffalo, MN native narrowly prevented Tyler DeBruyckere from going "back to back" on the CVGA Tour when his 68 proved to be one shot shy of a playoff.

With a rain-out cancelling the Tour Championship and Final Foursome and preventing the dramatic finish to the season we hoped for, we will be revisiting the schedule for 2026 to offer you the best playing experience possible.

Thank you to everyone for a great season and please check out cvga.com and our CVGA Facebook page throughout the offseason too stay connected. See you in 2025!



Will Schlitz
Bill Rolland Player of the Year
Amateur of the Year



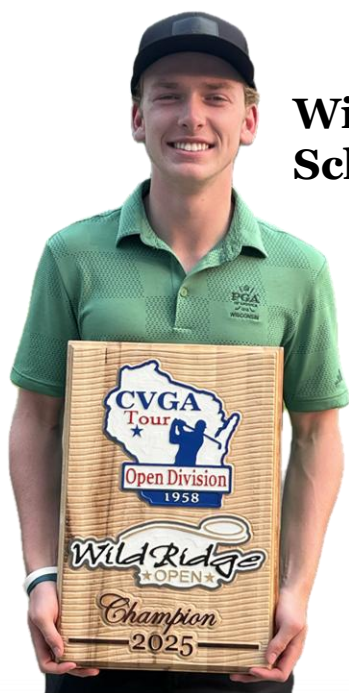
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Art Tangen Runner Up
Player of the Year



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Bryce Killoren
High School
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Will Schlitz



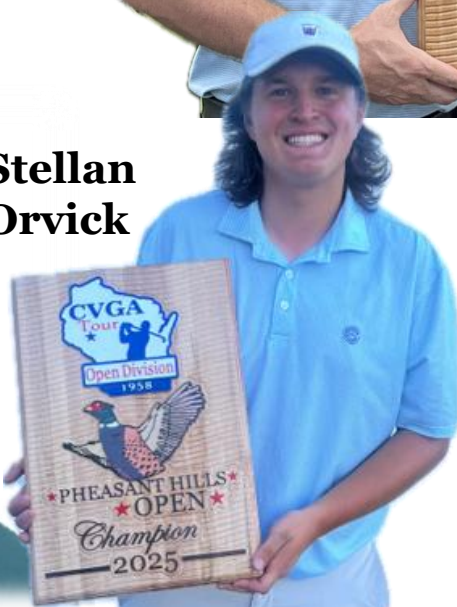
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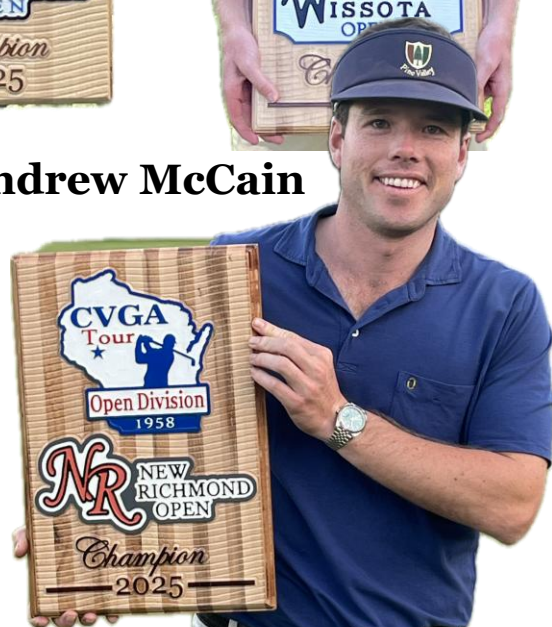
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