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THE GOLFWEK AMATEUR TOUR OPENED ITS SEASON AT THE FLORISSANT GOLF CLUB

The Golfweek Amateur Tour had the privilege of opening its season on Saturday, April 22nd at **The Florissant Golf Club**. 80 players teed it up on the tight layout of Florissant, where the greens were slick and the winds were up on the par-73 layout. (Amateur Tour opted to play both #9 and #14 as par 5's, resulting in a par 36-37-73) The improvements made to the course has resulted in an increase in prestige resulting in Florissant Golf Club heading a list of courses that include Annbriar, Persimmon Woods, Gateway National, Norwood Hills, Old Kinderhook on the Golfweek Amateur Tour.

While weather looked like it may wash out the tournament on April 22nd, the crew at **Florissant Golf Club** worked tirelessly to make sure that the golf course was in tip-top shape. Players experienced world-class customer service from the staff at Florissant and the greens were in fantastic condition. "It's really hard to find tournament venues with great greens in April as most courses are recovering from aeration" said Tour Director Matt Minder. "We were really pleased with the experience that **Florissant Golf Club** provided to our members and we felt like they really rolled out the red carpet for our event." Special thanks to Course Superintendent Andy Sprunt, Clubhouse Manager Don Ryan and resident scratch amateur Dave Estes.

In the Championship flight, **Brett Newton** fired a 2-over 75 to win medalist honors. Tour rookie **Steve Roberts** played a solid round, shooting 77 to finish in 2nd place. The 75 was one of the highest medalist scores ever, attesting to the difficulty Florissant Golf Club can be for low handicappers.

In the A flight, **John Watson** beat a crowded field, carding a 5-over 78 to earn a one-shot victory. Watson also starts 2017 with back-to-back wins dating back to the 2016 Tour Championship at Lake Forest Country Club.

In the B flight, **Mike Quesenbury** got off to a hot start again in 2017, shooting a 5 over 78 to earn a 2-shot victory. Quesenbury started the 2016 season off with a win at Old Kinderhook. The B flight had 30 players competing at Florissant, with the top 4 earning at least their money back in prizes.

In the C flight, 18 holes weren't enough to decide the winner as rookies **David Wantuck** and **Bobby Fischer** both fired excellent rounds of 80. David Wantuck prevailed on the first playoff hole to win.

In the D Flight, **Toby Chrzanowski** got off to a hot start with a round of 88 to secure a one shot victory over St. Louis Tour Rookie **Ryan Dunn** (89). Chrzanowski is picking up where he left off in 2016, where he nearly took home the St. Louis Cup honors.

The Golfweek Amateur Tour in St. Louis consists of 175 members who travel all over St. Louis to play competitive golf tournaments. There are 5 flights for golfers of all skill levels. Your handicap is determined by your Golfweek tournament scores so no handicap is necessary to sign up. Also, seniors are encouraged to play as seniors have won many of our flights over the first 2 years. It is not too late to join for the 2017 season. For more information on the Golfweek Amateur Tour you can visit www.agtstlouis.com. There is no minimum amount of tournaments that you have to play and you get access to play at any of the events nationwide with a membership. You can sign up for a membership for as low as \$75 by contacting the golf shop at Florissant Golf Club at 314-741-7444 or visit the website at www.florissantgolfclub.com.

From here, the tour moves to its first major of the year, the St. Louis Masters at Annbriar Golf Course on May 6th-7th.

WINNERS CIRCLE



BRETT NEWTON
CHAMPIONSHIP
+2 (75)



JOHN WATSON
A FLIGHT
+5 (78)



MIKE QUESENBERRY
B FLIGHT
+5 (78)



DAVID WANTUCK TOBY CHRZANOWSKI
C FLIGHT D FLIGHT
+7 (80) +15 (88)