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[Buy this photo](#) 00012876A Ben Peters, of Bettendorf, watches his putt during the Quad-Cities Amateur Tour May 15, 2011 at Glynn's Creek Golf Course in Long Grove, Iowa. (Sam Householder/QUAD-CITY TIMES)



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LONG GROVE, Iowa - The golf course at Glynn's Creek has treated Dave Waugh well.

He's won the past two Quad-City Opens at the course. Last year, he won at Glynn's Creek on the Quad-City Amateur Tour.

On Sunday at the Tour's season opener, Waugh was right at home at Glynn's Creek yet again.

He battled through chilly conditions to finish the two-day event at 3-over par, winning the seniors' division by eight shots over Blaine Kernan.

"I've always liked Glynn's Creek," Waugh said. "I tried not to let the pressure get to me, but I wanted to keep (the win streak) going. I did, so I'm very happy."

Ben Peters also was a happy man after winning the open division. He finished with a 73 on the second day and was 1-under par for the tournament, making him the only golfer in the field to finish under par.

The conditions nearly got to Peters on the back nine when he double-bogeyed the 10th and 12th holes, but a birdie on the 14th hole helped him regain his momentum.

"You're in an area of the course where if you can make a birdie, it'll sustain you for the rest of the round," Peters said. "That kind of got me back on track, and I played pretty well after that."

The win got Peters off to the start he wanted after winning golfer of the year in 2010 without winning an event. In the first event of 2011, winning was a foregone conclusion.

Peters started the day with a three-shot lead, and Tim Flaherty was the only challenger to make a move toward the top.

Flaherty recovered from a 78 on the first day by shooting a 72 to finish in a three-way tie for second with David Lawrence and Dusty Drenth, but that left him seven shots behind Peters.

Peters wasn't surprised that most golfers struggled in the windy conditions after battling rain the day before.

"The conditions were brutal. You knew par on any hole was a good score," Peters said. "There were opportunities to score on the back nine, but only two or three. It was definitely damage control out there."

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