

Gillund claims Palmer Hills Amateur title

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Staff report

St. Ambrose junior-to-be golfer Connor Gillund capitalized on solid putting to win the Palmer Hills Amateur Championship Flight title on Saturday at Bettendorf's Palmer Hills Golf Course. Gillund, a Davenport Central graduate, carded a 10-under-par 134, winning by three strokes over Tyler Pitlik.

"It was the putting that saved me," Gillund said. "The irons were pretty good, but I felt comfortable making putts, which is a first."

Gillund offset two bogeys with 12 birdies. In earning his first Quad City Amateur Tour win of this season, he shot a final-round 66, the lowest round of the season.

"I really hope I can keep it going into the Ambrose season," Gillund said.

Davenport's Dave Waugh claimed the Senior Flight with a 9-under 135. It was his first win of the season as well.

"It's one of the best tournaments I've played in quite some time," said Waugh, who won by 10 strokes over Jody Peterson. "I just hit the ball solid both days. I did hit it close both days. I didn't make any long putts. It was fun."

Waugh had a bogey each day, but finished with 11 birdies.

"It's fun to put it together in a tournament," Waugh said. "It doesn't happen very often."

Jeff Parker (148) won the A Flight by two strokes over Ben Gillen. Dan McFate and T.R. Swanwick tied for the B Flight title with a 160, but McFate earned the title on a cardback.

The QCAM returns next week to Glynn's Creek Golf Course with the Glynn's Creek Amateur.