

14th Hole at Cobbs Creek GC

38th Philadelphia Open Amateur Championship Results

Philadelphia - Mike Brown, competing is his first Philadelphia Open Amateur Championship, led wire-to-wire in capturing the 38th Annual Championship by six shots over four-time champion Chris Fieger and Greg Jarmas. Brown, the 2009 GAP Mid-Amateur Champion and the first Publinks player to capture a GAP major, was the only player in the field to post three scores of even-par or better. Brown was consistent in the first round, playing through a 45 minute rain shower, as he posted 15 pars against 2 birdies and a double bogey. Brown shared the lead at even par after one round with defending champion, Mike Owsik.

The weather, a minor issue in round one, was the story of day two. Players began play Saturday morning in a drizzle, which became increasingly steadier as the morning wore on. Play was halted at 9:39 AM as course conditions became unplayable. After a five hour weather delay, play resumed at 3:45 under blue skies, and players were eager to take advantage of the soft conditions. Five groups remained on the course, including the final three groups in the senior championship, as play was called for the day because of darkness at 8:27 PM.

Brown, playing alongside Jarmas, the 2009 PIAA State runner-up, and Brian Fisher who captured the Publinks Better-Ball earlier in the year, finished round 2 as darkness was falling with a 2nd round score of 70. The two-day total of 1-under was good enough for a four shot lead over Fieger, Pete Boylan and David Shields. Shields posted the best score of the tournament, 4-under par 67, in round two. Shields started in the drizzle in the morning and was three-under par for the round through 11 holes when play was halted. With a birdie at the par-5 17th, and a par at the last, the stellar second round catapulted Shields from a tie for 23rd after round one into the final group alongside Brown and Boylan.

The final round began as scheduled at 7:00 and the five groups remaining on the golf course to complete round 2 resumed play at 8:00. Brown, holding a four shot lead, began the final round with bogies at the first two which breathed life into his closest pursuers. After another bogey at the 194-yard, par-3 6th to fall to three-over for the day, Brown was struggling to find his game. A birdie at the short 264-yard uphill par-4 seemed to help but an eagle by Jarmas on the same hole cut Brown's lead to just two. After a double bogey on the next by Brown, the two were tied with 10 holes to go with Scott Bergson climbing to within one of the leaders after posting a front-9 score of 31.

Brown parred the 9th for four over on the outward nine but found his game before it was too late with birdies on ten and eleven to once again seize control of the championship. Jarmas bogied ten and twelve as did Bergson to fall four and five shot back, respectively. After pars at twelve, thirteen and fourteen and sensing the finish line, Brown shifted into high gear and he cemented the tournament away with three successive birdies on fifteen, sixteen and seventeen. Only a bogey at the last would keep Brown from another sub-par round as he fired 4-under par on the more difficult of the nines for an even-par round of 71.

Bergson finished fourth at 6-over par, one shot behind Fieger and Jarmas. 2006 Open Amateur Champion Lance Oberparleiter finish in a tie for fifth with defending and four-time champion, Mike Owsik.

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In the senior division of the Open Amateur it was Bill Turner who captured the championship. With rounds of 74 and 77, the 2008 Senior Open Amateur Champion posted a three-shot victory over 2008 Philadelphia Open Amateur Champion Tony Carroll, and six time Senior Open Amateur class Champion Ken Gaskill. 2009 PPGA Senior Co-Player of the Year, Mike Harms was fourth, five shots behind Turner. Tied for fifth were Glen Schreiner and Tom Faro.



"Championship" Flight

	Mile Deven Level and OO	74 70 74	040
1	Mike Brown, Lookaway GC	71-70-71	212
2	Chris Fieger, Sr., Foxchase GC	72-73-73	218
2	Greg Jarmas, Cobbs Creek GC	72-75-71	218
4	Scott Bergson, Little Mill CC	73-75-71	219
5	Lance Oberparleiter, Little Mill CC	75-73-73	221
5	Mike Owsik, Cobbs Creek GC	71-78-72	221
7	Pete Boylan, FDR GC	72-73-77	222
7	Andrew Jaskel, Middletown CC	76-71-75	222
9	Darren Gleason, Cobbs Creek GC	73-77-77	227
10	Jason Loehrs, Cobbs Creek GC	76-72-81	229
11	Steve Owens, Jr., John F. Byrne GC	74-75-81	230
11	Bill Turner, Cobbs Creek GC	74-77-79	230
13	Nick Madden, John F. Byrne GC	75-78-78	231
14	Greg Solley, Cobbs Creek GC	79-75-82	236
	David Shields, Walnut Lane GC	78-67	WD

"First" Flight

1	Matt Shevlin, Cobbs Creek GC	78-77-73	228
2	Tim McNerney, Westover GC	76-79-76	231
2	Ken Gaskill, Ramblewood GC	77-78-76	231
2	Brian Fisher, Jeffersonville GC	76-81-74	231
5	Joe Saltarelli, John F. Byrne GC	83-75-76	234
6	Mike Harms, Cobbs Creek GC	77-79-79	235
6	Michael Meiswich, Penn Oaks CC	75-83-77	235
6	Jerry Crane, Bensalem CC	82-78-75	235
9	Jeff Owsik, Cobbs Creek GC	75-83-78	236
9	Glen Schreiner, GC @ Patriot's Glen	79-81-76	236
11	Rick Wright, Cobbs Creek GC	77-81-81	239
11	Jim Conway, FDR GC	76-84-79	239
13	Bob Weisbecker, Meadow Brook GC	79-81-81	241
14	Tom Faro, John F. Byrne GC	80-80-83	243
15	Steve Owens, III, John F. Byrne GC	76-81-87	244

"Second" Flight

1	Chris Fieger, Jr., Foxchase GC	80-82-74	236
2	Joseph Dulka, Hartefeld National GC	83-78-76	237
2	Jackson Terman, Little Mill CC	80-82-75	237
4	Ansley Jessup, Rancocas GC	85-79-74	238
5	Chris Swartz, Pennsauken CC	78-84-82	244
6	Mike Millar, Cobbs Creek GC	79-84-83	246
6	Melvin Seawright, Cobs Creek GC	82-83-83	246
8	Jonathan Burns, Five Ponds GC	85-82-80	247
9	Brandon Grove, Cobbs Creek GC	81-86-83	250
9	WD Horan, Middletown CC	85-82-83	250

11	Chuck Kim, Cobbs Creek GC	81-85-85	251
11	Dan Gentillucci, FDR GC	78-90-83	251
13	John Poole, Makefield Highlands GC	85-80-87	252
14	Derek Isbrandt, Heritage Creek GC	88-80-85	253
14	Patrick Bradley, Cobbs Creek GC	82-87-84	253
	Jack Scholz, Cobbs Creek GC	82-82	WD

"Third" Flight

1	Mike Krantz, Five Ponds GC	88-82-78	248
2	Will DeGothseir, Cobbs Creek GC	82-88-83	253
3	Bob Zecca, Cobbs Creek GC	80-91-84	255
3	Ted Nunez, Cobbs Creek GC	91-81-83	255
5	Caesar Caramanico, Talamore CC	84-90-82	256
6	Eric Weed, Wedgwood GC	87-83-87	257
7	Robert Fisher, Lederach GC	86-86-87	259
7	Doug Surine, Meadow Brook GC	88-89-82	259
9	Mark Smith, Cobbs Creek GC	86-84-90	260
10	Philip Cillo, Little Mill CC	93-81-87	261
11	Jerry Haas, Cobbs Creek GC	88-87-92	267
12	Andrew Repetto, GC @ Glen Mills	87-92-94	273
13	Chase Millard, Unaffiliated	95-88-95	278
14	Bernard Momasso, Unaffiliated	95-92-94	281
15	Anthony Randazzo, Unaffiliated	93-90-103	286
	Drew Guarino, Little Mill CC	86-87	WD

Todd Joseph, Unaffiliated	95-86	DNS
Anthony Saltarelli, John F. Byrne GC	80-76	DNS
Fred Hartwell, Torresdale-Frankford CC		DNS
Nathaniel Magee, FDR GC		DNS
Dionicio Jorge, John F. Byrne GC	94	WD
Benjamin Carr, Unaffiliated	81	WD
Jack Carini, Unaffiliated	90	WD
Luis Diaz, Rancocas GC	78	WD
Steve Passalaqua, Wedgwood GC		WD
Stephen Gangloff, Pitman GC	80	WD
Dave Sansone, FDR GC	94	WD
Michael Ramuno, Walnut Lane GC	82	WD
Joe Crane, Bensalem CC	78	WD
Eric Frampton, Little Mill CC	80	WD
Shawn Lavin, Cobbs Creek GC	73	WD
Kyle Durham, Unaffiliated	82	WD

"Senior" Division

1	Bill Turner, Cobbs Creek GC	74-77	151
2	Tony Carroll, Unaffiliated	76-79	155
2	Ken Gaskill, Ramblewood GC	77-78	155
4	Mike Harms, Cobbs Creek GC	77-79	156
5	Glen Schreiner, GC @ Patriot's Glen	79-81	160
5	Tom Faro, John F. Byrne GC	80-80	160
7	Ansley Jessup, Rancocas GC	85-79	164
8	WD Horan, Middletown CC	85-82	167
9	Mark Smith, Cobbs Creek GC	86-84	170
9	Eric Weed, Wedgwood GC	87-83	170
11	Jerry Haas, Cobbs Creek GC	88-87	175
12	Bruce Schaffer, Pitman GC	96-100	196
13	Harvey Bass, Cobbs Creek GC	120-126	246
	Mike Dutill, Horsham Valley CC	85	WD
	Bill Casey, Cobbs Creek GC	89	WD