

Haack rebounds to win PNGA tourney at Sandpines

Mike Haack of Bellevue, Wash., overcame a shaky second round to post a solid final round even-par 72 in winning the 32nd Pacific Northwest Men's Mid-Amateur Championship on Thursday at Sandpines Golf Links.

This is the second title for Haack, having also won this championship in 2009.

The 54-hole stroke-play championship, which opened Tuesday and continued through Thursday at Sandpines, was conducted by the Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA).

Haack shot a 3-under par 69 in the first round to set the early pace and jump to the top of the

leaderboard, but a second round of 4-over par 76 that included a double bogey and a quadruple bogey allowed the field to catch up with him, giving Seattle's Sean Packer a two-stroke lead going into Thursday's final round.

Paired together in the finals group, Packer played the front nine in 1-over, while Haack had two birdies to make the turn at 2-under for the day. The three-shot swing allowed Haack to take the overall lead with nine holes to play.

He stumbled a bit, shooting 2-over on the back side, but had enough cushion to win by two strokes over Packer, Ryan Kelly of Gig Harbor, Wash.,



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Mike Haack shot a three-day, 54-hole stroke-play score of 69-76-72—217

and Luke Wilson of Tacoma, Wash., tied for second.

"This feels real good," said Haack of his win. "The PNGA always has a strong field, and there were a lot of good players here this week so it was nice to have the opportunity to play well here."

With no player in the field finishing under par, Haack

explained the tough conditions of the course.

"With the wind picking up here, the course really dried out and the greens were rolling very fast. I was able to hold out in the last few holes today to hold on," said Haack. "My attitude Thursday was just to go play solid. With the windy conditions, I knew that nobody

was going to go low, so I just wanted to play steady and see what happens."

Haack was named the Washington State Golf Association Men's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year in 2013 and 2014.

Kelly shot the only under-par round of the day, shooting a 2-under par 70 to climb into a tie for second. Earlier this summer, Kelly, 42, had tied for fourth in the Washington State Men's Amateur, competing against the college players. Kelly is the older brother of PGA TOUR player Troy Kelly. Ryan caddies for Troy on the tour.

To be eligible to compete in the 2016 PNGA Men's Mid-Amateur, players must be 25 years of age or older by Sept. 13, 2016, and must have a USGA Handicap Index or Golf Canada Handicap Factor of 8.4 or lower.

Sandpines Golf Links opened in 1993 and was named the Best New Public Course in America for that year by Golf Digest.

The course was designed by Rees Jones, the noted architect famed for being the "U.S. Open doctor." Sandpines is professionally managed by OB Sports.

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streamer flies in areas with cover, or dead drifting small presentations.

Fall Chinook season does not open until Sept. 16, and the river is closed to salmon angling upstream of Jordan Creek (RM 21.9) through Dec. 31.

YAQUINA RIVER: Cutthroat, Chinook

The Yaquina River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow but will pick up over the next several

weeks. Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber or drifting eggs can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

For cutthroat trout casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams is now open.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Bass

Trout fishing is catch-and-release only in the South Umpqua and tributaries. Bass fishing should be good with warmer water temperatures.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, yellow perch

Trout fishing has been slow in Tenmile Lakes due to warm water. Trout anglers should fish in the deep water and fishing is usually best in the mornings.

Largemouth bass fishing has been good over the past month. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using spinner baits, jigs, or rubber worms.

Top water lures have been effective in the early mornings or evenings.

Fishing for yellow perch has been slow in Tenmile Lakes. Anglers fishing along the edge of the weedlines are having the best success. Worms fished near the lake bottom work very well for catching yellow perch.

The water level in the lakes is very low so boat anglers should use caution.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottom fish in

the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab, surf perch, salmon, halibut

Recreational harvest of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

Razor clamming is closed south of the north jetty of the Siuslaw River.

Recreational ocean salmon fishing from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for Chinook salmon. Anglers are allowed two salmon per day with a minimum size for Chinook at 24 inches or larger.

The non-selective coho season does not open until Sept. 3.

The Nearshore Halibut season is open seven days a week from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. As of mid August, 18 percent of the nearshore quota remains. The Summer All-Depth Halibut season is nearing the quota. Please monitor the marine zone updates for season information.

Fishing for bottom fish is now closed outside of a line approximating the 20-fathom curve.

Fishing for black rockfish has been good from Coos Bay south to Bandon. Fishing for ling cod has been decent. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers can only keep three blue rockfish and one canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of quillback.

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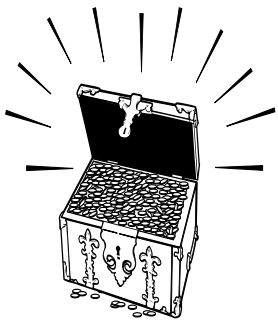
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