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Blayne Barber leads by five strokes



ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida – (Oct 17, 2009) – Blayne Barber of Lake City, Florida leads by five strokes after two days of play at the St. Augustine Amateur. Barber shot 33-34 ~ 67 today to go with his 69 from yesterday for a two-day total of 136.

Mu Hu, a leader after day one is now in second place after his showing of 37-36 ~ 73 for the day. “I am five back going into tomorrow. I need a really solid round - no holding back. I have to be more aggressive.”

Wesley Graham and Bill Jones trail Hu by one stroke. Graham, of Port Orange, Florida posted a 37-36 ~ 73 today for a two day total of 142. Jones shot a 38-34 ~ 72 today.

Don Sciotto of Ponte Vedra, Florida also shot 35-32 ~ 67 today to tie Barber for low round of the day. He shot 78 yesterday, and is currently tied for seventh place.

The wind continued to be problematic for competitors out on the course today. Barber commented, “It was a tougher day today. The wind was really howling but I was able to stay steady and keep it in front of me. There were not a whole lot of birdies out there but I got a few.”

Jones stated, “The wind is really tough. The front nine was tough for me; the back nine was better. I was able to get through it in a lot less shots.”

Blayne Barber is a sophomore at Auburn University. He attended the University of Central Florida last year, where he was named a second team All-American. He won the Florida State Amateur Championship this year by nine strokes.

On going into tomorrow, Barber says, “I’m going to keep doing what I’m doing. Keep plugging along and stay patient.”

The tournament is designed for better amateur players and is played at 54 holes, stroke play. It is played at the St. Johns Golf Club and net proceeds will benefit The First Tee of St. Johns County.

About the St. Augustine Amateur

The St. Augustine Amateur is a national event established in 2004 for better amateurs and collegiate players. Played over three days at stroke play, the field this year will be comprised of players from ten different states and seven countries. The winner will receive a replica of our trophy designed by Heritage Creations of Glens Falls, NY.

The St. Augustine Amateur is a walking only tournament. Playing in threesomes, it makes for an enjoyable round for the players. Our local First Tee chapter provides caddies for the field (or many players bring their own). Play is daily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 4 pm. Spectators are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. Refreshments are available at the course.

Net proceeds of the event will benefit the First Tee of St Johns County. The First Tee is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, and is supported by (among others) its Founding Partners: the Augusta National Golf Club, PGA Tour, PGA, LPGA and USGA. The focus is to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and responsibility.

Our Vision

"The best expression of the game lies in high level amateur competitions and the fellowship and sportsmanship attendant at such events. It is our vision to conduct an event which provides this experience for players, sponsors, volunteers, and all who come in contact with the St. Augustine Amateur."

Live scoring is available on the website during play (scores returned every 3 holes), and results will be posted on the website daily, and emailed to major golf media outlets.

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