



Steve Groom

(1958 -)

Few local golfers can boast of a resume to compare to that of Raytown's **Steve Groom**. But boasting is not part of Groom's character. Known as much for his rather quiet demeanor and unquestioned integrity as for his ball striking abilities, the "Groomer" (as most of his friends call him) has set a very high bar for others to aspire to.

After dabbling on mini-tours for a few years (where he won once on the Dakotas Tour) and two trips to PGA Tour Q-School, he applied for reinstatement as an amateur in 1984.

Groom has qualified for *nine* USGA Public Links Championships, *five* US Open Sectionals, *two* US Mid-Amateurs and *one* US Senior Amateur Championship. He lead the field in the 2017 British Senior Amateur Championship at Sunningdale after one round.

He was named Kansas City Player of the Year (POY) twice and Senior POY nine times. He has been Senior POY nine times in Missouri as well as once in Kansas. He held all three POY titles concurrently in 2011. Groom has racked up an impressive list of championship titles, including:



Kansas City: Match Play (2), Senior Match Play (3), Amateur (1), Senior Amateur (6);

Missouri: 2001 Mid-Amateur Champion, 2002 Missouri Amateur medalist (runner-up 2004), MO Open Senior Am Champion (2), Payne Stewart Invitational (6), Ozark Invitational Senior (3), Richard Poe/Phil Cotton Invitational (along with 3 runners-up), Jefferson City/Dawson Invitational (2)... and then there are the Four Ball titles won with various partners including the 2003 Missouri Four Ball (Paul Exposito), three Missouri Senior Four Balls (Mark Addington) and three Porto Cima Senior titles (Andy Smith and Addington).

Kansas: 2013 Senior Am, three Senior Four Balls (Smith), two Public Links Championships and three High Plains Amateur Senior titles.

And for good measure, he shot an impressive 59 (33-26) at Bay Breeze in Biloxi, MS. in 2014.

For his continuing accomplishments as a local fixture in competitive golf, the Board of Directors of Central Links Golf is proud to honor Steve Groom as a member of the Class of 2020 of the Kansas City Golf Hall of Fame.