



Steve Groom

(1958 -)

Prolific Local and State Amateur Champion

Few local golfers can boast of a resume to compare to that of Raytown's **Steve Groom**. 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 the first 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 in **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, Jefferson City/Dawson Invitational (2)... and then there are the seven Four Ball titles won with various partners; **Kansas**: 2013 Senior Am, three Senior Four Balls, 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 GC in Biloxi, MS. in 2014.

