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RICHARD HOOPER (NEATH GC) TAKES THE WELSH MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP IN SUDDEN DEATH PLAY-OFF WITH BRITISH MID AMATEUR CHAMPION MATT WILCOX

The Welsh weather was the main player in 2 days of intense competition at the stunning Jack Nicklaus designed Machynys Peninsula Golf & Country Club between the 7th and 9th June 2017.

Biblical conditions including torrential rain and 40 MPH winds for the 1st round meant scoring was unusually high with Richard Hooper producing the best score of the morning with a 77. Conditions eased a little for round 2 and the scoring also improved with Mike White from West Wilts carding a best of the day 73 and a number of other players scoring well to get them into contention with a round to go.

Heading into the final round there were 5 or six players within 5-6 shots of the leader Hooper including MAGT regulars Dave Westwood, Mike White, Danny Western and lurking a little further back but seemingly out of contention, Matt Wilcox, fresh off the back of his British Mid Am win at Woodhall.

The final round was a mixed bag of scoring in easier conditions and whilst the scoring improved, Hooper slipped to a 4 over 76 chased down by Western (75) and Westwood (73). Round of the day went to Wilcox who carded a solid 3 under 69 to put him in a tie with Hooper for first place. Sudden death loomed.

Hooper and Wilcox headed to a sudden death play-off and after both players parred the first 2 holes, including a great up and down from sand on the second from Hooper, Wilcox unfortunately lost his tee shot on the next and could not conjure up a birdie with his second which gave Hooper his first Mid Am title.

“It’s great to win a national event and my first Mid Am event but it’s even better when it’s your own national title.” commented Hooper.

“We are thrilled for Richard.” Added Jason Morris, Director of Golf at the Mid Amateur Golf Tour. “It’s great to see a home player win their own national title and we hope to see more entrants from Welsh players in the future.”

Results:

1 st	Richard Hooper	(Neath GC)	227	Won on 3 rd extra hole
2 nd	Matt Wilcox	(North Hants GC)	227	
3 rd	David Westwood	(Handsworth GC)	228	
4 th	Danny Western	(Gorleston GC)	228	
5 th	David Cook	(Parkstone GC)	231	

The Mid Amateur Golf Tour is now in its 7th year and has over 30 events throughout the year across the UK at courses such as Sunningdale, Hankley Common, Woodhall Spa, Sheringham, Ashridge, North Hants, Rye and Littlestone.

Full details are available on the web site (www.midamgolf.co.uk)

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